



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 6, 2022

Monday, November 7

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, November 8

8:30am (SE) - Special Intention for Brittany Palmetter
by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean

Wednesday, November 9

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, November 10

No Scheduled Mass

Friday, November 11

No Scheduled Mass

Saturday, November 12

4:30pm (SE) - Jeanne Lott by Claire Egar

Sunday, November 13

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SJ) - Special Intention for Rose Mary Rogers
by John O'Hara

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

Readings for the Week of November 7

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

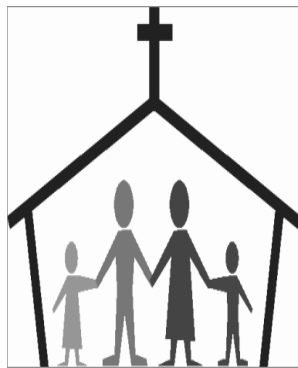
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7-10/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Sunday Event - Advent
Nov 20 11:30am - 12:30pm
St. Philip of Jesus parish hall
Immediately Follows 10:30am Mass
All are welcome

Family Sunday Event - Christmas
Dec 18 11:30am - 12:30pm
St Philip of Jesus parish hall
Immediately Follows 10:30am Mass
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BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE

Elizabethtown: **71.92%** of \$4,903

Westport: **60.59%** of \$3,862

Willsboro/Essex: **99.03%** of \$11,590

On behalf of the Bishop, thank you for supporting this year's Appeal. If any of you have not made and wish to make a donation, please feel free to use the envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

*** REMINDER ***

Next Weekend - 2nd collection for fuel...thank you!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth — Attendance: 24

Envelopes: \$402.25; Plate: \$925.00

Fuel: \$50.00

Total: \$1,377.25

World Mission Sunday: \$20.00

All Saints Day: \$12.00; All Souls Day: \$43.00

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 40

Envelopes: \$303.00; Plate: \$155.00

Fuel: \$25.00

Total: \$483.00

World Mission Sunday: \$5.00

All Saints Day: \$10.00; All Souls Day: \$30.00

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance: 45

Envelopes: \$820.00; Plate: \$113.00

Total: \$933.00

COMBINED SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

1. Today's second collection benefits the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The week of Veteran's Day, every 3-years, this collection is the main funding for the AMS since it receives no support from parishes, the U.S. government or military. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families — including those from our own parish.
2. Also included is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development—Black & Indian Missions...this was originally scheduled for November 20th.

**YOUR GENEROSITY IN HELPING THESE
TWO CAUSES IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

In today's Gospel, the Sadducees and Pharisees think of eternal life as a simple continuation of the worldly life. But Jesus answer reminds them, and us, that our life will be transformed. Our Psalm response reminds us that, when we see God face-to-face, when we behold his Glory, our joy will be full. We will be truly content in his presence. Do we believe that living in Christ Jesus is what will bring us happiness, peace and fulfilment of life here and in eternity? Or is our faith simply a set of rules to follow? St. Paul reminds us: The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and guard us. So, despite the culture which thinks we are fools, let us have courage and find our joy in the love of the Lord. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

NATIONAL VOCATION WEEK

Did you know that in our country, compared to 50 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 130,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has continued to grow steadily. National Vocation Awareness Week, **November 6-12, 2022**, is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and marriage through prayer and education. Is there anyone in your parish you know preparing for priesthood, consecrated life or marriage? Let them know you are praying for them. Let us renew our prayers and support for those who are discerning their vocation as a priest, as a consecrated religious or to marriage, especially from our parish.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Belongingness... How important that word is to our survival on earth? It shapes our whole being, identity and personality. To belong means to come as you are, not as you should be. It is a human nature to want to belong to something, whether it's a sporting team, a nation, a culture, a family, or a shared history. Research conducted by an American professor Brene Browne led her to conclude that we are biologically wired for connection, that "we are created to belong, and our greatest fear is that we will not belong." In her book 'Daring Greatly' she recognizes that "Connection is why we're here; it is what gives purpose and meaning to our lives. The power that connection holds in our lives was confirmed when the main concern about connection emerged as the fear of disconnection; the fear that something we have done or failed to do, something about who we are or where we come from, has made us unlovable and unworthy of connection." How often do we remind ourselves that we belong to God and not to this passing world? In our journey of faith, though we live in the midst of passing pleasures and material things, our ultimate joy is knowing the fact that we belong to God. As a parish family, we need to feel that we are connected to one another by faith. It's your sense of belongingness that thrives our parishes. Thank you for maintaining that bond of belongingness for the greater glory of God and his kingdom.

