



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2022

Monday, March 7

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

Tuesday, March 8

12:00pm (SE) - Cecile Charlebois by Yvonne Lesperance

Wednesday, March 9

9:00am (SPN) - Roy Green by Ann Ryan

Thursday, March 10

5:00pm (SPJ) - Chuckie Tart by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, March 11

12:00pm (SPN)-Sheldon Roebuck by the Hoskins Family

Saturday, March 12

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, March 13

8:30am (SPN) - Jim Ryan by Ann Ryan and Family
10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward Family by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

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

Readings for the Week of March 7

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of March 6 – March 12

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.



Pray Your Rosary

...because Mary asked us to...

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth
Envelopes: \$495.00; Plate: \$404.00
Fuel: \$10.00
Total: \$909.00
Respect Life: \$10.00

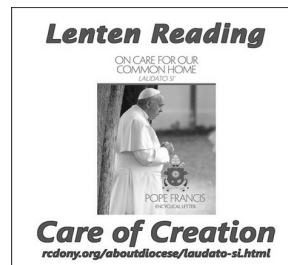
Saint Philip Neri
Envelopes: \$403.00; Plate: \$213.38
Total: \$616.38

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$910.00; Plate: \$51.00
Fuel: \$70.00
Total: \$1,031.00

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Green Tip:

“There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle.” (L.S. #211)
Consider reading: Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home (online from USCCB) and/or recent Laudato Si Action Plan.



THURSDAY MOVIE NIGHT

March 10 the movie is **ROE V. WADE (PG 13)**



Please join us for Mass at 5:00pm in Willsboro followed by a soup supper and a movie. Movies will start by 6:00pm and are no longer than 2 hours.

A brief description: Dr. Bernard Nathanson and Dr. Mildred Jefferson square off in a national battle in this untold conspiracy that led to the most famous and controversial court case in history. Featuring: Jon Voight, Nick Loeb, Stacey Dash, Jamie Kennedy, Joey Lawrence

The program will run for 5 weeks. SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AT THE ENTRANCE OF EACH CHURCH THIS WILL GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH SOUP IS NEEDED!



“GETTING TO KNOW THE FOUR EVANGELISTS”



St. Matthew. The first recorded information of him tells of a meeting between him and Jesus. At that time Matthew's name was Levi; he was the son of Alphaeus. He was sitting at his tax collector's desk near the Sea of Galilee when Jesus told him to follow him which Levi did promptly. It is supposed that Jesus, as he did in other cases, gave Levi another name, Matthew, meaning "gift of Yahweh." Traditions and legends differ as to whether he died a martyr's death or of natural causes. The content of his Gospel message is not the life and personality of Jesus but the doctrine and the preaching of Jesus, by which he gave a new and final interpretation to the Law of Moses. Matthew's Gospel is also the one which makes abundant use of Old Testament texts and a rabbinic method of exegesis in order to establish the authenticity of Jesus as the expected Messiah of Israel. Finally, Matthew stresses the ecclesiastical aspect of Jesus' preaching and his new movement. The composition of the First Gospel in its present Greek form is generally assigned to the years 75-80. Finally, the symbol **angel (winged man)** refers to Matthew, because he opens his Gospel with the genealogy of Christ, "son of David, son of Abraham," stressing Christ's Israelite descent and fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies. **St. Matthew**, pray for us.

With Love and Prayers, Fr. J.T.

WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

8 REASONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

1. THEY ALLOW US TO PLACE OUR TRUST IN HIM: “The Cross of Christ contains all the love of God; there we find his immeasurable mercy. This is a love in which we can place all our trust, in which we can believe.... let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to him because he never disappoints anyone! Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.”

2. THEY PUT US INTO THE STORY “And you, who do you want to be? Like Pilate? Like Simon? Like Mary? Jesus is looking at you now and is asking you: do you want to help me carry the Cross? Brothers and sisters, with all the strength of your youth, how will you respond to him. **(To be Continued)**

REMINDERS

Please take a “Word among Us” or “Magnificat” and other prayer materials from the entry ways of the Church to enhance your spiritual journey of Lent.

WILLSBORO: The beautiful Stations of the Cross come from St. Joseph's Church in Malone which was closed a while ago. If anyone would like to make a donation for the Stations, you are more than welcome to do so. A word of appreciation and **BIG THANKS** to Emily Phillips, Dorothy McDevitt & Tom Weinschenk for putting it all together in a nice way.

