



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 5, 2021

### Monday, September 6

8:30am (SPJ) - John & Elizabeth Maloney  
by Pat & Peggy Maloney

### Tuesday, September 7

8:30am (SE) - Special Intention for James Henderson  
by Carolyn Pierce

*Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour*

### Wednesday, September 8

*No Scheduled Mass*

### Thursday, September 9— St. Peter Claver, Priest

5:15pm (SPJ) - Roger & Lucy Belzile by Nancy Belzile  
*Confessions follow Mass until 6:30pm*

### Friday, September 10

8:30am (SPN) - Bassam Saba  
by Michael & Genevieve Griffin

*Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour*

### Saturday, September 11

4:30pm (SE) - Deceased Members of the Walsh & Henris  
Families by Patricia Walsh & Steven Gawdun

### Sunday, September 12

8:30am (SPN) - Madeline Huchro  
by Nona & Bruce Hoskins

10:30am (SJ) - Pro Populo

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown  
(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro  
(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex  
(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

### Readings for the Week of September 6

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23  
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 6:27-38  
Friday: 1 Tim 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42  
Saturday: 1 Tim 1:15-17/Ps 113:1-7/Lk 6:43-49  
Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-6, 8-9/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

### SANCTUARY CANDLES for Week of September 5—11

St Philip of Jesus—In memory of Rosemary “Boots” Kelly  
by Terri Wilkins

St. Joseph’s—Intentions of the parishioners

St Elizabeth’s – Intentions of the parishioners

St Philip Neri—Intentions of the parishioners

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- 3) church name, with \$10 contribution  
to our parish office at Willsboro.

### Last Weekend’s Collection

**Saint Elizabeth**  
Envelopes: \$575.00; Plate: \$579.00  
Total: \$1,154.00

**Saint Philip Neri**  
Envelopes: \$948.00; Plate: \$141.00  
Total: \$1,089.00

**St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph**  
Envelopes: \$964.00; Plate: \$290.00  
Fuel: \$5.00  
Total: \$1,259.00

### ANNUAL BISHOP’S FUND APPEAL 2021-2022

The 2021 Bishop’s Fund Appeal provides us the opportunity to share our blessings with others as we continually serve those who need our help the most throughout our community. Our goal is to have (**Elizabethtown-50, Westport-25 and Willsboro-77**) or more families in our parish participating in the Bishop’s Fund Appeal. If we do this, we will surely exceed our parish goal of (**E-Town-\$4,903, Westport-\$3,862 & Willsboro-\$11,590**). Please pray for the success of the Appeal in our parish and across the Diocese. In two weeks, we will have Commitment Weekend for the 2021 Bishop’s Fund Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or a one-time gift to the Bishop’s Fund Appeal. God Bless your generous hearts...

### DIOCESEAN YOUTH COUNCIL

**Become a DYC member & be part of something great!**

**Description:** The Diocese of Ogdensburg Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a group comprised of members in grades 10-12 who live in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Each member serves on DYC for a one-year term (members are able to re-apply annually to serve for up to three total terms). **The purpose** of Diocesan Youth Council is twofold: 1. Members will grow in spiritual development and leadership skills so they may take a more active role in their local parishes, particularly in youth ministry efforts on the local level. 2. Members will help plan & facilitate diocesan-sponsored events (youth rally, Lenten retreat days) and help promote diocesan-sponsored events (youth rallies, Camp Guggenheim, March for Life, regional events, Catholic Heart Work Camp, etc.). **Diocesan Youth Council** is an opportunity to grow in leadership, build friendships, and have fun. It is also a significant responsibility, requiring maturity and commitment. Applying to DYC should be taken seriously and with prayerful consideration.

### Requirements:

1. Members must be in grades 10-12.
2. Members must demonstrate active involvement in the Church at the parish level.
3. Members must demonstrate leadership skills, integrity, motivation, and a love for the Lord. Members must attend:  
...One Lenten Retreat Day ...Youth Rally  
...Annual retreat day or weekend experience  
...A minimum of 6 council meetings virtually or in-person.  
Schedules and locations to be determined by the Director of Youth Ministry and DYC members.

To learn more and apply visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/youth/council.html>

For more info contact Tom Semararo:  
[tsemararo@rcdony.org](mailto:tsemararo@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...