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊️ Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS:

...On behalf of our parish family, especially from E-Town, I would like to thank **Nancy Dawson** who had been a trustee for a long time as she has decided to resign from that responsibility. As we wish her all the best and our prayers, I also welcome and thank **Dorothy McDewitt Bean** who will be replacing her as a new Trustee for St. Elizabeth's.

...I will be away for a week to make my yearly Retreat at the "SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT" in Alabama from 9-15. Msgr. Poissant will be covering the next weekend for me. Please keep me in your prayers and you will be in mine. Thank you.

...Fuel Collection: Apart from your regular weekend Support, I'm very much appreciative of your extra sacrifice on every second weekend of the month towards the **fuel expenses** of the parishes. As you know, for first time in very long time, we **DON'T** have a lock in price for the fuel oil this year as we will have to pay the market price (less 30 cents) of the delivery date. Until recently we have been paying above **\$5/gallon** with future unknown. Let us hope and pray that the good Lord will provide us all a means to go through this winter.

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.

From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands—all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you." (Luke 6:38)

As Christian stewards, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, to cultivate them responsibly, to share them in justice and love with others and to return them with increase to the Lord. We must continue to stir into flame the many gifts God has given to each of us because He intends each one of us to use our unique gifts and talents to bring others and ourselves closer to the Kingdom of God.

Next weekend is Stewardship Sunday in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. I invite you to prayerfully reflect upon the gifts that God has chosen for you and to speak with your pastor about the various ministries in your parish in which you can participate. I encourage you to become energized and engaged in those ministries. Let us ask ourselves, "How can I use my gifts and talents to serve my parish, community and God?"

I am grateful to the many women, men and youth who are currently serving in parish ministries. You are enriching the spiritual lives of your sisters and brothers in Christ by your ministry. Please also open your heart to encourage and invite others to join in your parish ministries. Your words of encouragement will plant the seed of faith in others as we all answer God's call to serve.

Thank you for your active participation in the faith life of your parish. May God continue to bless the work of your hands and may His blessings be upon you and your family.

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





THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2022

Monday, November 14

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, November 15

8:30am (SE) - Robert & Jane McDevitt

by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean

Wednesday, November 16

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, November 17

No Scheduled Mass

Friday, November 18

No Scheduled Mass

Saturday, November 19

4:30pm (SE) - Patricia Pfeiffer by Claire Egar

Sunday, November 20

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SJ) - Vincent Busone & Joseph Trzaskos

by Larry & Pat Trzaskos

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Readings for the Week of November 14

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 19:1-10

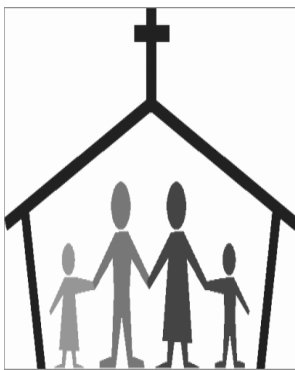
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1-6/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Sunday Event - Advent

Nov 20 11:30am - 12:30pm

St. Philip of Jesus parish hall

Immediately Follows 10:30am Mass

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Dec 18 11:30am - 12:30pm

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Things to Ponder.....

A part of kindness...

...consists in loving people...

...more than they deserve.

