



**TWENTY- SIXTH
SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
October 1, 2023**

Monday, October 2

4:30pm (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*
5:00pm (SPJ) - *Communion Service*

Tuesday, October 3

8:30am (SE) - *Communion Service followed by Adoration*

Wednesday, October 4

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, October 5

4:30pm (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*
5:00pm (SPJ) - *Communion Service*

Friday, October 6

No Scheduled Mass

Saturday, October 7 – First Saturday

12:00pm (SPJ) - *Communion Service*
Followed by First Saturday devotions (first month)

4:30pm (SE) - *Pro Populo*

Sunday, October 8

8:30am (SPN) - *Debra Denton by the Denton Family*
9:45 am (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*
10:30am (SPJ) - *Special Intentions 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 October 2

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday: Zec 8:2-23/Ps 87:1-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

**THE FIFTH FATIMA REQUEST
MAKE THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS**

Next Saturday (Oct 7th) will be the 1st of the series of 5 First Saturday devotions which will be held in Willsboro at St. Philip of Jesus Church.

“Look at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and in gratitude. You at least try to console me and announce **that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.**”

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 35
Envelopes: \$592.25; Plate: \$190.00
Fuel: \$75.00
Total: \$857.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 41
Envelopes: \$508.00; Plate: \$127.00
Fuel: \$20.00
Total: \$655.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: SPJ – 59
Envelopes: \$630.00; Plate: \$387.00
Fuel: \$20.00
Total: \$1,037.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The monthly fuel collection will take place next weekend in all our parishes. Burr...winter will be here before we know it! Thanking you in advance for your anticipated generosity.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary as the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on October 7th. The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, **to pray the Rosary**. The Rosary draws its mysteries from the New Testament and is centered on the great events of the Incarnation and Redemption with each decade referring to an event in the life of Jesus and Mary.

- ♦ The **Joyful Mysteries** are taken mostly from Saint Luke's Gospel in the New Testament. They involve the joyful events of Jesus' childhood.
- ♦ The **Luminous Mysteries** bring a deeper understanding to the public life of Jesus. They fill in the blanks between the childhood of Jesus and His suffering and death on the cross especially the institution of the Most Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper
- ♦ The **Sorrowful Mysteries** remind us of how much Jesus loved us. They recall how He suffered and died for us on the Cross to redeem us and to bring us salvation.
- ♦ The **Glorious Mysteries** tells us what happened after Jesus died on the Cross-His Resurrection, the descent of the Holy Spirit and the love Jesus had for his Blessed Mother through her Assumption and Coronation.

Through our devotion to Blessed Mother and her intercession may we grow in Holiness and keep her as a constant companion in our journey of faith to our heavenly homeland.

U.S. SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



The sale in the trafficking business today dwarfs the numbers involved in the slave trade of the past. Billions of dollars are generated today using people as products to be bought and sold in a global market. See **Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking** for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4th) is perhaps the most known and loved saint within the Catholic Church. Though many flock to him because of his portrayal as one who loved animals and nature, he became one of the greatest saints in history for one simple reason: he was a true and humble servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. Around the year 1202, Francis's dream of becoming a great knight began to move forward. He was fitted with fine armor, a sword, and a horse and sent into battle against the neighboring town of Perugia. But the battle of Perugia was short and ended in Francis' capture and imprisonment. After his release, Francis spent months with a serious illness. Both his imprisonment and illness affected him greatly, and he began to reevaluate his life. However, Francis had a vision that would change his life. In that vision, Francis heard a voice say to him, "Who can do more for you? The master or the servant? The rich man or poor man?" Francis quickly answered, "The rich master!" The voice then asked, "Then why do you leave the Lord for the servant and the God of infinite riches for the poor mortal?" This vision was enough for Francis to turn around and return to Assisi in search of God's will. In 1224, while on a forty-day retreat, Francis was gifted with the **stigmata**, the visible wounds of Christ in his hands, feet, and side. Those final two years were also marked with much suffering from various illnesses and the loss of his sight. On October 4, 1226, after being unable to find a cure for his many illnesses, Saint Francis died surrounded by his brothers in Assisi at the Portiuncula where his life as a Friar Minor began. Just two years later, Pope Gregory IX canonized him as a saint, and his legacy continued to grow. Saint Francis was unquestionably one of the greatest saints to ever live. Saint Francis embraced the will of God with a radical abandonment and ongoing zeal and may we imitate his example in our journey of faith. **St. Francis, pray for us.**

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

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY GIFTS TO THE BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL - WE SHARE THE BURDEN

Tuition Assistance Program • Financially supports parents in their efforts to provide their children with a quality Catholic school education.

