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## Christ Our Hope Par-

St. Joseph Church, Boonville

St. Patrick Church, Forestport

St. Mary of the Snows, Otter

## The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

Today's Readings begin on pg. 940 Year A

Isaiah 58:7-10

Your light shall break forth like the dawn.

Psalms 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I have announced to you the mystery of Christ crucified.

Matthew 5: 13-16

You are the light of the world.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**First Saturday, February 7th**

**8:30AM— (St. J)**

-Healing Mass

**4:00 PM— (St. J)**

-For Frank & Carmella Bonacci  
by Mark & Celia Sportelli Domser.

**Sunday, February 8th**

**8:00AM—(St. P)**

-For Mary Sobotka by Rosemary Fitts.

**9:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Our Parishioners and Their  
Intentions.

**Monday, February 9th**

**8:30AM — (St. J)**

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Tuesday, February 10th**

**8:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Deceased Members of the  
James & Mary Collins Family  
by MaryLou & John Serth.

**Wednesday, February 11th**

**7:30AM— (St. J) Holy Hour**

**8:30AM—(St. P)**

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

**Thursday, February 12th**

**8:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Rev. Valentine Krul by the Parish.

**Friday, February 13th**

**8:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Carol Kelly by the  
Podkowka Family.

**Saturday, February 14th**

**8:30AM— (St. J)**

-For A Living Special Intention  
by Kelly Nagy and Family.

**4:00 PM— (St. J)**

-For John Sugar by Jane & Family.

**Sunday, February 15th**

**8:00AM—(St. P)**

-For Thomas Crowley  
by Rosemary Fitts.

**9:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Robert Cataldo & Kathryn Helen  
Cataldo by Kelly Nagy & Family.



## OFFICE HOURS

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### MASS TIMES

#### Daily Mass

Monday through Friday  
8:30AM (SJ) Boonville; Saturday 8:30AM (SJ)  
Wednesday 8:30AM (SP) Forestport

#### Holy Hours

Monday—Friday 7:15AM-8:15AM (SJ)  
Exposition and praying of the Rosary  
during the Holy Hour.

#### Sunday Mass

Vigil Saturday 4:00PM (SJ) Boonville  
Sunday 8AM (SP) Forestport  
(confessions from 7:15AM-7:45AM (SP)  
9:30AM (SJ) Boonville

#### 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation Monday-Friday 6PM-6:30PM (SJ)  
3:00-3:45PM Saturdays at St Joseph's, Boonville  
and 7:15-7:45AM Sunday at St Patrick's, Forestport

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

**Parish contribution envelopes for 2026  
are now available in the Churches.**

*Please pick up your box.*

*If you currently do not have envelopes and would like  
them, please complete a Parish census form also  
found in church, and  
return it to the Parish office. Thank You.*

### "SEARCHING FOR AND MAINTAINING PEACE" BY FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE

Please join us at Gill Hall on Tuesday evenings from  
6:30PM-8:00PM for a light meal and  
discussion with Fr. Ward on the above book.  
Please check Parish Facebook page for cancellations.

Fr. Ward will also be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on  
Wednesdays from 6:30PM-7:30PM on the subject of OCIA  
(Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
for interested individuals. The initial sessions  
will focus on inquiry.

Dear Friends in Christ,

In preparation for the sacred  
liturgical season of Lent, ... his  
Holiness Pope Benedict XVI wrote a  
Message for all the faithful. The  
theme of the message is "Christ made himself poor for you".



Each year, Lent offers us a providential opportunity to deepen  
the meaning and value of our Christian lives, and it stimulates  
us to rediscover the mercy of God so that we, in turn, become  
more merciful toward our brothers and sisters. In the Lenten  
period, the Church makes it her duty to propose some specific  
tasks that accompany the faithful concretely in this process of  
interior renewal: these are prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Almsgiving... represents a specific way to assist those in need  
and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from  
attachment to worldly goods. The force of attraction to material  
riches and just how categorical our decision must be not to make  
of them an idol, Jesus confirms in a resolute way: "You cannot  
serve God and mammon" (Lk 16:13). ... Almsgiving helps us to  
overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our  
neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess  
through divine goodness.

