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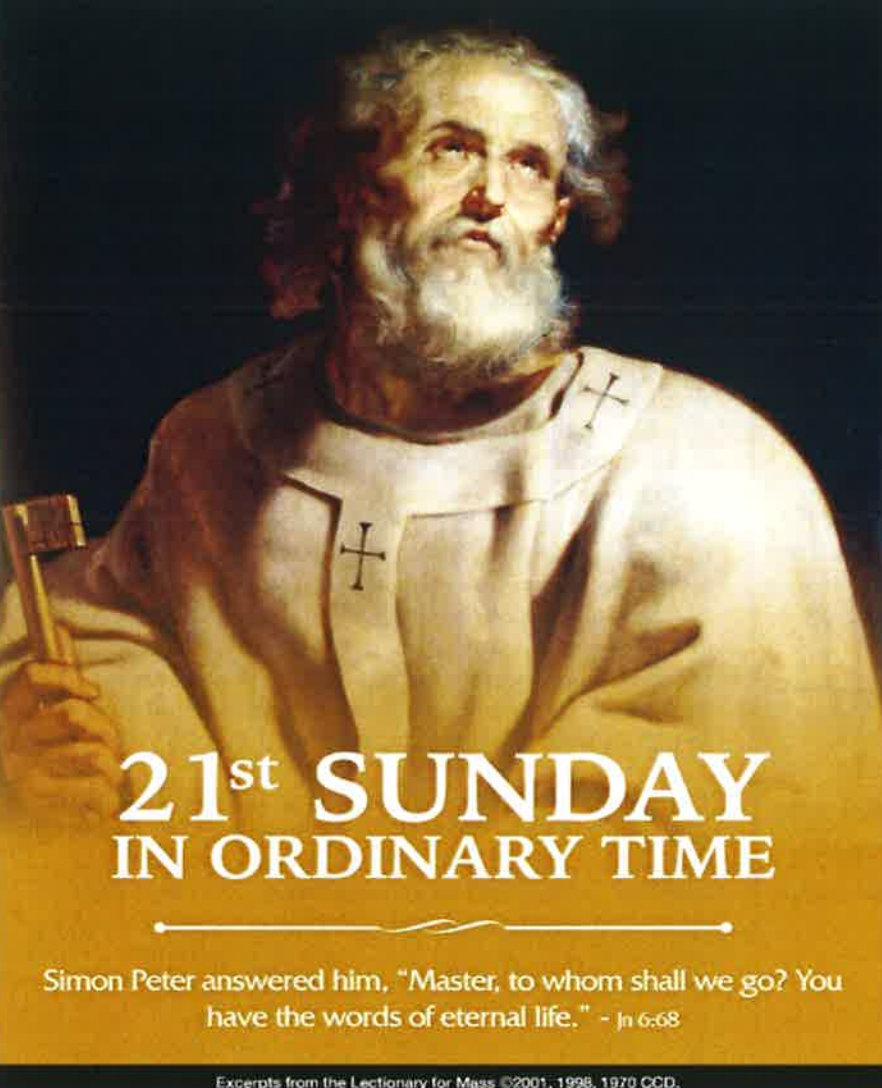
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# Christ Our Hope Parish

St. Joseph Church, Boonville  
St. Patrick Church, Forestport  
St. Mary of the Snows, Otter Lake

## The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County



**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." - Jn 6:68

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### Today's Readings Begin on pg. 989 Year B

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b**  
We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.  
**Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21**  
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
**Ephesians 5:21-32**  
This is a great mystery, regarding Christ and the Church.  
**John 6:60-69**  
To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 24th**  
**Mission Appeal Weekend**  
4:00PM— (St. J)  
-For Joseph and Clara Sportelli by Mark and Celia Domser.

**Sunday, August 25th**  
8:00AM—(St. P)  
-For Craig Carr (5th Ann.) by Ann Marie Carr and Family.  
9:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.  
11:15AM—(St. M)  
-For Mr.&Mrs. Leo Clark, Mr. & Mrs. James J. O'Hara and Families by Jim and Maureen O'Hara.

**Monday, August 26th**  
8:30AM – (St. J)  
-For Steven Stooks by Ray Rueger.

**Tuesday, August 27th**  
8:30AM – (St. J)  
-For Kate & Miguel Medrano (Living Intention) by Mom.

**Wednesday, August 28th**  
8:30AM – (St. P)  
-For Ralph E. Rawson Jr. by Rosemary Fitts.

**Thursday, August 29th**  
No Scheduled Mass

**Friday, August 30th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Deceased Members of the Lindsey Family by the Family.

**Saturday, August 31st**  
4:00PM— (St. J)  
-For Ira and Louise Domser by Mark and Celia Domser.

**Sunday, September 1st**  
8:00AM—(St. P)  
-For Alma, Barney & Timothy Noga by the Family.  
9:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Ralph E. Rawson Jr. by Christ Our Hope Parish.  
11:15AM—(St. M)  
-For Bill Hinge by Inniscarra.

## OFFICE HOURS

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### Mass Times

#### Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30AM (SJ) Boonville  
Wednesday 8:30AM (SP) Forestport  
Thursday No Mass

#### Sunday Mass

Vigil Saturday 4:00PM (SJ) Boonville  
Sunday 8AM (SP) Forestport, 9:30AM (SJ) Boonville  
*St Mary of the Snows 11:15AM Sunday*  
*(Memorial Day through Labor Day)*

### Would you like to join us as a new parishioner?

We invite you to become an active participant of our parish community and we welcome you. Please take a census envelope from the entrance of the church or call the Parish Office.

### Prayer of Declaration

Lord,

In the season when faith is hard, help me to be as bold as Peter who picked you above all others saying, "To whom shall I go? You have the words of eternal life."

