



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 8, 2020

Readings for the week of November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

FOOD PANTRY BASKETS

The Food Pantry is getting ready for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The pandemic has changed things as we all know. If you would like to contribute, note the donation is for Thanksgiving baskets and mail checks to The Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry. PO Box 266, Valatie, NY 12184.



Thank you in advance for your kindness !!

Masses for November

Last name beginning with S-Z Nov 14-15
Last name beginning with A-D Nov 21-22
Last name beginning with E-L Nov 28-29



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 Florientino, 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, 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, Erica Wordon

CEMETERY

The cemetery will be closing soon for the winter.

Please remove anything you wish to keep. Christmas decorations may be placed now.



Can you sew a reusable mask??

If so, we invite you to support the Valatie Presbyterian church in their outreach to the Rural & Migrant Ministry.

Mask patterns can be found online. Please drop completed masks at St. John's Rectory Mon.-Thurs. (9-1) or call Connie at 518-755-2082 for pick up.

Let us work together within our community to share God's love.

Pastors Blog:

*God, through Jesus, will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*

Our readings today speak about being both prepared and hopeful. While I have been careful not to talk about politics, I think that there is an attitude many have as I write these words prior to the Election Results. No matter what side you are on, or what stance you may take, people have been preparing as never before how and when they were able to cast their ballot and most hold hope that the election will go their way. In our polarized society, however, some are preparing for what they see as the worst outcome with a sense of dread and fear. Through it all, we are called “not to grieve like the rest, who have no hope.” We are called to work for unity and healing in a world filled with anxiety and distress.

As Christians, no results should deter our faith, our ability to maintain hope, or our propensity to love. I have mentioned in past Pastor’s Blogs my fascination with the new translation of the term “embolism”: the prayer the priest inserts as the assembly prays the “Our Father”. This week I was once again struck how appropriate it is that the line, which once read, “...protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ”; is now “...keep us safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.”

The word “blessed” in connection with hope reminds me of last week’s Gospel on the Feast of All Saints, the Beatitudes of Matthew. While “blessed” can be understood as “happy” or in a sense, “joyful,” a far more poignant connection is the sacredness that comes with being one with God even as we experience anxiety, fear and distress. It allows us to maintain a positive attitude precisely with a new attitude that is truly a perspective born from God. The people that maintain a positive attitude even in the midst of pandemics, natural disaster, war and violence, are our modern saints.

While looking at some commentaries and reflections online, I found a reflection by Sr. Dianne Bergant, C.S.A., Ph.D. for *America Magazine* eighteen years ago, just a year after the 9/11 tragedy:

“A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. Today’s gospel (Matthew 25.1-13; The parable of the ten bridesmaids awaiting the groom, five wisely and five foolishly) reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we’ve prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we’ve done the proper preparation!”

Let us return to the words of Paul in his letter to the Romans that we shared last week for the Feast of All Souls: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8.38, 39)

May the love of God truly bless you with faith and hope.

Fr. George

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 7th

4:00 pm Dan Wiltse by a friend
Rose Allen by Le Nguyen
Catherine Havelka by Robert Havelka

Sunday, November 8th

7:30 am Shelia DeRuggiero by Michael & Jennifer Brennan
Catherine Havelka by Robert Havelka
Dotty Masten by Sharon Hall

Faith Formation Resources for Families

We are offering make-your-own Advent wreaths again this year. Materials will be supplied in a packet with instructions the first Sunday of Advent. Please watch the bulletin and Facebook for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our sock and underwear appeal. There is much need. We need both items in sizes for children, women, and men.

The winter coats have been distributed to those in need. Thank you for helping to keep people warm this winter.

The November Family packet is ready for pick-up at the Rectory Office Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 2 pm. If you are unable to pickup at those times, please call Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828.