



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/September 13, 2020

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
[cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b,
3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and
22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28
[1]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/
Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-
14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Masses for September

September 12/13 Last name beginning with M-R

September 19/20 Last name beginning with S-Z

September 26/27 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:

Anonymous, Paul Amyot, Okgana Bajko, Joan Bellanger, Michael Birmingham, Sylvia Boulger, Virginia Bradley, John Brady, 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, Ed Helfer, William Hernandez, David Jaffarian, Craig Kingslely, 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, 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, Kevin Sutton, Joan Torcello, Nancy Troutman, Matthew West, Edward Wheeler, Dan Wiltse, Marybeth Wiltse, Gary Wickes, Chrissy Wills, Carol Wisenhunt, Veronica Wistar, Robert Woodward, Erica Wordon

HOLD THE DATE

An outside Tailgate Christmas Sale

St. John The Baptist Church, Valatie, NY

October 3 and 10, 2020

More to Follow



Your generosity is needed!

From now until **Sunday, September 27**, 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 9 am and 1 pm Monday - Thursday. Please do not bring dressy coats or windbreakers and do not leave parkas at the Church entrances.

Thank you!

Pastors Blog,

This weekend marks the six-month anniversary of our online 'First Mass' that we started to reach people in the earliest days of the pandemic. While the national and global emergency is still upon us and made more challenging because of natural and other disasters, we see rays of light. We're blessed that in our region, the need for certain restrictions is lessening, even as we remain vigilant. As our hearts and prayers focus on our school children, teachers, staff, parents and loved ones, we feel both anxiety and hopeful enthusiasm. And we continue to be blessed by the heroes who do so much by sharing gifts, talents, and genuine compassion for those who are still struggling in our community.

I am relieved that people are returning to church. My weekends are no longer my own again and that is fulfilling. To be honest, though, I often find myself exhausted by Sunday afternoon which is a new phenomenon for me. I am such an extrovert (for better or worse!) that I am energized, in some ways too much so, at the end of a long weekend. Since we have gone back to an abbreviated mass schedule that requires limited attendance and attention to detail, I find myself somewhat on edge. As fortunate and happy I am we are beginning to 'come back', I am missing so many people. I worry people have left 'for good' or that some of our most faithful who are at risk are hurting. I am usually completely drained by early Sunday afternoon.

This weekend was different. I joined many of you in watching Deacon Dan McHale's ordination to the diaconate online, and was also able to attend the "First Mass" of the one new priest, Father Charles Onyeneke, who was ordained to the priesthood at the same service as Deacon Dan. I was so impressed that Deacon Dan and others attended Father Charles' First Mass after such a spiritual and emotional weekend for them and their families. I expected to be tired but as the celebration drew near, I felt invigorated and a bit nostalgic over my own First Mass.

Father Charles celebrated his First Mass at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Round Lake where he had been serving as a deacon for over a year. A native of Nigeria, the liturgy was livestreamed throughout the world and his family were able to partake online. The joy and emotion he expressed, especially when he was focused on the camera, was captivating. The liturgy was marked by an incredible homily by Newly ordained Deacon Matthew Duclos, now studying in Rome.

This was a homecoming for him as well since Deacon Matt served as a Music Director there for many years after college and it is the Corpus Christi community that nurtured his vocation.

What touched me particularly about the event was the hard work and dedication of the people who were so proud of these fine men. I could not help but realize how proud they and the pastor were of the people. It reminded me of the generosity of time, talent and treasure I see in our own parishes. As blessed as I was to join the Corpus Christi community for one day, I am so more so to join you every day.

In gratitude, I would like to quote Father Charles in which he spoke of his own vocation. I truly believe that he speaks of the gift of ministry that we all share: "The gift of ordination for me is a total call to sacrifice, a life lived in the spirit with Christ as the model that is being imitated. It also means to be a call to serve God by serving His wonderful people with passion, devotion, and love."

Fr. George

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12

4:00 pm **Shelia DeRuggiero** by Michael & Jennifer Brennan

Barbara Monahan by Frank & Eileen Szepessy

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am **Dolly Bogardus** by Jean & Shane Wenz

Ann Neary by her family

Faith Formation Resources for Families

Registration forms for Faith Formation will be sent out next week. We are making changes in our program to reflect the ongoing pandemic protocols. Space restrictions at our parish will not allow for our usual gatherings. We are creating **family-centered faith formation packets** to be used at home for the months of **Oct., Nov., and December**. We will re-evaluate our program in January.

If you have questions or concerns, please call **Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828**.

Thank you all for your generous donations to our school supply drive. We can always count on our parish for help!!