Campus Ministry Program • The Office of Campus Ministry provides support and coordination for local campus ministers at 10 colleges and universities across the Diocese of Ogdensburg in order that students may encounter Christ in Sacraments and in each other, deepen their faith and understanding through annual retreats and other gatherings. In collaboration with local pastors and campus ministers as well as other Diocesan offices, The Office of Campus ministry works to provide a well-rounded program of human, spiritual and intellectual development for our college students.

Matching Gifts to Catholic Schools • Dispenses the matching grants to Catholic Schools.

Office of the New Evangelization • Provides resources, workshops and formation for leadership for parishes, groups and individuals to form missionary disciples who are able to joyfully share their faith with others, to assist them to encounter the saving love of Christ in order to accompany one another as we journey on pilgrimage home to God.

Department of Worship • Offers assistance in areas of worship, church art and architecture, and of music and liturgy. Its primary purpose is to help parishes implement the liturgical norms of the Roman Catholic Church, as well as, to be available as a resource for liturgical celebrations and formation throughout the Diocese. (to be continued)

BISHOP'S FUND 2023 UPDATE

E-town: 26% of this year's goal (\$4,903)

Westport: 22% of its goal (\$4,749)

Willsboro: 65% of this year's goal (\$11,590)

Those of you who have not yet participated in this year's appeal, on behalf of our dear Bishop, may I request you to consider the ways you can help with the many activities that this fund supports. Gifts that are small or big makes a big change for a great cause within our Diocese. Please make use of the envelopes placed at the entry ways of the Church. You could mail them directly to the Diocese or drop it in our regular weekend collection. Thank you, Fr JT

**PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
(Prayer for Peace)**

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

Things to Ponder.....

**Look for ways to show...
...praise and appreciation!**



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**TWENTY- SEVENTH
SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
October 8, 2023**

Monday, October 9

4:30pm (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*
5:00pm (SPJ) - *Communion Service*

Tuesday, October 10

8:30am (SE) - *Communion Service followed by Adoration*

Wednesday, October 11

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, October 12

4:30pm (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*
5:00pm (SPJ) - *Communion Service*

Friday, October 13

No Scheduled Mass

Saturday, October 14

4:30pm (SE) - Betty Steele by Yvonne Lesperance

Sunday, October 15

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo
9:45 am (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*
10:30am (SPJ) - Patrick "Moe" Wilkins by Peg Sheehan

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Readings for the Week of October 9

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1-4, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 8-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14

**NYS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS OCT 20-22, 2023
REGISTER NOW!**

Excitement has been building for the NYS Eucharistic Congress taking place over 40 hours on Oct. 20 – 22nd at the Shrine of the Martyrs in Auriesville, NY. Bishop La-Valley will be the celebrant at the opening Mass on Saturday at 11:00. AM. Hear one or more of 12 Nationally known speakers, participate in 1 or more of 40 hours of Adoration, Eucharistic Procession, vibrant Liturgy and Praise and Worship music. Join the over 5,000 currently registered participants. Come for the entire 40 hours or just part of it! **REGISTRATION is required** for access to the site and is **FREE**. Info about the schedule, the speakers and to register either as individuals or a group, go to <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org/>

Questions can also be sent to: Asoltero@rcdony.org.

Things to Ponder.....

*Everything can be looked at...
...from a different view!*

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth— Attendance: 32
Envelopes: \$452.25; Plate: \$71.25
Total: \$523.50

Saint Philip Neri— Attendance: 38
Envelopes: \$305.00; Plate: \$69.00
Fuel: \$5.00
Total: \$379.00

St Philip of Jesus— Attendance: 63
Envelopes: \$1,400.00; Plate: \$239.00
Fuel: \$35.00
Total: \$1,674.00

NOTE:

