



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 3, 2022

Monday, July 4

8:30am (SPJ) - JoAnn Seamom
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, July 5

8:30am (SE) - Robert Jackson by Yvonne Lesperance
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, July 6

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, July 7

5:15pm (SPJ) - Kristina Knox by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, July 8

8:30am (SPN)-The Amady N & Gertrude Clark Montville
Families by Nancy Montville
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, July 9

4:30pm (SE) - Jeanne Luppy by Donnie Sands
6:30pm (SJ) - John A Wukovits Jr. by Maryellen Wukovits

Sunday, July 10

8:30am (SPN) - John Francis McGoldrick
by Robert McGoldrick
10:30am (SPJ) - Pro Populo

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

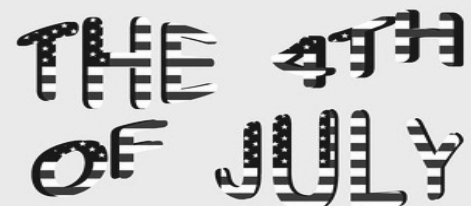
Readings for the Week of July 4

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37
or 19:8-11/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

SANCTUARY CANDLES for Week of July 3 – July 9

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.



Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth
Envelopes: \$435.00; Plate: \$148.00
Fuel: \$115.00
Total: \$698.00
ATTENDANCE: 38

Saint Philip Neri
Envelopes: \$427.00; Plate: \$106.00
Fuel: \$10.00
Total: \$543.00
Catholic Communications Campaign: \$5.00
ATTENDANCE: 56

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$1,332.00; Plate: \$310.00
Fuel: \$90.00; Donation: \$25.00
Total: \$1,757.00
Catholic Communications Campaign: \$15.00
ATTENDANCE: 82

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND ALL CHURCHES—FOR FUEL

The second collection next weekend will be specifically designated for fuel. If you have envelopes please use the one for July. Going forward we will have a regular fuel collection at all our Churches on the second Sunday of each month. Thank you in advance for your anticipated generosity.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

With gas prices at a record high, this is the year to seriously consider reducing the amount of lawn that you mow. It is not difficult to convert unmowed strips of ground around your property into wildflower gardens, raspberry/blackberry thickets or young forestlands. Using less gasoline and increasing the amount of photosynthesis in an area is great for our common home.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - 4TH OF JULY EVENT

The parishioners of WEWE (Willsboro/Essex, Westport and Elizabethtown) will be having a table with info on our parishes along with a bake sale (10am-2pm) on the grounds of St. Joseph's Essex on the 4th of July. **The bake sale will be to raise funds for the entire Catholic Community.** Please bring your baked goods ready for sale that morning before 10:00am at St. Joseph's (the parade starts at 11:00am) and begins at Block Road. **HELPERS NEEDED:** contact Nancy at 518-593-6024

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Is 66:10-14c/Gal 6:14-18/Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. The first thing this line tends to bring to mind is for us to pray for vocations to the priesthood, to the religious life, and indeed, this is something we do need to do. But have you ever considered that perhaps the laborer that Jesus is looking for, is you? Just as Jesus sent out the seventy-two to be bearers of peace to the households where they stayed, might he be sending you to visit a lonely neighbor, or someone who is ill in the hospital, or even someone in prison? Can we pray not just for laborers in general, but also for the grace needed to be a good laborer who brings the good news to those we meet this week?

