



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2022

Monday, August 8 – St. Dominic, Priest

5:15pm (SPJ) - Fr. John Bertolucci

by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, August 9

8:30am (SE) - Debra & Sandy Denton by Gregory Denton

Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, August 10

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, August 11 – St. Clare, Virgin

5:15pm (SPJ) - Howard Shambo

by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, August 12

8:30am (SPN) - Toni Spierito by Nancy Kister

Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, August 13

4:30pm (SE) - Special Intention by Cheryl Hutchins

Our 40th Wedding Anniversary

6:30pm (SJ) - Pro Populo

Sunday, August 14

8:30am (SPN) - Special Intention for Lon Fake by Ann Ryan

10:30am (SPJ) - Loretta Busone & Helen Trzaskos

by Larry & Pat Trzaskos

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of August 8

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of August 7 – August 13

St Philip of Jesus – Intentions of the parishioners

St Elizabeth's – Intentions of the parishioners

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Things to Ponder.....

Give others opportunities...

...to be generous!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth

Envelopes: \$636.00; Plate: \$150.00

Fuel: \$25.00

Total: \$811.00

Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$119.00

Attendance: 32

Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$1,241.00; Plate: \$95.00

Fuel: \$525.00

Total: \$1,861.00

Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$136.00

Attendance: 54

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$855.00; Plate: \$480.00

Fuel: \$120.00

Total: \$1,455.00

Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$277.00

Assumption of Mary: \$25.00

Attendance: SPJ: 59 SJ: 30

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

**Readings: Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40**

Today's gospel is a teaching on the return of the Lord and how we must be prepared to welcome him. We do not know when he will come, but we trust his Word, and we put our faith in his word. But our waiting is not to be just a passive looking out the window. We are called to serve, to share with those in need, to live our lives as intentional disciples of the Lord. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

WHY MAKE SACRIFICIAL GIFTS OR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH?

Perhaps the most important outcome of Sacrificial Giving is the **impact it has on the giver**. If you can give your gift and not notice it, it isn't a sacrificial gift. The element of sacrifice is present when something about your life has to change in order for you to be able to give the gift. You reorder your priorities, you reconsider your values. And every time you give the gift, you are reminded of the reasons why you have chosen to give. **Sacrificial Giving is one way we have of walking in the footsteps of our Lord, who sacrificed everything so that we might have life.** We give up something of ourselves so that life can flourish, and future can build. When we give that way, we are changed. When giving becomes Sacrificial Giving, it focuses our attention on the true source of our security. Sacrificial Giving bears witness to the reality that God alone will make us safe. Recognizing that reality and living it out constitutes a tremendous change in our lives and we make a tremendous difference to the lives of others. Also keep in mind that no pastors would be asking donations for themselves but it's for the upkeep of our Church and for the future generations who would assemble in Christ's name in each Churches. Thank you for making your sacrifice.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



St. Lawrence (August 10th) is one of the most venerated saints among the Christian martyrs. We know very little about his life. He is one of those whose martyrdom made a deep and lasting impression on the early Church. A well-known legend has persisted from earliest times. As deacon in Rome, Lawrence was charged with the responsibility for the material goods of the Church, and the distribution of alms to the poor. When Lawrence knew he would be arrested like the pope, he sought out the poor, widows, and orphans of Rome and gave them all the money he had on hand, selling even the sacred vessels of the altar to increase the sum. When the prefect of Rome heard of this, he imagined that the Christians must have considerable treasure. He sent for Lawrence and demanded to bring all riches. Lawrence replied that the Church was indeed rich. "I will show you a valuable part. But give me time to set everything in order and make an inventory." After three days he gathered a great number of people who were blind, lame, maimed, leprous, orphaned, and widowed persons and put them in rows. When the prefect arrived, Lawrence simply said, "These are the treasure of the Church." The prefect was so angry he told Lawrence that he would indeed have his wish to die—but it would be by inches. He had a great gridiron prepared with coals beneath it and had Lawrence's body placed on it. After the martyr had suffered the pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he made his famous cheerful remark, "It is well done. Turn me over!"