LABOR DAY... A day to remind all of us that we are all laborers in God’s vineyard. A time to reflect on the value and spiritual meaning of work. We read in the Sacred Scripture, “The LORD God then took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it” (Gen 2.15). In his early childhood days, Jesus was raised and taught the value of work by St. Joseph who was a carpenter and now the patron saint of all workers. Every work that we do whether small or big has its dignity and plays a major role towards the common good and wellbeing in both families and communities that we live in. Hence, it’s our nature that we work for our physical sustenance. It’s indeed important that we also work towards our spiritual sustenance through our prayer life and keeping Eucharist as the source and center of our Spirituality. Here is a famous quote... “The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.” It can be applied not only in a worldly sense, but also in a spiritual way. How hard, dedicated and determined are we in living a life of Holiness, even if we fail at times? Are we applying our best in our relationship to Jesus? Wishing you all a great Labor Day weekend.

With Love, ✨ Fr. J.T.

### PLEASE NOTE:

1. **Starting Next weekend**, we will have the anticipated mass in E-Town @4:30 pm and Sunday Morning @ 8:30am in Westport and 10:30am in Willsboro.
2. **Starting January 2021**, the parish will be mailing your weekend envelopes to your homes or addresses for a better reach out. Your envelope number would remain the same. Please contact the office if you have a change of address or have an extra address in the South during winter. You could also write your address on a piece of paper and drop it in our regular weekend collection. Thank you for supporting your parish family with your generous sacrifice and contribution.
3. **If you are new** to the parish (or anyone you know are new) and like to be enrolled in any of our parishes please contact the Pastor, Deacon or the Office.

### YOUNG ADULT DAY OF REFLECTION AT GUGGENHEIM

**A Day to Rest, Pray, Socialize and Deepen Faith**  
There will be a Young Adult Day of Reflection on **Saturday, September 25 at the Lodge at Guggenheim from 8 am to 9pm**. The day will include talks by Fr. Matt Conger and the Young Adult Team, brunch, an opportunity for confession, Mass with Bishop Terry R. LaValley and the college students' retreat, followed by dinner. The day will include plenty of time for personal prayer, reflection and to simply enjoying the beauty and peace of Guggenheim. For more information and to register: [www.rcdony.org/yamretreat](http://www.rcdony.org/yamretreat) (under construction ... available soon.)

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Labor Day is an invitation to celebrate our God-given abilities to express ourselves through our work. During the Season of Creation that began on September 1 and extends through October 4 on the Feast of St. Francis, our Church calls the global family to awaken to the urgent need to work together to heal our relationship with creation and each other. This year’s theme is "Restoring Our Common Home." You can find ways to pray, learn and act with others on Seasons of Creation web page.

### REPORT MISCONDUCT

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### Things to Ponder....

Blessed are the flexible....  
...for they shall not get bent out of shape!



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 12, 2021**

**Monday, September 13**  
**St. John Chrysostam, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
8:30am (SPJ) - Special Intentions for the Living & Deceased Members of the Stanley & Champine Families by John & Sharon Champine.

**Tuesday, September 14**  
*No Scheduled Mass*

**Wednesday, September 15**  
*No Scheduled Mass*

**Thursday, September 16**  
**St. Cornelius, Pope & St. Cyprian, Bishop – Martyrs**  
5:15pm (SPJ) - George & Joanne Better by Nancy Belzile  
*Confessions follow Mass until 6:30pm*

**Friday, September 17**  
8:30am (SPN) - Sean Stanton  
by Michael & Genevieve Griffin  
*Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour*

**Saturday, September 18**  
4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

**Sunday, September 19**  
8:30am (SPN) - Madeline Huchro by Helene Dennis  
10:30am (SJ) - Marilyn Lloyd by Robin Blanchard

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**Readings for the Week of September 13**

Monday: 1 Tim 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Wednesday: 1 Tim 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Thursday: 1 Tim 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-10/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Tim 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Tim 6:13-16/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-6, 8/Jas 3:16—4:3  
Mk 9:30-37