You're my God. I'm yours.

There is nowhere else I would rather be.

Amen.

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Please call the office to make arrangements.

### Marriage

Please make an appointment with the priest at least 6 Months prior to Wedding date.

### Reconciliation

3:15-3:45PM Saturdays at St Joseph's, Boonville  
and 7:30-7:50AM Sunday at St Patrick's, Forestport

† To request either the Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick please call the Parish Office. †

Dear Parishioners,

As I mentioned last week, we will be having our fall Festival October 6th at Stysh's Campground. This year we will be changing the time slightly starting at 1PM and going until 5PM. We are looking for baskets for our basket raffle, so if you would like to make one feel free to drop it off at the office. If the office is closed, you may drop it off at the Parish hall between the hours of 9AM and 2 PM.

In our first reading from Joshua, we encounter a pivotal moment in Israel's history, where Joshua gathers the tribes and challenges them to renew their covenant with God. This passage serves as a powerful reminder of the choices we face in our spiritual journeys. Joshua's call to choose whom they will serve resonates deeply with contemporary believers, urging us to reflect on our commitments and priorities.

Joshua stands before the people, recounting their history and God's faithfulness. He emphasizes the necessity of making a deliberate choice regarding whom they will worship—whether the gods of their ancestors or the Lord who led them from Egypt. This moment of decision underscores the importance of personal accountability in faith. It is not enough to inherit beliefs; one must actively choose to follow God.

In verses 15 and 16, Joshua declares, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." This declaration is both personal and communal, highlighting the influence of our choices on those around us. It invites us to consider the legacy we are creating for future generations. Are we leading them toward faith, or are we allowing distractions to pull us away from a relationship with God?

The people's response—acknowledging God's mighty acts and committing to serve Him—demonstrates the collective resolve to embrace faith. Their affirmation reflects the transformative power of remembering God's past deeds, which can inspire hope and commitment in our own lives. Ultimately, this passage challenges us to examine our own allegiances. In a world filled with competing priorities, we are called to make conscious decisions about our faith. Like the Israelites, we are invited to renew our commitment to serving the Lord, ensuring that our choices align with His purpose for our lives.

Have a Blessed week,  
Fr. Matt

### SAVE THE DATE: October 6, 2024

Christ Our Hope Parish  
Fall Festival at Stysh's Brown Barn



REFLECTION



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We remember in our prayers

Charles Mooney, Frances Miller,  
Jamie Uhl-Goosman, Jeffrey Batt, Lorraine King,  
Walt Belewich, Sr. Ann Lash, Jim White,  
John Bailey, Cretia Carpenter, Candace Schaffer,  
David Hoffman, Shirley Mason,  
Michael Stinebrickner, Ron Cuccaro,  
Michelle Durney Croniser, Alan Ripp,  
Wayne Millnitz, Rick Dano, Matthew King,  
Tim Thayer, Herbert Aueter,  
Eric Wayne Brown, and Everett Otto Stoots.

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

THANK YOU to all members, friends, and parishioners who helped the CWC with our weekend sale. It was successful because of everyone's efforts. Your donations of sale items and baked goods are so appreciated and your assistance with setup and takedown are priceless.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2024-2025

Classes will begin September 22nd!  
(Circle of Care optional class is Sept. 15th)  
Registration forms have been mailed out.  
They will also be available at the church entrances. Registration forms are due by August 30th. Any questions, please call (315) 942-4618

### Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection  
Regular Income: \$6,965.00  
Fuel & Heat: \$1,434.00  
Assumption: \$960.00

### August Second Collections

August 25– Cemetery Maintenance Fund  
We are one: Please make your donation out to Christ Our Hope Parish.  
TO MAKE YOUR WEEKLY DONATION ONLINE VISIT  
WWW.CHRISTOURHOPERC.ORG

## Food Pantry Corner

The St Patrick's food pantry has distributed 1239 meals for the month of July. A reminder to our seasonal neighbors and vacationers, when the time comes to close down your camps, please consider donating your unopened, not-expired shelf items to our local food pantry. You can contact us at (315) 507-0547 to make arrangements with a volunteer.

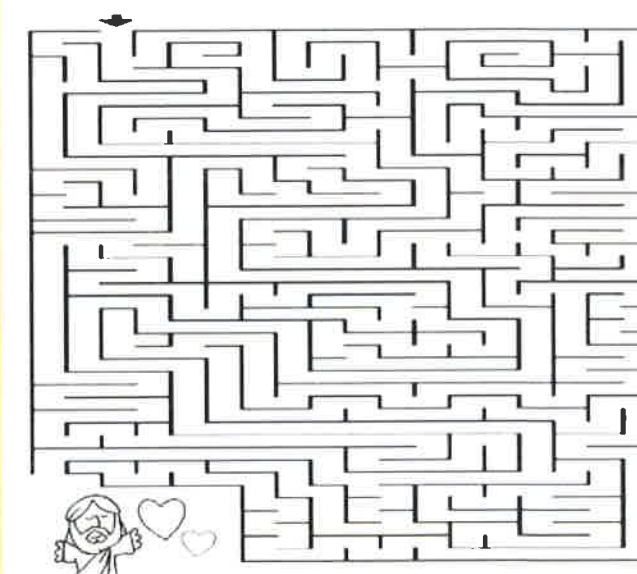
The St. Patrick's St. Mary's food pantry is participating in Mohawk Valley Gives. On September 20th there is a 24-hour day of giving where members of our community and folks country wide can make donations to organizations that support families in their communities.

On September 20th go to [givemv.org](http://givemv.org), search St. Patrick's St. Mary's food Pantry in Forestport and make a donation. Your support helps us continue our mission to serve food to insecure families in our surrounding communities.

## KIDS CORNER



Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.