**St. Lawrence, Pray for us.
With Love and Prayers.... 🕊 Fr. J.T.**

REMINDERS

...**Please use** the sign-up sheets at the back of the churches if you are willing to help with the **Labor Day Picnic in Essex on September 4th** after 10.30 Mass. The success of this event will totally depend on the volunteers willing to step up. **Thank you.**

...**Westport:** If you are willing to make a sacrificial donation towards "Altar Flooring" please drop your offerings in the **Donation Box** placed above the sample "Tile" which will be used for the flooring. **Thank you.**



PIE SALE INFO—July 30/31

St. Philip of Jesus \$ 81.00

St Joseph \$ 39.00

St Philip Neri \$ 67.00

Many thanks to all who support this "FUN" fund raiser!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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OUR LADY OF THE ADIRONDACKS HOUSE OF PRAYER FOUNDATION DAY

"Joy Within Christ: A Vocation for All!"

Please join us for a festive celebration of Foundation Day, **Saturday, August 13, 2022**, at Our Lady of the Adirondacks House of Prayer, 7270 Star Road, Ellenburg Center. We remember, with gratitude, Fr. Joseph Trombley and all whose joy in Christ led to the establishment of this treasured 'listening' House. "Listen to Him!" the Holy Spirit states. "Do as He tells you," our Blessed Mother says.

9:30 AM Welcome and Coffee

10:00 AM Guest Speaker, Mary Beth Bracy, from Holy Cross Parish, Plattsburgh, who will share thoughts on her blessed vocation in Christ; Music with Permelia (Perry) Provost

11:00 Celebration of Saturday Morning Mass with The Rev. Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

12:00 Luncheon

Please call 518-534-9976 (Sarah) or 518-594-3253 (House) to indicate how many will be joining us for lunch! All are welcome!

YOUNG ADULT WEEKEND RETREAT AT GUGGENHEIM

Sacramentality: Encountering God Among Us

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18 and 30something, come away with us on retreat at the Camp Guggenheim Lodge **August 12-14**. Come for the entire weekend or Saturday only. It will be a relaxing retreat, with an optional hike Saturday morning, reflections and discussions on Sacramental Worldview, Participating in Christ, Obstacles to Encountering Christ, & The Church, the Universal Sacrament of Salvation. Suggested cost (to defray the cost of the lodge): \$25 per person (but don't let the lack of funds stop you from attending.) Father Leagon Carlin will be with us on Saturday afternoon and will celebrate the anticipated Mass.

Meals will be potluck (we will coordinate with the participants.) For more information contact:

Marika Donders at mdonders@rcdonny.org or 315-393-2920 ext. 1380 and to register go to www.rcdonny.org/yamretreat.



**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
August 14, 2022

Monday, August 15

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am (SE) - Gerald Forcies by Judy Powell & Family

Tuesday, August 16

No Scheduled Mass

Wednesday, August 17

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, August 18

No Scheduled Mass

Friday, August 19

8:30am (SPN) - Dorothy Huchro by the Hoskins Family

Saturday, August 20

4:30pm (SE) - Living & Deceased Members of the Gawdun

Family by Patricia Walsh & Steve Gawdun

6:30pm (SJ) - Kimberly Ann Coffey by Maryellen Wukovits

Sunday, August 21

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Special Intentions of Joseph Smart
by Richard & Margaret Smith

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Readings for the Week of August 15

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10-12, 16

1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-6

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-6, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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PIE SALE INFO—AUGUST 6/7

St. Philip of Jesus \$ 89.00

St Joseph \$ 31.00

St Philip Neri \$ 68.00

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Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth

Envelopes: \$546.00; Plate: \$71.00

Fuel: \$100.00

Total: \$717.00

Attendance: 31

Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$650.00; Plate: \$198.00

Fuel: \$120.00

Total: \$968.00

Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$10.00

Attendance: 55

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$1,000.00; Plate: \$785.00

Fuel: \$140.00

Total: \$1,925.00

Attendance: SPJ: 68 SJ: 32

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

I have always found this a hard gospel. Jesus tells us that he has not come to bring peace, but rather division. At least we may see it as division, because we have such a superficial concept of peace. We think we can have peace by simply whitewashing over our differences, by simply being tolerant or trying to ignore the things that bother us. But that is not the peace of Christ. Peace comes from recognizing the Truth, working hard to work through our differences, and truly loving others in our differences. This is not easy, and we cannot do it on our own. We need the fire of the Holy Spirit to burn away those things in our lives that keep us from the Truth of Christ.

