



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6, 2022

Monday, February 7

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Paradis Family by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, February 8

12:00pm (SE) - J Gerald Geiling Jr. by Aileen Martin Preceded by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 9

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:00pm (SPJ) - For All Priests, Deacons & Seminarians by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, February 11

12:00pm (SPN) - Gayelle Gutierrez by Paul & Sandra Mazotte

Saturday, February 12

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, February 13

8:30am (SPN) - Elwin MacDougal by Helen MacDougal 10:30am (SPJ) - Roger & Joyce Blanchard

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

Readings for the Week of February 7

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40/Mk 7:24-30 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-15/Mk 7:31-37 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7, 19-22/Mk 8:1-10 Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-4, 6/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of February 6 - February 12

St Philip of Jesus - Intentions of the parishioners

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Things to Ponder.....

Real healing occurs in the soul!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth Envelopes: \$790.00; Plate: \$40.00 Total: \$830.00

Saint Philip Neri Envelopes: \$213.00; Plate: \$16.00 Total: \$229.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph Envelopes: \$772.00; Plate: \$141.00 Fuel: \$20.00 Total: \$933.00 Respect Life Collection: \$20.00

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

When running properly, a typical clothes dryer extracts a fair quantity of air from within a home and expels it through a vent to the outside. In order to minimize the burden to your home heating system to warm the cold air coming into your home, try doing laundry on the warmest day of the week, if possible.

THE WAY FOR WOMEN A Healing Retreat for Female Survivors of Abuse



The Way for Women is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Pyramid Life Center in Paradox, N.Y. on May 20-22, 2022. Registration deadline is May 1, 2022.

Please contact Brian Evers at pyramidlifereservations@gmail.com or 518-585-7545 for more info: www.pyramidlife.org

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

St. Josephine Bakhita's, feast (Feb.8th) is the International Day of Prayer for the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. Born in Darfur, Sudan, around 1869, she was kidnapped as a young girl by Arab slave traders, sold into slavery. Having been sold and resold and changed hands many times, Bakhita eventually wound up under the care of the Canossian Sisters in Venice in 1888. Bakhita's relationship with Christ and the Church deepened and by 1896 she was ready to become a Canossian sister herself. Bakhita's humility and strength are told in her response to a young student who asked her, "What would you do, if you were to meet your captors again?" "If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and a Religious today," she said. Her strength and perseverance in the face of great hardships and mistreatment is great example for us to imitate. Even more, in her, we see a model for forgiveness, an aspect we may all struggle with. Certainly, it doesn't always come easily or instantaneously—we must ask God for his grace and need to have a strong will to forgive as this saint had. St. Josephine Bakhita... pray for us!

With Love and Prayers, Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS

Please feel free to take the "The Word Among Us", "Living Faith" or any other books placed at the entry ways of the Church for your spiritual daily reading and reflections.

WESTPORT: The "Tabernacle" that's placed at the center of the Church comes from "St. John Bosco Church, Malone" (my first assignment in the States with few more parishes around), which had been closed a while ago. Please pray for their pastor & parishioners.

Weekend Envelopes: If any of you (not registered with parish) wish to receive weekend envelopes, please let the pastor know. Meanwhile feel free to take a quarterly set placed at the back of the Church and please write your name and address on the envelope before dropping it in the weekend collection. Thank you.

U.S. SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



February 8 is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita, patroness of kidnapped and trafficked children. Situations caused by Covid-19 have pushed traffickers online and out of sight, making the exploitation of children more convenient. For more info: U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking - sistersagainstrafficking.org



HOLY HOUR WITH CONFESSION

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PREPARATION FOR PARISH NURSING

Mercy Care for the Adirondacks will offer preparation for the role of Parish Nurse beginning March 11 in Lake Placid and/or virtually by Zoom. This course is open to registered nurses and others who are interested in health ministry in their parishes or with Mercy Care. Parish Nurses (Faith Community Nurses) assist the members of their faith community to maintain or regain wholeness in body, mind and spirit. They promote wellness by providing health screenings and health education, advocating for clients, connecting clients to services in their communities, listening and providing support. There is no charge for this course, but registration is required. It is a 36-contact-hour course offered on Fridays and Saturdays in March (see attached flyer for details). For further information, please contact Sister Catherine Cummings, RSM at ccummings@adkmercy.org or 518-523-5582.



