



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 4, 2022

Monday, September 5

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

Tuesday, September 6

8:30am (SE) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family

Wednesday, September 7

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:15pm (SPJ) - For All Children – Born and Unborn
by Nancy Belzile

Friday, September 9 – St. Peter Claver, Priest

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

Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, September 10

4:30pm (SE) - Ellen Marie Weinschenk by Tom Weinschenk

Sunday, September 11

8:30am (SPN) - Gerald Forcier & Family
by Bruce & Nona Hoskins and Family

10:30am (SJ) - Pro Populo

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

Readings for the Week of September 5

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1-6, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 16:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Tim 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of September 4 – September 10

All Parishes – Intentions of the parishioners

To reserve the candle, please submit

- 1) the memorial/honor names,
- 2) donor name, if desired, &
- 3) church name, with \$10 contribution to our parish office at Willsboro, or drop envelope/check in the collection basket



PIE SALE INFO—AUGUST 27/28

St. Philip of Jesus \$ 45.00
St Joseph \$ 52.00
St Philip Neri \$120.00

Your continued support of this fund raiser is greatly appreciated!

Don't forget to patronize and thank our advertisers!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 28
Envelopes: \$1,902.25; Plate: \$104.00
Total: \$2,006.25
Feast of the Assumption: \$30.00

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 58
Envelopes: \$503.00; Plate: \$261.25
Total: \$764.25

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph – Attendance: SPJ: 47 SJ: 39
Envelopes: \$2,295.00; Plate: \$538.00
Fuel: \$40.00
Total: \$2,873.00

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The monthly fuel collection will take place next weekend at all Masses. We have all looked into the fuel costs for our homes for the upcoming winter and find the prices have increased tremendously...so too for our parishes' buildings. Thank you for your continued generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

To be a disciple requires that we pick up our cross and follow Christ. Sometimes we do not know what that means, so we go looking for crosses that we think will be good enough. But the crosses come as part of our daily lives and we pick them up by the way we respond to the situations as Christ would have us respond. Look at Onesimus in the second reading today. A runaway slave whose name means "useful." After his baptism, he is sent back to his owner. This could not have been easy. But neither would it be easy for his owner to now treat him as a brother in Christ. How do we respond to the situations in our own lives? Do we trust that, even in the most difficult situations, Jesus is there with us to show us the way? (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

FALL RETREAT FOR ADULTS Guggenheim Lodge

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Theme: "Meeting God in the Mountains & Valleys of Life"

When: September 30-October 2.

Where: Guggenheim Lodge, Saranac Lake. Space limited.

Facilitator: Sister Bethany Fitzgerald, SSJ, Faith Formation Educator
Father Paul Kelly will be celebrant for Mass on Saturday afternoon.
Suggested Offering: \$150.
For info: 315-212-6592
or srbethssj@gmail.com



Things to Ponder.....

Every train has a caboose!!!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Labor Day provides an opportunity to give thanks to God for the gift of work which 'anoints' us with dignity; to ask for God's assistance in providing our nation and world with work for all that is decent and fair, and to invite God's help in making us faithful stewards of his creation to the benefit of all humankind. For Catholics, work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ. In work, the person exercises and fulfills in part the potential inscribed in his nature. The primordial value of labor stems from man himself, its author, and its beneficiary. Work is for man, not man for work.... Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community. The primordial value of labor stems from man himself, its author and beneficiary. By means of his labor man participates in the work of creation.

With Love and Prayers.... ✨ Fr. J.T.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN, September 10, 2022

It has been said that you are truly forgotten after the last time someone speaks your name aloud. It's a sad fact of life, one nobody really likes to think about. In fact, being forgotten ranks high on the list of some of the greatest fears we face as human beings. That's why it's so important to keep alive the memories of our loved ones—to share stories, to pass along wisdom, to tell future generations of the ones who have gone before us, and to honor their memories. But what about those who never even had a name to remember? What about those who were forgotten or discarded before they had a chance to breathe air? This is the cruel reality of abortion. And so, it is up to us as pro-life people to not only give these deceased children names but to keep their memories alive, to tell others about them, and to share their stories in the hopes that the brutality of their deaths will help others understand the evil of abortion. This is the goal of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. **Established in September 2013** and occurring every September since, this special yet solemn day reminds people that these tiny children were on this Earth for just a short time. It reminds people that these babies mattered. And it reminds people that we will never forget these innocent little ones. The day of remembrance began on the 25th anniversary of the burial of 1,500 abortion victims in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as a joint project of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life, and the Pro-Life Action League. In conjunction with this burial service, over 100 memorial services were held in other states across the nation. The idea was then born that this event should occur annually. Please note that we have a monument for them in Willsboro cemetery. Please feel free to stop by and pay your respects and prayers at your convenience.

