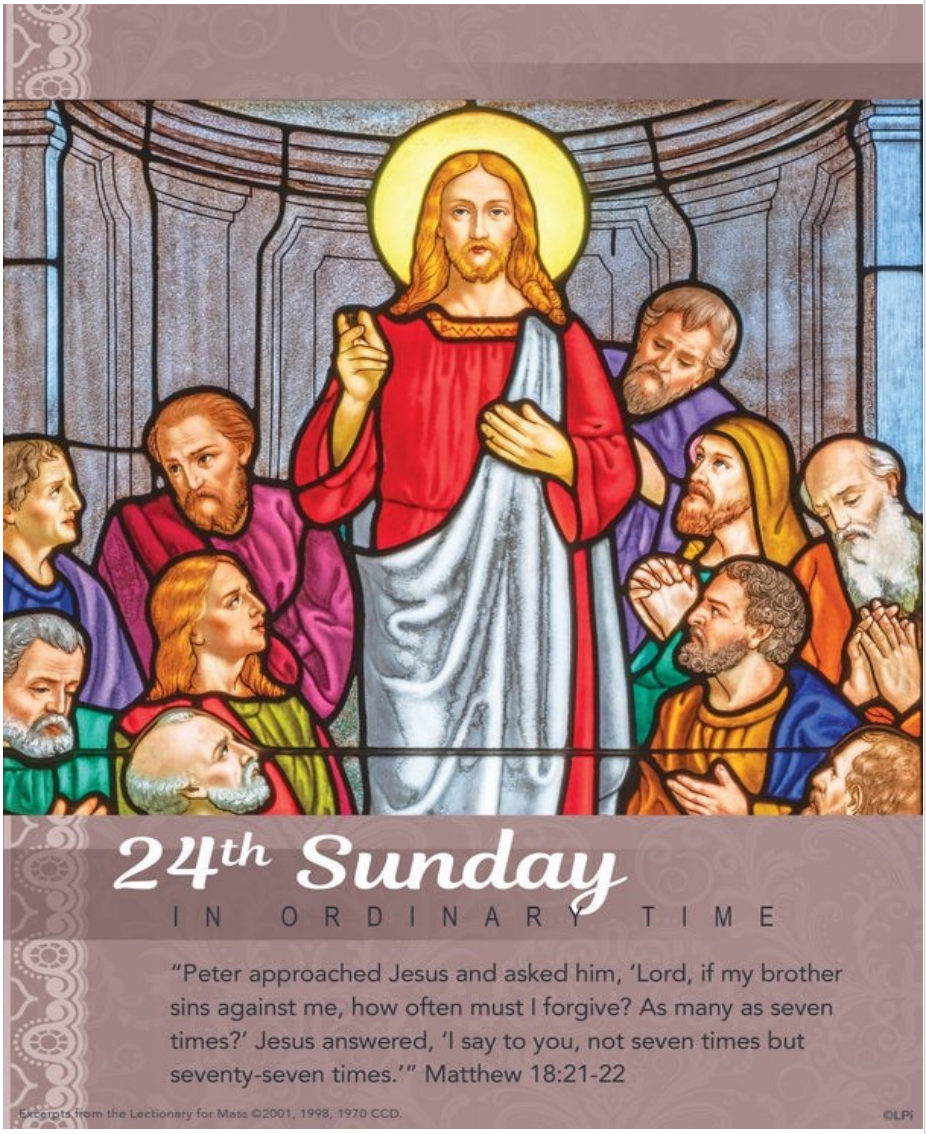
# Christ Our Hope Parish

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

## The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County




**Today's Readings begin on pg. 994 Year A**

**Sirach 27:30—28:7**
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.
**Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 9-10,11-12**
The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger and rich in compassion.
**Romans 14:7-9**
Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.
**Matthew 18:21-35**
I say to you, forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Sept. 12th**
**8:30AM— (St. J)**
-For Emma May Lyon (Birthday) by Family and Friends.

**4:00 PM— (St. J)**
-For Chuck Montroy by wife Nina Montroy

**Sunday, Sept. 13th**
**8:00AM—(St. P)**
-For Living & Deceased Members of the Bandych and Lyon Families.

**9:30AM—(St. J)**
-For Augustine Bourgeois by Tyler and Megan Bourgeois.

**11:15AM—(St. M)**
- For Fr. James Fritzen by the Parish.

**Monday Sept. 14th**
**8:30AM — (St. J)**
-For James & Mary Burns (50th Anniv.) by Kathy Forgione.

**Tuesday, Sept. 15th**
**8:30AM—(St. J)**
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**Wednesday, Sept. 16th**
**7:30AM— (St. J)** Holy Hour

**8:30AM—(St. P)**
-For Cathy Gates by her Family.

**Thursday, Sept. 17th**
**8:30AM—(St. J)**
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**Friday, Sept. 18th**
**8:30AM—(St. J)**
-For World Wide Increase in Sacramental Marriages.

**Saturday, Sept. 19th**
**8:30AM— (St. J)**
-For Uncle Rich Bourgeois by Tyler & Megan Bourgeois.
**4:00 PM— (St. J)**
-For Ken Dukett by Bill and Lori Bourgeois

**Sunday, Sept. 20th**
**8:00AM—(St. P)**
-For Mary Beth Reising by the Catholic Women's Club

**9:30AM—(St. J)**
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**11:15AM—(St. M)**
- For Fr. James Fritzen by the Parish.