(from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP

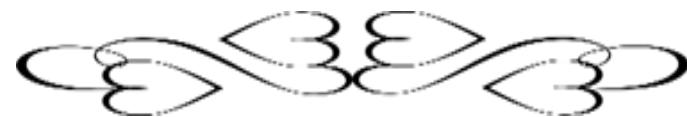


A very heartfelt THANK YOU to the thrift shop for their generous donation of \$3,299.68 to St. Elizabeth's Church from their July sales! It takes helping hands and kind hearts to make this shop such a success. A very appreciative thank you to all who help, donate or shop! Please consider volunteering if you have a few extra hours in your schedule.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15th)

into heaven is a logical consequence of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception. Because Mary was born without original sin, she did not suffer its consequences, among which is death. Because she was a kind of Ark of the New Covenant, carrying the Church in the person of Christ, God preserved her from sin and wanted her in His presence when her time on earth ceased. No saint has ever enjoyed such a privilege because no saint ever had the relationship with Christ that Mary enjoyed. A pious tradition says that the choirs of angels in heaven whispered in awe to each other as Mary was assumed into God's presence, "Who is this woman treated with such unique respect and honor?" Sometimes it's hard to appreciate the beauty and majesty of a massive landscape without a person to give it scale. How high is that waterfall? How tall is that mountain peak? How far is that shore? Place a person in the field of vision and suddenly the image makes more sense. God fills every scene with his majesty. He is almost too much to take in. But Mary gives God scale and perspective. She humanizes the view. Mary is always there in the foreground, showing the faithful how to approach God and render Him due honor. With Mary as our mother, the Church and her doctrines are vivified. They seem to matter more. As Louis de Montfort well quoted "To Jesus, through Mary" and may she remain as constant companion in our journey of faith. **Mary, Our Mother, pray for us.**

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

REMINDERS

The solemnity of The Assumption is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year but still I encourage you all to attend mass wherever possible. Our parishes will have only one mass in E-Town at **9 am on August 15th**. There **WON'T** be a weekday Mass on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Westport: THANK YOU so much for all who have donated to the **Altar flooring** so far. The donation box will be available at the back of the Church for couple more weekends. The work is scheduled to start **September 11th** after Sunday Mass.

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HOW IMPORTANT IS MAKING GOOD CHOICES?

Our conscience is the inner voice that helps us to know the law God has placed in our hearts. Our conscience helps us to judge the moral qualities of our own actions. It guides us to do good and avoid evil. The Holy Spirit can help us to form a good conscience. We form our conscience by studying the teachings of the Church and following the guidance of our parents and pastoral leaders. God has given every human being freedom of choice. This does not mean that we have the right to do whatever we please. We can live in true freedom if we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, who gives us the virtue of prudence. This virtue helps us to recognize what is good in every situation and to make correct choices. The Holy Spirit gives us the gifts of wisdom and understanding to help us make the right choices in life in relationship to God and others. The gift of counsel helps us to reflect on making correct choices in life. The Ten Commandments help us to make moral choices that are pleasing to God. We have the grace of the sacraments, the teachings of the Church, and the good example of saints and fellow Christians to help us make good choices.

Making moral choices involves the following steps:

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help.
2. Think about God's law and the teachings of the Church.
3. Think about what will happen as a result of your choice. Ask yourself, will the consequences be pleasing to God? Will my choice hurt someone else?
4. Seek advice from someone you respect and remember that Jesus is with you.
5. Ask yourself how your choice will affect your relationships with God and others.

Making moral choices takes into consideration the object of the choice, our intention in making the choice, and the circumstances in which the choice is made. It is never right to make an evil choice in the hope of gaining something good.

BAKE SALES & QUILT RAFFLE

As of August 6th we have raised \$1,265.00 Quilt Raffle Tickets will be available after the weekend Masses August 13-14 and August 27-28 at all churches.