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Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth — Attendance: 38

Envelopes: \$987.25; Plate: \$70.00

Total: \$1,057.25

All Saints Day: \$105.00; All Souls Day: \$94.00

Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$72.50

Campaign for Human Development: \$57.50

Saint Philip Neri — Attendance: 48

Envelopes: \$294.00; Plate: \$129.80

Fuel: \$95.00

Total: \$518.80

All Saints Day: \$54.00; All Souls Day: \$90.00

Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$55.50

Campaign for Human Development: \$45.50

St Philip of Jesus — Attendance:

Envelopes: \$2000.00; Plate: \$88.00

Fuel: \$145.00; Christmas Flowers: \$10.00

Total: \$2,243.00

All Saints Day: \$155.00; All Souls Day: \$190.00

Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$10.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$10.00

World Mission Sunday: \$10.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

The readings the Church gives us today point us toward the end times. Jesus tells us about the destruction of the temple and the fall of Jerusalem, of wars, insurrections and persecution. All of this could frighten us, make us want to hide our faith. Yet, the LORD is with us always. We need not be afraid. So, persevere in the faith, stand erect and raise your heads, because our redemption is at hand. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

HARVEST DINNER - TODAY



St. Alexander's Church
Morrisonville, NY

Sunday, November 13,
Turkey & All the Fixings
Serving 11:30AM - 5 PM
Cost is \$14 per meal

Raffle Tickets/Lottery Raffle & Bake Shop
Takeouts only: call 518-561-5039.

PLANNED GIVING

Honoring Loved Ones Through Endowment Gifts

Establishing an endowment in the Foundation of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is a wonderful way to provide a lasting and meaningful gift in remembrance of a special person and at the same time support a purpose that special person held dear. For more information, contact the Diocese at 315-393-2920 or Email slalone@rcdony.org



Reach out and help someone...

...whenever you can!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Sacrament of Reconciliation is often overlooked by the many Catholics today. I believe pastors in many parishes of our diocese might agree with my statement. Maybe one of the major reasons could be the insensitiveness to the sin. More than ever, it's time that we re-discover the importance of this Sacrament which lays a solid foundation for our reception of the Holy Eucharist in a worthy manner. We need God's Mercy and it's lovingly given when approached to this sacrament in all humility. In the Creed, we make so many professions with Faith, towards the end one such is "**I believe in the forgiveness of Sins**" Do you? As your pastor, I urge you to take this sacrament seriously in your spiritual lives. And when we, with the sins we've committed since our baptism, go through the gate of Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation, what will happen? We are honestly sorry for what we have done and want to avoid our sins for the future; we confess them all to the priest representing Christ who offers us the absolution and are ready to make reparation and do works of reparation. And what happens? We know we can't just give ourselves forgiveness. We've come to ask Jesus for it. We have opened our lives to the power of the Cross. And what happens? We are restored to God's grace and friendship. We are reconciled with the Father and with the Church, the whole Body of Christ and are spiritually resurrected. We are at peace and are strengthened for the Christian battle, our warfare with the powers of evil in this world.

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

REMINDERS:

Stewardship Sunday: I would like to acknowledge and Thank in a very special way this weekend not only all who support our parish financially but also as Lectors, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Council members, etc... also all who clean and decorate our churches in Holy seasons. Thank you for your time and sacrifice.

Westport: Like the other two parishes, I will appreciate it if any of you can volunteer in cleaning the church on a weekly basis. It could be at your convenience and will be a great help to Helen who does what she can. Please let me know...

Weekday Masses: Starting Nov 28th all Weekday Masses will be at Noon. Westport will have Masses Mondays and Fridays. Tuesdays and Thursdays E-Town and Willsboro respectively. Thank you.

Willsboro—St. Philip of Jesus Church only: The combined **2nd collection** for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and the Campaign for Human Development was missed last weekend. **This collection will take place next weekend, November 20th.**



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THE FRUITS OF FREQUENT CONFESSION

Pope Pius XII gave a more extended list of the spiritual advantages in his 1943 encyclical *Mystici Corporis*.