The Gospel highlights a typical feature of Christian alms-  
giving: it must be hidden: "Do not let your left hand know what  
your right hand is doing," Jesus asserts, "so that your alms may  
be done in secret" (Mt 6:3-4).

What is more: Saint Peter includes among the spiritual fruits  
of almsgiving the forgiveness of sins: "Charity," he writes,  
"covers a multitude of sins" (1 Pt 4:8). As the Lenten liturgy  
frequently repeats, God offers to us sinners the possibility of  
being forgiven. The fact of sharing with the poor what we  
possess disposes us to receive such a gift.

In this moment, my thought turns to those who realize the  
weight of the evil they have committed and, precisely for this  
reason, feel far from God, fearful and almost incapable of  
turning to Him. By drawing close to others through almsgiving,  
we draw close to God; it can become an instrument for authentic  
conversion and reconciliation with Him and our brothers.

Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, made Himself poor to enrich us out  
of His poverty (cf. 2 Cor 8:9); He gave His entire self for us.  
Lent, also through the practice of almsgiving, inspires us to  
follow His example. In His school, we can learn to make our  
lives a total gift; imitating Him, we are able to make ourselves  
available, not so much in giving a part of what we possess, but  
our very selves. ... Love, then, gives almsgiving its value. Let  
this time, then, be marked by a personal and community effort  
of attachment to Christ in order that we may be witnesses of His  
love. (Message for Lent: Ash Wednesday, 6 February 2008)

Grace be with you all,  
Rev. Thomas I. Ward



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We remember in our prayers

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

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Thanks to those who gathered for an informal  
lunch at Kratzy's on February 4, 2026. A  
pleasant midwinter afternoon was enjoyed by  
all. Looking forward to Spring, our next  
CWC meeting will be on Wednesday, April 1

### Synod- Listening Sessions

You may recall that the Synod began in 2021 when  
Bishop Lucia visited each Parish in the diocese to hold  
"listening sessions" with the congregation.

As this process moves into the Implementation Phase,  
Bishop Lucia is asking each Parish Pastor/Administrator  
to hold a parish wide "listening Session" prior to the  
Easter celebration.

Christ Our Hope Parish will be holding a synod  
gathering on Monday, February 23rd  
at 6:30PM in Gill Hall. Please attend, thank you.

**2025 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION  
STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. PLEASE  
CALL OR STOP BY.**

### Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection  
Regular: \$11,435.00

### February 2026 Second Collections

Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)- Catholic Church  
In Central & Eastern Europe.  
Feb. 22- Black & Indian Mission Office.

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 food pantry has distributed 1302 meals to 20  
families in the month of January to date.  
We sincerely thank all of our neighbors who have  
donated to us throughout the season and thank you to our  
dedicated volunteers who help us keep the ship afloat.  
If you are in need of food, please reach out to us, we are  
here to help! 315-507-0547.

**THE THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL SPRING**

### FAITH FORMATION

**March 1st classes will resume.**

**March 8th - FAITH FORMATION BOWLING PARTY,**  
**BOONVILLE BOWL A RAMA 1:00-3:00pm**

Please Sign up by contacting Kelly Nagy -DRE  
email Kelly - [Knagy@syrdio.org](mailto:Knagy@syrdio.org) or text  
315-777-2658 by March 1st.

**FIRST COMMUNION STUDENTS,  
FIRST RECONCILIATION HAS BEEN  
RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY  
MARCH 8th, AFTER THE 9:30am  
MASS.**

## KIDS CORNER

### PUZZLE

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?  
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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### MISSION

I will show others how to get to heaven by my  
words and actions.  
(Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.)