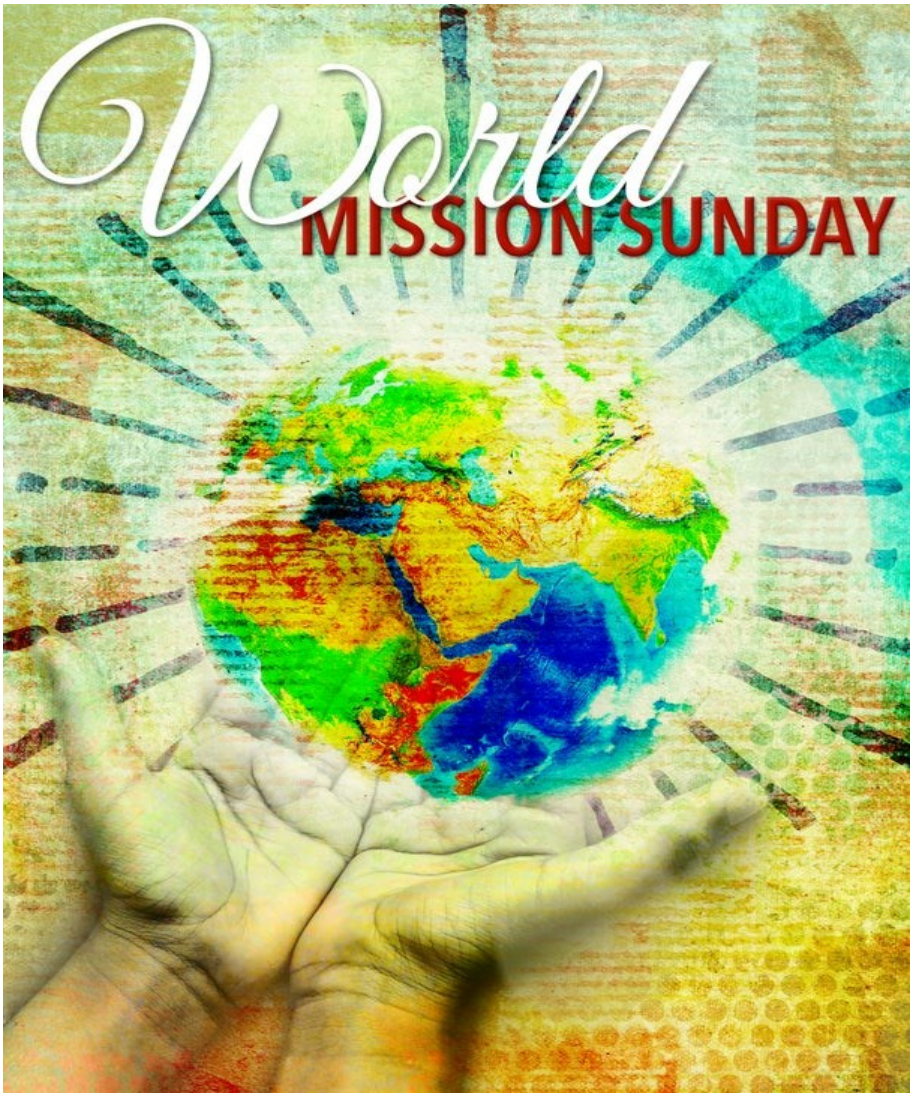
Christ Our Hope Parish

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. 1012 Year A

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
I have grasped the right hand of Cyrus to subdue the nations before him.

Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10
Give the Lord glory and honor.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Calling to mind faith, love and hope.

Matthew 22:15-21
Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17th
8:30AM— (St. J)
-For World-Wide Increase in Sacramental Marriages.

4:00 PM— (St. J)
-For Deceased Members of the Arthur and Julia Serth Family by John & MaryLou Serth.

Sunday, October 18th
8:00AM—(St. P)
-For Cathy Gates by her Family.

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

Monday October 19th
8:30AM — (St. J)
-For a Special Intention by Tyler and Megan Bourgeois.

Tuesday, October 20th
8:30AM—(St. J)
-For Donnie Broccoli by the Loveric Family.

Wednesday, October 21st
7:30AM— (St. J) Holy Hour.

8:30AM—(St. P)
-For Living & Deceased Members of the Dellerba & Fallon Families by the Family.

Thursday, October 22nd
8:30AM—(St. J)
-For Mary Beth Reising by Ray Rueger.

Friday, October 23rd
8:30AM—(St. J)
-For World-Wide Protection of Human Life.

Saturday, October 24th
8:30AM— (St. J)
-For Donna Dunn by Bill & Lori Bourgeois.

