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Call Rectory to Arrange:

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM..... Prep Required - Prepare during Pregnancy

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY..... Prep Required - Arrange 6 months in advance



September 12, 2021

Mass Intentions This Week

Sat.	Sept.	11	5:00 PM	Allyn & Doris Turck by The Family
Sun.	Sept.	12	8:30 AM	Deceased Members of The Boliver Family by The Family
Mon.	Sept.	13	8:15 AM	Stephen Buckingham by Bernard & Dorothy Monnat
Tues.	Sept.	14	8:15 AM	Richard Fuller by St. Stephen's Knights of Columbus
Wed.	Sept.	15	NO MASS	
Thur.	Sept.	16	8:15 AM	Millard & Patricia Chamberlain by The Family
Fri.	Sept.	17	8:15 AM	For the People of the Parish
Sat.	Sept.	18	5:00 PM	Nancy Jackson & Elaine Thayer by Beverly Bush & Marietta Virkler
Sun.	Sept.	19	8:30 AM	Russell & Mary Tabolt

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION..... Saturday, 4:15-4:45 PM

Pray for the Sick: *Jeanne Merry, William (Bill) Davoy Jr., Bernard Ardison, Howard Hirsch, Elizabeth Tabolt Jasinski, Jeff Bruckman, Nicole Brown, Ronald Bush, and all ill at home, in the hospital or nursing homes.*

(The sick that wish to be remembered in prayer will be included on this list only if they agree to have their names included or family members specifically request this). Please call the rectory to have a name included on this list.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Living a disciple's life is not easy. Isaiah is proud to serve the Lord, but it is difficult. Facing opposition and abuse, Isaiah relies on God's help. St James preaches that faith obliges us to do good, to actually act out our beliefs. Jesus tells the crowd that whoever follows him must take up his or her cross.

Listening to the readings today tells us we will need special courage to take up our crosses, but we are comforted by the knowledge God always accompanies us in our struggles.

The Bishop's Fund

In the coming week, you will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2021 Bishop's Fund Appeal. Next weekend we will have "Commitment Weekend" for the Appeal in our parish. Please remember every gift makes a difference every gift counts. Any gifts received after the Appeal reaches its goal will be used to further supplement the Bishop's Good Samaritan Fund which assists families in need in our community and throughout the Diocese. You are invited to bring your gift next weekend for Commitment Weekend and place it in the collection basket or return it to Bishop LaValley in the envelope provided. Online giving is also available at <https://www.rcdony.org/bfa.html#donate>. Thank you once again for your generosity and support.

THE PERMANENT DIACONATE- "SERVANTS IN A SERVANT CHURCH"

A Brief History

The Permanent Diaconate is both new and yet very old. The order of Deacon had its origins in the very beginning of our Church. Deacons are first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (6:2-5). The twelve Apostles called a meeting of all of Jesus' disciples and asked them to select seven men "filled with the Spirit and Wisdom."

The main responsibility of these men was to serve the poor in their communities. The deacons in the early Church performed their duties in cooperation with the Bishops and Presbyters (priests). Their specific tasks included assisting in the celebration of the liturgy, giving instruction in the faith, and directing charitable work. The first deacons of the Church were very committed to their faith. Saint Stephen, one of the original seven called by the Apostles, is considered the first martyr.

The order of Permanent Deacon began to experience a gradual decline in the third century. During the fourth century, the liturgical role of the deacon was emphasized at the expense of the ministry of the Word and the ministry of Charity. The failure of the Church to recognize the importance of the Diaconate in its own right, led to its eventual collapse. By the fifth century, the diaconate was viewed as a "transitional" step in Holy Orders leading to eventual ordination to the priesthood. The Council of Trent discussed the possibility of restoring the order of Permanent Deacons in the 16th century, but the proposal would take four more centuries to become a reality.

BLUE MASS: September 26 Bishop Terry R. LaValley cordially invites all Police, Corrections, Fire and EMS Personnel to the Diocese of Ogdensburg Blue Mass at 2 p.m. on Sept. 26, 2021. This year the Blue Mass will be at Notre Dame Church, 11 Church Place, Malone. The entire New York North Country Community is invited to join in prayer for the safety and wellbeing of all first responders and public safety personnel.

Lost & Found... A silver watch was found in church last weekend. Made by "Invicta". Call or stop by the rectory if it's yours!

SEARCHLIGHT: Youth Leadership Overnight Retreat Friday October 1st & Saturday October 2nd at the Guggenheim Center in Saranac Lake. More information is available on our Facebook page or you can call St. Stephen's Rectory.

YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

Collection 9/5/21 : \$ 4,214.28
Needed to meet Budget: \$ 4,476.00
Haitian Relief : \$ 1,005.00
Fuel : \$ 1,046.00

**Thank you for faithful support
to St. Stephen's Parish**

MARRIED AND RELIGIOUS JUBILEE

The annual Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in person on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, at 2:30pm by Bishop Terry R. LaValley at St. Mary's Cathedral. The Mass is to honor the Religious Sisters for their decades of service to the Church and all married couples celebrating their anniversaries (from one year and up). Family and friends of the honorees are welcome to attend. Bishop LaValley will host a light reception immediately following Mass in the Brazana Hall. Couples only, please register for the Mass through your parish or register at <https://www.rcdony.org/jubilee> by Sept. 24th.

THE EUCHARIST

The Eucharist propels us forth to transform the world. The Eucharist "increases, rather than lessens, our sense of responsibility for the world today."

Christ in the Eucharist calls us to build "a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 20). Filled with awe for all we have received in Christ's self-gift, we respond with service and works of charity. We act to transform unjust structures, policies, and laws that degrade human life and dignity.

HAITIAN RELIEF COLLECTION Please use the special envelopes found in the church seats to make your donation to this special need. Place your envelope in the regular collation this week or next.