A word of gratitude to **Fr. Edwards** for celebrating the Holy Eucharist in our parishes this weekend and the last. Let's pray for his good health and continued ministry. Also, my heartfelt gratitude to all who took care of our parishes in my long absence. Be it with Communion services at the Church and Nursing Homes, cleaning the Churches and arranging everything for the Mass for the visiting priests, taking care of the office works and so forth. **Thank you** and I wish you all to know that you have **not** done (or continue doing) all that for me but for the greater glory of God and for your sincere love towards your parishes and its wellbeing. I wish everyone in our parishes to know the same... that every good thing that you do to support our parishes with your time or monetary or even attending the services at the Churches, please don't do it for me or any priest but for your **Faith and Love** towards God who is so gracious to us in many ways. Wishing God's Blessings on you all.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023

ST. PHILIP OF JESUS CHURCH

What a special day this will be in our parish! Christopher Bosley will be making his First Holy Communion.

We will celebrate this special occasion by gathering for a Harvest Dinner immediately following Mass. The parish will provide the turkey, dressing and gravy. **There is a signup sheet on the back table.** Please indicate # of people coming and the **SIDE DISH you will provide.** We hope to have several of these gatherings throughout the year.

HELPING HANDS ARE ALSO NEEDED:

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CELEBRATE CHRIST 2023

**The Human Person in Today's World
We Are All God's Children**

Have you ever wondered what the Church actually teaches about the human person, sexual morality and why? Would you like some help talking to others about these topics? Come to CELEBRATE CHRIST, October 14th at Emmaus Room, St. Peter's Church, Plattsburgh. It is free and all are welcome to attend. Register at this link: www.rcdony.org/celebratechrist

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



As you may have noticed for the last couple of years (except for my first year where I wrote about all my back-ground), I have been writing about various Saints whose feast we might be celebrating that particular week or other relevant religious topics. Though I love and could write my own personal discoveries and stories, I wish to use this space to familiarize you with the saints, some of whom you may never even have heard about. In writing about them, it's like a catechesis for you and me to know them and to imitate them and their good virtues in our journey of faith and in our call to holiness. For a change I thought this week, I will write something different from my side... so maybe I will share with you about the flight I had taken to India earlier last month. So, I drove down to Paramus in NJ on September 12th to meet my cousins and they drove me down to **JFK** airport. It's just 20 miles but took more than two hours to get there. Anyone struggling for patience...maybe they could take a drive down there. Anyway, at the airport I met this Nun going to Nigeria for a Priestly Ordination in the same flight as mine to Doha, Qatar which was almost 13 hours non-stop flight. On top of that, she had a layover there for 11 hours before her next flight home. Thankfully, I had only a couple of hours for my last flight to Cochin, Kerala with another two-hour taxi drive home. In any case, while talking to this nun, she explained her chaplaincy position in one of the hospitals in Queens, NY, with many challenges. I only know or we can only know, how blessed we are in our own way if we open our eyes or meet people outside our comfort zones and see and hear their pains and struggles. We bid our farewell in Qatar and though I may not see her again, I am always grateful to God for placing people like her in my journeys to teach me something new and live on that, until that last flight takes all of us to our true **'HOME'**.

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MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY GIFTS TO THE BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL - WE SHARE THE BURDEN

Education of Seminarians • Enables our seminarians to pursue God's call to the priesthood by assisting with tuition, room and board and medical insurance.

Continuing Education and Formation of Priests • Conducts programs and conferences that support the on-going formation and education of the priests for the Diocese.

Priests' Graduate Studies • Provides graduate studies for priests in sacramental theology, Scripture, moral theology, Canon Law, and counseling, among other areas of concentration where the Bishop would see a need.

Vocation Office • In keeping with the diocesan priority of creating a culture of vocation, the vocations office assists parishes in their vocation ministry, promotes the universal vocation to holiness and mission and fosters and promotes Church vocations to the ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life in the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Permanent Deacons • Facilitates assignments and retreats and organizes ministerial activities and continuing education opportunities.