LENT SCHEDULE PRIOR TO HOLY WEEK

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CONFESSIONS

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Thursdays: 4-4.45: Willsboro
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Saturdays: 3-3.45: E-Town



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open for the 2022 Summer Camp Season! In joyful anticipation for the opportunity to resume Summer Camp Guggenheim 2022, you may register your child(children) at this time. The Guggenheim Summer Camp program runs from July 3rd to August 12th. The reasonable fee to attend a week long session is \$375 & is made possible by the Bishops Fund Appeal. Please keep in mind that the COVID pandemic is still in process, and we will be following the guidance of the CDC and NYSDOH with regards to our camp COVID requirements.

If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to reach out to Tom Semeraro, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry:

Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1415

Email: tsemeraro@rcdony.org.

To register visit: <https://www.rcdony.org/youth/camp>

Things to Ponder.....

If the conversation around you is decaying, lead it to more constructive subjects.





SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2022

LENT

Monday, March 14

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

Tuesday, March 15

12:00pm (SE) - John & Nancy Boisseau by the Estate

Wednesday, March 16

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

Thursday, March 17

5:00pm (SPJ) - Chuckie Steeves
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, March 18

12:00pm (SPN) - David & Cindy Hoskins
by the Hoskins Family

Saturday, March 19

4:30pm (SE) - Hugh & Dolly Gilligan
by the Doyle Family

Sunday, March 20

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
10:30am (SPJ) - Betty Kroeplin
by Keri Fair & Brenda Bramich

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Readings for the Week of March 14

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a or 17:3-7/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 or 95:1-2, 6-9
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 or Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Lk 13:1-9 or Jn 4:5-42

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of March 13 – March 19

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St Elizabeth’s – Intentions of the parishioners
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Envelopes: \$545.00
Fuel: \$110.00
Total: \$655.00

Church in Eastern & Central Europe: \$204.00

Saint Philip Neri
Envelopes: \$537.00; Plate: \$61.00
Fuel: \$30.00
Total: \$628.00

Church in Eastern & Central Europe: \$647.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$1,091.00; Plate: \$52.82
Fuel: \$130.00
Total: \$1,273.82

Church in Eastern & Central Europe: \$369.60
Catholic Relief Fund: \$20.00

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Green Tip:
Overwhelmed at times with what to action(s) to take to better care for our "common home?" In prayer consider: What brings tears to my heart when I listen to "the cries of the earth?" What is one action I can do to bring healing to it? Dorothy Day reminds us that "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something."



THURSDAY MOVIE NIGHT
March 17 the movie is
SHOW ME THE FATHER (PG)

Please join us for Mass at 5:00pm in Willsboro followed by a soup supper and a movie. Movies will start by 6:00pm and are no longer than 2 hours. **A brief description:** Everyone has a unique father story. Whether positive or painful, it's

always personal and can deeply affect the core of our identity and direction of our lives. Featuring a variety of amazing true stories, this captivating movie takes audiences of all ages on an inspiring and emotional cinematic journey. Providing a fresh perspective on the roles of fathers in today's society; it invites you to think differently about how you view your earthly father, and how you personally relate to God. From the makers of Facing the Giants, Fireproof, War Room.



“GETTING TO KNOW THE FOUR EVANGELISTS”



St. Mark. Little is known of Mark as a person. He accompanied Paul and Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey as far as Perga in Pamphylia. The last mention of Mark is in the Acts when it is noted that he journeyed to Cyprus with Barnabas. Mark's closest relationship seems to have been with Peter. As far as can be judged from the testimony of Christian writers in the 2nd and 3rd centuries, Mark composed his Gospel in Greek sometime between A.D. 63 and 70. Mark presents the life of Jesus within a framework which is made up of certain themes: Jesus as the true Messiah; his preaching of the Kingdom of God; the miracles of Jesus; the sufferings, death, and resurrection of Jesus; and the last instructions of Jesus to his followers. Mark's Gospel in one sense represents the simplest form of the early Christian message, or kerygma. It is not known how or where Mark finished his life. The Egyptian Church claimed Mark as its founder and patron saint. Another tradition associates Mark with Aquileia in northern Italy who founded Venice on the Adriatic in the 6th century and designated Mark, under **the symbol of the winged lion**, as the patron saint. The lion represents Mark also because his gospel starts speaking of Saint John the Baptist, who preaches in the wilderness. His voice is like that of the lion, a strong and noble animal, as Jesus would be. **St. Mark**, Pray for us.

