

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU,
SO YOU SHOULD ALSO DO FOR OTHERS.”**

The readings this Sunday challenge us to examine our attitudes and our deeds and to re-examine our priorities. Jesus is straightforward with his followers when he tells them “Whatever causes sin, cut it away.” James invites us to take a look at our possessions and priorities and invites us to be advocates of justice for those less fortunate.

Please Pray For All Our Sick

Pearl Sullivan, Joseph Puente, Nancy Lalone, Marie Badger, Burt Lawrence, George Skomsky, Nancy Prashaw, Tim Kirkey and Levi Parisian.

THE BISHOP’S FUND

Last week everyone received a letter and brochure from Father LaValley asking you to join him in supporting the 2009 Bishop’s Fund Appeal.

Our goal is to have **341** or more families participate in this important appeal. If we do this, we will surely exceed our parish financial target of **\$34,936.50**.

Your gift to the 2009 Bishop’s Fund Appeal will help continue the vital ministries, services and programs that reach out to so many in need. Please consider making a pledge or one-time gift to this year’s effort. Please remember - every gift makes a difference - every gift counts.

S.O.S. WALK-A-THON

The S.O.S. (Stamp Out Starvation) walk-a-thon for the Massena area will be held this Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 2:00 pm starting in the parking lot behind Sacred Heart Church. The S.O.S. Walk is the major fundraiser for the local food pantries: Meals-on-Wheels, the Salvation Army, the Neighborhood Center, and St. Vincent de Paul. Sponsor forms are available at the church entrances. For more information call Fr. Bernie at the rectory. 769-2469

REPORT ON EXTERIOR REPAIRS TO THE CHURCH AND RECTORY...

Gillette Brothers Construction Company of Chateaugay has completed work on the rectory and church for this year.

Work on the exterior stone work of the rectory was very extensive and was in progress for the past two years. The exterior stone work needed re-pointing (removing & replacing the disintegrated cement between the stones), removing most of the window sills and replacing the cement grouting and replacing the bricks on the side entryway. The four corners of the rectory were in bad condition from top to bottom. Much of the stone-work was removed, cleaned and re-cemented. The work was extensive and time consuming. Total cost exceeds \$14,000.00.

REPORT ON DETAILED WORK COMPLETED ON THE CHURCH WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT WEEK’S BULLETIN.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 28 - Wenceslaus & Lawrence Ruiz

12:05 Joyce Cavanaugh by John & Patricia LaRue

Tuesday, September 29 - Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael

12:05 Mildred Cote by Russell & Rosanne Barstow

Wednesday, September 30 - Jerome

12:05 Dale Peets, Sr. (ANN) by The Family

Thursday, October 1 - Therese of the Child Jesus

12:05 Harry Grow by The Hayes Family

First Friday, October 2 - Guardian Angels

12:05 Nevada Brady by Weymouth Beckstead

2:00 **HNH** - Louis Gerace by Friends

First Saturday, October 3 - Weekday

2:00 **WEDDING** - Patrick Deshaies & Cortney Premo

4:30 James Durant (ANN) by The Family

and For the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 4 - Twenty-seventh Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:00 For the Deceased Members of the Massena

Volunteer Fire Department

9:30 John “Jack” Cameron by The Cameron Boys

Joe, Tim, Jim, and Tom

6:00 **Radio Broadcast** of 9:30 A.M. Mass

Courtesy of WMSA

**Effective October 1st
5:15 Mass at St. Joseph’s
on Sunday afternoon will be discontinued!!**

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

10:30 Inquiry Group meets in the Rectory

2:00 **SOS WALK** starts at Sacred Heart Church

5:15 Mass at St. Joseph’s Church

Thursday

3:30 Traditional Choir Rehearsal in Church

First Friday

9:00-3:00 PM Adoration/Benediction at St. Mary’s

Saturday

9:00 Retreat at Sacred Heart Convent Meeting Room

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) AND INQUIRY ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Inquiry Process for anyone interested in becoming Catholic or desiring to complete their Sacraments are now in progress every Sunday at 10:30 in the Rectory. If you or someone you know is interested, please call the Rectory at 769-2469.

GOD’S PLAN — Sacrificial Giving
Sunday, September 20, 2009.....\$9,209.59
Last year, September 21, 2008.....\$9,909.85

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday, September 27th

10:30 am Sunday Faith Formation Classes for Grades 1-6

RETREAT ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

9:00-12:30 in the Sacred Heart Convent Meeting Room

Lunch will be provided.