4:00 PM— (St. J)
-For Dennis Crofoot by Debbie and Family.

Sunday, October 25th
8:00AM—(St. P)
-For Daniel Ricci by Diane Ford.

9:30AM—(St. J)
-For Patricia Porter by the Risley Family.

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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

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026 - 2027

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Gerry Ritter - Trustee
Kelly Nagy - Dir. of Faith Formation

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St. Joseph Church
Debbie Crofoot - Secretary
Dave Loadwick

St. Patrick Church
Ben Kasprowicz - President
Liz Washburn - Vice-President

St. Mary of the Snows
Jeanne VanValkenberg

REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In The Gospel this weekend we hear of an attempted trap set by disciples of the Pharisees and the Herodians. To understand the trap, it is important to note that the Pharisees despised the onerous taxes levied upon the Jewish people by Caesar and the Roman empire. Such taxes were a reminder that the Jewish people did not rule themselves but were under the control of the Roman empire, an occupying force. On the other hand, the Herodians worked with the Roman empire to subjugate the Jewish people. The kings of the Herodian dynasty were allies of the Romans who ruled over Galilee and Judea as puppet kings put in place and supported by the Roman authority.

Therefore, the Herodians and the Pharisees should have been enemies of one-another and it is shocking that they have come together to entrap Jesus. They approached Him and asked a question: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" The question is a loaded one. If Jesus says that the tax should be paid, the Pharisees would have claimed that Jesus had discredited Himself as a true messiah. If He had said that the tax should not be paid, the Herodians, allies of the Romans, would assuredly have sought His arrest by the Roman authorities.

The answer Jesus gives is a truly clever one: "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

His answer affirms the Jewish understanding of the dignity of the human person: Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. (Genesis 1:26) We are made in the image of God and, therefore we belong to Him and not to Caesar. The coin, which bears the image of the emperor, belongs to Caesar and can thus be given back to him. We should recall that Caesar proclaimed himself to be a god. By being flippant about the value of the coin, Jesus is, at one and the same time, denying Caesar's claim and recognizing that our dignity is equal to his and that we are all made in God's image.

In His very person, Jesus too affirms and exults our dignity by uniting our human nature with His divine nature. By His cross and resurrection, He will also free us of our sins and restore us to God's image in such a way that we have truly become, in Christ, God's own children! St. Paul explains: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God… (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

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

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 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.

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

Our next CWC event will be our **Annual Holiday Bazaar set for November 13th and 14th from 9AM-3PM at Kiefer Hall.** We are asking for donations of handmade/ craft items to enhance our sales. We appreciate the support of our members, friends, and parishioners. Please save the dates.

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School Open House
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This Sunday, October 18th

Please join us for coffee and donuts in Kiefer Hall after the 8:00AM Mass.

Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection
Regular: $2,651.00
Fuel & Heat : $1,149.00

October Second Collections

10/18– World Mission Sunday

We are one: Please make your donation out to Christ Our Hope Parish

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Food Pantry Corner

The food pantry distributed 1785 meals to 30 families in the Month of September.
We are collecting pie crust and filling, baking mixes and other Thanksgiving treats for our families to add to their November food packages.
Any donations should be dropped off before October 24th to be included in the November distribution.
We appreciate the many donations that have been sent to us for our families.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION 2026-2027

October:
Oct. 18th - Faith Formation classes
Oct. 25th - Faith Formation classes
November:
Nov. 1st– Faith Formation Classes
Nov. 8th- Faith Formation Classes
Nov. 15th-Faith Formation Classes
Nov. 22nd- Faith Formation Classes

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Attention Faith Formation Students who are interested in Altar Serving: Fr. Ward will be offering training on Sunday, Oct. 25th after the 9:30 Mass. Students who have made their First Communion, boys & girls, can be an Altar Server.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT RECERTIFICATION

Wednesday, October 28th there will be a recertification training in Gill Hall at 6:00PM. Anyone whose Safe Environment Certificate has expired or is coming due for renewal can register for this class. Renewing Safe Environment credentials every 5 years is a requirement of the Diocesan Child & Youth Protection Policy. You can register at: safeenvironment@syrdio.org or call to register: 315-470-1421.

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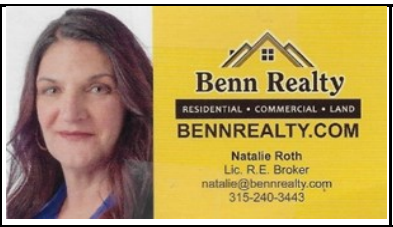

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