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.

REMINDERS

Bishops Fund 2022-2023: Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the 2022 Bishop's Fund Appeal. In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley, asking you to join him in supporting the 2022 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Please pray about your decision and consider making a pledge or a one-time gift. You are invited to bring your gift next week for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Any gifts received after our Diocese reaches its goal will be used to assist families facing emergencies such as house fires and flooding, loss of employment, and high medical costs. Thank you.

Homebound: If you know anyone who wishes to see a priest or bring Holy Communion to their homes, please let the pastor know by calling **518-873-6760**. It also applies to anyone in your family who wishes to receive any other sacraments except for Confirmation and Holy Orders. "God Bless you for letting me know. Thanks".

Pastoral Council: Combined Pastoral Council meeting for all our parishes is scheduled on next Saturday (**Sep. 10th**) at **10 am in SE parish Hall**. Please feel free to share your concerns that need to be addressed with the council members or stop by at our meeting as guests.

PRAYER FOR THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Lord God, Master of the Vineyard, how wonderful that you have invited us who labor by the sweat of our brow to be workers in the vineyard and assist your work to shape the world around us. As we seek to respond to this call, make us attentive to those who seek work but cannot find it. Help us listen to the struggles of those who work hard to provide for their families but still have trouble making ends meet. Open our eyes to the struggles of those exploited and help us speak for just wages and safe conditions, the freedom to organize, and time for renewal. For work was made for humankind and not humankind for work. Let it not be a vehicle for exploitation but a radiant expression of our human dignity. Give all who labor listening hearts that we may pause from our work to receive your gift of rest. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that you might work through us to let your justice reign. Amen



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
September 11, 2022

Monday, September 12

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, September 13

8:30am (SE) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family

Wednesday, September 14

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, September 15

No Scheduled Mass

Friday, September 16

No Scheduled Mass

Saturday, September 17

4:30pm (SE) - Judy Thurman by Katherine Cardena

Sunday, September 18

8:30am (SPN) - Conrad Hutchins by Scott Hutchins

10:30am (SJ) - Pro Populo

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Readings for the Week of September 12

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jh 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-29/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tim 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of September 11 – September 17

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PIE SALE INFO—SEPTEMBER 3/4

St. Philip of Jesus \$ 32.00
St Joseph \$ 85.00

Totals for the season will be in the bulletin next weekend!

U.S. SISTERS AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Many underage victims of human trafficking are students. No community, school, socioeconomic group is immune. Cases of child trafficking are found in every area of the country - rural, suburban, and urban settings alike. Be alert. U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking

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Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 34
Envelopes: \$447.25; Plate: \$376.00
Fuel: \$55.00
Total: \$878.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 70
Envelopes: \$460.00; Plate: \$231.00
Fuel: \$80.00
Total: \$771.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph – Attendance: SPJ: 17 SJ: 56
Envelopes: \$1,005.00; Plate: \$286.00
Fuel: \$40.00
Total: \$1,331.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

St. Paul tells us that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. The Gospel today is filled with Jesus telling us this through the parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the prodigal son. And yet, so many of us still have difficulty believing in God's infinite mercy. God does not judge like we do. He created us and loves us infinitely. Like the merciful Father he is always looking for us to return to him after we have fallen. Today, let us praise God for his bountiful mercy. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

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FRUITFUL INVITATION

**Presented by Joshua Danis National Director,
Alpha Catholic Context**

Do you have friends or loved ones you wish were more drawn to the life of faith? There is no more compelling case for the Gospel than the beauty of a soul joyfully living out the life of grace. Join Joshua Danis, author of "Living the Fruit of the Spirit," as we explore how we can each participate with the Holy Spirit to become more spiritually attractive to others. Full of laughter and stories, we will unpack how the fruits of the Spirit can enable us to draw people toward a life-changing encounter with Christ Jesus.