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



This **Independence Day**, we celebrate the gift of our Freedom and the sacrifices made to earn and keep it. The Founding Fathers believed in Christian principles and wanted a country that is not just reflected those principles but lived those principles. Freedom is a precious gift. A gift that is too easily abused. Freedom is often used as an excuse for people to do whatever they want. However, this is not right. Freedom does not mean we can choose to do whatever we want. After all, there are consequences to our decisions. **Freedom comes with responsibility.** We have to use our freedom to do what is right. Not just for us, but also for our loved ones and our community. On this Fourth of July, it is appropriate that we take some time to think about our freedom. To thank God for the sacrifices people have made to earn and preserve this precious gift. To thank God for the gift of freedom so we can freely choose to love Him and one another. As we prepare to receive the Holy Eucharist today, let us give thanks to God for the gift of freedom. May his blessings be upon all those who have sacrificed and continue to serve today to protect our freedom. But let us especially thank God for the sacrifice of His son who by His suffering, death, and resurrection opened for us the doors to eternal life. **Happy July 4th.**

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊 Fr. J.T.

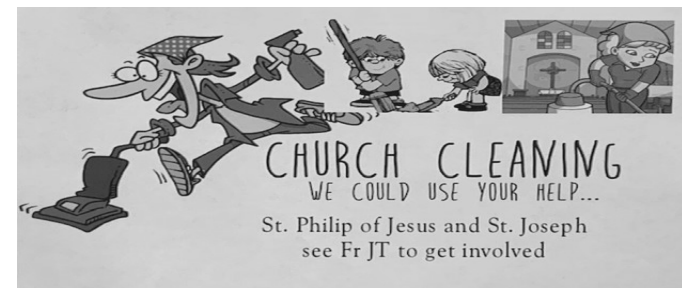
REMINDERS:

- 1. As part of our continuing effort** in creating a culture of Sacredness in our churches, all pie-raftles and drawings will take place outside the Church. I appreciate your understanding and all you do to keep our Sacred Space Holy and a place for worship.
- 2. Next Women's prayer group meeting** is scheduled on July 23rd Saturday in Westport Parish Hall at 10 am. May I encourage all women in our parish to take part in this as part of your spiritual renewal and in creating a bond of Love.
- 3. There will be a Golf Tournament** on August 6th at the Willsboro Golf Course as part of a fundraiser for all our parishes. Please mark the date (all who play golf) and details to follow soon with a bulletin insert.



PIE SALE INFO

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
June 26th — \$85
Winner: Theresa Lorch



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** after 8:30 AM Mass until 9:30 AM

Confessions are heard:
Every **Thursday** after 5:15 PM Mass in Willsboro upon request
Every **Saturday** from 3:30 PM to 4:15 PM in Elizabethtown.



God Bless you all.

WHY DO WE ATTEND THE HOLY EUCHARIST? DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT DISPOSITION?

The Holy Eucharist is the prayer of the Church par excellence, meaning, there is no greater prayer other than the holy sacrifice of the Mass. From the opening prayer to the closing prayer, the Mass is one continual offering to God the Father by making present the passion of his Son. We are not merely spectators but active participants in the Lord's passion. **We go to Mass not just simply because it's an obligation. Rather, we attend the Holy Eucharist because it's our loving response to the God who has loved us first.** Do we have that awareness? Attending Eucharist should be an active choice of the will to give of our time, treasure, and talent – knowing full well it will never amount to the sacrifice endured by our Savior. Hope we all know that the Holy Eucharist is **NOT** for our entertainment. Considering that we are reliving the Lord's passion, we are participating in the sacrificial offering of Jesus on the cross, which is most reflected in the Eucharist. What we receive at Mass is infinitely more than just a passing good feeling or a preached life lesson. We participate in the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ himself! We receive his body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. We accompany him on the road to Calvary. We share in his sufferings and offer our own struggles before the altar of the slaughtered Lamb. There is **no need to invent novelties** if we are aware that, before our very presence, Heaven, and Earth embrace each and every time the Eucharist is offered. May we all have that **awareness of Sacredness** in our perception of the Churches and while being physically present in our churches.

FLOWERS FOR OUR CHURCHES



Summer is here and our gardens are blooming! It would be nice to have a few volunteers to provide fresh cut flowers for our parish altars. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuaries beautiful. May God bless you!