Deacon Formation • Provides the spiritual, pastoral, personal and academic formation of candidates who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate. (to be continued)

**THE INVITATION TO A JOURNEY
IN GOD'S LOVE**



Each of us is on a journey and God intends it to be the "trip of a lifetime," an adventure: the adventure we've always longed for. What does this mean? The 5th Century saint, St. Augustine, wrote "Our hearts were made for you, O God, and they are restless until they find their rest in You." (Confessions I,1) Much of this restlessness comes from sin, which is a turning away from God; sin is a refusal to love as God loves us. But God

does love us and wants us to find "rest", i.e., fulfillment in life by living in his love without end. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:16-17)

Christ calls us to follow him on a journey which is the way of love: the divine, sacrificial love which leads us into God's beauty, goodness, truth, justice (right relationships), peace, and joy. This love is a great challenging way to live because it must be lived in the face and opposition of the sin in this world, and that sin which we find in ourselves too often. In the face of this sin, Jesus showed God's love and was nailed to a Cross. Yet after he died, he rose to a new, transformed human life, revealing that God's love never ends and sin and death cannot defeat it. On this journey of following Christ, we will need to die to sin (put it to death within ourselves by God's power in us); we also rise with Christ to new life. This is the path and pattern of our lives, the Passover from death to life, called the Paschal Mystery. It happens over and over again, till the end of our lives. It is the way of love, and it is a journey which involves everything we are but is deeply meaningful and totally fulfilling.

We need to believe this is the adventure we have always longed for. (To be continued...)





**TWENTY- EIGHTH
SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
October 15, 2023**

Monday, October 16

12:00pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Remancus & Perkett Families by Margaret Smith

Tuesday, October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

8:30am (SE) - The William & Ellen Keenan Family by the Estate

Wednesday, October 18

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, October 19 – Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

5:00pm (SPJ) - Special Intentions for Rose Mary Rogers by John O'Hara

Friday, October 20

8:30am (SPN) - Herbert K & Mary Dowdle Clark Families by Nancy Montville

Saturday, October 21

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, October 22

8:30am (SPN) - Bruce Hoskins

by Chris & Mark Carpenter

9:45 am (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*

10:30am (SPJ) - Jack & Betty Maloney

by the Maloney Family

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Readings for the Week of October 16

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tim 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10

1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

REPORT MISCONDUCT

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

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Fuel: \$252.05

Total: \$1,200.30

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 46

Envelopes: \$290.00; Plate: \$75.00

Fuel: \$136.00

Total: \$501.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 70

Envelopes: \$665.00; Plate: \$192.00

Fuel: \$297.00

Total: \$1,154.00

All Souls Day: \$10.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, we will unite with the global Church in celebrating **World Mission Sunday**. This year, Pope Francis illuminates our path with the theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your fervent prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionaries working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service. Thank you!



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BISHOP'S FUND UPDATE

Elizabethtown: 57% of its goal (\$4,900) from 16 donors

Westport: 42% of its goal (\$4,750) from 17 donors

Willsboro & Essex: 114% of its goal (\$11,590)

from 20 donors... **Congratulations**

On behalf of our dear Bishop, I thank everyone who has contributed to this year's appeal so far. Certainly, your gift would help many who need help within the Diocese through different programs. Those who have **not yet partaken** from our parishes, I humbly request you to support this appeal the way you can and it's not late at all. Please don't worry if your gifts are going to be small or big, your participation matters. Please note that the envelopes are at the entry ways of the church. Thank you.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



St. Luke (Oct. 18th) was the only Gentile evangelist who wrote books of the Bible, and he was a close companion of St. Paul. St. Luke is known as a very gifted writer, a physician by trade with marked artistic abilities. The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles are works that depict an author who certainly was aware of the needs of his local community. One of the major concerns for Luke was the fact that the people were beginning to give up their faith. They were questioning how Jesus' words, 60 years past to the Hebrew people, could still be pertinent to a "new generation" and culture, to the Greek people. Because of this, Luke stresses mercy, gentleness, and healing time and again. The parable of the "Prodigal Son" is one of Luke's shining examples of God's unfathomable gentleness, love, and mercy. Luke focuses also on Jesus' journey to Jerusalem—in other words, on his way back to God. **The theme of journey is so important to Luke because he saw one's journey back to God as the way to salvation.** The journey of Jesus is one of gentle service. Luke depicts Jesus often reaching out to the poor and the marginalized in gentle and loving ways. There are many life lessons we can learn from St. Luke. Sometimes, I think we also wonder how to apply Jesus' life and words from long ago to our own lives in the 21st century. The themes that were so important to him are still themes essential for us today. Mercy, healing, companionship on the journey, and especially gentleness toward one another is very much needed in our own lives as followers of Jesus. We can lead much more effectively and fruitfully if we "put on an apron" (Luke 12:37) and serve as Jesus served, just as the "scribe of Christ's gentleness" illustrates in his writings. Therein, we find authentic and true leadership.