Monday, September 12th 6:45pm - 8:00pm EST
St Mary Roman Catholic Church
22 Father Jogues Pl. Ticonderoga, NY 12883
For more information or to register:
visit www.route74catholics.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast: Sep. 14th) traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory, the sign of God, who is love itself. Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's. We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. When we make Sign of the Cross, we remember that we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become. O Cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory. God Bless us.

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

REMINDERS

Bishops Fund Goal: Like last year the goal for all our parishes remains the same. **SE: \$4,903, SPN: \$3,862, SPJ: \$11,590.** On behalf of the Bishop, Thank you for your support.

Votive Candles: Lighting the candles reminds us that our prayers are before God, allowing our souls to be filled with His light, and letting that light continue to burn in our souls even though we may physically be performing other activities. Please make use of these candles in each of our churches with a small donation for the re-fill. Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Please feel free to make use of the Mass Intention envelopes placed at the back of the churches to schedule a Mass for your loved ones (both living and the deceased).

**44TH ANNUAL ST. AUGUSTINE'S APPLEFEST
Bishop Terry LaValley, Grand Marshall**

Peru - St. Augustine's 44th Annual Applefest will be held on Saturday, September 17. Craft fair in parish center opens at 10 a.m. Giant parade at 11 a.m. with Bishop Terry LaValley as Grand Marshal, live music, games for children of all ages, grand raffle, silent auction, bake sale, chicken bbq, apple fritters, fried dough, sweet sausages, michigans, burgers, and more. Grand Raffle drawing will be drawn at 4 p.m. For Information Contact John Ryan at 518-643-9386

ANIMA CHRISTI

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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,
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CARRYING OUR DAILY CROSSES...

How many times have we felt like the weight of our cross is too heavy for us to bear? How many times have we fallen and felt as though we could never get up again? It's not easy to carry our crosses. Many times, we feel tired. Sometimes, we don't even know how long we can still go on. We see others succeed as though they don't have any burden to bear. People praise them and look up to them. And no one seems to care about the crosses we bear. Worse, we often feel that we are being unjustly punished in life. That we don't deserve our many troubles. As we meditate upon this mystery today, let us remember how Jesus carried His cross. Of all people, Jesus never deserved to be punished. For what evil has He done? All He did was help people. He fed the hungry, He gave sight to the blind, He cured the sick, and He even made the dead to rise again. But He willingly took up His cross for our sake, for the sake of Love. Friends, however heavy our cross may be right now, know that we are never alone. God carries our cross with us. He carried our burdens long before we were even born because He knew what we could never carry on our own. Don't give up no matter how many times we fall. Remember how Jesus also fell three times, but He rose again and again to give us hope, and to pave the way for our salvation. So, we keep marching strong through the perils of this life faithfully until the day we gain salvation.

BLUE MASS

Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire and EMS Personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass at 2:30 p.m. on September 25, 2022. This year the Blue Mass will be at St. Mary's Church, 521 James Street, Clayton, NY. The entire New York North Country Community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel. For more information contact, Fr. Chris Carrara at 315-605-1039 or ccarrara@rcdony.org.





**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 18, 2022**

Monday, September 19

No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, September 20

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

Wednesday, September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

8:30am (SE) - John & Nancy Boisseau by the Estate

Thursday, September 22

5:15pm (SPJ) - Deceased Members of the Rinaldi Family
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30am (SE) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family

Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, September 24

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, September 25

8:30am (SE) - Lon Fake by Ann Ryan and Family

10:30am (SJ) - Deceased Members of the Carver Family
by John & Susan 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 September 19

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tim 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of September 18 – September 24

All Parishes – Intentions of the parishioners

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3) church name, with \$10 contribution

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PIE SALE INFO—SEASON TOTALS

St. Philip of Jesus	\$1,240.00
St Joseph	\$ 440.25
St. Philip Neri	\$1,046.50

Many thanks to all who participated in this FUN fund raiser! A special thanks to all the bakers and ticket sellers. Sincere congratulations to all the winners. Proceeds will remain in the parish where the funds were raised. See you next summer.

