CCNCC

The Catholic Community
of Northern Columbia County

The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

Rev. Steve Matthews, Pastor

Church of St. Joseph

Stottville:
2824 Atlantic Ave., Stottville, NY 12534
Stuyvesant Falls:
1820 U.S. Rte. 9, Stuyvesant, NY 12173

St. James Church

117 Hudson Ave., Chatham, NY 12037

St. John the Baptist Church

1025 Kinderhook St., Valatie, NY 12184

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM	Church of St. Joseph, Stottville
4:00 PM	St. John the Baptist, Valatie

Sunday Mass

7:30 AM	St. John the Baptist, Valatie
9:00 AM	St. James Church, Chatham
10:30 AM	Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls
12:30 PM	Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls (Spanish)

Tuesdays

9:00 AM	Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls *Rosary prayer followed by Communion service and Eucharistic Adoration*

Wednesdays

8:45 AM	St. James Church, Chatham *Rosary prayer*
9:15 AM	St. James Church, Chatham *Morning prayer and Communion service*
7:00 PM	Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls (Spanish) *Grupo Oración MDJ*

Thursdays

9:00 AM	St. John the Baptist, Valatie *Morning prayer and Communion service*

Fridays

7:00 PM	Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls (Spanish) *Exposición de Santísimo*

Thank You!
Thank you to all who helped with our One Faith Community's All Souls' Mass! There were a number of people involved from preparing the program to setting the sanctuary and having candles and other items arranged to help make it such a special evening.

It was our first attempt (in a while) at a bilingual mass. There were over 75 people who attended who came from each of our parishes, including a large number of our sisters and brothers who speak Spanish. Many of the prayers and readings were read in Spanish. All the names of those who died and were buried from the CCNCC were read. Those present were called forward when their deceased love one's name was called and they were presented with a homemade prayer shawl. A number of people have commented on what a moving mass it was. Let us continue to pray for all those who have lost a loved one during the month of November and beyond!

Is it the Christmas Season already?
Tis the Season – Yes I know, it's just after All Hallows Eve and All Souls' Day and we're seeing and hearing things about Christmas already! In last weekend's Times Union there was an article entitled "Tis the Season…" It got me thinking that each year (and I think most will agree) the decorations for Christmas come earlier and earlier. Another article said that because of the pandemic certain gift items will be hard to come by. So, if you see "it," don't wait – buy it today! While I don't want to encourage you to rush out and buy anything, I do want you to start thinking about how you can celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus' birthday differently than the media and retailers will encourage you to do.

Over the next few weeks you will see some alternate gift ideas listed in the bulletin. For me, I have enough "stuff," so I have asked my friends and family to please make a donation in my name to their favorite charity (or to one of mine). Another point you will hear me emphasize is the excessive use of the term "happy holidays." What holidays are we celebrating? Labor Day? Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly Columbus Day)?, Halloween? Election Day? Thanksgiving? Why is it that Merry Christmas needs to be replaced with the generic greeting?

May I suggest a number of "little" ways to combat that! First – if you buy postage – ask for Religious Christmas stamps (not Santas, generic holidays, etc.). Second, if you mail cards – use *Christmas* cards and not generic holiday cards. Last at least for now, keep the word Christ in Christmas! (Don't use the "X" to avoid using Christ or as a shortcut.) You'll hear more about this religious holiday and holy day in the coming weeks, so stay tuned!

PS Advent starts in three weeks – maybe it's time to consider an "old fashioned" Advent wreath to help prepare you and your family for the *real season* of Christmas (which only starts on the evening of 12/24). Watch the bulletin for opportunities to go to confession at our One Faith Community's Advent Penance Service.

Fr. Steve
Pastor, Catholic Community of Northern Columbia County (CCNCC)

TRI-PARISH INFORMATION

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Hi, I'm Fr. Steve and I warmly welcome you to Sunday Mass and look forward to meeting you in person! We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Eucharist together. Given the continuing presence of COVID in our area, **we are requiring that all worshipers continue to wear masks throughout the Mass (except when consuming the Host).** If you are unable to join us in person, please go to your parish website for links to our livestreamed Mass.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Please email or call your parish office for dates and to schedule parents' preparation for Baptism at any of our churches.

RECONCILIATION

Please email or call our Central Office if you would like to schedule a confession.

MARRIAGE

Please email or call your parish office at least nine months in advance of your proposed wedding date. We strongly recommend you do so before making any other wedding commitments.