With Love and Prayers, ✨ **Fr. J.T.**

WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

8 REASONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

3. THEY REMIND US THAT JESUS SUFFERS WITH US

“The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Jesus accepts all this with open arms, bearing on his shoulders our crosses and saying to us: ‘Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you. I have overcome death and I have come to give you hope, to give you life’

4. THEY COMPEL US TO ACTION

“But the Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who are in need of help, who need a word or a concrete action.” **(To be Continued)**

REMINDERS

WILLSBORO: If anyone would like to make a small donation to the new Stations that are placed in the Church you are more than welcome to make a check payable to **St. Andre Bessette Parish**, Malone, as a sign of our appreciation and support for their parish ministries. Please place in the collection or mail to the office. Thank you

MUSIC CONCERT: MJM7 Band will be conducting another music concert for our parishes on **April 3rd Sunday @7pm in SE Parish Hall.** Please **Save the Date** on your calendar.



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MY2CENTS

Online Survey Available to reach out to individuals and those outside the Church

Although synodal conversations are the preferred means to engage people to participate in the process of encounter, communion and mission, we have created an online survey form for individuals who have not participated in conversations or who simply want to add additional info. This form is now available online at my2cents.rcdony.org.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MISSION OF HOPE

As we live in a world that’s gripped us with the horror of what’s happening in Ukraine, with the fear of what might happen in Nicaragua, with the worry for and about loved ones, I felt you might appreciate the following prayerful invitation. It is entitled Hoping against Hope from the Painted Prayerbook by Jan Richardson. These words are an invitation and prayer for all of us.....

“Hope nonetheless.
Hope despite.
Hope regardless.
Hope still.
Hope where we had ceased to hope.
Hope amid what threatens hope.
Hope with those who feed our hope.
Hope beyond what we had hoped.
Hope that draws us past our limits.
Hope that defies expectations.
Hope that questions what we have known.
Hope that makes a way where there is none.
Hope that takes us past our fear.
Hope that calls us into life.
Hope that holds us beyond death.
Hope that blesses those to come.”
—Jan Richardson

May these thoughts bring you comfort and courage today and a spirit of Hope and faith and love.

Live and be HOPE...Sr. Debbie



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 2022

Monday, March 21

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

Tuesday, March 22

12:00pm (SE) - John & Nancy Boisseau by the Estate

Wednesday, March 23

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

Thursday, March 24

5:00pm (SPJ) - Cay Sullivan by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord

12:00pm (SPN) - Joan Patricia Weber by Robert McGoldrick

Saturday, March 26

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, March 27

8:30am (SPN) - Joan Patricia Weber by Robert McGoldrick
10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Carver Family by John & Susan Carver

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(SP) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of March 21

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ps 34:2-7 or 23:1-6/2 Cor 5:17-21 or Eph 5L8-14
Lk 15:1-3, 11-31 or Jn 9:1-43

SANCTUARY CANDLES for Week of March 20 – March 26

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St Elizabeth's - Intentions of the parishioners
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FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING

A women's group is taking shape to bring St. Anselm's maxim into our little parish through friendship, study, and discussion. If you'd like to participate, please email: Elissa at eguynup@yahoo.com or Marianne at mpatinellidubay@gmail.com for info on our first gathering to be held in mid-May at the Westport Church Hall.

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth
Envelopes: \$670.00; Plate: \$404.00
Fuel: \$105.00; Easter Flowers: \$20.00
Total: \$1,199.00
Church in Eastern & Central Europe: \$10.00

Saint Philip Neri
Envelopes: \$238.00; Plate: \$6.00
Fuel: \$167.00; Easter Flowers: \$5.00
Total: \$416.00
Church in Eastern & Central Europe: \$5.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$1,125.00; Plate: \$58.00
Fuel: \$325.00; Easter Flowers: \$20.00
Total: \$1,528.00
Church in Eastern & Central Europe: \$50.00

COMBINED CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES AND PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

On March 26 and 27, our parishes hold a combined second collection. We support the works of Pope Francis through the Peter's Pence Collection. And we feed the hungry and support refugees through the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Will you Be a Sign of Mercy? Can you Help Jesus in Disguise? You can learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief and www.usccb.org/peters-pence and support their good works through next week's collection.



THURSDAY MOVIE NIGHT March 24: ST. PHILIP NERI I PREFER HEAVEN Part 1 (Part 2 next week)

Please join us for Mass at 5:00pm in Willsboro followed by a soup supper and a movie. Movies will start by 6:00pm and are no longer than 2 hours.