**SANCTUARY CANDLES  
for Week of September 12-18**

St Philip of Jesus – Intentions of the parishioners  
St. Joseph’s – Intentions of the parishioners  
St Elizabeth’s – Intentions of the parishioners  
St Philip Neri – Intentions of the parishioners

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**Last Weekend's Collection**

**Saint Elizabeth**  
Envelopes: \$470.00; Plate: \$39.00  
Total: \$509.00

**Saint Philip Neri**  
Envelopes: \$950.00; Plate: \$69.00  
Total: \$1,019.00

**St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph**  
Envelopes: \$940.00; Plate: \$306.00  
Fuel: \$350.00  
Total: \$1,596.00

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL 2021-2022**

Next weekend we will have "**Commitment Weekend**" for the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley, asking you to join him in supporting the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or onetime gift. You are invited to bring your gift next week for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Any gifts received after our Diocese reaches its goal will be used to assist families facing emergencies such as house fires and flooding, loss of employment and high medical costs. Thank you once again for your kind sacrifice.



**LIFECCHAIN SUNDAY  
Stand Up For Life on  
October 3rd**

Join in the annual peaceful, prayerful, public, pro-life witness. Rain or shine. All faiths welcome. Bring a friend! Signs provided. Lifechain practices social distancing. Locations in our diocese: Plattsburgh 2:30-3:30PM, Potsdam 2:30-3:30PM, Saranac Lake 2:30-3:30PM. Visit Lifechain.net for more info.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire and EMS Personnel to the

**Diocese of Ogdensburg  
Blue Mass**

Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 2pm  
Notre Dame Church  
11 Church Place  
Malone, NY

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The entire New York North Country Community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and well being of all first responders and public safety personnel.  
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For more information: Fr. Carrara 315-605-1039 ccarrara@rcdony.org All are welcome

**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...**

Guess... it's time to come back to my journal. Grown up in a Syro-Malabar Rite had a great influence in my devotion to the Holy Eucharist and then to the priesthood. Before joining the Seminary in the year 2000, I used to attend the Summer Vocation Camps hosted by my native Diocese of Palai, Kerala in their Minor Seminary which was only like 10 miles away from my Home. The camp was like for a week, where lots of young people came together from across our Diocese to discern their call to the priesthood. We had the celebration of the Eucharist, Sessions on Priesthood, Games and of course good food. It was a time of fun and at the same time getting to know many priests from the Diocese. It was my desire then to be a Diocesan priest and stay close to my family and all that, but then the thought came that since there were lots of priests in my diocese back then, I decided to join a Syro-Malabar Diocese in my neighboring state where they had a shortage of priests. So, I boarded a bus with a fellow Seminarian from my neighborhood to see the seminary in May 2000 and had decided to join them. But God had different plans waiting for me at home as I was returning to prepare. As the saying goes, man proposes, God disposes.

With Love and Pray-ers, **Fr. J.T.**

A word of **GRATITUDE** to Dn. Paul, Arnold family, Miller family and to all who had helped with the picnic (setting up tents, chairs, grilling etc.) last weekend in Essex and to all of YOU for bringing dishes and desserts of all sorts. **THANK YOU & God Bless you and your Family. Fr. J.T.**

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1. Starting January 2022, our parish will be mailing your weekend envelopes to your homes or addresses (PO Boxes) for a better reach out. Your envelope number would remain the same. Please contact the office (518-963-4524 or 518-873-6760) if you have a change of address or have an extra address in South during Winter. You could also write your address on a piece of paper and drop it in our regular weekend collection. Thank you for supporting your parish family with your generous sacrifice and contribution.

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**43RD ANNUAL ST. AUGUSTINE'S APPLEFEST  
One-day Event-Sat Sept 18-Peru, NY**

The parish center, filled with crafters, will open at 10 a.m. Food booths begin opening at 11 a.m., followed by games and raffles. The chicken BBQ begins at 1:30 pm. The community parade leaves the Peru Elementary School at 11 a.m. traveling to the parish center. There will be music, games, apple fritters, fried dough, hot dogs, Michigans, burgers, sausages & the K of C's famous chicken BBQ. For more info: John Ryan at 518-643-9386. Covid regulations in effect on Sept 18 will be in place.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

How do you win a foot race? One step at a time. When the task of healing and "Restoring our Common Home," the theme of the Season of Creation, can seem overwhelming. The advice of Mark Twain is "get started" ... break our complex overwhelming tasks into small manageable tasks and start on the first one. What simple "creation care" practice can you do today and make a habit?

