



# 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. 910 Year A**

**Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7**

They chose seven men filled with the Spirit.

**Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**1 Peter 2:4-9**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

**John 14:1-12**

I am the way and the truth and the life.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**First Saturday, May 2nd**

**8:30AM— (St. J)**

-Healing Mass

**4:00 PM— (St. J)**

-For Mary C. Bourgeois  
by Jerry Bourgeois.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3rd**

**8:00AM—(St. P)**

-For Cathy Gates by her Family.

**9:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Living & Deceased Members of  
the Lyon & Sherboneau Families.

**Monday, May 4th**

**8:30AM — (St. J)**

-For Rita Guernsey by Lois Fey.

**Tuesday, May 5th**

**8:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**Wednesday, May 6th**

**7:30AM— (St. J) Holy Hour**

**8:30AM—(St. P)**

-For Ronald Ritzel by Ray Rueger.

**Thursday, May 7th**

**8:30AM—(St. J)**

-For Deceased Members of the Arthur  
and Julia Serth Family by MaryLou  
and John Serth.

**Friday, May 8th**

**8:30AM—(St. J)**

-For World Wide Increase in Sacramental  
Marriages.

**First Saturday, May 9th**

**8:30AM— (St. J)**

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**4:00 PM— (St. J)**

-For All of Our Mothers, Living and  
Deceased.

**Sunday, May 10th**

**8:00AM—(St. P)**

-For All of Our Mothers, Living and  
Deceased.

**9:30AM—(St. J)**

-For All of Our Mothers, Living and  
Deceased.

## 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. †

Eucharistic



Adoration

**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!

Fr. Ward will be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on Thursdays 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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, in the Second Reading, we hear from the First Letter of St. Peter: Beloved,

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God...



It is important to note that this Epistle is written by our first Pope, St. Peter. It is also important to recall how Jesus had changed his name from Simon to Peter:

When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:13,16-19)

If Jesus had changed Simon's name to Peter, which means Rock, why is he here speaking not of himself being the Rock, but rather referring to Jesus as a living stone? The whole of Peter's first epistle makes it clear that Peter had learned to be humble before all that had been given to him and revealed to him. Peter knows he is the Rock upon which the Lord will build His Church, but he also learned to be humble through his many mistakes and falls. He denied the Lord three times. Because of this, Peter is an example to us of how humble we must be when we become aware of all that has been given to us. Here are some quotes from the saints that highlight the importance of fostering the virtue of humility:

To be taken with love for a soul, God does not look on its greatness, but the greatness of its humility. - St John of the Cross

The soul's true greatness is in loving God and in humbling oneself in His presence, completely forgetting oneself and believing oneself to be nothing; because the Lord is great, but He is well-pleased only with the humble; He always opposes the proud. - St Faustina, Divine Mercy in my Soul

If humble souls are contradicted, they remain calm; if they are calumniated, they suffer with patience; if they are little esteemed, neglected, or forgotten, they consider that their due; if they are weighed down with occupations, they perform them cheerfully. - St. Vincent de Paul

Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance. - St. Augustine

We all need to grow in humility and so, let us pray for one-another.

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

## **FIRST COMMUNION** **SUNDAY, MAY 3RD, 9:30AM** **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

Join us after Mass in Gill Hall for refreshments.

Please keep these students in your prayers:

Connor Bailey	Andrew Ridge
Mila Bailey	Carter Ridge
Evelyn Bourgeois	Connor Ridge
Isabella Nellenback	Emily Ridge
James Nellenback	Charlotte Scheve
Anella Pauly	Madelyn Scheve
Emelia Quinn	Teagan Teachout
Kindrie Rice	Reagan Tomaino

In honor of Mary, May crowning will take place during the Mass on Sunday, May 3rd.



## Christ Our Hope

### Last Week's Collection

Regular:\$ 2,978.00

Catholic Home Missions:\$ 852.00

### May Second Collections

May 3- Repairs & Improvements

May 17- Catholic Communication Campaign

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 over 1300 meals for the month of April to neighbors in our community. We continue to accept donations of snacks, juice boxes and desserts for our families as the school year comes to a close in a few months. These are distributed throughout June. Thank you for your continued support.

## FAITH FORMATION

### **April:**

\*Apr. 26th - Last day of Faith Formation classes  
 Classes will resume Sept. 20th , 2026!

Registration forms will be mailed out in August.

\***May 2nd**- First Communion Rehearsal, Saturday 10:00AM at St. Joseph's Church. Parents, please stay for the rehearsal.

\***May 3rd**- First Communion and May Crowning

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

The next fundraiser for the CWC will be a Bake Sale/Fill A Bag for Free on Saturday, May 30, 2026 from 9-12 at Kiefer Hall in Forestport. Save the date!!

Also our Thrift Shop is now open Saturdays from 9-12. The cost for a bag of clothing will increase to \$4 in May, and we have a lovely selection of gowns/prom dresses.

## **KIDS CORNER**

### **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS  
TRUST  
PREPARE

PLACE  
GOING  
FATHER

BELIEVE  
LIVING  
MIRACLES

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 Volunteers are needed

**St. Patrick's Church Thrift Shoppe**  
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 9-12 Saturdays

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