E'town & Westport contact Fr. Justin 518-521-8283
Willsboro contact Nancy 518-593-6024



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 10, 2022

Monday, July 11 – St. Benedict, Abbot

5:15pm (SPJ) - Special Intentions of Christine Okano & Family by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, July 12

8:30am (SE) - Jesse Denton by Gregory Denton
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour with
"Litany of Prayer against Abortion"

Wednesday, July 13

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

5:15pm (SPJ) - Cliff McDonald
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am (SPN) - George & Joanne Betters by Nancy Belzile
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, July 16

4:30pm (SE) - Donna Barnaby by Cheryl Hutchins & Family
6:30pm (SJ) - Barbara Ann Doyle by Maryellen Wukovits

Sunday, July 17

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
10:30am (SPJ) - Richard Sheehan & Maureen Varian
by Peg Sheehan

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Readings for the Week of July 11

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-8/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-21/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10-12, 16/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of July 10 – July 16

St Philip of Jesus – Intentions of the parishioners

St Elizabeth's – Intentions of the parishioners

St Philip Neri – Intentions of the parishioners

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PIE SALE INFO

July 2/3

St Philip of Jesus \$138.
St Joseph \$21.

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

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth
Envelopes: \$375.00; Plate: \$62.00
Fuel: \$130.00
Total: \$567.00
ATTENDANCE: 38

Saint Philip Neri
Envelopes: \$443.00; Plate: \$347.00
Fuel: \$80.00
Total: \$870.00
ATTENDANCE: 85

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$1,032.00; Plate: \$502.00
Fuel: \$95.00
Total: \$1,629.00
ATTENDANCE: SPJ-101 SJ-21

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Creation Care Tips: Savor the fresh produce that comes from your garden or the Farmers' Market to your table and enjoy the fruits of summer's bounty. Be amazed at the variety of flavors, textures and colors of the Season. Give thanks and praise for God's goodness and the work of human hands.

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Who is my neighbor? We probably all have ideas of what a great neighbor would be like: perhaps it is something as simple as being able to go and borrow a bit of milk, a cup of sugar or some tool that you need. Perhaps it is someone you can hang out with over the back fence to talk about this and that. But the better question might be, am I a good neighbor? Do I reach out to those in my community? Do I love the Lord with all my heart, my being, my strength and my mind, and do I love my neighbor as myself? For a good neighbor is one who loves and treats the other with mercy. Am I that good neighbor?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CELEBRATE A SPIRITUAL-FRATERNAL TRADITION

Pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte

On Sunday, July 17th, Knights of Columbus from throughout the Diocese of Ogdensburg will participate in their 74th annual pilgrimage to St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, Vermont. Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley will celebrate Mass at 12:15 p.m. Following Mass, the Peru K of C Council will serve a luncheon on the shrine's grounds.

Beautiful St. Anne's Shrine is located on the shores of Lake Champlain, only a few miles from the Rouses Point Bridge. The Shrine's religious history began in 1666 when the French erected a fort and chapel. The chapel was blessed in 1893, and a beautiful statue of St. Anne, the mother of Mary, was erected.

For more information, please call Pilgrimage Coordinator Gordon Burdo at 518-563-2796.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



St. Kateri Tekakwitha (July 14th), known as the "Lily of the Mohawks" and the "Genevieve of New France", was born in 1656 at Aurisville, NY. Because of increasing hostility from her own people and because she wanted to devote her life in working for God, in July of 1677, Kateri left her village and fled more than 200 miles through woods, rivers, and swamps to the Catholic mission of St Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal. Kateri's journey through the wilderness took more than two months. Because of her determination in proving herself worthy of God and her undying faith she was allowed to receive her First Holy Communion on Christmas Day 1677. Kateri's motto became, "Who can tell me what is most pleasing to God that I may do it?" She spent much of her time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, **kneeling in the cold chapel for hours.** Her greatest wish was to know and to do what pleased God. Kateri suffered from bad headaches. She was not strong and could eat very little. When she died at the age of twenty-four, the scars on her face disappeared and she was beautiful. Kateri's last words were, "**Jesus, I love you.**" She lived a life radiant with faith and purity. May her example help us to live where we are, loving Jesus without denying who we are. Saint Kateri, Protectress of Canada and the first Native American saint, we entrust to you the renewal of the faith in the first nations and in all of North America! **St. Kateri, Pray for us.**