Don't forget to patronize and thank our advertisers!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 29

Envelopes: \$613.25; Plate: \$37.00

Fuel: \$351.00

Total: \$1,001.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 45

Envelopes: \$800.00; Plate: \$254.00

Fuel: \$194.00

Total: \$1,248.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 56

Envelopes: \$945.00; Plate: \$323.00

Fuel: \$469.00

Total: \$1,737.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Am 8:4-7/1 Tim 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

The Parable of the dishonest steward is a bit of a puzzle. Is Jesus really praising his dishonesty? Or is he making a point that we, who say we serve God and not Mammon, should be as practical and prudent in securing our everlasting future as this dishonest steward was in securing his temporal future? Are we truly serving the Lord or are we trying to serve both God and the world? As Jesus warns us: we cannot serve both, so choose wisely. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

***** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 *****

Anytime between 10:00 - 11:00am

St. Elizabeth's Church Parking Lot

7478 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY

Drive thru, stay in your vehicle if you wish.

All are Welcome!! ☔ Rain or Shine!! ☀️

Questions/Info:

Pat Walsh, 518-873-1027

pwalshmarco@yahoo.com

CHRIST IS HERE

...is an opportunity to understand how Christ draws us to Him through all things in this world!

All are welcome. Join us as we view short video talks based on the book Mysterion by Father Harrison Ayre. He will unveil how to see Christ in the world and be Christ to the world through the Sacramental Worldview.

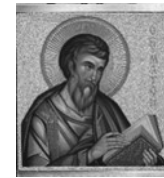
Saturday, October 1st 9 AM – 3 PM @St. Elizabeth Parish Hall,

Register at www.rcdony.org/christ OR let the Pastor know

Bring your own lunch. The presentation is free.

We are counting on you to be there! Bring a friend!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



St. Matthew (Sept. 21st) was a wealthy and "important" man in his day and age. As a tax collector, he was also disliked by many of the Jews. But he showed himself to be a good man by His immediate response to Jesus' call. We do not have many details to this story, but we have the details that matter. We see that Matthew is at work collecting taxes. We see that Jesus simply walks by him and calls him. And we see that Matthew immediately gets up, abandons everything, and follows Jesus. This is quite a conversion. For most people, this sort of immediate response would not happen. Most people would have to first get to know Jesus, be convinced by Him, talk to their family and friends, think, ponder and then decide if following Jesus was a good idea. Most people go through a long rationalizing of God's will before responding to it. Is that us? Every day God is calling us. Every day He calls us to serve Him radically and completely in one way or another. And every day we have an opportunity to respond just as Matthew did. The key is to have two essential qualities. First, we must recognize the voice of Jesus clearly and unmistakably. We must, in faith, know what He says to us when He says it. Secondly, we must be certain that whatever Jesus calls or inspires us to do is worth it. If we can perfect these two qualities we will be in a position to imitate the quick and total response of St. Matthew. **St. Matthew, pray for us.**

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊️ Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS

Women's Prayer Group: The next meeting is scheduled on **September 24th Saturday at 9 am** in Westport Parish Hall. I encourage all women in our parish to get involved in this group for sharing and journeying together in our call to Holiness.

Winter: All our Churches (except Essex) will remain open for worship and Masses. **Etown Parish Hall** will remain closed for the Winter starting halfway through November till May. **Restroom facility will NOT be available during that time.** Sorry for the inconvenience. Westport Parish Hall will remain open and thanks to the food pantry for their support in heating the building.

Westport: The sanctuary project is underway as of Tuesday, September 13th. So far the parish has received approximately \$250.00 in donations. Thank you so much to all those who contributed in any way. Contributions are still being accepted. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! **During this time (about 2 weeks) please remember all Masses usually said in Westport will be in Elizabethtown at the usual times.**

Things to Ponder.....

Develop and maintain a capacity to forgive!