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# 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. †**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
**Holy Hour on Wednesday evenings**
**from 5:30PM-6:30PM**
**at St. Joseph's Church**

The **Rosary Makers** are meeting **Thursday** mornings after the daily Mass and rosary. Please consider joining us and see how easy it is to make a rosary!

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Fr. Ward will be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on Monday (Inquiry) and Thursdays (Mystagogy) from 6:30PM-7:30PM both nights, on the subject of OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) for interested individuals.

## REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

St Faustina, in her Diary of Divine Mercy explains that Jesus had spoken to her and made known that mercy is God's greatest attribute: "'Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.'" (No. 301)

The response for the Responsorial Psalm this weekend has us all proclaiming: The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. A verse from the same psalm reminds us that He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Jesus reveals His great mercy even from the cross when He proclaims "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) He then demonstrates the desire He has to forgive when He speaks to the good thief "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Again, from The Diary of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina makes it clear that we should never doubt God's desire to be merciful to repentant sinners: "All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (No. 1507)

Because God is so merciful, He makes it a requirement that we too be merciful to those who have sinned against us. This is the meaning of the parable we have in the Gospel this week-end. We hear of how a huge debt was forgiven to one who begged for mercy and how this same person failed to be merciful to another who owed him a much smaller amount. In the parable, Jesus explains the judgment that will befall all who have been forgiven but then fail to forgive:

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

When we forgive even serious wounds caused by others, we are united with Our Lord and Our Lady in gaining a victory over sin and uncharity. We can not do this by our own power but must rely on our relationship with Jesus who exhorts us to "Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

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

One of the ministries the CWC supports in our parish is the Rosary Makers. Recently they completed 1,000 colorful World Mission Rosaries that have been shipped to the celebration of Archbishop Fulton Sheen's beatification. He designed the colorful rosary 75 years ago so that each different colored decade would represent one of the many cultures of the world. We appreciate the efforts of and thank our Rosary Makers.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026 - 2027

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**St. Mary of the Snows**
Jeanne VanValkenberg

## Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection
Regular: $3,552.00
Repairs/Improvements : $1,316.00

September Second Collections

Sept. 13– Catholic University of America
Sept. 27– Fuel & Heat

We are one: Please make your
donation out to Christ Our Hope Parish
***TO MAKE YOUR WEEKLY DONATION ONLINE VISIT***
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## Food Pantry Corner

The food pantry distributed 1617 meals to 25 families throughout the month of August. Thank you to everyone who donated extra snacks and juices and food items for our families with children who were home over the summer. This was a great support for our families.
As we go into September we will begin collecting cake, brownie and cookie mixes, as well as pie crust and pie filling in anticipation of the holidays. Anyone planning to make donations for Thanksgiving please note we begin holiday item distribution to our families on October 20th so donations would need to be at the pantry by October 15th to be included.
We thank you, as always, for your support in helping our neighbors.

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027

**September:**
Sept. 13th - Faith Formation Family Launch - Gill Hall following the 9:30 Mass. If you still need to register there will be forms available.
Sept. 20th - First day of Faith Formation classes! Please meet with teachers in the church after the 9:30 Mass
Sept. 27th - Faith Formation classes

**October:**
Oct. 4th - Faith Formation classes
Oct. 11th- No classes in observance of Columbus Day
Oct. 18th - Faith Formation classes
Oct. 25th - Faith Formation classes

### MINISTRY FAIR

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Ministry Fair last weekend! Also, thank you to all who were there representing their particular Ministry!

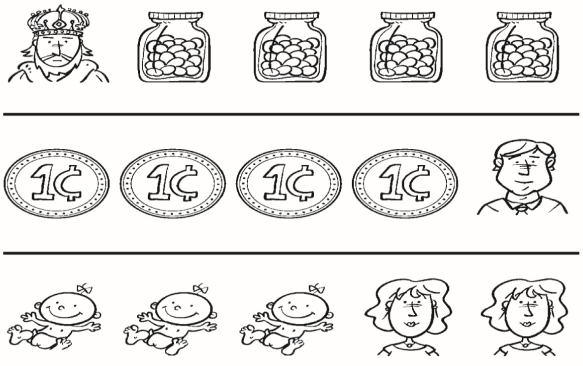
### ARIMATHEA GROUP

What is it? If you want to join, you will be notified of upcoming funerals; time, date, place and who.
If you have time, you will be asked to attend the funeral Mass. That is all we do! It is a terrific way to honor the members of our community. For information, please call the Parish office.

## KIDS CORNER

### PUZZLE

Circle the group in each row that has **more**. Then color in all the pictures.



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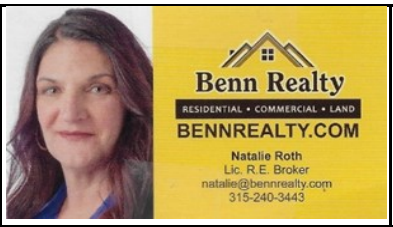


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**9-12 Saturdays**
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