A brief description:

An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome" and great friend of youth in the 16th century. One of the most popular saints of all time, St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humor. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola's new order of Jesuits and be a missionary to India, Philip was instead guided by Providence to seek out the poor and abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith and help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory, that worked with the youth and also labored to re-evangelize a decadent Rome.

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"GETTING TO KNOW THE FOUR EVANGELISTS"



St. Luke. Since the 2nd century he has been regarded as the author of the Third Gospel and its sequel, the Acts of the Apostles. Luke's name—of Latin origin—indicates that he apparently was not of Jewish derivation. The earliest surviving testimony describes him as a Syrian from Antioch. Luke's association with the disciples of Jesus probably began after Christ's death, in the early 30s of the 1st centuries. His Gospel reveals a special acquaintance with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and tradition describes him as a friend and companion of Paul and of Mark. Luke's Gospel is clearly related to the Gospels of Mark and Matthew both in content and in structure; all three drew on a common source. Luke, however, used a second source unknown to either Matthew or Mark. Scholars have surmised that this source may have been Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her closest friends, all of whom knew Jesus intimately. The story of Jesus is presented by Luke within a tripartite view of human history. According to his view, the lifetime of Jesus occupied the central position, being preceded by the time of the Law and the Prophets being followed by the time of the Christian Church. The symbol Bull with wings is referred to Luke because he starts talking of the sacrifice of Zachariah to God and the bull is the symbol of sacrifice, the desire for a spiritual life, which allows man to triumph beyond animal passions and to obtain peace. St. Luke, Pray for us.

With Love and Prayers, Fr. J.T.

WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

8 REASONS FROM POPE FRANCIS 5. THEY HELP US MAKE A DECISION FOR OR AGAINST CHRIST

"[The Cross] reveals a judgment, namely that God, in judging us, loves us. Let us remember this: God judges us by loving us. If I embrace his love then I am saved, if I refuse it, then I am condemned, not by him, but my own self, because God never condemns, he only loves and saves."

6. THEY REVEAL GOD'S RESPONSE TO EVIL IN THE WORLD

"The Cross is the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God does not react to evil, as if he is silent. And yet, God has spoken, he has replied, and his answer is the Cross of Christ: a word which is love, mercy, forgiveness." (To be Continued)

REMINDERS

Those who missed and wish to watch the movie "Roe vs Wade" will have the opportunity to see this Sunday afternoon in Willsboro Parish Hall after 10.30 Mass. Bring lunch along...

Those who wish to subscribe our Diocesan News Paper "North Country Catholic" please contact the pastor or the office. It's \$27/year. Visit northcountrycatholic.org. (or clip copy of envelope to the right, complete and drop in collection basket)

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LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER AT YOUR CHURCH?

Consider a concert event with the Mette Family Band, MJM7. The concert creates a bridge from the ordinary to the extraordinary, building on the richness of the Catholic faith. The Mette's gifts of music, joy, & family life offer the boldness and innocence of youth with the wisdom and depth of lived experiences. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. The events fall somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission, with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing, and an invitation to prayer. The music is uplifting without being preachy, creating an environment that is engaging without being confrontational. Your church will feel the difference! PLEASE JOIN US APRIL 3RD!!

Subscription Campaign form for North Country Catholic with fields for name, address, phone, and subscription options.



**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT**
March 27, 2022

Monday, March 28
12:00pm (SPJ) - Kristina Knox
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Tuesday, March 29
12:00pm (SE) - John & Nancy Boisseau by the Estate

Wednesday, March 30
9:00am (SPN) - John Francis McGoldrick
by Robert McGoldrick

Thursday, March 31
5:00pm (SPJ) - For All Babies – Born & Unborn
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, April 1
12:00pm (SPN) - Joan Patricia Weber
by Robert McGoldrick

Saturday, April 2 – 1st Saturday
10:00am (SPJ) - Communion Service
Followed by First Saturday Devotions

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

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Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

**SANCTUARY CANDLES
for Week of March 27 – April 2**

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Envelopes: \$2,728.60; Plate: \$33.00
Fuel: \$30.00; Easter Flowers: \$170.00
Total: \$2,961.60

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph
Envelopes: \$445.00; Plate: \$64.00
Fuel: \$25.00; Easter Flowers: \$115.00
Total: \$649.00

**COMBINED CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
AND PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**

Our second collection today is for Peter's Pence and Catholic Relief Services. Peter's Pence provides funds for Pope Francis to help those on the margins of society like victims of war, oppression and natural disaster. Catholic Relief Services helps six Catholic agencies provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to those most in need here at home and around the world. Please prayerfully consider supporting today's collection.