From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Diocese of Ogdensburg was founded one hundred and fifty years ago. As we celebrate this spiritual milestone, we remember those who came before us who sowed the seeds of faith and built the foundation upon which this local Church stands today. We renew our commitment to Christ and the mission He gave the Church to proclaim the Gospel and to live the Beatitudes. We rejoice in the many gifts and blessings which come from the Lord. Yes, we remember, we renew, and we rejoice as Church here in the North Country.

Although the world has changed so much, our mission has remained constant. We strive to reach out to the lost, rejected and forgotten, to educate and bring Christ to the people of the North Country with the help of the annual Bishop's Fund--**150 Years: Together in Faith.**

Each year, your support of the Bishop's Fund Appeal allows us to carry out our mission by:

- ♦ Educating our future priests, deacons, and lay ministers so that they may answer God's call to serve in parishes across our diocese.
- ♦ Providing our youth and our families with in-person and online events and summer camp at Camp Guggenheim.
- ♦ Assisting families with Tuition Assistance for their children attending Catholic Schools; and
- ♦ Giving grants to families and individuals who suffer hardships due to job loss, high medical costs, and other expenses incurred during a personal crisis.

Again, this year, we hope to reach a goal of \$1.3M to support our programs and ministries. We will tap funds raised over our goal to further assist families and individuals to meet critical needs through the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund.

I am very grateful for the generosity of parishioners and friends from across the diocese and beyond who support the annual Bishop's Fund Appeal. Your contribution has a profound impact on those we serve. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the 2022 Bishop's Fund Appeal – **150 Years: Together in Faith** – Praise God!

With much appreciation for your faithfulness, I am

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

QUILT RAFFLE & BAKE SALES

Money raised is as follows:

Quilt Raffle: \$600 Bakes Sales: \$935

Raffle winner was Jennifer Stanley

Special thanks to Nancy Belzile for taking on this project. Also, many thanks to all who participated in the raffle and baking for & buying at the bake sales. The funds will be shared by all the parishes.



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
September 25, 2022**

Monday, September 26

5:15pm (SPJ) - Special Intentions of Nancy Belzile
by Anonymous

Tuesday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30am (SE) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Wednesday, September 28

No Scheduled Mass

Thursday, September 29

Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

5:15pm (SPJ) - Shirley Marquis
by Richard & Margaret Smith

Friday, September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30am (SE) - Gerald Forcier by Judy Powell and Family
Followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour

Saturday, October 1

4:30pm (SE) - Pro Populo

Sunday, October 2

8:30am (SPN) - Herbert K & Mary Jane Dowdle Clark

Families by Nancy Montville

10:30am (SJ) - 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 September 26

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-8/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130

Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

SANCTUARY CANDLES

for Week of September 25 – October 1

All Parishes – Intentions of the parishioners

To reserve the candle, please submit

- 1) the memorial/honor names,
- 2) donor name, if desired, &
- 3) church name, with \$10 contribution
to our parish office at Willsboro,
or drop envelope/check in the collection basket

Things to Ponder.....

Knowing your faults is a strength!

Don't forget to patronize and thank our advertisers!

Last Weekend's Collection

Saint Elizabeth – Attendance: 38
Envelopes: \$853.25; Plate: \$159.00
Fuel: \$60.00
Total: \$1,072.25

Saint Philip Neri – Attendance: 23
Envelopes: \$250.00; Plate: \$73.00
Fuel: \$60.00
Total: \$383.00

St Philip of Jesus – Attendance: 48
Envelopes: \$844.00; Plate: \$262.00
Fuel: \$90.00; Donation: \$25.00
Total: \$1,221.00

THOUGHTS ON EVANGELIZATION

Readings: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

How oblivious is the rich man in our gospel today? First, he never sees Lazarus at his door. And then, when he is in torment, he still thinks he is better than Lazarus and orders him to fetch him water. He is oblivious to the fact that he can no longer make any difference, either for himself or for those in his family who await a similar fate. This is the danger of riches. We become comfortable and think we are in control. The parable today is a warning for all of us to look at our lives and how we follow Christ's commandment to love and care for the poor among us. Let us not get complacent. (from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization)



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

*** Tuesday, October 4, 2022 ***

Anytime between 10:00 - 11:00am

St. Elizabeth's Church Parking Lot

7478 Court Street, Elizabethtown, NY

Drive thru, stay in your vehicle if you wish.

