

**September 24, 2017**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**READINGS:** Isaiah 55.6-9 Psalm 145  
 Philippians 1.20-24,27 Matthew 20.1-16

**Saturday, September 23, 2017 – 4:00 PM**  
**Offered for:** Grace Chubb  
 Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip and Morgan  
**Lectors:** Janine Rourke and Amanda Rourke

**Sunday, September 24, 2017 10:00 am**  
**Offered for:** Anthony John McDonald  
 Memorial Birthday,  
 Funeral Collection  
**Altar Servers:** Kenia, Regan, Analeyna & Rylie  
**Lectors:** Lisa Tarbell & Bernice Lazore

**Tuesday September 26, 2017 12:10 pm**  
 Offered for: Ronald I. Mitchell  
 Memorial mass, Funeral Collection

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017 12:10 pm**  
 Offered for: Shirley C. Cook Jacobs  
 Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

**Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:10 pm**  
**Offered for:** Steven J. Smoke  
 Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

**Friday, September 29, 2017**  
**Offered for:** Hattie A. Bashaw  
 Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection

**Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 4:00 PM**  
**Offered for:** Arthur Tarbell  
 Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection  
**Altar Servers:** Cheyenne, Keon and Summer  
**Lectors:** Norman Tarbell & Erin Cole

**Saturday, September 30, 2017 – 6:30**  
**Offered for:** Frank Delormier  
 Memorial Mass, Funeral Collection  
**Altar Servers:** Megan, Phillip & Morgan

**Sunday, October 1, 2017 10:00 am**  
**Offered for:** Thomas, Percy and Lawrence Francis  
 Memorial Mass  
**Requested by:** William Francis  
**Altar Servers:** Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna, Rylie  
**Lectors:** Rosemary Bonaparte & Lori Thompson

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We live in a culture that wants us to believe that our personal wealth, influence or possessions are what make us valuable. We are encouraged to compete, to measure ourselves against our friends, loved once and neighbours. Who has more money? Who has a nicer car? Who works harder? We are greedy and fearful because it is a precarious way to live – at any given moment we could lose our place to someone who has hoarded more.

In today's parable of the wealthy landowner, we are shown a different kind of life. God's generosity offers all labourers the same share in the kingdom of heaven. Boundless, infinite, overflowing – the ability of God to give is beyond our ability to understand. Through his love, we are not measured on scales, but rather we are invited to live humbly, to take what we have earned and share what we can with others, all for the glory of the Kingdom.

Each of us has a decision to make. Do we spend our lives competing and living with the fear of being found wanting? Or do we choose a life of generosity, service and humility, taking our fair share and holding out our hands to help those marginalized by society? Let us choose generosity, following the example found in today's Gospel.

Fr. Matthew Durbam, CSB

**DIOCESAN BLUE MASS**

This year Bishop Terry R. LaValley will celebrate the **Diocesan Blue Mass on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 2:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church, 123 S. Massey Street, Watertown, NY 13601.**

The Blue Mass is the Church's way to offer thanks to God for the dedication and sacrifices made by the women and men in Law Enforcement/Corrections and to pray for their safety, as well as, for their families and communities. Officers and their families are asked to be seated by 2:00 p.m. Questions can be addressed to Fr. Chris Carrara, Blue Mass Committee Chair at [ccc@twcny.rr.com](mailto:ccc@twcny.rr.com), or by phone at 315-376-6662.

Father Jerome has returned to us from his vacation and all masses have resumed according to schedule. Welcome home Father Jerome!

**NIAWEN:KOWA** to Father John L. Downs (Fr. Jack) for covering our week-end masses during Father Jerome's absence.

**REMINDER:** Rectory Office hours: Closed on Mondays. Open Tuesday to Friday – 9:00 am to noon until further notice.

**The Lord's Prayer (in Mohawk)**

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.  
 NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

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**CONSECRATION OF THE DIOCESE: Join Bishop LaValley in the Consecration of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Cling to Mary. Hope in Jesus. This is the prayer of Bishop LaValley as he consecrates the entire Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on October 22nd. Please join him as we mark the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima and the 65th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. A Novena prayer will be prayed across the diocese from October 13th to the 22nd. On Sunday the 22nd there will be a Rosary Rally and Holy Mass of Consecration at the Cathedral at 2:00 pm. All are encouraged to attend.

Go to [pastoral.rcdony.org](http://pastoral.rcdony.org) and click on Worship for more info. Contact Father Stitt at the Worship Office for more info at 315-393-2920 ex1220 or at [bstitt@rcdony.org](mailto:bstitt@rcdony.org).

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

The catastrophic global weather events in September have drawn even the skeptics to acknowledge changes in the environment. Many others are drawn to read/reread Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si. This is not about blame, it is about responsible stewardship. Observing these events at a safe distance via TV, can you find an active, positive response in your own pattern of living that is environmentally responsible. For example, carry a reusable mug.

**HOMEMADE CABBAGE ROLL SALE: Fundraiser by Sacred Heart League of the Greater Massena Catholic Parishes**

Homemade Cabbage Roll Sale Saturday, September 30th noon - 4:00 PM St. Mary's Social Hall, Sycamore St., Massena, NY Price: \$4.00 each. (Large). Please bring your own container. For additional information contact Barb Conto 769-6367

**CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITION - THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN**

The Legion of Mary in Ogdensburg invites everyone to join them in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun. Join us at St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg at 6:00 p.m. on October 13 to pray the Rosary, followed by a presentation of the film The 13th Day, a dramatic re-telling of the Story of Fatima through the memories of Sr. Lucia. There is no charge for this event, and all are welcome! For more information contact the parish office at 315-393-3930

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF AND RECOVERY**

Over the past days and for the next few, we continue to follow the historic flooding in Texas and Louisiana. Hurricane Harvey continues to create a catastrophe of immense proportions. Rain continues to fall, rivers continue to rise and historic flood stages will remain for some time. Bishop LaValley requests we conduct a special collection for disaster recovery in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. We will be taking up a special collection this weekend. Please give generously.

**A PRAYER FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES**

Most gracious Lord, through the intercession of Mary, we come to you with confidence in your love for all who suffer in mind and body.

Comfort all in our nursing homes and hospitals, the sick and elderly who are homebound, and those awaiting surgery, especially Mitchell Sunday, Camryn Cook, Orlo Ransom, Nancy Phillips, Clyde Cree, April Benedict, Francis Cree, Marita Francis, Isabelle Rourke, Louis Garrow, Hilda Smoke, Helen Chubb, Larry Pyke, Marie Casey, Felicia Jock, Joyce Kelso, Vickie Phillips, Teddy Thompson, Hilda Lazore, Alexina Auger, George and Mary Towsley. Bless their caregivers with compassion, patience, and strength. AMEN.

*Lord, grant eternal rest to our recently deceased Mitchell Sunday. We pray for consolation to his family. Amen.*

**COLLECTIONS**

**September 16-17, 2017**  
 Reg. Mass \$479.50 CDN \$ 487.90 US