



January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

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LIVING OUR FAITH

“Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. He shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting...a bruised reed he shall not break and a smoldering wick he shall not quench.”

What we witnessed this week was very disturbing. I would hope it made us reflect on how we live and move and have our being. Do we come in peace like the servant in this prophecy from Isaiah? How many bruised reeds do we break while passing? Do you know anyone who doesn't speak ill of someone or participate in gossip – putting a stop to it with a strength that puts others to shame? Do you know anyone who is not abrupt with people or patient with events? Do you know anyone who does not pass on jokes that harm and put down others? Do you know anyone who doesn't think their sarcasm and cynicism make them better than others? Do you know anyone who treats everyone with the same respect, whether rich or poor, kind or rude? Do you know anyone who does not live out of their prejudice? Do you know anyone who works for justice and doesn't want their name and photo in the paper?

I would think we have some work to do if we want to be disciples of Christ. Do we want 2021 to be better? Let's commit to making ourselves better. Let's commit to work for peace and justice in all our relationships.

Questions for the week: Dr King said: *“We must live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools.”* What do you think?

THIS SUNDAY’S HYMNS

- # 237 Jesus Christ, by Faith Revealed
- # 254 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
- # 342 Hail to the Lord’s Anointed
- # 215 Joy to the World

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND (Jan. 10th)

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mark 1:7-11

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND (Jan. 17th)

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1:35-42

DAILY PRAYER

Father will continue to gather with us for daily prayer Monday-Friday on Facebook Live. We will pray morning prayers at 9AM and evening vespers at 6 PM. Please send your prayer petitions to Father and he will include them in daily prayer.

JOIN US SUNDAY EVENINGS

We are pleased to announce that we will continue offering Mass on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm here at St. Peter’s.



*The following words were written in 2004 by Sister Joyce Rupp,
a popular and prolific spiritual writer.
For the New Year, she hoped...*

That the single, most significant dimension of life is your relationship with the
Source of Goodness who never ceases to sing love songs to your soul

That you find meaning, purpose, and vitality in what you do daily

That you treasure your loved ones and let them know how dear they are to you

That you make choices and decisions that reflect your truest self

That you look in the mirror at least once a day and smile in happy amazement

That you remember relationships are what count above all else – more than work
or money, or all the material things we spend so much time tending

That you live in an uncluttered manner, enjoying the freedom to be content

That you keep your sense of humor when things don't go the way you want

That you find adventure in each new day and marvel at the wonders of creation
which constantly present themselves to you

That you never give up on yourself when others turn away or do not understand

That you are attentive to the health of your body, mind and spirit

That you take risks and accept the growth-full challenges that come to you

That you draw on your inner strength and resiliency when you are in need

That you carry peace within yourself, allowing it to slip into the hearts of others so
our planet becomes a place where violence, division, and war are no more.

A most blessed new year to you and all you love!



American Red Cross
Southern Tier Chapter



Hello,

Do you know a Real Hero in in Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Delaware, Otsego, Sullivan, Tioga, or Tompkins Counties in NY, or Susquehanna County in PA? Do you know someone who has done something extraordinary for someone else or the community this year? Do you know someone who has saved a life or responded courageously to a disaster? We want to hear from you!

We are seeking nominations for the Southern Tier Chapter of the American Red Cross' **12th Annual Real Heroes Event to be held virtually in May 2021**. This event celebrates those who embody the American Red Cross' mission of alleviating human suffering by recognizing local heroes who have performed heroic acts in life-threatening situations or have worked to make a positive impact in their community or in the life of another. Events should have occurred between January 1, 2020 and January 29, 2021.

Nominations are **due to us no later than January 29, 2021**. To nominate a local hero, please fill out the attached form and send it to Susie.Chadwick@redcross.org or mail it to American Red Cross, c/o Real Heroes, 620 E. Main Street, Endicott, NY 13760. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at STRealHeroes@redcross.org. Or you can fill out the form online at www.redcross.org/SouthernTierRealHeroes.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and learning more about the ordinary people doing extraordinary things in the Southern Tier.

All the best and thank you for your support of The American Red Cross.

Sincerely,

Real Heroes Committee | **American Red Cross** | Southern Tier Chapter
620 E. Main Street | Endicott, NY 13760
Email: STRealHeroes@redcross.org

Mass Schedule

Saturday evenings at 7 PM:

Mass in Spanish

Sunday mornings at 10 AM:

Mass in English

Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:

Mass in English

We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live. You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to www.facebook.com and visiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY. A recorded video of the Mass will also be published to our page at the conclusion of Mass.

If you plan to join us for Mass in person, please see the end of this bulletin for details on the protocols we have put in place to keep us all safe.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. While the church is open for Mass, all individuals who are 65 years of age or older, those with underlying health considerations and those who are not yet comfortable attending Mass in person, are strongly encouraged to stay home and participate in the Mass on Facebook Live.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive. Father Ed or Deacon Don will be waiting on the front steps of the church, weather permitting, each Sunday until 11:30 AM to distribute Holy Communion. They will only be able to offer the Eucharist in the hand. Please be sure to wear a face covering, maintain a distance of 6 feet from others, and most importantly, we ask that you follow the directions of the ushers.

PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES FOR IN PERSON MASS ATTENDANCE

BEFORE MASS

- ✓ We ask you to arrive at the church no later than 9:45 AM for 10 AM Mass. (Please arrive by 6:45PM for 7 PM Spanish Mass.)
- ✓ When approaching the church, please keep in mind that all individuals and groups must keep a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals and groups.
- ✓ Everyone must wear a face covering at all times.
- ✓ There will be hand sanitizer available for those who would like to use some before entering the church.
- ✓ Before entering the church, everyone will have their temperature taken using a contact free thermometer. Anyone with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be asked not to enter the church.
- ✓ Everyone will be escorted to a seat by an usher who has been designated and trained by Father Ed. Seating will be assigned from the front of the church to the back, and will be based on the next available seat, keeping social distancing in mind. Single individuals will be seated on one side of the church and families of 2 or more will be seated on the other side.
- ✓ There will be no holy water in the church.
- ✓ We will continue to send bulletins to parishioners electronically. There will be no paper bulletins in the church.

DURING MASS

- ✓ Please keep your mask on during the entire Mass, except for the brief moment when receiving Holy Communion.
- ✓ The collection will not be taken up in the traditional way. Instead, you may place your offering in the basket at the back of the church.

- ✓ Missalettes and hymnals have been removed from the pews. You are invited to take a missalette from the table at the back of the church at the beginning Mass. That will be your missalette. Please take it home with you and should you wish, bring it back for use at future Masses. Hymnals will not be available for the time being.
- ✓ There will be no offertory procession.
- ✓ Please refrain from physical contact at the Sign of Peace. Please offer a gesture such as a wave, bow or nod. Of course, this does not apply to families who have come together.
- ✓ When it is time for Communion, Father Ed and Deacon Don will make their way through the church to offer the Eucharist. There will NOT be a Communion line. When either Father or Deacon approaches your pew, please stand if you would like to receive. You may remove your mask for the brief moment of receiving Communion. Please note the Eucharist can only be offered in the hand at this time.

DISMISSAL

- ✓ At the conclusion of Mass, please remain in your seat until an usher approaches your row and dismisses you. Rows will be dismissed from the back of the church to the front. Upon leaving the church, please make your way to your car as quickly as possible, so as to avoid groups of people gathering.

BATHROOMS

- ✓ We ask that the use of the bathroom be reserved for emergencies only. If you do need to use the bathroom, please use the handicapped bathroom located in the old Convent building. Ushers will direct you should you need assistance.