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

MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY GIFTS TO THE BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL - WE SHARE THE BURDEN

Formation for Ministry Program • Provides academic, pastoral and spiritual formation for sponsored persons called to ministry in their local parishes or in a recognized pastoral ministry within the Diocese of Ogdensburg.

Department of Faith Formation • "Christ-led, Christ-fed and hope filled," the Department of Faith Formation seeks to equip disciples with the tools they need to teach/educate and evangelize in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. Through collaboration with parishes and other diocesan offices, the department provides effective programs that "renew faith, nurture hope and discover love" on the life-long journey of faith formation. It assists parishes in establishing and maintaining faith formation programs for children, youth, and adults and provides a certification process for those who are called to minister as catechetical leaders and catechists.

Diocesan Center of Youth Ministry • Dedicated to be the traveling companion of our young people on the road of life and it is incumbent upon us as a Church community to nurture, guide, and support these young disciples. The Office of Youth Ministry is committed to providing the parishes of the Diocese with the support and resources needed to build and sustain youth-centered, parish-based youth ministry programs. The Office of Youth Ministry operates Camp Guggenheim, the Youth Rally, Diocesan Youth Council, Leadership Weekend, and several annual regional retreats.

Young Adult Ministry • Facilitates regional groups, and opportunities for prayer, fellowship, service projects and retreats and other events to promote and assist young adults in their 20s and 30s to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, the Church and each other to form a community of peers to support and nurture their faith.

Guggenheim Center • A summer retreat and camp for children, young adults and adults, which provides an opportunity for all ages to enjoy one another within a faith-based environment in the beautiful Adirondacks. Modern facilities, newly renovated kitchen and dormitory all facing a beautiful, clear mountain lake.



LIFE IS A JOURNEY

"Life is a highway, I want to ride it All night long; If you're going my way, I want to drive it All night long" -Tom Cochrane

"Do you know where you're going to? Do you like the things that life is showing you? Where are you going to? Do you know...?" Theme from the song of

Mahogany. Popular songs, like the ones quoted above, speak of life in terms of a journey; life is meant "to go somewhere." We talk about progress, which literally means "moving forward; proceeding onward; advancing." We might talk about "going the distance." Sometimes in crisis and sometimes in quiet self-reflection, we may ask: "Where is my life heading? Where am I going?" It is important to answer that question, for as the saying goes: "If you don't know where you are going, you're lost." (some may try to make an exception to that)

The image of life as a journey is a good image and the Bible records many faith journeys with God. The Christian message believes that God intends for our life to be "a journey of a lifetime." This statement deliberately plays upon two meanings which can be given it: our lifetime is a journey, usually from childhood to old age; but also, God has a plan for our journey, a goal and destination, and it involves quite a bit of adventure in living the kind of life God calls us to live in his Son, Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit on this earth, & then finally to be rewarded with a place in heaven with all the angels and saints.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

10/15 Class #6 Why be Catholic?

Discovering the Church Jesus Founded

10/29 Class #7 Where am I Going?

A Look at the Last Four Things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell



TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 22, 2023

Monday, October 23

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, October 24

8:30am (SE) - Msgr. Stephen Wojciechowski
 by the Estate

Followed by Holy Hour of Adoration

Wednesday, October 25

12:00pm (SPJ) - John Wukovits, Jr—12th Anniversary
 by Maryellen Wukovits

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

8:30am (SPN) - Dean DeCapria by Anonymous

Saturday, October 28

4:30pm (SE) - Special Intentions of Nancy Bezile

Sunday, October 29

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

9:45 am (SPJ) - *Holy Rosary*

10:30am (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Carver Family
 by John & Sue Carver

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SJ) = St. Joseph, Essex

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

Readings for the Week of October 23

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-10, 17
 Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10
 Mt 22:34-40

Harvest Dinner
Sunday, November 12, 2023

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Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 30
 Envelopes: \$442.25; Plate: \$102.00
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 Total: \$669.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 38
 Envelopes: \$1,776.00; Plate: \$67.00
 Total: \$1,843.00
 All Souls Day: \$25.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 54
 Envelopes: \$1,730.00; Plate: \$354.00
 Fuel: \$310.00
 Total: \$2,394.00
 World Mission Sunday: \$50.00

