

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Goal: As a community may we seek to be of one heart and one mind, to know, love and serve our Lord by Letting His love and light shine through each of us.

From the Cluttered Desk and Mind of Deacon Bob

Blessings to everyone here at St. John the Evangelist Church in Centerville-Saugerties. And welcome to the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary time. Summer is over, not by the weather calendar, but by the school calendar. It's cooling off overnight, and days are getting shorter.

We have three powerful readings today. As you read Isaiah's words, think of Jesus. What did He go through during His Passion and death? Isaiah spells it out almost word for word. "I gave my back to those who beat me... those who plucked my beard...my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting"-the treatment He received from the Praetorian Guard. "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame."- Christ before Pilate and the screaming crowd. What courage it takes to go against what the majority want, what the devil incites man to do against his or her fellow man or woman. What power! What majesty! What an example for each of us for our own life.

The reading from the Letter of James is probably one of the better known passages of the New Testament. "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" Most people are not willing to admit they need help. They aren't willing to ask a neighbor, or even the church, for food or money, unless they are totally desperate, or it is for their family. God never said, "Let the government take care of the poor, the widows and orphans." It was the Church, you and me, who were given this charge. That is why we have a food pantry, why we support The Well for clothing for those who need it, the personal care pantry at Centerville Methodist Church.

Three weeks ago, in the Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples if they, too, will leave Him when He tells them they must eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Peter says, "[we] are convinced that You are the Holy One of God." And in today's Gospel, Jesus says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan..." So Peter goes from proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God to being called Satan. Why the change? Three weeks ago, Peter listened to the Holy Spirit. This week, he lets his own wants and desires rule his words and actions. Where is his faith, his trust in Jesus? Peter is just a man, just like us.

How often I think of what I want to do, how I want things to be. I don't even think about asking God what He wants. Maybe what I want isn't the best for my eventual salvation, whatever it is that I may be thinking of. It may put me in a place of temptation, or even sin. It may lead me away from God in any number of ways, like Peter. I need to take time to check with God: God, what would You have me do here? What is best for me right now? Ask God today to give you the wisdom you need to make wise choices for your eternal life.

God bless you.

RESERVED MASSES:

Sat 9/11 5:30p.m. Jean Brown
Req. by Maureen O'Neill

Sat 9/18 5:30 p.m. Vincent Ziedler
Req. by M/M John Kelder and family

COMMUNION SERVICES:

St. John's has a Communion Service every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 8:30 AM. All are welcome. Morning Prayer is prayed immediately before the service at 8:15 AM. Please come.

Please call 845-217-3333 to reach Alison at the Parish Office or for Religious Education. To reach Fr. Chris in an EMERGENCY, please call 845-246-4913.

CONCERT – SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Please join us in the hall at St. Mary of the Snow on September 19th at 2pm for a concert put on by the Veterans in a New Field Band. Songs from the Civil War and WW I will be sung. This is a free-will offering fundraiser. Please be generous! All proceeds will go to our parish of St. Mary, St. Joseph and St. John. Thank you!

GARLIC FESTIVAL – OCT. 2-3, 2021

Fr. Chris would like every family to help with this important fundraiser. Seventh and Eighth grade students may help for Confirmation hours.

We need volunteers to help set up, sell, cool the dough, and clean up.

The available times are:

Friday, 10/1 11am to 4pm – set up tents and supplies at Cantine Field.

Saturday, 10/2 8am to 6pm – Three hours shifts

Sunday, 10/3 8am to 6pm – Three hour shifts and clean up

Please call Christine Molinellu 845-246-6381 and leave your name and number. Please speak slowly and clearly. Thank you!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Have you wondered who the people are who serve at Mass? They must be special, since they are “extraordinary”. What “Extraordinary” means in this sense is that they are not “ordinary” ministers. The priest and deacon are ordinary ministers, the people who are ordained by the Church to distribute Communion. Those who are given the temporary authority, without being ordained, are called extraordinary ministers, outside of the usual ministers, because of need.

We have need of extraordinary ministers. Right now, there are three people who are extraordinary ministers who serve at Mass. If you would like to help the parish, please contact me, Deacon Bob. It is not difficult to be trained as an extraordinary minister (yes, there is training). It will take about an hour to learn what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. Please consider helping. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

On September 5th, we had 48 people at Mass.

FOOD PANTRY ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

The Food Pantry is open on the First Saturday of every month between 10am – noon.

If anyone has any time to help with setup, distribution, or planning, please contact Gabby Baker at g.baker1@ppcsd.org.

LECTORS

What does it take to be a lector? In the old Church, lector was one of the steps to becoming a priest. Since Vatican II, lector is one of the functions the Church wants the laity to fulfill. Unfortunately, because of age, illness, and other factors, we have very few lectors now. We are in serious need of people willing to be lectors.

To be a lector, you need to be able to read. That’s it! You read the announcements, then the first reading, the Responsorial, and the second reading, and then the intentions after the Creed. No knowledge of Scripture is required, no special training, nothing but the ability to read. Please consider becoming a lector. The Church wants you to be involved in the Mass, and so do we at St. John’s.

COMMUNION CALLS

If you or someone you know would like to receive Communion at home, either because of illness or infirmity, or because they don’t feel safe in church, please call me, Deacon Bob, and I will arrange for someone to come and bring Communion to them or to you. Call me at 845-706-1035. I have been contacted by a couple of people who would like to receive Communion. I do not have the time to do this. If anyone is willing to bring Communion regularly to people or couples at their homes, please contact me, Deacon Bob, at 845-706-1035, and I will give you the details. If you are considering becoming an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please contact me. There is some instruction that is needed which I will be glad to provide. I had the joy of instructing two people a few weeks as ministers of Holy Communion at home. It is a most rewarding experience.

CLYNK

We are still doing Clynk with Hannaford. We are collecting deposit bottles in the shed out back, and then putting them in the specially marked bags so that St. John’s gets credit for the deposit value. You can also take a bag home with you and fill your own bag at home with all your deposit containers and bring it to Hannaford’s yourself. Or leave it in the shed. Thank you for your continued support. This does help in our outreach.

There are bags by the side door, as well as some in the shed, if you need a bag when the church is not open.



YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Vincent Saturn, Gene Woodruff, Jane Fiore, Peter Kandora, John Lynch, Nancy Dwyer, Claire Miller, “Smokey” Woods, Zac Swart, Ann Deacon, Debbie Lieberman, MaryLou Dengler, Anne Monfrini, Dan Kelly, Richard Teitter, Ann Nelson, Vinnie & Hilda McDermott, Loretta Beisel, Joanne Sussman, Brittney Ruskie, Thomas Houlihan Sr., Frankie Cullen, Walter Johnson, Charles Bowls, Joe Font, Debbie Volkle, Mike Leung, Pam Murphy, Debra Trees, Fred Belfance, John Bechtold, Paul Donlon, Olivia Trees, Carol Loesch, Bruce Meservey, Mark Moore, Richard Evans, Joe Defino, Sr., Angela Mastracchio, Bobbi Matthews, June DeAngelis, Patricia Storch