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Christ Our Hope Parish

St. Joseph Church, Boonville

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The Catholic Community of Northern Oneida County



4TH 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.

Psalms 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-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.



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.

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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 Wednes-
day, 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.

blessed
meek
filled

mercy
pure
peace

kingdom
reward
heaven

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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.