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 13, 2022

Monday, February 14

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, February 15

12:00pm (SE) - J Gerald Geiling Sr. by Aileen Martin

Preceded by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, February 16

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, February 17

12:00pm (SPJ) - Lucille Remancus

by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, February 18

12:00pm (SPN) - Madeline Huchro by Anonymous

Saturday, February 19

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, February 20

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

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

Family by Richard & Margaret Smith

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Readings for the Week of February 14

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-15, 18-19/Mk 9:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-5/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-7/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-6/Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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Fuel: \$420.00

Total: \$1,000.00

Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$948.00; Plate: \$93.00

Fuel: \$37.00

Total: \$1,078.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$1,147.00; Plate: \$120.00

Fuel: \$170.00

Total: \$1,437.00

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Creation Care Tip: When taking a shower in winter, close the drain on the tub to contain the heated water. Let the water stand in the tub for 15 to 20 minutes after your shower in an attempt to transfer a portion of the heat of the waste water to the air along with some moisture.

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REPORT MISCONDUCT

If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact Victims Assistance Coordinator, Terrienne Yanulavich, PhD, LMHC. 5050 Route 374 Merrill, NY 12955; email: terriannayanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: Day time is 518-651-2267, evenings: 518-569-0612 or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy at 315-393-2920, ext. 1340 or ccarrara@rcdony.org. If you have a complaint of suspected sexual abuse or misconduct by the Bishop, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at 800-276-1562 or www.ReportBishopAbuse.org.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Valentine's Day is a great time to focus on the human heart. The standard heart image is omnipresent in media and marketing, but it remains an evocative symbol. Both Old and New Testaments describe numerous qualities possessed by the heart: It sees and listens; it responds and understands; it is obedient and steadfast; it is loving and forgiving. If we want to know what the heart of God is like, we have to look no further than the Beatitudes as we hear in the gospel this weekend. Then knowing what the heart of God is like, the Beatitudes invite us to imitate the heart of God. Our Catholic faith and human nature are especially drawn to the particular qualities of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These inspire our efforts to cultivate compassion, perseverance, purity, and contrition, flowing through wounded hearts. Catholic families and parishes can be refuges where dumbed-down interpretations of love visibly rise to the higher ideals of agape. Do we allow the culture's over-sweet standards to sink our expectations, or do our hearts look up to the Sacred Heart? Let's share and exemplify our love stories—especially how our relationships with the Lord make Valentine's Day sweeter. It may be awkward. But, knowing there's a Saint Valentine interceding for us, we can follow his lead—standing in as patrons for a day. Love never fails, so we shall not fail Love. Happy Valentine's Day.

With Love and Prayers, Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS

Ash Wednesday is coming soon and if you have palms from last year are more than welcome to bring it to the Church and leave it on the back tables.

Mass Intentions: As I had encouraged at one point of time, may I request all of you to consider offering Mass intentions for your loved ones both living and deceased. That will be a great charity that you could do. Please make use of the Mass intention envelopes placed at the entry ways of the church and feel free to drop it in our regular weekend collection with your donation of ten dollars. You also could call the office and schedule your Mass intentions as well.

Please note that there is NO noon Mass on Monday (tomorrow) in Willsboro.



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Held at two locations in our area:

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Monday, February 21

12:00pm (SPJ) - John Remancus

by Richard & Margaret Smith

### Tuesday, February 22-The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

12:00pm (SE) - J Gerald Geiling Jr. by Aileen Martin

Preceded by Eucharistic Holy Hour

### Wednesday, February 23

No Scheduled Mass

### Thursday, February 24

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Perket &

by Richard & Margaret Smith

### Friday, February 25

12:00pm (SPN) - Danny Belowar by Charlie MacDonald

### Saturday, February 26

4:30pm (SE) - J Gerald Geiling Sr. & Jr.

by Aileen Martin

### Sunday, February 27

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ)-Jerzy Polak by Richard & Margaret Smith

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Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of February 20 – February 26

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Fuel: \$298.00

Total: \$1,454.00

#### Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$448.00; Plate: \$21.00

Fuel: \$180.00

Total: \$649.00

#### St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$1,669.00; Plate: \$58.00

Fuel: \$210.00

Total: \$1,937.00

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Leftovers



Care of Creation  
rcdony.org/about/diocese/laudato-sl.html

Placing leftovers in a moisture tight container can help the efficiency of a refrigerator. When water molecules escape from food or beverages into the air within a refrigerator, it increases the humidity of the interior which increases the amount of energy it takes to cool the system.