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**Things to Ponder.....**

**Never underestimate the...  
...power of forgiveness!**







**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 19, 2021**

**Monday, September 20 – Sts. Andrew Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions**

8:30am (SPJ) - Michael Hoeltzel by the Family

**Tuesday, September 21**

**St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**

8:30am (SE) - Special Intention for James Henderson  
by Carolyn Pierce

*Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour*

**Wednesday, September 22**

*No Scheduled Mass*

**Thursday, September 23-St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest**

5:15pm (SPJ)-Cheryl Ann McGlinchy

by Peter McGlinchy

*Confessions follow Mass until 6:30pm*

**Friday, September 24**

8:30am (SPN) - Pat Finnegan

by Michael & Genevieve Griffin

**Saturday, September 25**

4:30pm (SE) - Gayle Rock Perry by Frank & Janis Rock  
and Doug & Megan Perry

**Sunday, September 26**

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SJ) - Deceased Members of the Carver Family  
by Sue & John Carver

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**Readings for the Week of September 20**

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10-13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14/Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**for Week of September 19-25**

St Philip of Jesus – Intentions of the parishioners

St Elizabeth's – Special intentions for the living & deceased members of the Hutchins Family  
by Cheryl Hutchins

St Philip Neri – Intentions of the parishioners

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Total: \$708.00

Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$681.00; Plate: \$126.00

Total: \$807.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$1,194.00; Plate: \$200.00

Fuel: \$190.00

Total: \$1,584.00

ANNUAL BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL 2021-2022

As we begin "Commitment Weekend" for the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal, it is our hope that we can continue or increase our support to this vital Appeal. The theme of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal is "*Family of Faith in Action*". Please prayerfully consider supporting the many good works of the Diocese. This year, any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our own community and throughout the Diocese. Your pledge will be gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you in advance for your support. To make your Bishop's Fund gift online, please visit <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Creation Care Autumn Tip: For a fun and fruitful experience check your local area for a U-Pick apple orchard to visit with family or parish group. Try some different varieties of apple at your local fruit stand. As you bit into an apple, give thanks.

ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP



Once again we extend our gratitude to the thrift shop for their monthly donation of \$1,365.63 which represents 1/4 of the proceeds for the month of August. As always our thanks extend to the volunteers, those who donate items for sale & those who shop!



From September 22 to October 31, (7am- 7pm) you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh, NY and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

**Nancy Belzile, 518-593-6024,**

**[nancys\\_56@hotmail.com](mailto:nancys_56@hotmail.com)**

**[www.40daysforlife.com/Plattsburgh](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Plattsburgh)**

**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR...**

I know that this few words of mine are not a continuation of last weekend's bulletin. Honestly... I was not planning to write anything for this weekend assuming there would be no space as I wished to have the Bishop's Fund letter in this weekend's bulletin since today also is our commitment weekend for the appeal. But Susan was kind enough to let me know that she could fit me in. So I'm writing this from Wadham's Hall in Ogdensburg which used to be our seminary once upon a time for the diocese. All we priests have gathered here with Bishop overnight for our presbyteral assembly this year. It's so nice to see almost all of the priests together in one room, some I have not seen some for years. We had couple of sessions on Eucharist and the Priesthood followed by the Holy Eucharist led by the Bishop. So blessed to be part of this brotherhood and enjoy their company and to share the stories of our parish life. Today (14<sup>th</sup>) also happened to be the great feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a day set aside for all of us to gaze and adore the cross on which our savior was crucified to bring us salvation. When life becomes so tensed, anxious or worrisome let us look at the cross for a while and gain strength to march forward knowing that our good Lord is with us every step of our way. So we pray with our hearts "We adore you O Christ and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world".

With Love and Prayers,  **Fr. J.T.**

**From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

*Faith in action is love, and love in action is service.* By transforming that faith into acts of love, we place ourselves in contact with God Himself, with Jesus our Lord. Saint Mother Teresa reminds us that when we share our time, talent and treasures with our faith family, we in fact bring ourselves closer to God.

