

**FAITH FORMATION & PARISH OUTREACH**

**ELVES OUTDOOR SALE**

Saturday, June 5.

Can you help?

Friday, June 4 at 4 pm - set up tables and place items

Saturday, June 5 at 7 am - bring items outdoor to tables

Saturday, June 5 from 9 - 11 am - help with sales

Saturday, June 5 at 1:30 pm - cleanup and returning tables to the hall.

Call Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828, if you wish to volunteer.

*Celebrate God's Creation.*

The families of St. James, St. Joseph, and St. John the Baptist are invited to gather at St. John the Baptist from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Monday, July 12 through Thursday, July 15. We will begin with a simple meal and offer outdoor activities for young people and adults. This is an stress-free opportunity to gather with others for faith and fun. Please add this to your summer fun calendar.

CREATION volunteers - next meeting is Monday, June 7 at 5:30 pm on the lawn at St. John the Baptist. Bring a friend! Workers need to be entering 6th grade in the fall or older. Call Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828 to sign up, or for answers to any questions.



**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, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, Pat Bruno, Daniel Burnett, Michael Burnett, Special Intention, Michael Campeta, Charlotte Chase, Eleanor Chase, Major Jeffrey Chase, Joseph Cimon, Susan E. Cotsonas, Dave Daly, Barbara Domigan, Michael Doyle, Beth Drzymala, Sammy Evans, Gianni Farinacci, Dean Fisher, Concetta Florientino, Michele Amyot Ford, Michelle Foutch, Donald Gaylord, Michael Gomez, Mary Ann Goodine, Sharon Hall, Lesha Hardgraves, Robert Havelka, Mary Hayes, William Hernandez, Marianna Iacovelli, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingslely, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Mathies, Kevin McCann, John McCauley, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykytiw, Amelia Nabozny, Roger Norton, David Nichlos, Rita Paladino, Elise Panico, Bonnie Pelizza, David Picchione, Pam Polashenski, Blake Ratcliff, Helen Rayve, Claire Renn, Tim Renn, William Robinson, Lisa Rossello, Kimberly Sabella, Alice Salvatore, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitcer, Katy Smith, Special Intentions, Bonnie Sperr, Sean Spicer, Kyle Stickles, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Br. David Turmel, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Darrell Wilson, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Erica Wordon

I'm sure you've all been asked, and maybe you've even asked yourselves, **"Do I have to wear a mask when I go to Church?"**

Here in the Catholic Community of Northern Columbia County, the answer for right now is yes. Everyone attending mass in any of our three parishes is still required to wear a mask.

Although I recognize that the government is no longer requiring masks, many people are still concerned about the possibility of contracting or transmitting COVID from/to others with whom they come in contact. Wearing a mask not only provides a level of protection it also sends a message of caring about ourselves and others.

Thank you for your understanding and for caring for one another.

**Peace,  
Deacon Andy**

**Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Fifty percent of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Albany to fund local communications efforts, while the other fifty percent supports projects around the world. In our diocese your support allows our diocesan Communications Office to work with various departments, parishes, schools and organizations to promote their ministries. You have a direct hand in our efforts to spread the word about vocations, respect life, Catholic schools, youth ministry, special liturgies, and more. With your help we are able to inform and inspire, educate and evangelize. Please give generously to this special collection next week.**

**Effective May 23, 2021**

**the suggested offering for Mass stipends (intention) has been increased from \$10 to \$15.**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**May 30, 2021 The Most Holy Trinity**

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care.

**HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY**

**Thank you to all who have served and are serving!!**



**Masses for June 2021**

**Please call the office by Wed. to reserve your seat:**  
**June 5/6 Last name beginning with A-D**  
**June 12/13 Last name beginning with E-L**  
**June 19/20 Last name beginning with M-R**  
**June 26/27 Last name beginning with S-Z**

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



**ELVES OUTDOOR SALE**

**Saturday June 5th (Raindate June 12th)**  
**Homemade items, Crafts & Knits,**  
**Gifts & gently used items.**

**St. John's Parking Lot 9am—1:00 pm**

**NO DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED**

**Readings for the week of May 30, 2021**

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20  
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44  
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

**THIS WEEK'S AND NEXT MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, May 29th**

**4:00 pm Ann Neary by the family**

**Sunday, May 30th**

**7:30 am Special Intentions**

**Saturday, June 5, 2021**

**4:00 pm Rose Allen by the family**  
**Loretta Grebe by Chris Muryne**  
**Laurie Williams by Terry Overby**

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

**7:30 am Joseph & Hilaryo Nguyen by LeNguyen family**  
**Fr. Bob DeLeon by Rhea & Susan Cotsonas**