Thank you to all who participate in every way!





TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2022

Monday, August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15pm (SPJ) - Living & Deceased Members of the Feeney Family by Maura Dickerson

Tuesday, August 23

8:30am (SPN) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family

Wednesday, August 24

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, August 25

5:15pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Smith Family by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, August 26

8:30am (SPN) - Amady N & Gertrude Clark Montville Families by Nancy Montville

Saturday, August 27

4:30pm (SE) - Living & Deceased Members of the Walsh & Cox Families by Steve Gawdun & Patricia Walsh
6:30pm (SJ) - Special Intentions of Fr. John Corapi by Richard & Margaret Smith

Sunday, August 28

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
10:30am (SPJ) - Patrick Ryan Carver by John & Sue Carver

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Readings for the Week of August 22

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-5/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10-13/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-7/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-21/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of August 21 – August 27

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Fuel: \$268.00
Total: \$984.25

Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$10.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$25.00
Attendance: 36

Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$2,060.00; Plate: \$132.00
Fuel: \$140.00
Total: \$2,332.00

Feast of the Assumption: \$65.00
Attendance: 50

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$1,362.00; Plate: \$499.00
Fuel: \$374.00
Total: \$2,235.00

Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$25.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$175.00
Attendance: SPJ: 67 SJ: 30

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Enter through the narrow gate. The narrow gate takes a little effort on our part to locate, or perhaps we need to be shown where the narrow gate is. I remember going to mass at a huge cathedral, but the daily mass was in a small chapel and you had to enter by a little side door. It took a little effort to find it, but once you knew where it was, there was no problem getting in. Similarly, in the gospel the people who are locked outside think they know Jesus and that it is enough to be let in. But we are called to more than a casual acquaintance. We are called to a deep relationship, to truly come to know Jesus, and so be transformed by his love. If we respond to Jesus' invitation to be his disciple, we will come to know him, and we will be able to find that narrow door that is open to all if we but make an effort to find it. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

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Things to Ponder.....

*Praise every improvement,
even the slightest one!*



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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Saint Bartholomew (Aug.24th) is one of the Twelve Apostles, mentioned sixth in the three Gospel lists. Besides being listed as an Apostle, he is not otherwise mentioned in the New Testament, at least not under the name Bartholomew: many ancient writers, and Catholic tradition have identified Bartholomew as Nathaniel in the Gospel of John. Nathaniel was a man well-read in the Scriptures and knew what they said of the Messiah and where he would come from. This is why he is skeptical of Phillip's claim that Jesus is the Messiah, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" But Nathaniel was lacking "duplicity" - that is, his heart was undivided, his intentions pure - his openness to reality was always ready to recognize and surrender to the truth when he encountered it. He remained open to his friend Phillip's invitation to "Come and see" In encountering Jesus and hearing His words, he found himself face to face with the Truth Himself, and, like John the Baptist's leap in his mother's womb at the Lord's presence, Nathaniel's words leaped out of his own heart in a clear and simple confession of faith, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" In Nathaniel we have an example of the pure man who sees - recognizes - God when confronted with Him, and on seeing Him believes in Him, and upon believing in Him, follows Him. Nothing is known for sure about the life of Nathaniel/Bartholomew after the Ascension of Jesus, but tradition holds that he preached in the East and died a martyr's death in Armenia, being flayed alive for having won converts to the Lord Jesus. **St. Bartholomew, pray for us.**

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊️ Fr. J.T.

HOW CAN I TALK TO OTHERS ABOUT JESUS?

Look for appropriate opportunities. People today do not want religion forced upon them or thrust in their faces. One sure way to grind conversations to a halt and to ensure that people walk away when they see us approaching is to begin talking about Jesus at every opportunity unilaterally. We can more effectively talk about Jesus if the topic of faith arises naturally or if we are asked to shed some light on where we stand on issues of faith or to explain what sustains us or where we find courage, strength, joy, or compassion.

Refer to stories from Scripture that relate to a current situation. In other words, rather than just going on and on about how much we love Jesus, we can say things like, "That reminds me of the story of the Prodigal Son," so that we are presenting Jesus within a context. It is common for people in conversation to make such references to TV shows or movies. Of course, this approach requires a familiarity with the Gospels so that we can effortlessly draw such references.