Genuine self-knowledge is increased — Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. The regular, thorough, courageous examination of our conscience helps us to do an honest appraisal of our behaviors, character, and movements of the soul. It allows us to know ourselves with God's light, both the good and the ugly.

Christian humility grows — Humility begins with seeing ourselves as we really are, but then extends to looking at and relating to God and others reverently as they really are. Humility helps us to grasp that we hold a treasure in vessels of clay and allows us more easily to serve with love.

Bad habits are corrected — We all have bad habits, but few of us fight intelligently to extirpate them. Frequent confession helps us to identify our vices, probe with God's assistance their root causes, and come up with a resolute game plan day-by-day to battle against and eradicate them.

Spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted — Pondering Jesus' admonition to the Church of Laodicea (Rev 3:14-19), Pope Benedict said, "The greatest danger for a Christian [is] not that he may say 'no,' but that he may say a very lukewarm 'yes.' This being lukewarm is what discredits Christianity. Faith must become in us a flame of love ... that fires up our being ... and so also fires up our neighbor." Frequent reception of God's mercy fills us with the flame of his love and burns away spiritual dross.

To be continued...

U.S. SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Billions of cups of coffee are consumed each day, yet how many of us think about the child labor and human trafficking that goes into our brew? Google coffee and forced labor to learn about the slavery component of the coffee business.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2022

Monday, November 21

Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:15pm (SPJ) - Special Intentions for Richard & Margaret Smith by Anonymous

Tuesday, November 22 – St Cecelia, Virgin & Martyr

8:30am (SE) - Silvia Calvani by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions

Wednesday, November 23

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, November 24

St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
9:00am (SPN) - Peter C. Kullman
by William & Laurie Kelley

Friday, November 25

No Scheduled Mass

Saturday, November 26

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, November 27

8:30am (SPN) - Herbert K & Mary Jane Dowdle Clark
Families by Nancy Montville
10:30am (SJ) - Michael Allen Watkins by John & Sue Carver
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Readings for the Week of November 21

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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Fuel: \$355.00
Total: \$1,282.25
All Saints Day: \$5.00; All Souls Day: \$5.00
Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$20.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 37
Envelopes: \$2,155.00; Plate: \$28.00
Fuel: \$144.00
Total: \$2,327.80
Archdiocese for the Military Services: \$20.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 47
Envelopes: \$705.00; Plate: \$197.00
Fuel: \$353.00; Christmas Flowers: \$60.00
Total: \$1,315.00
All Saints Day: \$10.00; All Souls Day: \$10.00
Campaign for Human Development: \$100.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and our Gospel this week that shows us a paradoxical glimpse of who Jesus really is. The Romans and the Pharisees both mock Jesus on the Cross, sneering at him, calling him Messiah and King of the Jews. Yet they do not realize that yes, this is truly who he is. He is truly Messiah, the Christ, King of the Jews and our King: Christ the King. God the Father has transferred the kingdom to his Son, and like the good thief, one day, we too will be with him in paradise. So, let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP



A very grateful THANK YOU to the thrift shop once again. The donation from their October proceeds is \$1,942.43. Sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, those who donate and those who shop. This donation is a significant part of our monthly income and is so appreciated! Many, many thanks!