During this past year, in the midst of a seemingly endless pandemic, we have come to realize even more that we are a family of resiliency, caring, compassion and that we must continue to be a **Family of Faith In Action**. As a family of faith in action we are helping one another to know Jesus, who can shape our souls and our lives so that we can become who God truly intends us to be. The Bishop's Fund Appeal and the ministries it supports provides for us an opportunity to put our faith into action, to draw closer to God and to support our family of faith along our journey.

When we support the Bishop's Fund Appeal, we provide others, as well as ourselves, the opportunity to draw closer to God. When we work together, we are able to:

1. Provide education to those called to serve as priests, deacons and commissioned lay ministers through the offices of Vocations, Education of Seminarians, Deacon Formation and Formation for Ministry;
2. Provide opportunities for children, teens, young adults and families to learn faith leadership skills through the Tuition Assistance Program, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry and Family Life Ministry; and
3. Provide a light in the darkness to those who are hurting due to unexpected difficulties such as job loss, illnesses and other tragedies through the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

It is our hope to reach a goal of \$1.3M this year in order to continue the vital ministries of the Diocese. Any funds raised over our goal will be used to supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund so that we may be able to provide additional grants to families and individuals who have been impacted by the pandemic.

I am so grateful for the generosity you have shown in past years through your gifts of time, talent and treasure. I ask that everyone across the Diocese to take a moment to reflect and pray about their support of this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal. Together we are a **Family of Faith in Action!**

With the promise of prayers for you and your loved ones, I am

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

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**From the malignant enemy, defend us.**

**In the hour of our death, call us,**

**And bid us come to you,**

**That with your saints we may praise you**

**Forever and ever. Amen.**





**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
September 26, 2021**

**Monday, September 27-St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
8:30am (SPJ) - Toni Spierto by Nancy Kister

**Tuesday, September 28**

*No Scheduled Mass*

**Wednesday, September 29**

*No Scheduled Mass*

**Thursday, September 30**

*No Scheduled Mass*

**Friday, October 1 – First Friday – St. Therese of the  
Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

8:30am (SPN) - Bruce Ware

by Michael & Genevieve Griffin

*Eucharistic Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart*

**Saturday, October 2**

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

**Sunday, October 3**

8:30am (SPN) - David Hoskins by Ann Ryan and Family

10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward

Family by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

**Readings for the Week of September 27**

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 29, 22-23/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**for Week of September 26 – October 2**

St Philip of Jesus – Intentions of the parishioners

St Elizabeth's – For the protection of and in memory of  
the unborn by Harold Dean & Dorothy McDevitt

St Philip Neri – Intentions of the parishioners

*To reserve the candle, please submit*

*1) the memorial/honor names,*

*2) donor name, if desired, &*

*3) church name, with \$10 contribution  
to our parish office at Willsboro.*

**Last Weekend's Collection**

**Saint Elizabeth**

Envelopes: \$670.00; Plate: \$532.00  
Total: \$1,202.00

**Saint Philip Neri**

Envelopes: \$1,944.06; Plate: \$96.00  
Total: \$2,040.06

**St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph**

Envelopes: \$999.00  
Fuel: \$50.00  
Total: \$1,049.00

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

The monthly fuel collection will take place next weekend.  
Cold weather is coming...we appreciate your generosity!

**ANNUAL BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL 2021-2022**

Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the Church. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. Online giving is also available at <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our Diocese.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. Starting December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> I am **CONSIDERING** moving all the **weekday Masses** to Noon (12 pm). All the Adorations and Confessions that we have right now will be held prior to the Masses in each Church. Just to give you a fact that, since my arrival in June, an average of 5 people attend the weekday Masses in every church. I highly recommend all of you to attend weekday Masses whenever possible to deepen our commitment to our faith. Weekend Schedule will remain the **SAME**. As always, I am open to your thoughts and suggestions.

2. **Christmas Mass proposal 2021:** Christmas Eve 4:30 pm in Willsboro with a possibility of pageant; 8:00 pm in E-Town (Mass for the Midnight) and Christmas Day Mass in Westport at 9:00am. Your thoughts are appreciated.


3. **Fr. Flynn** will be covering the weekend of **October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** since I will be away visiting my family here in the States for a weekend. He's excited to see you all.

4. Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity will end in couple more weeks. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision, and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are placed at the back of the Church. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, I thank you on behalf of our Bishop LaValley.

5. Please update your address with the office, pastor, or deacon if you are moving South for the winter months as we will be mailing your weekend envelopes starting January 2022. If you wish to enroll for weekend envelopes, please contact us too.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S JOURNAL...**

Continuing from the previous weekend... When I got back home having almost decided to join the Diocesan Seminary (Syr0-Malabar Rite) in my neighboring state, I noticed a pamphlet in my living room left by a couple of Missionary Priests who came in my absence wondering if I could join in theirs. In their pamphlet, I noticed that they had mentioned a great deal about shortage of priests around the world and their priests were working in many states in India plus US and other European Countries. I believe that was the moment I started to think about Church as a wider family than just a small group of my native Rite family. Back then, there was plenty of priests and religious nuns across my home diocese and all other southern states in India (NOT so now). Because of this, I had that feeling to go out of my comfort zone at home and explore places, cultures, people and do all I can for their spiritual wellbeing, if God will choose me to be a priest. I do strongly believe that if one is smart and brilliant enough, he or she could achieve any profession they desire in life, but not the priesthood or any other religious vocations. God makes the final call however unworthy that person might be, and I had witnessed it which I will write later... Now, having made a final decision to join this Missionary Society, I had no clue how to present it to my parents.

With Love and Prayers,  **Fr. J.T.**

**MUSIC CONCERT**

Join us on **October 3rd at 7:00PM** at the St. Elizabeth Parish Hall in Elizabethtown, NY for a music concert featuring **MJM7**. **MJM7** is a Catholic family band comprised of Michael James Mette and 5 of his children: Gabriella (17), Trinity (15), Charity (13), Cecilia (12) and MJ (11). The Mette's gifts of music, joy, & family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. The music is uplifting without being preachy, creating an environment that is engaging without being confrontational. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. Bring a friend! You won't want to miss this unique event. The concert is free, **DONATIONS** are accepted. (Wearing Masks are strongly recommended for the safety of all attending and proximity) Thank you.

**MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY GIFTS TO THE BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL**

**Family Life Office**

Prepares and educates us about the covenant vocation of marriage and family life. This ministry encourages couples to be a living sacrament, a sign of God's love, life and service in our world, supports families through changing life cycles and nurtures the holiness of family life. The Family Life Office provides programs to strengthen family life, such as *Family Guggenheim*, Family Retreat Program, parish programs for marriage enrichment such as "Dinner for Two" and other opportunities to help build family life. We celebrate the sacrament of Marriage with the annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee. The office strives to work collaboratively with other offices to help provide support for strong Family Life within our Diocese.

**Natural Family Planning Office**

Helps couples live as good stewards of married love and the gift of life. Through parish outreach, media, marriage preparation, and Natural Family Planning classes and consultation, this ministry educates couples to understand and embrace God's plan for marriage and family.

**Respect Life Ministry**

Dedicated to building a Culture of Life through education, communication and advocacy. This ministry provides educational materials on a variety of life issues through pastors, parish pro-life representatives, the Diocesan newspaper, the Respect Life website and at Diocesan events.

Will continue the list in ensuing bulletins....



**HOLY HOUR WITH SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Every **Tuesday** after 8.30 AM Mass in Elizabethtown

Every **First Friday** after 8.30 AM Mass in Westport &

Every **other Friday** Half an Hour Adoration with Confession.

Confessions are heard:

Every **Thursday** after 5.15 PM Mass in Willsboro through 6.30 PM

Every **Saturday** from 3.30 PM to 4.15 PM in Elizabethtown.

God Bless you all.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**ANIMA CHRISTI**

**Soul of Christ, sanctify us.**

**Body of Christ, save us.**

**Blood of Christ, inebriate us.**

**Water from the side of Christ, wash us.**

**Passion of Christ, strengthen us.**

**O good Jesus, hear us.**

**Within your wounds, hide us.**

**Let us never be separated from you.**

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**In the hour of our death, call us,**

**And bid us come to you,**



**Things to Ponder.....**

**You don't get a second chance...  
...to make a good first impression.**