

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2018

+++ The Holy Mass This Week +++

Monday, February 26

9:00am (SPJ) - Communion Service

Followed by The Stations of The Cross

Tuesday, February 27

8:30am (SPNR) - All Souls by St Mary's Church, Canton

9:00am (SPJ) - Communion Service

Followed by Devotion To The Holy Face of Jesus
& Recitation of the Rosary

Wednesday, February 28-2nd Soup, Sandwich, Movie

5:30pm (SPJ) - Fr. Andrew R Mulvaney by the Estate

Thursday, March 1

10:15am (EC) - Msgr Stephen Wocjehowski

by the Estate

11:00am (CVSC) - Communion Service - All Welcome

Friday, March 2

8:30am (SPNR) - Fr. Andrew R Mulvaney by the Estate

9:00am (SPJ) - Communion Service

Followed by Adoration until 10:00am

Saturday, March 3

4:30pm (SE) - Jeanne Luppe by Helen MacDougal

Sunday, March 4

8:30am (SPN) - Pro Populo

10:30am (SPJ) - Fr. Andrew R Mulvaney by the Estate

(SE) = St. Elizabeth, Elizabethtown

(SER) = St. Elizabeth Rectory Chapel, Elizabethtown

(SPJ) = St. Philip of Jesus, Willsboro

(SPN) = St. Philip Neri, Westport

(SPNR) = St. Philip Neri Rectory, Westport

(EC) = Essex Center (Nursing Home), Elizabethtown

(CVSC) = Champlain Valley Sr Community, Willsboro

Readings for the Week February 26, 2018

Monday: Dn 9:4-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 24/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28/Ps 105:16-21

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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HEARTS ON FIRE

Friday, March 2, Malone, NY

Join us for Adoration with praise and worship music on the First Friday of the Month at 7 p.m. in Notre Dame Church in Malone. A bonfire with snacks will follow! This event is open to all and occurs on every first Friday. Contact Andrew Duso

(andrew@standres.org) for more information.

Last Week's Collection

Saint Elizabeth

Envelopes: \$520.50; Plate: \$122.00

Total: \$642.50

Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$188.50

Saint Philip Neri

Envelopes: \$293.00; Plate: \$73.00

Total: \$366.00

Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$100.00

St Philip of Jesus/St Joseph

Envelopes: \$485.00; Plate: \$185.00

Fuel: \$253.00

Total: \$923.00

Church of Central & Eastern Europe: \$154.00

EASTER FLOWERS

There is a special envelope next weekend for those who would like to donate to the expense for flowers to decorate our churches for Easter. If you do not have envelopes you may put your donation in a regular envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARSHIP

Why fast? Perhaps our first thought about Lenten fast is to give up chocolate. But what does that have to do with my relationship to God? Abraham saw giving up what was most dear to him, as a way of showing that God was more important than life itself. Perhaps giving up chocolate or some other favorite food or drink also expresses that someone or something is more important than my immediate pleasure. Fasting can provide us with the moral strength needed to fast from harmful habits that affect our health, the health of our planet, and the well-being of others. Suggestion: Cut back on personal consumption. Adopt a less-is-more attitude this Lent. Spend some time in prayer. Lord, grant me the wisdom and courage to 'live simply that others may simply live this week.'



...Sunday March 18th Penance Services: 2:00 p.m. Ticonderoga & 4:00 p.m. Port Henry
*** Attendance at one of the Penance services is required for Confirmation candidates from all parishes unless they celebrate the sacrament on the Confirmation retreat or in their home parish during Lent.

FROM THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

A resource for Lent

The diocesan Public Policy Committee has created a resource in conjunction with the season of Lent based on the 7 themes of Catholic social teaching. The committee has created a downloadable prayer card as well as a webpage which will include a series of articles in the weeks to come on each of the 7 themes. The articles will also appear in the North Country Catholic. The first article, summarizing the themes is currently available. For more information please see the public policy webpage under the "About the Diocese" section on the Diocesan website: <https://www.rcdony.org/>

Things to Ponder.....

We become strong only after we have...

...acknowledged our weaknesses.

From Fr Francis "Vinny" & Deacon Paul...

