



The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast" ' - Mt 22:2, 4bc

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time/October 11, 2020

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Thank You

**For all who helped in any way to make the
Tailgate Christmas Sale a success....**

THANK YOU!!!

**Without help in setting up, working at the sale
and people who purchased items, our sale could
not have been successful**

**Much Thanks
The Elves**



Masses for October

Last name beginning with A-D

If extra seats available **All Are Welcome.**
Call 518-758-9401 to register.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep in your prayers the sick and homebound of our parish and those who care for them:

Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Pat Bruno, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Concetta Florantino, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Charlene Genaway, Mary Ann Goodine, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingsley, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Richard Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Tommy Palmer, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Helen Rayve, Mary Reinsdorph, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Dawn Ruchel, Rita Ryan, Alice Salvatore, Eileen Scott, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kyle Stickles, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Darrell Willson, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward,

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Visit the following link via our parish website:

<https://www.osvhub.com/stjohnsvalatie/funds>

Your generosity is needed!

From now until Tuesday, October 13th, we will be collecting gently used parka style winter coats for men, women, and children to share with Street Soldiers of Troy. Parkas may be dropped off at the church at Mass times or brought to the rectory office between 9am and 1pm Monday-Thursday. Please do not bring dressy coats or windbreakers and do not leave parkas at the Church entrances.

Thank you!





Pastors Blog

I am on my computer visiting the “world wide web” several times a day and I still have no idea how it works and, to be honest, I still have no idea even after I have read the dictionary definitions of what the “world wide web” is several times. The mystery behind it does not prohibit me from using it or benefiting from the opportunities it affords.

In our reading today, we hear the words from Isaiah: “On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever.” (Isaiah 25:7) This refers to a world-wide web that entraps or ensnares all of humanity much like a spider web that might capture its prey. The mystery behind this does not keep me from understanding the danger it entails.

On this mountain, the love of God will free us to come together not ‘virtually’ but spiritually. The complete text reminds us that a feast is being prepared where all our invited and welcomed. When we entangle ourselves in prejudice and fear, resentment and hatred, we are actually reinforcing the bonds that keep us apart. Our faith in Lord Jesus calls upon us as disciples to not just enter the feast but to call forth others to join in the celebration.

In the coming weeks we will be expanding our presence on the internet and I invite you to encourage others to join us. If you do not have a computer yourself, or you know of someone who doesn’t, perhaps you could ask people to connect with their smart phones and share this important aspect of our community life. As we look for ways to open more widely, please join us in the ministries of welcome and hospitality. Now more, than ever, people are looking for a place to call home and our parishes can provide that. Indeed our parishes must provide that.

I was struck by a community that gathered together, miles from home, this past Sunday. Our Confirmation Candidates from our various churches joined together at our Mother Church, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. We were welcomed and supported by a host of people representing the Cathedral parish itself and the Diocese. Our Confirmandi came forth and introduced themselves to the Celebrant, the Very Reverend David R. LeFort, and were welcomed into a special Sacrament that brings them to a special place at the table.

I was such a proud parent as I saw our communities come together and I felt the closeness that reminds me of that day when, “The Lord of Host will provide for all peoples...” (Isaiah 25:6a) We were blessed that day and the blessings will continue to pour forth upon the families present and all those whom they touch. I would like to share with you a prayer I adapted after finding it somewhere on the “world wide web”:

Holy Spirit, strengthen our newly confirmed with Your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, as disciples of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they may count on your guidance today and every day.

Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we encounter.

God bless you and your families, and we offer special prayers to our newly confirmed, their sponsors and families!

Fr. George

Blessings on the 19 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 4, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Those confirmed were: Joseph Christian Thomas Accuosti, Haley Christine Jane Ames, Nicholas Brian Andrew Barkley, Abby Jean Anne Bartlett, Satchel Thomas Michael Baumgartner, Ryan Francis Francis Dady, Valeria Cecilia Espinoza, Gianni Michael Edward Gabriel, George William Christopher Hunter, Shannon Noreen Joan (of Arc) Ingham, Logan Anthony James Johnson, Nicole Theresa Catherine LaBatt, Analisa Francesca Patrizia Martino, Omari N. Joseph Norbrun, Nathan Lee Luke Norton, Christopher Michael James Pelesz, Rachel Rose Theresa Pozzi, Julia Paige Linda Rivers, Connor Kevin William Walsh.

Faith Formation Resources for Families

A reminder that family Faith Formation packets are ready for pick-up. This month's theme is Prayer. If you have not yet registered, please complete the form that was mailed to you, or request another registration form and bring it when you come to pick-up your packet. The Faith Formation Office is open each weekday from 7:30 am to 2 pm. Call with any questions - 518-758-1828.

The months of October and November, we asking for new socks and new underwear for men, women, and children. Please leave any donations at church during Mass times or bring to the Rectory. There are many people in need.

This is the last week we are collecting gently used winter parkas. PLEASE check your closets.