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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 11:15 Sunday (Memorial Day through Labor Day)

#### Would you like to join us as 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.



"You Strengthen the Fabric of Our Faith"

Envelopes are available in the Churches for donations. If you donated last year, you will be getting a mailing. We have \$14,029.00 in donations and pledges toward our goal of \$18,175.00.

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Dear Parishioners,

I want to let everyone know that in case of a snowstorm, daily Mass will still take place at its normal time. Please use caution and good judgment when coming to Mass if the weather



is bad. Also please avoid parking on the road during daily Mass when it snows to give the village enough room to plow the roads. If needed, you may park in the back of the church right between the church and Gill Hall.

This weekend you will notice that our bulletin looks a little different. I would like to take an opportunity and thank a number of our volunteers in the office who have worked to create an updated look to our bulletin as well as the ads on the back of our bulletin. It has been a number of years since we have updated this and it is always good to give something a fresh look.

The first Sunday of Advent is a special time of anticipation and preparation for the upcoming Christmas season. It marks the beginning of the liturgical year, and it serves as a reminder to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. As we observe the first Sunday of Advent, we are reminded of the themes of hope and expectation that this season brings. It is a time to light the first candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing the hope that Christ brings into the world. This simple act serves as a visual reminder of the light that is to come, and it fills us with a sense of excitement and anticipation.

During this time, It is easy to get caught up in the busyness and stress of the holiday season, but Advent is a gentle reminder to slow down and focus on the hope that Christ's birth represents. It is a time to remember that no matter what challenges or difficulties we may face, there is always hope for a brighter future. The first Sunday of Advent also invites us to examine our own spiritual journey. It is a time to assess how we have grown in faith over the past year and to set intentions for the year ahead.

Furthermore, the first Sunday of Advent serves as a call to action. It reminds us of the importance of actively preparing our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ. This preparation involves not only personal reflection but also acts of kindness, generosity, and love towards others. It is a time to reach out to those in need and to spread joy and compassion in the world. This first Sunday of Advent reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas and encourages us to focus on what truly matters. As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, we should be filled with anticipation and a renewed sense of purpose and hope in our lives. Have a Blessed week,

Fr. Matt

## **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 Joesph'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. †



## 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, Steven Stooks, Michael Stinebrickner,
Michelle Durney Croniser,

Wayne Millnitz, Rick Dano, Matthew King, Tim Thayer, Bonnie Russell, Ron Cuccaro, Lily Warcup, Allan Ripp, Megan Roberts, Everett Otis Stoots, Mary & Larry Kornatowski

Sanctuary Light at St. Joseph's is burning this week for Dr. Carl Szot by his wife, Inez.



## Catholic Women's Club News

A reminder to those who have already RSVP'd, Our Christmas Luncheon/Gift Exchange will be on Wed., Dec. 6th @12 noon at Kratzy's in Forestport. Cost is \$10/person and we will order from their menu. If you wish to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift. All women of the Parish are invited!

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024**

Christmas Party! Friday, Dec. 22nd, 6-8PM - Gill Hall.

We will have a movie, popcorn and hot chocolate.

Come join us for a festive time,
students and teachers!

## Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection & Expenses

Collection Income: \$3,981.58 Expenses: \$7,008.26 -3.026.68

**December Second Collections** 

Dec. 10– Cathedraticum
Dec. 17– Christmas Flowers

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**

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for all the generous donations and good wishes we received these past weeks. A special thanks to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, The Ancient Order of the Hibernian's, The Wigwam Tavern in Forestport, The Presbyterian Church in Forestport, Wagners Farm in Rome, Foothills Rural Community Ministry in Holland Patten, Matthew's Place in Boonville and Nichols Memorial Presbyterian Church in Old Forge for fundraising, food drives and shared donations that help support Christ Our Hope Food Pantry at St Patrick's in Forestport and each other.

A most sincere thank you to so many of our neighbors that brought an abundance of groceries and holiday goodies. Together you all were able to bring turkeys, stuffing, all the trimmings and a variety of deserts to the tables of our families who struggle,

Finally, a heartfelt Thank You to our team of volunteers. A great deal of work is needed to organize and distribute food to our families. It's because of your help that we are able to get these important things done. We are beyond grateful for your time and support.

To date we have distributed more than 1490 meals for the Month of November, including 23 Complete Thanksgiving dinners. We are proud to work with ALL OF YOU on our mission to serve our communities. Thank You for all that you do. Happy Holidays!"

#### A History of the Advent Wreath

The concept of the Advent wreath originated in Germany among the Lutherans in the 16th century. It was not until three centuries later that the modern Advent wreath took shape. The Advent wreath is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of the liturgical calendar of the Advent season. It is a circular garland made of evergreen branches that represent the eternal love that God has for us. The wreath holds four candles, 3 purple and one rose, typically arranged on the branches. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. During the season of Advent, one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday as part of the Advent services. The first candle represents hope or expectation in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The second candle, known as the Bethlehem candle, represents faith, and the third candle, which is rose colored, represents joy, marking the halfway point until Christ's birth. The fourth candle represents peace. Some Advent wreaths include a fifth white candle, known as the Christ candle which is lit on Christmas Eve.

In our homes, it is a special time to gather with family to light a candle on each Sunday of Advent, accompanied by a prayer or a reading of a passage from the Bible.

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## The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County



Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down! Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mark 13:33-37

Be watchful! You do not know when the lord of the house is coming.



First Sunday of Advent Sat., December 2nd

4:00PM - (St. J)

-For Margaret & Bill Kuhn by Mark & Celia Domser.

Sun. December 3rd

8:00AM - (St. P)

-For Brian Albert by

MaryAnn & Erik Rubyor.

9:30AM - (St. J)

-For William Daskiewich by Family

Mon., December 4th

8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

Tues., December 5th

8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Michael Geddes by Ray Rueger.

Wed. December 6th

8:30AM - (St. P)

-For Fr. David James by the Parish. Thurs., December 7th

No Scheduled Mass

Fri. December 8th-Feast of the Immaculate Conception

\*\*\*Holy Day of Obligation \*\*\*

8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Fr. Wilbur Votraw by the Parish.

6:00PM-- (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

Second Sunday of Advent

Sat., December 9th 4:00PM - (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and

Their Intentions.

Sun. December 10th

8:00AM - (St. P)

-For Lawrence Ritter by Family.

9:30AM - (St. J)

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

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