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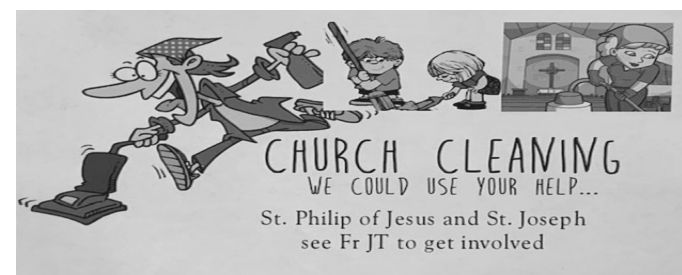
beautiful. May God bless you!

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Things to Ponder.....

Spoken words and lost opportunities...

...can't be recalled!



HOLY HOUR WITH SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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MORE THAN A MEETING SPACE, A CHURCH IS A HOLY PLACE

On a personal note, what's a Church for us and how do we perceive it? Canon law defines a church as "a sacred building designated for divine worship". The Catechism expands on this describing a church as "a house of prayer in which the Eucharist is celebrated and reserved, where the faithful assembles, and where is worshipped the presence of the Son of God our Savior offered for us on the sacrificial altar for the help and consolation of the faithful". In light of all these, as a pastor, it's my obligation and priority to bring that reminder or awareness to all the faithful. Certainly, I am all for the fundraising, raffles, and anything that supports the well-being of our parishes. That being said, we can't compromise the sanctity of our sacred space where we come together for prayer and worship. Our religious culture and background make us who we are and that has to be respected regardless of where it might be. I come from a background where regardless of age, the very minute we enter the church it's pin-drop silence. I might be seeing someone up ahead who I have not seen for years, but instead of engaging in a conversation in the Church, I would wait outside the church after the service to greet that person. To the extreme, we don't even wear our footwear inside the Church regardless it's snowing, raining, heat or cold. It applies to every age group. I don't expect you to follow all that and will never ask to leave your footwear outside (especially in winter). I like to see you all making a sincere effort in maintaining Sacred silence before Mass and **NOT** making the sacred space of worship a place for fundraising events. Any fundraising projects **must** be outside the Church. **With all humility**, let me remind you that a church building is not a multi-purpose space or another busy and noisy place among many. It is a building that has been built and **set apart** expressly for the purpose of sacred things: for the celebration of the sacred mysteries, for the offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and of the Sacred Liturgy, for the worship and adoration of the Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and for **quiet prayer in His Presence.** In the busyness and craziness of our lives what a gift it is to have such a place. Let us preserve its Holiness and Sacredness. **Thanks**





SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 17, 2022

Monday, July 18

5:15pm (SPJ) - Special Intentions of Geraldine Watson
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, July 19

8:30am (SE) - Joyce Gilbert by Gregory Denton
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour with
"Litany in Response to Abortion"

Wednesday, July 20

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, July 21

5:15pm (SPJ) - Carol LaDieu
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

8:30am (SPN) - Thanks and Praise to our Providential God
From All
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, July 23

4:30pm (SE) - Robert & Jane McDevitt by M/M Harold Bean
6:30pm (SJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward Family
by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

Sunday, July 24

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
10:30am (SPJ) - Thomas McCoy by Peg Sheehan

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(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro
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Readings for the Week of July 18

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4 or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:24-30
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of July 17 – July 23

St Philip of Jesus – 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, or drop envelope/check in the collection basket



PIE SALE INFO

July 9/10

St Philip of Jesus \$88.
St Joseph \$34.