Mention inspirational books that contribute to a conversation or shed light on a specific situation or current event. For example, we might say, "I just came across a really good insight on that from a book I'm reading..." and then mention the book title and author as we share the insight. Likewise, we can make similar references to a good homily we recently heard or a seminar we attended. The key is to introduce a Christian response into a conversation that invites people to consider a new perspective.

Make references to prayer. In other words, we might talk about an insight or reassurance gained from an experience of prayer and, more importantly, assure others who are in need that we will pray for them. References to prayer are very important and effective because they introduce the notion of an ongoing, affective, living relationship with the Person of Jesus rather than a strictly intellectual and sterile familiarity with things Jesus said and did.

Stop talking and listen! This may seem counterintuitive since we are looking at ways to talk to others about Jesus. However, if we do all the talking, we will not be effective in our efforts to invite others to consider a relationship with Jesus. Think of how the Risen Christ himself, on the road to Emmaus with two distraught disciples, begins the encounter by asking them to share their experience: "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" (Luke 24:17) It is in listening to the two disciples that Jesus finds a way to invite them to see differently and to recognize his presence in their midst. And it is only after listening to them that Jesus shares what Scripture reveals about the "things that have happened." Talking about Jesus is much more effective if we have first listened to those with whom we hope to speak.

Talking to others about Jesus can be a challenge, and if we hope to do so effectively, we need to consider our approach carefully so that we come across as authentic and not as a caricature to be dismissed.

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REMINDER

Westport: A word of Gratitude to Jim Forcier for his many years of service as trustee for the Westport parish as he has decided to step down for his own reasons. As I wish him all the best, I welcome Christine Carpenter as the new trustee. I am sure that her past experience as trustee will be beneficial for this parish. Thank you, Chris.

QUILT RAFFLE

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PIE SALE INFO—AUGUST 13/14

St. Philip of Jesus \$ 101.00
St Joseph \$ 59.00
St Philip Neri \$ 85.00

Your continued support of this fund raiser is greatly appreciated!



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 2022

Monday, August 29-The Passion of St. John the Baptist
5:15pm (SPJ) - Cezar Bartosiewicz
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, August 30
8:30am (SE) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family

Wednesday, August 31
No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, September 1
5:15pm (SPJ) - Luke Mitchell by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, September 2
Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:30am (SPN) - Gerald Forcier by the Hoskins Family
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, September 3
4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo
6:30pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward Family
by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

Sunday, September 4
8:30am (SPN) - Jim Ryan by Ann Ryan and Family
10:30am (SJ) - Fr. John Patrick Bertolucci
by Richard & Margaret Smith
(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown
(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro
(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex
(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of August 29

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of August 28 – September 3

St Philip of Jesus – Intentions of the parishioners

St Elizabeth's – Intentions of the parishioners

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, or drop envelope/check in the collection basket



PIE SALE INFO—AUGUST 20/21

St. Philip of Jesus \$ 105.00
St Joseph \$ 50.00
St Philip Neri \$ 59.00

Your continued support of this fund raiser is greatly appreciated!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 29
Envelopes: \$462.25; Plate: \$258.00
Fuel: \$75.00
Total: \$795.25

Feast of the Assumption: \$61.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 56
Envelopes: \$504.00; Plate: \$87.00
Fuel: \$100.00
Total: \$691.00

Feast of the Assumption: \$70.00
Missionary Projects of the Diocese: \$25.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph – Attendance: SPJ: 46 SJ: 30

Envelopes: \$863.00; Plate: \$342.00

Fuel: \$70.00

Total: \$1,275.00

Feast of the Assumption: \$35.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

WE are all invited to the banquet, but do we attend it to be seen, to show off? Do we insist on having the banquet prepared to our own liking? Or are we simply happy to be included on the invitation, happy to sit anywhere, open to receive, happy to encounter Jesus. We are called to be humble, down to earth, recognizing that we are totally dependent on the Lord for everything. By ourselves, we can do nothing. But with Christ, in union with him, we are lifted, raised up, so that we can serve the lowly and poor by inviting them to the banquet as well. The humble will be exalted. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

After-Abortion Healing Weekend

If you (or a friend) are suffering after an abortion, you're not alone. Consider participating in the next Rachel's Vineyard retreat offered **September 2-4** at the Guggenheim Center in Saranac Lake. The weekend will be held at the main camp to provide more social distancing. Each retreatant will have their own room. Open to women and men. Registration is online or contact the Respect Life office 518-524-0774 or cminer@rcdony.org. Don't suffer alone. Help is available.