THE GIFT OF BEING....

BASED ON JOYCE RUPP'S BOOK: THE CUP OF LIFE

Just to be is a blessing. Just to be is holy. Ask God to help you see yourself as a person of, a cup full of goodness.

"Discover within yourself the desire within yourself to hear longer and deeper the voice within." **HENRI NOUWEN**

Facilitators: Associate, Lola Norton/Sister Mary Stephen OSM

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SCOUTS

October 4th there will be a mountain climb with Mass at the summit with Fr. Bryan Stitt, Chaplain for Catholic Scouting, and other members of the Diocesan Scouting Committee. We'll be climbing Azure Mountain. (Go 3 miles south of St. Regis Falls on Rte 458; turn right onto Blue Mt. Rd; travel 8 miles on dirt road to trailhead. We'll begin climbing the 1 mile long 2,500 ft ascent at 9:00 am. For more information or if you can join us, contact Bob Buholtz at (315) 376-8876.

CALENDAR & CARD REQUESTS

Catholic chaplains at Bare Hill Correctional Facility in Malone collect 2010 calendars to give to inmates who request a calendar. The calendars are inspected by Correction Officers before distribution. Please bring unwanted calendars to Church, and the chaplains will pick them up. Donations of Christmas cards are also gratefully received. Thank you, all who have donated calendars previously, and thanks in advance for your help this year.

Massena K of C - 53 E. Orvis St.

Beginning **October 1, 2009** and every 1st Thursday, the newly formed St. Gianna Molla Life Cell will meet at the **Massena K of C at 53 E. Orvis St. from 7 to 8:30 pm.** Inspired by Fr. Frank Pavone's Missionaries of the Gospel of Life (MEV) - a direct response to the call issued by John Paul II (the Great) in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH
CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Father Don asked Virginia Clary to take a picture of the church when it was decorated for Christmas last December. Samples of the Christmas card designed by Stubbs Printing are located near the doors of the church with order forms. These samples and forms will be available until the end of September and Christmas cards will be ordered according to the number who sign up. Cost will be approximately .75 each. The more cards ordered, the less expensive they will be.

THE BISHOP'S FUND APPEAL

Dear Friends In Christ,

"*We, Though Many, Are One Body,*" the theme for this year's Bishop's Fund Appeal, provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the larger Church, to look beyond ourselves, to care and lend support for the entire family of God, the one Body of Christ.

We know that the Church is not merely a building constructed of brick and mortar where we gather to worship. No, the Church is comprised of millions of individuals from all walks of life. The Church, the family of God, includes:

- The seminarian, studying to become a priest, who will one day baptize your children and grandchildren.
- Your children in Catholic school or faith formation class learning their faith, traditions and Christian values.
- Your teenage daughter spiritually energized after attending Confirmation retreat or Camp Guggenheim.
- The young couple preparing for the sacrament of marriage.
- The inactive Catholic whom we are calling to "come home," "we need you," "we love you."
- Your neighbor or friend who is having difficulty providing food for mealtime at home.
- Your parent or grandparent who is struggling to pay for prescription medication.

For more than fifty years, the people of the Diocese of Ogdensburg have so generously supported the Bishop's Fund Appeal and for that we are most grateful. Although, at this time, we do not have a bishop to call our own, the important works supported by this Appeal continue and are especially critical in these difficult economic times. The Bishop's Fund Appeal is not, strictly speaking, a "fund" for our bishop. Your gift to the Bishop's Fund allows the programs and vital services of the Bishop's Fund agencies to continue.

Your generous support of this Appeal is essential to the spiritual growth of the faithful across our diocese. Thank you for being as supportive as possible of the 2009 Bishop's Fund Appeal through your prayers and financial contributions.

Wishing God's blessings to you and your loved ones, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Terry R. LaValley, J.C.L.
Diocesan Administrator
Diocese of Ogdensburg

SEND A CARD TO MSGR. PHILLIPS!!

Msgr. George Phillips recently spent several days at Hepburn Hospital. He has moved to St. Joseph's Home where he will spend some time in a "respite bed" with the goal of regaining his strength. He is one of our most senior priests and a wonderful person. A card or note would be appreciated by him. His address is: Msgr. George M. Phillips, St. Joseph's Home, 950 Linden Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669.