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this "FUN" fund raiser!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth
Envelopes: \$630.00; Plate: \$51.00
Fuel: \$156.00
Total: \$837.00
ATTENDANCE: 31

Saint Philip Neri
Figures not available
Will be reported next week
ATTENDANCE: 57

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$1,542.00; Plate: \$462.00
Fuel: \$570.00
Total: \$2,574.00
Diocesan Missionary Projects: \$25.00
ATTENDANCE: SPJ-60 SJ-29

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

My mother was a real Martha. Whenever there was company, she would be busy about many things and it was not unusual for her to poke her head out of the kitchen and ask if there was anything missing. Invariably, the answer from the visitors and us would be: YOU. You are missing. In our human nature, it is always easy to blame Mary for simply being with Jesus while Martha does all the work, and to feel sorry for Martha. But Jesus doesn't chide her for providing the serving and the work, but about the anxiety about the details of serving, when only one thing was necessary: to be present and listen to the Word. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

Prayer for
Unity

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer for unity, that we may all love each other as you first loved us. May we act with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience toward one another, living in unity with you. May we lay down our swords, set aside our grievances, and forgive each other as you forgave us. Lord, lead us to take what you've given us – love, mercy, grace, forgiveness – and spread those in this world, lavishing them upon others in our lives. May your love bind us together in perfect unity. All this I pray through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often." These were words of Winston Churchill.... We see examples all the time of groups of people who are **not** willing to make changes because they lack vision. Sometimes we need to recognize that paradigm shifts happen. We can **resist** new movements in our life, or we can **cooperate** with them. One of the examples that has been used through the years regarding a people unwilling to change were Swiss watchmakers in the last century. In 1968 the Swiss were acknowledged as the preeminent watchmakers of the world. The Swiss made most of the quality time pieces sold. But then someone invented the quartz watch. Instead of many mechanical parts a quartz watch worked off a few. The modern watch depends on electronic pulses. The Swiss believed that the quartz watch was a novelty that would go away. The Japanese took the technology and started to use it. In a few years, the Japanese made most of the watches in the world. In 1970 there were 1600 watch makers in Switzerland by 1982 there were 600. The Swiss had refused to change so they missed out on opportunity. I do know that many of you might think that I am bringing or doing lots of changes in our parishes. I do respect the fact that when we are used to doing a certain thing for years it's hard to accept a change whether it's with sacred silence or anything. It's my humble request that you will all try to understand that behind any changes what I intend is only to do what is **RIGHT** and proper to my conscience. If anyone feels otherwise, I will appreciate wholeheartedly your initiative to talk to me.

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊️ Fr. J.T.

Reminders:

Next Saturday (23rd) is our next Women's prayer group in Westport Parish Hall @9:00am. I encourage all the women in our parish to attend as part of your spiritual wellbeing.

Following is the insurance amount (Fire & Liability) that we will be paying for all our parish buildings excluding the parish assessments to the Diocese this year. For more information contact the Pastor or Trustees. Thanks.

Elizabethtown: \$11,822
Westport: \$8,971
Willsboro/Essex: \$8,579

Things to Ponder.....