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father in Heaven,
Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,
please look kindly upon us
and receive our heartfelt gratitude
in this time of giving thanks.
Thank you for all the graces and blessings
You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal:
our faith and religious heritage,
Our food and shelter, our health,
the loves we have for one another,
our family and friends.
Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,
please grant us continued graces and blessings
throughout the coming year.
This we ask in the Name of Jesus,
Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is the solemnity always held on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, one week before the beginning of Advent. It, therefore, brings to culmination the entire liturgical year, in a celebration of the King of Kings. In our present crisis of authority – both within and without the Church – we are reminded of the true essence of power as we look to Christ as our King. When Pope Pius XI instituted the feast of the Kingship of Christ in 1925, he had in view an era marked by war, extreme ideologies, and the rise of totalitarian regimes. His encyclical, *Quas Primas*, explained that the new feast was to be an antidote to the atheism and secularism plaguing society. Pope Pius was also clear that he wanted this antidote to be administered to the entire Church at the very core of her being. Precisely by its inclusion in the liturgy, the faithful would celebrate – and thus live out – the profound reality given in Jesus' sacrifice. In this feast of Christ, the King, may the statement: "Christ the King" will not just fade out. May it be a statement of faith in us: the mystery that brings each and every one of us into the tremendous realization that His Kingship links our lives into the divine destination in the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom where the devil has no power to conquer and we who believe and put our trust and confidence in His love, will not be conquered but associating our faith in the fashion of His love and mercy, will truly conquer evil with the love of the Kingship of the Christ.

With Love and Prayers.... ✨ Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS:

November 24: We will have only one Mass this day in Westport @ 9.00 am. Wishing you and your family a very Blessed Thanksgiving. There **WILL NOT** be a Mass on Friday.

Next weekend we begin the **season of Advent** in our preparation to celebrate Christmas.

Starting Monday, the 28th through April all weekday Masses will be at **NOON** in all our parishes. All adorations and confessions will take place prior to the Mass.

Willsboro—St. Philip of Jesus Church only: The combined **2nd collection** for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and the Campaign for Human Development was missed last weekend. **This collection will take place TODAY, November 20th.**



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THE FRUITS OF FREQUENT CONFESSION

Continued...

The conscience is purified — To keep our inner organ of sensitivity attuned to God, we must not only regularly calibrate it through examination our actions in light of God's guidance but receive the sacramental help God gives. Trying to follow an unpurified conscience is as wise as trying to drive looking through a sullied windshield.

The will is strengthened — A strong will perseveres in doing what's right and in saying to God, "Thy will be done." Our failures and falls discourage us and weaken the will. God's mercy picks us up and inspires us to keep fighting.

A saving self-control is attained — To be Jesus' disciple, we have to deny ourselves, pick up our Cross and follow him. Frequent confession helps us to control our egomania and discipline our appetites so that we can give ourselves to God and others.

Grace is increased in virtue of the Sacrament itself — Grace is our participation as creatures in the very life and love of God. The sacraments give the grace they signify, and the Sacrament of Penance helps us to live in the truly unbelievable, life-changing reality of God's merciful love.

For those striving to grow in holiness, how can we neglect these Sacrament? Frequent confession is the means by which we never fatigue of receiving the love God lavishly wants to give. May this Sacrament be an integral part of our spiritual lives.

YOUTH BUS FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE

Travel to DC for the 50th March for Life

High school students and Virtus-trained chaperones are invited to join in the 50th March for Life in Washington, DC January 19-21, 2023. Cost of \$150 includes transportation, two hotel nights and 5 meals. Pick up locations: Potsdam, Gouverneur and Watertown. Visit www.rcdony.org/pro-life to view complete itinerary and to register. Contact the Respect Life office with questions.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

Monday, November 28

12:00 (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the McGlinchy & Reiss Families by Peter McGlinchy

Tuesday, November 29

12:00pm (SE) - Deceased Friends & Relatives by Mr & Mrs Harold Bean

Wednesday, November 30

12:00pm (SE) - Pastor's Intention

Thursday, December 1

12:00pm (SPJ) - Walter Collins by Thomas Spierto & Joan Spierto Collins

Friday, December 2

12:00pm (SPN) - Peter C Kullman by William & Laurie Kelley

Saturday, December 3

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, December 4

8:30am (SPN) - Elwin MacDougal by Helen MacDougal
10:30am (SJ) - Deceased Members of the Sayward Family by Carolyn, Jane & Nick

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Readings for the Week of November 28

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1-4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Family Sunday Event - Christmas
Dec 18 11:30am - 12:30pm
St Philip of Jesus parish hall
Immediately Follows 10:30am Mass
All are welcome

Upcoming Dates - Mark Your Calendar

January 22- Peace
February 26- Lent
March 26- Easter



Things to Ponder.....

