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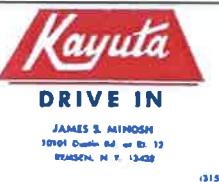


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St. Joseph Church, Boonville



St. Patrick Church, Forestport  
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**Saturday, January 31st**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their  
Intentions.

4:00 PM—(St. J)  
-For Shirley Ann Hake  
by Janet Cihocki Drabek.

**Sunday, February 1st**  
8:00AM—(St. P)  
-For Rosemary Hudon by  
Rosemary Fitts.

9:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Living & Deceased Members of the  
Risley & Babicz Families.

**Monday, February 2nd**  
8:30AM —(St. J)  
-For Charles W. Montroy by wife  
Nina Montroy.

**Tuesday, February 3rd**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**Wednesday, February 4th**  
7:30AM—(St. J) Holy Hour  
8:30AM—(St. P)  
-For Rev. Valentine C. Krul  
by the Parish.

**Thursday, February 5th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their Intentions.

**Friday, February 6th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their  
Intentions.

**Saturday, February 7th**  
8:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parishioners & Their  
Intentions.

4:00 PM—(St. J)  
-For Frank & Carmella Bonacci  
by Mark & Celia Sportelli Domser.

**Sunday, February 8th**  
8:00AM—(St. P)  
-For Mary Sobotka by Rosemary Fitts.

9:30AM—(St. J)  
-For Our Parish children who are making  
their first Reconciliation by the  
Religious Education Teachers.

## The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County



### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

**Today's Readings begin on pg. 937 Year A**

**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**

I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly.

**Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10**

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

God chose the weak of the world.

**Matthew 5:1-12a**

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

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## 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. †

### Parish contribution envelopes for 2026 are now available in the Churches.

Please pick up your box.

If you currently do not have envelopes and would like  
them, please complete a Parish census form also  
found in church, and  
return it to the Parish office. Thank You.

### "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.  
Please check Parish Facebook page for cancellations.

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,

In The First Reading this weekend we read: Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth... seek justice, seek humility; I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD. This text seems to exhort us to be humble and continue to strive to be ever more humble. St Augustine wrote, "If you ask me what is the most essential element in the teaching and morality of Jesus Christ, I would answer you: the first is humility, the second is humility, and the third is humility." Letters (83-130), ed. Roy Joseph Deferrari, trans. Wilfrid Parsons, vol. 18, The Fathers of the Church, Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 1953, 282)

Augustine would explain the importance of this very necessary virtue: 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. (Ibid.)

In The Gospel this weekend, Jesus begins The Sermon on the Mount by proclaiming the beatitudes. There are nine exhortations that begin with Blessed are they. A tenth exhortation begins with Rejoice. Thus, the beatitudes contain ten commandments that far exceed the moral requirements of the original ten commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Again, Jesus, speaking to His disciples on a mountain is revealing Himself to be greater than Moses and He gives us new commandments that can only be fulfilled by our union with Him.

Among the Beatitudes is one that speaks of Meekness. This is often seen as a synonym for humility and therefore, links it to The First Reading. Pope Francis, reflecting on the importance of this essential virtue explains: Brothers and sisters, humility is everything. It is what saves us from the Evil One, and from the danger of becoming his accomplices. And humility is the source of peace in the world and in the Church. Where there is no humility, there is war, there is discord, there is division. God has given us an example of [humility] in Jesus and Mary, so that it may be our salvation and happiness. And humility is precisely the way, the path to salvation. (L'Osservatore Romano 24 May 2024, page 3)

Rather than fear humiliations, when they come, we should view them as a reminder of the need to trust more in the Lord than on our own natural abilities. We then become aware of His presence in our lives and the love He bears us, and our need to follow Jesus who...though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself... he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. (Philippians 2:5-8).

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

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

We plan to gather for a Midwinter Lunch at 12Noon at Kratzy's in Forestport on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Everyone will order off the menu and pay for their own meal. If you can, please join us for the fun!

### HOPE APPEAL 2025

Christ Our Hope Parish reached 110% of our Hope Appeal goal thanks to the generosity of our Parish community!



### Monday, February 2 is the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life.

The Church on this day remembers and honors all those men and women who have offered their lives in service to God and to God's people. Let us join in praying with and for consecrated religious.

"We pray for those who are consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. May they always reveal the love of Christ to those they encounter and continue to enrich our world by their dedicated lives of prayer. Amen." (From the USCCB)

### Christ Our Hope

#### Last Week's Collection

Regular: \$6,222.00

Repairs & Improvements: \$ 766.00

#### February 2026 Second Collections

Feb. 18 (Ash Wednesday)- Catholic Church  
In Central & Eastern Europe.  
Feb. 22- Black & Indian Mission Office.

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 has distributed 1302 meals to 20 families in the month of January to date.

We sincerely thank all of our neighbors who have donated to us throughout the season and thank you to our dedicated volunteers who help us keep the ship afloat. 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**

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

Jan. 25th - classes resume and continue through Feb. 8th.  
Feb. 8th - First Communion students make their First Reconciliation after the 9:30 mass.  
Feb. 15 & 22 - No classes, Winter Vacation  
March 1st - Classes resume

**2025 ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE. PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY.**

## KIDS CORNER

### PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

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### MISSION

God loves peacemakers. The next time you are tempted to argue with someone, think of ways to get along instead.