*When sorrow comes,
remember that you
have experienced joy*



A STATEMENT ON THE DOBBS DECISION BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF NEW YORK

We give thanks to God for the United States Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. This just decision will save countless innocent children simply waiting to be born. On this historic day, our gratitude extends to the millions of heroic Americans who have worked tirelessly toward this outcome for nearly a half-century. Women and men, children and adults, believers and non-believers, people of every culture and background have advocated for life. They have been a charitable and compelling voice for the voiceless, and today, their voice has been heard. As Catholics, we have prayed and fasted, held vigils, offered Masses, and peacefully witnessed in these last five decades. We have joined others in educating schoolchildren, opening pregnancy care centers, walking with mothers, offering post-abortion counseling, and marching, year after year, to the United States Supreme Court to witness for life. Finally, our voice has been heard. With the entire pro-life community, we are overjoyed with this outcome of the Court. However, we acknowledge the wide range of emotions associated with this decision. We call on all Catholics and everyone who supports the right to life for unborn children to be charitable, even as we celebrate an important historical moment and an answer to a prayer. We must remember that this is a judicial victory, not a cultural one. The culture remains deeply divided on the issue, which will be evidenced by the patchwork of state statutes pertaining to abortion across the country. To change the culture and build a culture of life, we need to enact family-friendly policies that welcome children, support mothers, cherish families and empower them to thrive. We rededicate ourselves to helping every expectant mother to carry her baby to term. Building a culture of life is not solely the responsibility of the government or those heroic individuals working on the front lines, in crisis pregnancy centers and other ministries. All of us need to respect the dignity and sanctity of human life in everything we do: in how we treat our children, spouses, and parents; in the way we behave in our place of work; in sum, how we live Jesus' two great commandments to love God and love our neighbor. Love, charity, and reverence for human life from the moment of conception through natural death – these will build and sustain a culture of life and we commit ourselves to it.

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.





SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2022

Monday, July 25 – St. James, Apostle

5:15pm (SPJ)-Marion Helms by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, July 26 – Saints Joachim & Anne,

Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour with

“Litany in Response to Abortion”

Wednesday, July 27

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, July 28

5:15pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Oglivie Family

by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, July 29 – St. Martha

8:30am (SPN) - Roger & Lucy Belzile by Nancy Belzile

Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, July 30

4:30pm (SE) - Silvia Calvani by M/M Harold Bean

6:30pm (SJ) - Edward & Flora Gardner by Emily Phillips

Sunday, July 31

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

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

by John & Susan Carver

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Readings for the Week of July 25

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of July 24 – July 30

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

July 16/17

St Philip of Jesus \$118.

St Joseph \$ 35.

St Philip Neri \$ 101.50 (July 10-\$86.)

Many thanks to all who support
this “FUN” fund raiser!



Last Weekend’s Collection

Saint Elizabeth

Envelopes: \$741.00; Plate: \$717.00

Fuel: \$200.00

Total: \$1,658.00

ATTENDANCE: 33

Saint Philip Neri (7/10/2022)

Envelopes: \$983.00; Plate: \$229.00

Fuel: \$280.00

Total: \$1,492.00

ATTENDANCE: 60

Saint Philip Neri (7/17/2022)

Envelopes: \$675.00; Plate: \$206.00

Fuel: \$50.00

Total: \$931.00

ATTENDANCE: 70

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$770.00; Plate: \$400.00

Fuel: \$45.00

Total: \$1,215.00

ATTENDANCE: SPJ-64 SJ-29

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection next weekend designated for the Missionary Projects of The Diocese. Your anticipated generosity is greatly appreciated!

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Lord, teach us to pray... Who taught you to pray? So often we take for granted and somehow assume that people simply learn to pray by osmosis. After we have learned to say basic prayers as children, do you continue to grow and mature in prayer? Have we learned not just to say our prayers but to listen to the Word and then to respond. Do we in that dialog, learn to ask, seek and knock to receive all that is good through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Our Father knows what we need. Let us give him thanks and praise. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church a day of prayer for grandparents and elderly on the Fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26th). The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church. This year, Pope Francis is also extending the opportunity for a “plenary indulgence” to the faithful who devote adequate time to visit, in presence or virtually, through the media, their elderly brothers & sisters in need or in difficulty” on July 24. I wish all our grandparents and elderly in our parish family God’s choicest blessings and good health. May you continue to inspire all of us by your way of life especially through witnessing your faith.

Things to Ponder.....

Old age does not have to curb enthusiasm!

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK...