FALL RETREAT FOR ADULTS

Guggenheim Lodge

Come away and rest awhile with the Lord amid the beauties of Fall in the Adirondack Mountains.

Theme: "Meeting God in the Mountains & Valleys of Life"

When: September 30-October 2.

Where: Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake. Space limited.

Facilitator: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Faith Formation Educator
Father Paul Kelly will be celebrant for Mass on Saturday afternoon.

Suggested Offering: \$150.

For info: 315-212-6592 or srbethssj@gmail.com



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



"First Friday" of every month is often marked by special devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus** since Jesus died for us and won our salvation on Good Friday. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an hour of Eucharistic Adoration on the eve of the first Friday of the month, our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings: "In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour." Jesus wants us to rest on his heart, like St. John, and the First Friday devotion is an opportunity for us to encounter him more than just on Sundays and to deepen our love of him. Coming to know, love and trust that we may take rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and place our anxieties within, is what the First Fridays are all about. So let us give due importance and consecrate ourselves this day of every month to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

With Love and Prayers.... ✨ Fr. J.T.

THE FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

Volunteer Opportunity

To volunteer for this program you can live in one of the five Counties listed:
Franklin, Essex, Jefferson, Clinton, St. Lawrence.

Please contact Melissa Howard-
mhoward@cathcharities.org

12 PROMISES CONNECTED WITH DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- (1) Jesus will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
- (2) Jesus will establish peace in their homes.
- (3) Jesus will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- (4) Jesus will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
- (5) Jesus will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- (6) Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- (7) Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
- (8) Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- (9) Jesus will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
- (10) Jesus will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- (11) Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
- (12) Jesus promises us that in the excessive mercy of His Heart and through His all-powerful love He will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

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.
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.

REMINDERS

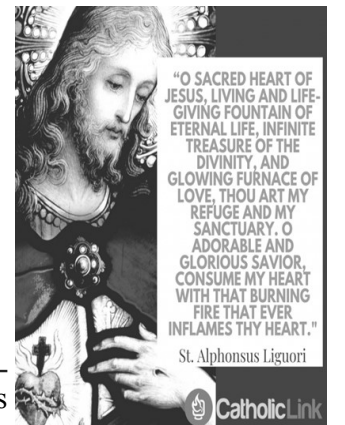
E-Town: A word of welcome to Cheryl Hutchins who is our new council Member moving forward in place of Jim Dawson as he had to step down due to health reasons. As one parish family we thank him for his service and our prayers for his good health.

Willsboro: Please note that there will be an evening Mass in Willsboro on September 3rd Saturday at 6:30 pm for those who only want to attend the picnic at SJ on Sunday and for more flexibility.

Labor Day Picnic: Next Sunday after 10:30 Mass in Essex (inside the church), we will be having our parish picnic on the church lawn, and this will be our final Mass in SJ this year. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips & beverages will be provided by the parish. All are welcome to bring an appetizer dish, salad or dessert of any kind. Please do join us and bring along your friend and a lawn chair...

Things to Ponder....

We cannot do great things, only
small things with great love.
(Saint Mother Teresa)



"O SACRED HEART OF JESUS, LIVING AND LIFE-GIVING FOUNTAIN OF ETERNAL LIFE, INFINITE TREASURE OF THE DIVINITY, AND GLOWING FURNACE OF LOVE, THOU ART MY REFUGE AND MY SANCTUARY, O ADORABLE AND GLORIOUS SAVIOR, CONSUME MY HEART WITH THAT BURNING FIRE THAT EVER INFLAMES THY HEART."
St. Alphonsus Liguori

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