

**FAITH FORMATION & PARISH OUTREACH**

**Celebrate God's Creation.**

**All families from St. James, St. Joseph and St. John the Baptist are invited!** Gather at St. John the Baptist from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, Monday, July 12 through Thursday, July 15 for a simple meal. We will 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 21 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.

**Sidewalk Warriors of Troy** a new name for the same group of people we support. Needed this month: paper plates and napkins, single serve snack packs of chips or pretzels, breakfast tarts, and instant oatmeal.

**GOLF SCRAMBLE—August 6th  
Olde Kinderhook Golf Club**

Cost per golfer –100.00  
Includes: round of golf, cart,  
Lunch on the turn,  
Beer & soda



Brooks Barbecue to follow with raffles & prizes at St. John the Baptist Church

Sign up your foursome by July 1-20.00 discount.  
Proceeds to benefit Youth Ministry at St. John's.

We need volunteers for dinner, on the course,  
and obtaining raffle items.  
Questions?

Please call Ruth Ellen Berninger at 518-758-1828.

*Registration 9 am/ Shotgun Start 10 am*



**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 Kingsley, Doug LaBudde, Jack Law Jr., Pinky Laviano, Kristen Law, Kevin M. Lynch, William Lindberg, Dominick Lizzi, Cindy Mahony, Erica Matthies, Kevin McCann, John McCauley, Gary McDonald, Edin Mercado, Marianne Martinez, Judy Martino, Kaylee Rose Meyer, Luba Mykityw, 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 Sperl, Sean Spicer, Kyle Stickles, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Br. David Turmel, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Darrell Wilson, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Erica Wordon

**FLOWER BEDS**

The beautiful flower beds at our church are the result of much hard work by our **GARDEN MINISTRY**.

They are looking for new members who like to dig in the dirt!

Please call Paula Rivenburg if interested. 518-784-3294

**BROOKS BARBECUE!!!**



Friday, August 6th. 4:30 pm-6:30pm

Take-out only. \$11.50 per person.  
Includes half chicken, baked potato, coleslaw,  
dinner roll & butter.

Tickets will be available in the office and at masses beginning June 26th.



**BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday July 8, 2021  
1pm-7pm

Kinderhook Elks Lodge  
Route 9H, Kinderhook  
To register call 1-800-RED CROSS

Or [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 20, 2021

12th Sunday In Ordinary Time

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

# Happy Father's Day!

## DO YOU KNOW anyone lacking a sacrament or yearning to become Catholic?

**RCIA** (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) will begin late Aug./early Sept. at The Church of St. Joseph depending on your interest. Open to members of the NCCCC for those lacking a sacrament: Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, Confirmation or anyone wishing to join our faith.

Please contact Carol Qualtieri at 518-799-2133 for more info. Our goal is completion April 16, 2022, at the Easter Vigil, Stottville, NY

### Readings for the week of June 20, 2021

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 [1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41  
 Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5  
 Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
 Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20  
 Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
 Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4  
 Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17  
 Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/  
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

### THIS WEEK'S AND NEXT MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, June 19, 2021

**4:00 pm** Jay D Dady by the Dady family  
 Laurie Williams by Alana Kewsedich

#### Sunday, June 20, 2021

**7:30 am** Michael Le by LeNguyen family  
 Charles, Mary & Donald Rutherford by the family  
 Leslie P. Green by Karen, Les & Shawn Green

#### Saturday, June 26, 2021

**4:00 pm** Myroslaw Mykytiw by Chris Muryne  
 Laurie Williams by Dolores Grenier

#### Sunday, June 27, 2021

**7:30 pm** Frank & Lena Graziano by Guy & Janis  
 Graziano & family