St. James, (Feast: July 25th) the son of Zebedee, was one of the apostles of Jesus, together with his brother John. He is traditionally considered the first to have been martyred. The Synoptic Gospels describe James and John as fishermen in partnership with their father, who was sufficiently prosperous to have hired servants and be acquainted with the High Priest. James was known for his volatile temperament and not reported to have had exceptional gifts as a speaker or teacher, but Jesus made him an excellent “Fishers of men.” Tradition dating from the early Middle Ages has him preaching the Gospel in Spain, and indeed he eventually became the patron saint of Spain, although most scholars do not believe that he ever reached the Iberian Peninsula. It was dangerous to be a Christian in those early days, and James showed the considerable courage and commitment necessary to follow Jesus. He was beheaded in 44AD by Herod Agrippa, grandson of King Herod. His remains are enshrined in **Santiago De Compostela**, which became one of the most famous pilgrimage destinations in the world, beginning in the 9th Century. I personally had been privileged to walk the **Camino Frances (500 miles)** from St. Jean-pied-Deport in France to Compostela in 2017. It took me like 28 days to finish this pilgrimage and it brought a great spiritual renewal and witnessed God’s unending generosity in that journey. As we make our pilgrim journey in this world to our heavenly homeland may his patronage strengthen and sustain us. **St. James**, pray for us.

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊 Fr. J.T.

Reminder:

Westport: In September, we are planning to install the new Altar flooring (with Tiles) in place of the carpet which really is in bad shape. All are welcome to donate for this sacred purpose and also if anyone wish to contribute a substantial donation in memory of your deceased dear ones can have their names inscribed on a plaque after the completion of the project. Please use the **DONATION Box** at the back of the Church to drop your donations for this specific purpose. Please pray about it and do what you can to make **OUR church** an enhanced place for worship. **Thank you** for your generosity.

DOWNTOWN ESSEX DAY EVENT! BAKE SALE – QUILT RAFFLE – MORE!

On the grounds at St. Joseph’s Church

August 6—10AM - 2PM

Needed - Bakers, Buyers and Sellers (volunteers)

So far we have raised \$905.00 wow!

Quilt Raffle Tickets will also be available outside each church - look for the quilt!

Call Nancy if you missed it 518-593-6024

This is for all of our beautiful churches and benefits all.

Thanks in advance to each of you who help in any way!

Drawing will be Labor Day weekend

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.

WHY “PATIENCE” IS A KEY VIRTUE IN LIFE?

Christian hope is rooted in the knowledge that God is patient with all his children, even when they stray from the path set before them. “This is the reason for our hope: that God never tires of waiting for us. When we turn away, he comes looking for us; when we fall, he lifts us to our feet; when we return to him after losing our way, he waits for us with open arms.” Patience is not a sign of weakness, but the strength of spirit that enables us to ‘carry the burden’ of personal and community problems, to accept others as different from ourselves, to persevere in goodness when all seems lost, and to keep advancing even when overcome by fatigue and listlessness. Our parish community life is also an area where patience is needed, especially when conflicts arise with “no immediate solution” and only time can help “to preserve peace and to wait for a better time to resolve situations in charity and in truth.” Let us keep in mind that the Lord does not call us to be soloists, but to be part of a choir that can sometimes miss a note or two but must always try to sing in unison. “May we be more charitable with one another. God bless us.”

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NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK “CALLED TO THE JOY OF LOVE.”

This theme for National NFP Awareness Week invites all to discover how Natural Family Planning supports God's gifts of love and life in marriage. In THE JOY OF LOVE (AL, 222), Pope Francis specifically calls attention to these healthy, effective, morally acceptable, and truly organic approaches to family planning. He writes, “They are to be promoted, since these methods respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them, and favor the education of an authentic freedom.” To hear from couples who know from experience that this is true, go to www.rcdony.org/nfp. To learn more, please contact the NFP Office apietropaoli@rcdony.org or at 518-483-0459



The monthly donation to St. Elizabeth’s Parish from the **Elizabethtown Thrift Shop** was received in the amount of \$1,515.39. Many blessings to all the volunteer workers and the shoppers!