Fr. Vinny....I slipped and fell last weekend and ended up breaking a small bone (they think) in the tibial plateau area. Two years ago it was the tibial plateau that I fractured. So I am back on crutches. I have an appointment Friday with a new orthopedic surgeon in Lake Placid since the one I went to two years ago in Plattsburgh is no longer in practice. Hopefully I will know more after I have visit with him. So I will need help getting things in and out of my car etc. Deacon Paul will be working on getting faculties to preach after he gets back from Nicaragua so he will be out of the parishes 3 weekends. Frustrated? You have no idea.

...All Things St Patrick: The Dinner is scheduled for the Sunday before St Patrick's Day...this year Sunday March 11th.

...Lisa Decker purchased aluminum pans for people to take and use to make gingerbread. I will have them at all churches this weekend. We need as much help as we can get. As you know the parishioners of SE who have been doing the dinner for years have dwindled in numbers. I also will have tickets for the cash raffle if anyone wasn't at masses the last two weekends and would help sell or buy them. There are packets of 10, with 2 complementary tickets, and packets of 20 with 4 complimentary tickets.

...Friday March 9th starting at 6 p.m. we need volunteers to help peel vegetables. Last year we were short of help so it took longer. If you could bring your own peeler that would be helpful. Paul White will be organizing the dish washers so if you would be willing to help in that area please contact him. His phone: 536-2642.

...Lenten Movie/soup & sandwich nights

Wed Feb 28st after 5:30pm Mass in Willsboro and Thurs Mar 1 at 6:00pm in Westport rectory. The movie for this week: "I AM NOT ASHAMED" The inspiring true story of Rachel Joy Scott at Columbine High School. I had selected the movie long before the shooting incident that just took place in Florida where 17 students were killed. Rachel was the 1st student killed in the Columbine high school shooting in 1999. While it seemed that her hopes and dreams ended that day, God was just getting started.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Sponsored by the Ogdensburg Cursillo Movement

St. Augustine Church, Peru, NY

Saturday, March 03 10:00AM to 5:30PM

Join Bishop Terry LaValley, Fr. Alan Shnob, Fr. Timothy Canaan, Fr. Albert Hauser, Fr. Jack Downs and Deacon David Clark for a day of talks, prayer, personal witness, recollection and opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Lunch will be provided.

Anticipated Sunday Mass will be celebrated by Bishop LaValley at 4:30PM at St. Augustine Church in Peru, NY Pre-registration is requested to assure seating and food. A donation of \$10/adult is suggested upon arrival to help defray expenses. Please pre-register by email or phone no later than Monday Feb. 26:

Kathy Racette: kathyracette@gmail.com, 518-314-1505
or Ken Racette, kracette1a@gmail.com, 518-578-3056



From Bishop Terry R. LaValley...



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:
For more than seventy years, bishops of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have found the North Country Catholic to be a trusted partner in spreading the Good News of our Church.

Connecting Catholics from Port Henry to Port Leyden, from Lake Champlain to Lake Pleasant to Lake Ontario and all points in between, every week, the NCC has offered information and inspiration with timely and relevant articles on prayer, scripture, Church and religious news.

The North Country Catholic has been the most efficient and effective way for me to communicate with Catholics throughout our expansive diocese. During these challenging times, it is more important than ever that families welcome a Catholic perspective on the news of the day into their homes.

As part of our efforts in the New Evangelization, we must deepen our own relationship with Christ and reach out to Catholics who are not fully active in our faith, who we don't see in church nor do they participate in parish life on a regular basis. The North Country Catholic delivered into homes helps us strengthen our faith and enables our parish families to stay connected and support one another.

This weekend, the annual North Country Catholic subscription campaign begins in all of our parishes. I ask that every Catholic family subscribe to our paper. If you are a current subscriber, please renew your subscription in this week's campaign. Why not consider obtaining a subscription as a gift for a family member? I invite those who don't currently subscribe to consider how important it is today to be an informed Catholic Christian and allow our diocesan newspaper to be a vehicle to help you and your families grow in faith.

I hope that you accept my invitation to welcome the award-winning North Country Catholic into your home. With much gratitude for your prayerful support, I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley
Bishop of Ogdensburg

POWER of PRAYER PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES
Following are a couple links that you may find useful to enhance your prayer life during this Lenten season.

...Looking for someone to pray with?
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sanctuaryofsaintkateritekakwitha/>

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