All are Welcome!! ☂️ Rain or Shine!! ☀️

Questions/Info:

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***** CHRIST IS HERE *****

...is an opportunity to understand how Christ draws us to Him through all things in this world!

All are welcome. Join us as we view short video talks based on the book *Mysterion* by Father Harrison Ayre. He will unveil how to see Christ in the world and be Christ to the world through the Sacramental Worldview.

Saturday, October 1st 9 AM – 3 PM @St. Elizabeth Parish Hall,

Register at www.rcdonny.org/christ OR use the Sign-Up sheets at the back of the Church

Bring your own lunch. The presentation is free.

We are counting on you to be there! Bring a friend!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...



Archangels (Sept. 29th) are the second order of angels just above the guardian angels. In all, there are nine orders of celestial beings traditionally organized into **three spheres**. The entire hierarchy is traditionally organized this way:

Highest Sphere: Seraphim, Cherubim and Thrones.
Middle Sphere: Dominions, Virtues and Powers.
Lower Sphere: Principalities, Archangels and Angels (Guardian Angels). The hierarchy of these celestial beings is ordered in accord with their function and purpose. The highest of the beings, the Seraphim, were created solely for the purpose of surrounding the Throne of God in perpetual worship and adoration. The lowest of the beings, the Guardian Angels, were created for the purpose of caring for humans and communicating God's messages. The Archangels were created for the purpose of bringing messages of great importance to us and to accomplish tasks of the highest importance in our lives. **Michael** is well known as the archangel who was empowered by God to cast Lucifer out of Heaven. Lucifer is traditionally thought to be of the highest sphere of celestial beings and, thus, being cast out by a lowly archangel was quite a humiliation. **Gabriel** is well known for being the archangel who brought the message of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary. And **Raphael**, whose name means "God heals" is referred to in the Old Testament Book of Tobit and is said to have been sent to bring healing to Tobit's eyes. Though not much is known of these archangels, it's important to pray to them because we believe God has entrusted them with a mission to help us bring healing, fight evil and proclaim the Word of God. May the Holy Angels protect us.

With Love and Prayers.... 🕊️ Fr. J.T.

REMINDERS

***OCTOBER 1:** May I request all of you to consider attending the workshop on Holy Eucharist this Saturday in Elizabethtown parish hall from 9-3. (Please bring along lunch) This will be a great opportunity for a great renewal in our devotion to the Eucharist. Those who are unable to register online please use the **SIGN-UP** sheets at the back of the Church. Thank you.

***WILLSBORO:** If anyone could let me know someone who will be willing to shovel the sidewalk to the church and ramp for this winter it will be much appreciated. (518-873-6760). On another note, the **LIFT PROJECT is now on Hold** after consulting with council members until the day we can finish the project with the funds we have now. My sincere apologies for this continued delay...

***Please welcome Fr. Frank Natale**, Pastor of Sacred Heart parish in Watertown and Black River and Evans Mills where I will be doing a Mission appeal this weekend. Thank you.



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.

AUGUST GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS



We raised \$913.00 for the golf tournament. There was a total of 12 teams competing: men's, women's & mixed.

Clayton Cross team won the men's, Terri Wilkins team won the women's and the

mixed was won by the Jeff Marcotte team. We are planning to make this an annual event and hope for it to be "Bigger & Better" next year. A big thank you to all who helped & those who participated. Thank you, John & Sue Carver

BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

Our parish's Bishop's Fund Appeal activity is coming to a close. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the Church. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. Online giving is also available at www.rcdonny.org/giving/donate-now-bishop-s-fund. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. To everyone who has made a gift or pledge, on behalf of Bishop LaValley, thank you for making a difference in the lives of thousands of people across our Diocese.

LIFECCHAIN SUNDAY: October 2nd

This the 35th year of the National Lifechain! Each year, Life Chains form nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for life. Stand & pray in these locations: Potsdam 2-3 Across from Roxy Theatre, Plattsburgh 2:30-3:30 Smithfield Blvd. Saranac Lake 2:30-3:30 Bandshell Park along River Street, We stand for life rain or shine. Signs provided. Bring a friend. More information and a listing of all locations at www.lifechain.org

