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St. Joseph Church, Boonville

St. Patrick Church, Forestport

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The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County



Today's Readings begin on pg. 867 Year A

Isaiah 7:10-14

Behold, the virgin shall conceive.

Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory.

Romans 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, descended from David, is the Son of God.

Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus will be born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20th

8:30AM (St. J)

-For Charles W. Montroy by wife,
Nina Montroy

4:00 PM— (St. J)

-For Dennis Crofoot (Anniversary)
by Debbie and Family.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21st

8:00AM—(St. P)

-For Kolby Lyon by Mom, Dad & Family

9:30AM—(St. J)

-For Emma Lyon by Grandma.

Monday, December 22nd

8:30AM — (St. J)

-For Grandpa & Grandma Kraeger by
the Grandchildren.

Tuesday, December 23rd

8:30AM—(St. J)

-For Henry & Dolores Mancini by Diane.

Wednesday, December 24th

No Holy Hour or Morning Mass.

Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass at 4PM, St. Joseph's

12 Midnight Mass at St. Joseph's

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th

8:00AM—(St. P)

10:00AM—(St. J)

-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions

Friday, December 26th

8:30AM—(St. J)

-For Living & Deceased Members of the
Lyon and Risley Families.

Saturday, December 27th

8:30AM (St. J)

-For Connie Croniser McConnell
by the Croniser Family.

4:00 PM— (St. J)

-For Tom Alger by
Barbara & Rodney Rice.

Sunday, December 28th

8:00AM—(St. P)

-For Msgr. James M. Lutz by the Parish.

9:30AM—(St. J)

-For Fr. Donald Karlen by the
Children of Mary Prayer Group.

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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. †

This Sunday, December 21st

Please join us for
coffee and donuts

in Gill Hall after the 9:30AM Mass
and in Kiefer Hall, Forestport
after the 8:00AM Mass.

"SEARCHING FOR AND MAINTAINING PEACE" BY FR. JACQUES PHILIPPE

Please join us at Gill Hall on Tuesday evenings from
6:30PM-8:00PM for a light meal and
discussion with Fr. Ward on the above book.

Fr. Ward will also be holding weekly meetings in Gill Hall on
Wednesdays 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 Friends in Christ,

Merry Christmas to all.

The constant antiphon of the
Advent season is Maranatha,
which means Come Lord Jesus. Even though we have
this great sense of anticipation as we celebrate the
Nativity of the Lord, there is an invitation to anticipate
the coming of the Lord at every mass. Pope John Paul
II, in his Apostolic Letter, ORIENTALE LUMEN
(The Light Of The East) explains:

Standing before the abyss of divine mercy, the monk can
only proclaim the awareness of his own radical poverty,
which immediately becomes a plea for help and a cry of
rejoicing on account of an even more generous salvation,
since from the abyss of his own wretchedness such
salvation is unthinkable. This is why the plea for
forgiveness and the glorification of God form a
substantial part of liturgical prayer. The Christian is
immersed in wonder at this paradox the latest of an
infinite series all magnified with gratitude in the
language of the liturgy the Immense accepts limitation;
a virgin gives birth; through death, he who is life
conquers death forever; in the heights of heaven, a
human body is seated at the right hand of the Father.
The Eucharist is the culmination of this prayer experi-
ence, the other pole indissolubly bound to the Word, as
the place where the Word becomes Flesh and Blood, a
heavenly experience where this becomes an event.

In the Eucharist, the Church's inner nature is revealed, a
community of those summoned to the synaxis to
celebrate the gift of the One who is offering and offered:
participating in the Holy Mysteries, they become
"kinsmen"[28] of Christ, anticipating the experience of
divinization in the now inseparable bond linking divinity
and humanity in Christ.

But the Eucharist is also what anticipates the relationship
of men and things to the heavenly Jerusalem. In this way
it reveals its eschatological nature completely: as a living
sign of this expectation, the monk continues and brings
to fulfillment in the liturgy the invocation of the Church,
the Bride who implores the Bridegroom's return in a
maranatha constantly repeated, not only in words, but
with the whole of his life.

It is my wish that all of you have a happy and glorious
encounter with the Lord this Christmas, and throughout
the Christmas Season.

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

FAITH FORMATION 2025/2026

No Faith Formation classes Dec. 21st & 28th
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

CHRISTMAS READINGS

Vigil Mass pg 870
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25
Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25 or 1: 18-25

Midnight Mass pg 871
Isaiah 9:1-6
Psalms 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
Titus 2:11-14
Gospel of Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day Mass at Dawn pg 872
Isaiah 62:11-12
Psalms 97:1, 6, 11-12
Titus 3:4-7
Gospel of Luke 2:15-20

Christmas Day Mass During the Day pg 873
Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel of John 1:1-18, or 1:1-5, 9-14

Christ Our Hope

Last Week's Collection

Regular: \$3,305.00
Immaculate Conception: \$ 544.00
Catharticum: \$ 610.00

December Second Collections

Dec. 21– Christmas Flowers

We are one: Please make your
donation out to Christ Our Hope Parish
TO MAKE YOUR WEEKLY DONATION ONLINE VISIT
WWW.CHRISTOURHOPERC.ORG

Food Pantry Corner

The food pantry served 29 families, distributing 1953 meals for
the month of November.
Through generous donations from our community we were able
to distribute Turkeys with all the trimmings to our families.
We thank everyone that continues to keep the food pantry in
their thoughts throughout the holiday season.
A special thank you to our team of volunteers that give their time
to move and distribute food with us.
We hope you all have a Happy Holiday and a healthy New Year!

If you are in need of food, please reach out to us, we are here to
help! 315-507-0547.

THE THRIFT SHOP IS CLOSED UNTIL SPRING

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

Thanks to all of our members for their
dedication and efforts this year to support our
various endeavors. Our club is blessed to
have you. Stay tuned to the bulletin for future
events. Have a Blessed Christmas and a
happy, healthy New Year!



ADVENT PRAYER

*Dear Lord,
In this season of bustle,
help us to stay watchful
and alert
to the spaces and places
You are calling us to bring
Your love and light.
Amen.*

KIDS CORNER

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.