Wisdom is knowing what to overlook!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 29
Envelopes: \$661.25; Plate: \$36.00
Fuel: \$25.00
Total: \$722.25

Campaign for Human Development: \$112.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 20

Envelopes: \$340.00; Plate: \$96.00
Fuel: \$100.00; Christmas Flowers: \$20.00
Total: \$556.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$87.00
All Souls Day: \$50.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 46

Envelopes: \$525.00; Plate: \$126.00
Fuel: \$25.00
Total: \$676.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$122.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Advent: a time of waiting, anticipation, and vigilance. The readings this Sunday are about comings and goings. Isaiah speaks of people going up to Jerusalem, for worship and receiving instruction. In the Gospel, Matthew anticipates the Lord's second coming, arriving at a time and place we do not know. We too are on pilgrimage, a journey through life, moving always closer to the time of our salvation, when Christ will come to meet us. This advent, can you invite someone along on the journey so that they too, can meet Christ when he comes again? (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR

In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching *The Catechism in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz)* on **January 1, 2023!**

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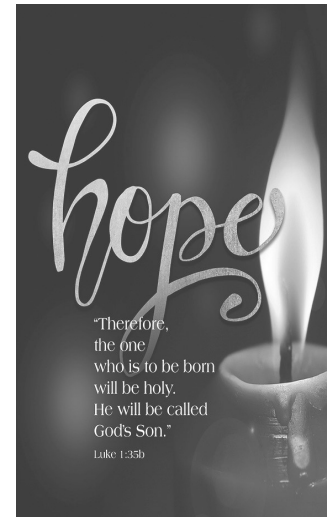
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



“Advent” marks the beginning of a new Liturgical year (YEAR A). The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions.

Advent is not about speculation rather it calls us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. Now, Advent wreath is one among the many attractions of this season. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of **Christmas**.

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

ADVENT WREATH

Each Candle on the Advent Wreath has its significance. The first lit purple candle symbolizes **HOPE**. It is sometimes called the “**prophecy candle**” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

REMINDERS:

Starting in December through April, **all weekday Masses will be at NOON**. All adorations and confessions will take place prior to the Mass. Please note that Westport will have noon Masses on Mondays and Fridays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays (only during Advent) in Elizabethtown and Thursday will be in Willsboro. **Please make sure to refer to the Bulletin for any changes.**

During Advent Confessions will be administered half an hour before Mass each day in the Sacristy. Please feel to approach the pastor if you need this Sacrament.

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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.

HAVING A HOPE-FILLED ADVENT

This first week of Advent we are preparing a place in our hearts for Christ – for welcoming the greatest gift imaginable into our hearts. Do you want this Christmas to be different? Do you want peace amidst the holiday hubbub and your list of to-dos? Let us spend more time making room in our hearts for Christ and less time worried about the gifts we buy. This can be really challenging to do. Here's a small reflection to help you get started:

- What are my priorities this Advent? Do they reflect the true reason for Christmas?
 - Are there areas of my life that are more founded on fear than on hope?
 - Have I surrendered the hard parts of my life, like my messiness or brokenness, to Christ? Or have I hardened my heart to the idea of hope?
 - How can I make more room for Jesus in my heart during these upcoming weeks?
 - How can I do more than survive as I prepare for Christmas?
- During Advent, we remember that God the Father created us and that He has a good plan for us. He keeps His promises and is faithful. Take some time this Advent to meditate on God's goodness and great mercy in sending his only son this Christmas. Your heart longs to allow Jesus to come into your heart daily, it's the greatest gift you can ever receive.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

(For your planning purposes)

Dec. 24th Saturday:
4:00 PM in Westport
Christmas Eve

8:00 PM in E-Town
Christmas Night

Dec. 25th Sunday:
9:00 AM in Willsboro
Christmas Day