### NOW HIRING MEDICAL DIRECTOR/S

#### Summer Camp Guggenheim 2022 Season

**Description:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Ogdensburg has an immediate opening for the seasonal position of Camp Medical Director/s, located in Saranac Lake, NY. The Medical Director is responsible for reviewing the medical history and physician's orders of incoming campers prior to registration and reviewing any questions with parents/guardians, maintaining first-aid equipment and supplies, dispensing medications, etc. This is a seasonal employment opportunity with the option to serve the full 7-week camp season or on a weekly basis. The camp season begins June 23rd and ends August 12th. Summer Camp Guggenheim is located in Saranac Lake.

If you are interested in applying for the Camp Medical Director position, please contact: Tom Semeraro, Director of Youth Ministry [tsemmeraro@rcdony.org](mailto:tsemmeraro@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

### PROMISE to Protect Pledge to HEAL

#### SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

Did You Know...that to ensure adult interactions with youth are healthy and safe, we can follow the "P.A.C.T." acronym. This means we: Prioritize safety, Act appropriately (without the possibility of being perceived as sexual or romantic), Consistently follow the policies (behaving with transparency), and commit to working Together. For more information, or to register for VIRTUS training, contact the Diocesan Safe Environment Office at (315) 393-2920.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

The feast of the **Chair of St. Peter** this Tuesday is a joyful thanksgiving for the gift of the special ministry of the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, which, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is our guarantee that the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully handed down through the centuries. Pope Benedict XVI described the Chair, the Cathedra, as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity." In these difficult times we must remember this: the Papacy is a gift from God to the Church, it is a gift of service to the Church, it is a gift that enables the proper governance of the Church, it is a gift that guarantees the unfolding of the Truth of the person of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The person of the Pope can never be separated from that Chair since it is the symbol of governing, teaching and sanctifying office of the Bishop of Rome. We must pray every day for the Pope that he may understand and minister his role ever more deeply within the Tradition of the Church as the teacher who models himself on the Great Teacher Jesus Christ who manifested his great **LOVE** for the humanity through his passion on the Cross. **St. Peter, Pray for us.**

With Love and Prayers, Fr. J.T.

### REMINDERS

1. Following are the names of **TRUSTEES** for our parishes starting this February 15 through February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023: **St. Elizabeth's:** Robert Corbo, Nancy Dawson. **St. Philip Neri:** Paul Mahoney, James Forcier. **St. Philip of Jesus:** John Carver, Susan Fahey. **Thank you everyone.**

2. Mass schedule for **Ash Wednesday (March 2<sup>nd</sup>)** as follows: **Westport:** 9.00 am, **E-Town:** 12.00 and **Willsboro:** 5.00 pm. I encourage all of you to attend one of these Masses to begin the Holy Season of **LENT**. Sacrament of Penance will be ministered after every Mass.

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March 2 - April 10  
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You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Nancy Belzile 518-593-6024 email: [nancys\\_56@hotmail.com](mailto:nancys_56@hotmail.com)
- **Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:**

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

Save the Dates!



**EIGHTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**February 27, 2022**

**Monday, February 28**

12:00pm (SPJ) - Mitch Monette  
by Richard & Margaret Smith

**Tuesday, March 1**

*No Scheduled Mass*

**Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday**

9:00am (SPN) - Raymond Forcier  
by Jean & Jerry Forcier

12:00pm (SE) - Sweet Godmother (Gay)  
by Heather Lewis

5:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy  
& Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

**Thursday, March 3**

12:00pm (SPJ) - Loretta Smith  
by Richard & Margaret Smith

**Friday, March 4**

12:00pm (SPN) - Lina Forcier by Jean & Jerry Forcier  
Preceded by Eucharistic Holy Hour

**Saturday, March 5**

4:30pm (SE) - Walter Doyle by the Doyle Family

**Sunday, March 6**

8:30am (SPN) - Nancy (Jean Fitzgerald) Dugan  
by Mary Lou & Sons

10:30am (SPJ) - Pro Populo

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Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10/Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1-4/Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32  
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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Envelopes: \$2,123.00; Plate: \$31.00  
Fuel: \$50.00  
Total: \$2,204.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph  
Envelopes: \$685.00; Plate: \$236.00  
Fuel: \$60.00  
Total: \$981.00

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP  
Creation Care Tips**

It is not too early to start seeds indoors for some garden plants. Tomatoes especially should be planted in seed pots by the very end of February in order to get them to bloom early and produce their fruit by late July.