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News. The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

HEALING MISSION

St. Joseph's Church, West Chazy, will hold a Healing Mission conducted by Paul Rymniak, on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 30, 31 & November 1**. All three evenings begin at 7 p.m. Confession will be available. All are welcome. Healing is not just for the Physically Impaired. Mental and Emotional stress can take a heavy toll on our lives. Come and experience the Lord and what He can do for you. Come and enjoy Jesus by Worshipping Him. Come and see what Our Lord has for you. Come and be healed. For more information, call 518-493-4521 or email westchazypa@rcony.org

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Saints Simon & Jude (28th) are often confused for more prominent characters in the Gospel narratives, so, unfortunately, we know comparatively little about them. Despite knowing little biographical information, we do know their most distinctive identity: they were faithful apostles of Jesus. St. Simon is known as the "zealous" (to distinguish him from Simon-Peter). The name is thought to either refer to his righteous zeal for the law or for his association with a Jewish political faction. The Apostle Jude also goes by the name of Thaddeus and was the brother of St. James, the lesser. Like Simon, Jude is mentioned in the Gospels usually as only a name in the list of followers of Jesus, although, unlike Simon, he is mentioned in the Gospel of John, at the Last Supper, and gets a speaking role, asking Jesus: "Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?" (John 14:22) Similar to Simon, Jude is not mentioned in Acts after the events of Pentecost. The most prominent traditions of these two saints in the Western Church tell us that Simon preached the Gospel in Egypt and Jude in Mesopotamia. The two met and traveled to Persia to spread the good news and were martyred there—thus, they are honored together, on the same feast day, in the Roman Catholic Church. Among Eastern Christian churches, different traditions hold that Simon was killed in Persia, in Samaria, and in Edessa. Thus, the saints are honored on different feast days in Eastern Christian churches. St. Jude is honored as the patron of impossible causes, possibly because he was often confused with Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus and fell into despair. Because of his association with lost causes, St. Jude is often invoked in hospitals and among those facing life-threatening illness. The account of St. Simon's martyrdom attributes his death to having been sawed in two. Thus, Simon became the patron saint of woodcutters. St. Jude, patron of impossible causes and desperate situations, and St. Simon, the zealous—pray for us!

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

A DAY OF CELEBRATION

A word of "CONGRATULATIONS" to Christopher Bosley as he is making his First Holy Communion this Sunday in Willsboro. May God bless him and his family. Also, a word of gratitude to Cheryl Hutchins who prepared him for this Sacrament. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

10/29 Class #7 Where am I Going?

A Look at the Last Four Things:

death, judgment, heaven, and hell

11/05 Class #8 How do I get there?

(The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments)

Please keep in mind...all parishioners are invited to attend any (or all) of the classes.



From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On October 22, as we observe World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with the Missions of the Church in this annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration.

Pope Francis chose "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" as this year's theme. The Holy Father invites us to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts and to actively share this warmth with the world around us. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we go forth and bring the Good News to all corners of the world.

Founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is an essential source of aid for the Church's missionary work. In the United States, we benefited from these donations: up until 1908, we received close to 7 million dollars, the equivalent of over 250 million today. The dioceses in our country considered mission territories have continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year!

The World Mission Sunday collection assists the Holy Father meet his Papal obligation to build up the Church in over 1,100 dioceses and territories that are too young and/or too poor to sustain themselves. Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of schools and orphanages and enables missionaries to build churches in remote and resource-limited areas, and to meet essential works to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.

Embodying this year's theme, I urge you to keep your hearts aflame and your feet moving this World Mission Sunday. Your prayers are invaluable, and your financial support provides lifegiving aid to our sisters and brothers in the world's most vulnerable communities.

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



ELIZABETHTOWN THRIFT SHOP



Sincere thanks to the thrift shop for the donation of \$2,902.88 to St. Elizabeth's Church. This represents 1/4 of their September proceeds. As always, if you have a few hours to spare, they are always in need of volunteers. Maybe you can help!

Things to Ponder.....

*The first to say "I am sorry" ...
 ...is the winner.*

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