**THURSDAY MOVIE NIGHT
March 24: ST. PHILIP NERI
"I PREFER HEAVEN"**

Part 2

Please join us for Mass at 5:00pm in Willsboro followed by a soup supper and a movie. Movies will start by 6:00pm and are no longer than 2 hours.
A brief description:

An epic feature film on the famous "Apostle of Rome" and great friend of youth in the 16th century. One of the most popular saints of all time, St. Philip Neri was widely known for his great charity, deep prayer life, and tremendous humor. Hoping to join St. Ignatius of Loyola's new order of Jesuits and be a missionary to India, Philip was instead guided by Providence to seek out the poor and abandoned youth of Rome to catechize them in the faith and help them find a better life. He became the founder of the religious congregation, the Oratory, that worked with the youth and also labored to re-evangelize a decadent Rome.

**SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AT THE
ENTRANCE OF EACH CHURCH
THIS WILL GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH
SOUP IS NEEDED!**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

LAETARE SUNDAY gets its name from the opening words of the day's traditional Introit: Laetare, Jerusalem ("Rejoice, Jerusalem"). Accordingly, today's Roman Stational Church is the Basilica of Santa Croce, "the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, a basilica built about 325 around part of the Empress Saint Helena's imperial palace in order to enshrine the relics (above all that of the True Cross) she had brought back to Rome from Jerusalem. Originally, the floor of the basilica was covered with earth from Jerusalem. Thus, the church's unique title, "the Holy Cross in Jerusalem." As Lent is half over, and Easter is enticingly near. This Sunday is our foretaste of Easter joy. Knowing the ebb and flow of intensity even in our best efforts, God deals with us tenderly in rhythms of consolation. So today, thoughts of freedom and joy come in the middle of Lent. But the joy does more than cushion our failing energies and needle our lagging spirits. It is a positive, meaningful joy, born of our fruitful life in Christ and of our sweet freedom as His purchased children. The Eucharistic banquet of heavenly Bread, foreshadowed by the multiplied loaves and fishes and become now the Bread of Life for the whole Christian world, adds the quiet gladness of every festive meal with **Laetare Joy**.

With Love and Prayers, ✨ Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS

MASS INTENTIONS: May I encourage all of you to offer Masses for your loved ones both living and deceased. Mass Intention envelopes are placed at the entry ways of the Church. Please feel free to fill them out with an offertory of \$10 and drop it in our regular collection.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION: Starting Saturday, April 2nd followed by 4 consecutive First Saturdays this devotion will be held in St. Philip of Jesus Church, Willsboro at 10:00 am preceded by a Communion Service. The Five First Saturday's devotion is one of the principal points of the Fatima message. It centers on the urgent need for mankind to offer reparation and atone for the many injuries that the Immaculate Heart of Mary suffers from the hands of those who are irreverent and indifferent. All are welcome to join in this prayer service to deepen our relationship with Blessed Mother.

MUSIC CONCERT

MJM7 Band will be conducting another music concert for our parishes on **April 3rd Sunday @7pm in SE Parish Hall**. Please **Save the Date** on your calendar. Please join us for the music and refreshments. Please join us for the music and refreshments.



Things to Ponder.....

You always help yourself...
...by helping others!

LENT SCHEDULE PRIOR TO HOLY WEEK
Mondays: Stations of the Cross (11.30) 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 10th) 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**.

**Stations of the Cross will be in
E-Town & Westport
on FRIDAYS at 6.30 PM**



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

CHRISM MASS



All the faithful of the Diocese of Ogdensburg are invited to join the Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley in the annual Renewal of Priestly Commitment, the Blessing of the Holy Oils and the consecration of the Sacred

Chrism for use in all the churches of the Diocese symbolizing that we are one family in Christ on **Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral**. The Chrism Mass will also be livestreamed at www.rcdony.org/livemass.

WHY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS?

8 REASONS FROM POPE FRANCIS

7. THEY GIVE US THE CERTAINTY OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US
"What has the Cross given to those who have gazed upon it and to those who have touched it? What has the Cross left in each one of us? You see, it gives us a treasure that no one else can give: the certainty of the faithful love which God has for us."
8. THEY GUIDE US FROM THE CROSS TO THE RESURRECTION
"O, Our Jesus, guide us from the Cross to the resurrection and teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy and forgiveness. O Christ, help us to exclaim again: 'Yesterday I was crucified with Christ; today I am glorified with Him. Yesterday I died with Him, today I live with Him. Yesterday I was buried with Him, today I am raised with Him'".



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