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✠ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR ✠

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WIN PLACE SHOW

Last Sunday (25 November 2018), Mass-goers at Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport, New York hit the “trifecta”. And they did it without a racing form, without placing a bet, without a horse or a jockey. All they had to do to *win* was *show* up and take their *place* in the pew! That’s it! (Stubby pencils were provided.)

The trifecta of last Sunday was very simply our participation in a trinity of events: the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ King of the Universe, and Commitment Weekend! More than likely, whether you were at Holy Mass in Freeport or not, you are familiar with the first two of those events, while that latter one might leave you scratching your head. (If you were not with us at 37 South Ocean Avenue because of sickness or lack of transportation, please contact the Rectory at (516) 378 – 0665).

Our participation at Mass on the ***last Sunday of Ordinary Time*** prompted many people to leave with a Sunday bulletin, and discover there-in a list of New (Liturgical) Year’s Resolutions that were presented to help readers enrich their Advent-preparation for Christmas and their daily preparation for Christ. Perhaps there were a few more people at Mass today (the First Sunday of Advent) because someone made a resolution to “invite a spouse, sibling, neighbour, non-Catholic, etc.” with them to Sunday Mass. Perhaps there will be more people at Mass on the upcoming Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception. (8 December)

Our celebration of ***Jesus Christ King of the Universe*** at Mass prompted many people to leave resolved to be more faithful in bearing witness to the Kingship of Christ in our relationships with God and His Church, our spouses and parents, our children and siblings, our teachers and students, ... anyone and everyone with whom we live, work, study, play, and pray!

The third and least well-known leg of our trifecta - ***Commitment Weekend*** – didn’t specifically prompt people leaving Mass to do anything. In fact, nearly 500 of those Mass-goers were prompted to do something (with those stubby pencils) before they even left church: complete an in-the-pew commitment card promising to increase their weekly offering of financial treasure to Our Holy Redeemer Parish! Their commitment is *one small step for a parishioner* that benefits all of us! If you haven’t yet made your small step (commitment to increase your weekly offering) please do so this week. You are needed to help us make *one giant leap for a Parish!*



*The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(A Holy Day of Obligation)
Saturday, 8 December 2018*

Mass Schedule

Friday, 07 December 2018 5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. (Sp) ✠ **Saturday, 08 December 2018** 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M. & 12:10 P.M.