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#### **Mass Times**

#### **Daily Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday 8:30AM (SJ) Boonville Wednesday 8:30AM (SP) Forestport Thursday No Mass

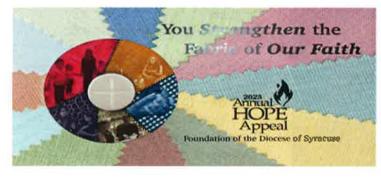
#### **Sunday Mass**

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 \$16,029.00 in donations and pledges toward our goal of \$18,175.00.

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Dear Parishioners,

Our Gospels this weekend is taken from Mark 1:1-8. This opening passage of the Gospel serves as an introduction to the ministry



of Jesus Christ. This passage sets the tone for the entire gospel, emphasizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way for him. The passage begins with the statement, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." This statement immediately establishes Jesus' identity as the Son of God and highlights the significance of his ministry. By calling it the "gospel," Mark indicates that the message of Jesus is good news for all people.

Mark then quotes from the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, saying, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" This prophecy refers to John the Baptist, whose role is preparing the way for Jesus. John's role is to prepare people's hearts and minds for the coming of the Messiah by calling them to repentance and baptism.

The people from all over Judea and Jerusalem come to John to be baptized and confess their sins.

This demonstrates the widespread anticipation and longing for the arrival of the Messiah. John's baptism symbolizes a turning away from sin and a readiness to receive the forgiveness and transformation that the Messiah will bring. Finally, John declares, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie." This statement emphasizes the superiority and authority of Jesus over John. John sees himself as unworthy to even perform the humblest of tasks for Jesus. This highlights the greatness of Jesus and the importance of his coming ministry.

Mark 1:1-8 sets the stage for the ministry of Jesus by emphasizing his identity as the Son of God and the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies. It introduces John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way for Jesus through his message of repentance and baptism. This passage invites us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Messiah during this Advent Season, and to recognize Jesus as the one who brings salvation and transformation. 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 Otto Stoots, Mary & Larry Kornatowski

#### CHRIST OUR HOPE WINTERFEST

January 14th from 12 noon-3PM at St. Joseph's *Come one, Come all!*There will be a chili cook-off along with hamburgers, hotdogs and desserts.
Look for sign-up sheets to make chili and/or a dessert at the back of church.



# Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:50-9:30 AM on Tuesdays.

We begin the hour in the church with Adoration and conclude with Solemn Benediction.

### Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection & Expenses

Collection Income: \$4,014.54 Expenses: \$4,750.91

<u>December Second Collections</u>

Dec. 10– Cathedraticum

Dec. 17– Christmas Flowers

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

\*2024 envelopes can be picked up in the office.\*

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!"

### **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!



#### AN ADVENT PRAYER

Lord, our God, we praise you for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord, let your blessings come upon us as we light the candles of this

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wreath.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name.

Amen.

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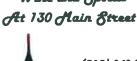
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### St. Patrick's Church Thrift Shoppe

OPEN Saturday's Only 10:00 am til Noon \$2.00 bag sale every week \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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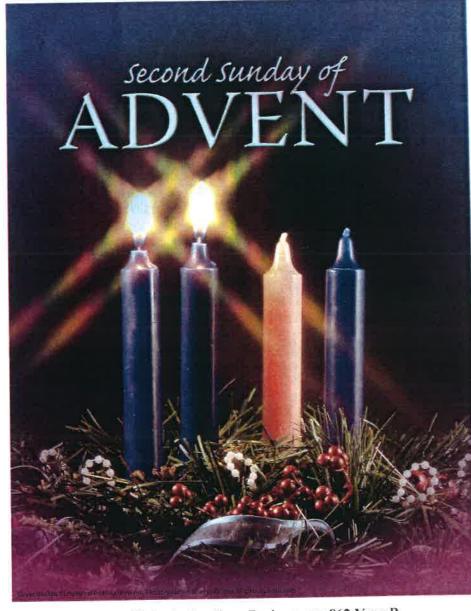
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### Today's Readings Begin on pg. 862 Year B

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Prepare the way of the Lord. Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. 2 Peter 3:8-14

We await new heavens and a new earth. Mark 1:1-8

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

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.

Mon., December 11th 8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.

Tues., December 12th 8:30AM - (St. J)

-For Eileen R. Conway by Kelly Nagy.

Wed. December 13th 8:30AM - (St. P)

-For Dellerba and Fallon Families by the Family.

Thurs., December 14th No Scheduled Mass

Fri. December 15th 8:30AM (St. J)

-For Richard, Bradley and Kaylee Croniser

by Wayne & Melanie Brown.

Third Sunday of Advent Sat., December 16th 4:00PM - (St. J)

-For Deceased Members of the Bourgeois and Owens Families by Jerry & Mary Bourgeois.

Sun. December 17th

8:00AM - (St. P)

-For Edward Moran by the Armstrong Family.

9:30AM - (St. J)

-For Our Parishioners and Their Intentions.