



"Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:19-21

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/October 18, 2020**

**Readings for the week of October 18, 2020**

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  
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**All Soul's Day**

**Sunday, November 1st**

We will offer the tradition of our All Souls Mass alive by recording the celebration.

**All are encouraged to watch this online.**

This will be a joint service.

Please submit names of others who have passed since last November to the office by Sunday, October 25th.

**Masses for October**

Last name beginning with A-D Oct. 24-25

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 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, Eileen Scott, Maddi Sidarous, Ralph Sitzer, 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

Did you know that St. John's offer the option for **online giving**? This feature enables you to easily make donation payments, and pledges to our parish- especially now during this time of social distancing, when buildings are closed. To access St. John's online banking or to find out more,

Visit the following link via our parish website:

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

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Suggested items for October are:**

- Dinner Helpers**
- Canned tomato products**
- Canned Ravioli**
- Spaghetti & Meatballs**





## Pastors Blog

*We give thanks for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith, labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord, Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3)*

I have expressed my own gratitude with these words of St. Paul before but I cannot think of any other passage that better describes how I am feeling in light of all the hard work and dedication that our staff, ministers and volunteers continue to do on behalf of our communities. I am so blessed that in the midst of a pandemic, somehow we are able to shoulder on and take on the weight of our situation. Because of all of you, we are able to bear the burdens that none of us could have anticipated last year.

We are fast approaching the **Feasts of All Saints and All Souls**. While we will offer limited opportunities to worship in person, we are keeping the tradition of our All Souls Memorial Mass alive by recording the celebration in advance. You will be hearing more information about this soon.

Paul’s words remind us that we too have a role in remembering others, including those who have gone before us. I am remembering a quote by Flavia Weedn that I came across when researching for a funeral homily: *“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to a new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.”* The beauty of our faith is that we believe that they are remembering us also. As difficult as it is to grieve the departed, our All Souls Liturgy allows us to remember our loved ones with gratitude that they were part of our lives.

Our joint service for all three parishes will be filmed at St. John the Baptist. The names of the deceased to be remembered are being compiled from our registries that record those who have had funerals in the churches. This year it is important to remember all those who have passed during the pandemic, especially during the early weeks where church services weren’t allowed. **We encourage you to submit the names of others who have passed away since last November so that we can remember them as well.** These names would include your friends and family members, as well as others with ties to our communities. Please don’t assume others will be submitting names on their behalf. All are welcome.

Due to our filming schedule, **please submit any names this week by calling or emailing the office by Sunday, October 25, preferably the Friday before.** As we continue to navigate new challenges due to the pandemic, I would like to encourage everyone to help us move forward in the footsteps of Jesus. May our parish families pray and work for the betterment of all and may we always find the time to share our traditions with renewed visions. God bless you all!

Fr. George

## THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 17th

**4:00 pm** Joan Avery by Eileen Avery  
 Edwin & Lois Strehler by Lois Fornaro  
 Joan & Rick Torcello by Scharoun & Catalino Families

Sunday, October 18th

**7:30 am** Tom Kelty by April & Matt Kelty  
 Charles Cotsonas by Rhea Cotsonas

Faith Formation Resources for Families

The second of the Family Faith Formation packets will be available for pickup on **October 31 from 9 am to 1 pm** at Church. The theme for the month of November is gratitude.

Thank you to the many who contributed gently used winter coats for men, women and children. **We are collecting new socks and underwear during the month of November.** Please place items in the box at Church during weekend Masses, or bring to the Rectory during the week.

We will continue our long tradition of helping others at Christmas through the **Bethlehem Tree**. The structure will be a bit different during this time. Watch here and Facebook for more information.

**THANK YOU** to all who donated winter coats.  
**Much appreciated!!**