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- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood of the North Country, 66 Brinkerhoff Street, Plattsburgh, NY 12901
- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Nancy Belzile 518-593-6024 email: nancys\_56@hotmail.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign:

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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...**

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of **Lent**, the penitential season before Easter. Much of the human history has been spent trying to escape our mortality, yet the truth remains that we will face the four last things (Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell) at any moment. This is so important that St. Philip Neri stated, "Beginners in religion ought to exercise themselves principally in meditation of these four last things." This sentiment is echoed in the traditional words spoken when ashes are placed on the head: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." This implies what is explicitly stated more positively in another words: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins, and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires, and grow in holiness... so that we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great Joy. Lent is a time to place our souls before a mirror and see our own sins and wounds, so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus. During these 40 days of Lent, may we submit ourselves to God with all our sinfulness, that he may restore us to a life of Holiness. With Love and Prayers, **Fr. J.T.**

**Reminders**

1. Please attend and encourage all your family members to participate in one of the scheduled Masses on Ash Wednesday to start the Holy season of Lent in a devout manner.
2. Please Note that there is **NO** Noon mass on Tuesday in E-Town. Holy Hour will be held prior to Noon Mass on Ash Wednesday.
3. Next Saturday, the combined **Pastoral Council meeting** is scheduled for all our parishes in **SE parish Hall at 2 pm.**
4. Next weekend we will have a second collection for the church in central and Eastern Europe struggling in various levels. For more info: visit [www.usccb.org/ceee](http://www.usccb.org/ceee)

**LENT SCHEDULE PRIOR TO HOLY WEEK**

**Mondays:** Stations of the Cross prior to Noon Mass in Willsboro

**Tuesdays:** Prior to Noon Mass, Holy Hour with "Litany of The Passion" in E-Town

**Wednesdays:** Stations of the Cross (8.30) prior to Morning Mass in Westport

**Thursdays:** (starting 10<sup>th</sup>) evening Mass at 5 pm in Willsboro followed by Soup Dinner and Movie. (Movie information will be provided prior to each week)

**Fridays:** Prior to Noon Mass, Holy Hour with "Litany of The Passion" in Westport.

**CONFESSIONS**

**Tuesdays:** 11-11.45: E-Town,  
**Thursdays:** 4-4.45: Willsboro,  
**Fridays:** 11-11.45: Westport  
**Saturdays:** 3-3.45: E-Town

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

In his Lenten Message this year, the Holy Father writes: "We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion... no one attains salvation alone...we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history." There can be no serious doubt in anyone's mind, we are now living in one such storm and it's been a whopper!

Let us all examine our prayer life as we enter Lent 2022. Prayer is our lifeline with Jesus. Daily, disciplined prayer fuels our faith and sustains our hope for tomorrow. Pope Francis tells us that "faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint."

This "great hope" to which the Pope refers is rooted in Jesus' sacrificial love. St. Mother Teresa wrote that the Eucharist is intimately related to the Passion. She stated, "If Jesus had not established the Eucharist, we would have forgotten the crucifixion. It would have faded into the past and we would have forgotten the depth and breadth of Jesus' love for each one of us. To make sure we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of His love."

The premier prayer of the Church is the Eucharist. It is the identifying feature of Catholicism. Our parishes, our faith families, are schools of prayer that are centered around the Mass. As you know, we have begun an initiative, a Eucharistic Revival, to help us rediscover the beauty of the Eucharist and strengthen our belief in the Real Presence of Christ at Mass.

For many months (now years), the pandemic has adversely affected our Eucharistic worship. In many circumstances, our participation at Mass has waned. We risk "forgetting" the significance of the Eucharist. Please continue to encourage your family members to return to the Eucharist to be nourished with the sacramental food for the journey. Avail yourself of the opportunities your parish provides you to participate in our Eucharistic Revival efforts and special Lenten programs and devotions that will enhance our discipleship outside the walls of our churches.

Let us seek the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Hope and Mother of the Eucharist, in our Lenten efforts to draw closer to Jesus and His Body, the Church. God's blessings and prayers for a fruitful Lent for you and your loved ones!

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

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**ABSTINENCE**

All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday are bound to abstain totally from meat on the following days: **Ash Wednesday, Fridays of Lent, & Good Friday.**

**FASTING**

All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are bound also to observe the Law of Fast on the following days: **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** Fasting, that is, eating less, involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Lighter fare of the other 2 meals.