HOMEBOUND AND HOSPITALIZED

Please call your parish office to arrange a visitation in your community.

FUNERALS

Funeral directors are in touch with our parishes about funeral arrangements. Please feel free to call your parish office if you would like additional support.

CENTRAL TRI-PARISH OFFICE:

St. John the Baptist Church: 1025 Kinderhook St., Valatie, NY 12184
Open: Mondays (by appointment); Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9AM—1PM. Wednesday: closed for staff meeting & prayer
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Email: stjohnthebaptistch@nycap.rr.com
Website: stjohnsvalatie.org

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Church of St. Joseph: 1820 U.S. Rte. 9, Stuyvesant, NY 12173
Open: Fridays, 9AM—12PM
Phone: (518) 799-5411
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Website: parishes.rcda.org/ChurchofStJoseph/

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Email: sjofficeassistant@gmail.com
Website: stjameschatham.org

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CCNCC PARISH TRUSTEES:

Church of St. Joseph: Carman Esposita & Martha Pizza
St. James Church: Mickey Dennis
St. John the Baptist Church: Connie Smith & Rachel Stead

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 6:
4PM, St. Joseph/Stottville:
Marion Patzwahl by Elizabeth "Betty" Keeler
4PM, St. John the Baptist/Valatie:
Jean Dunn by Polly & Dale Berlin
John Iocco by the family
Ann Neary by the family
Jennifer Birmingham Quattrone by Diane Amyot & Mike Birmingham
Sunday, November 7:
7:30AM, St. John the Baptist/Valatie:
Christopher Meegan by Joan McNamara
9AM, St. James Church/Chatham:
Rose Allocca by Pat Dieffenbach
Eileen Frankenbush by Marie & Phil Orlando
Margaret Joseph by Joan Perini
Deceased family members of Rosemarie Siegel
John Wallace by Stacy Wallace
10:30AM, St. Joseph/Stuyvesant Falls:
James Antalek by ICC Tempo
12:30PM, St. Joseph/Stuyvesant Falls:
For the Spanish Community

Saturday, November 13
4PM, St. Joseph/Stottville:
Stephen Shumsky by his California family Frank, Mary Lou, Terri, Hailey, Terry
4PM, St. John the Baptist/Valatie:
Mary Connor by Dorothy Harvey
Catherine Havelka by Robert Havelka
Gerald Howard by the Howard family
Deceased members of Knights of Columbus
Special Intention by Jennifer Millett
Sunday, November 14:
7:30AM, St. John the Baptist/Valatie:
George Barilics by Donna, Kirsten & Lauren Bertrand
Charles, Mary & Donald Rutherford by the family
9AM, St. James Church/Chatham:
Ronald Horn by Joan Perini
Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus
Josephine McKeon by Annebeth & Craig Dillon
10:30AM, St. Joseph/Stuyvesant Falls:
James Antalek by Dianne Ives
Fran Hallenbeck & Rose Kostek by Millie Hotaling
12:30PM, St. Joseph/Stuyvesant Falls:
For the Spanish Community

UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES:

- **Nov. 11 at 10AM:** a special Mass for **Veterans' Day** at St. Joseph's Stuyvesant Falls
- **Nov. 21 at 5:30PM:** an evening Mass for **High School Age Students and their families** at St. James in Chatham.
- **Nov. 23 at 7PM: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** at St. James Church
- **Nov. 25 at 9AM:** a special **Thanksgiving Day Mass** at St. Joseph's Stuyvesant Falls
- **Daily Masses** will return during the week of Nov. 28th – watch for details

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." — Mk 12:42-43

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TRI-PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

On our tri-parish prayer list we highlight our most current requests and those in critical care. In general, we will keep names on our list for a month before moving them to the book of prayer located at each parish, where they will continue to be prayed for in each community.
Please contact the bulletin by e-mail at sjofficeassistant@gmail.com if names need to be added, moved or deleted.

Please keep these loved ones in your prayers:
Leia & Evelyn Adey, Marie Bull, Catherine Lemoine, Tony Muoser, Michael Petillo, Kyle Stickles, Cosimo Tessitore, Lauren Wrigley, Ricky Yan

Also, please pray for the recently deceased and the consolation of their families:
James Antalek, George Barilics, Linda Gibson, Gloria Guido, Linda Krupa, William J. "Bill/Papa" McEachern, John Menegio

Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

At October's end, we completed one month of at-home family formation for grades K – 8, and gathered in-person for the celebration of Mass, light supper, and family formation for the 9th and 10th graders. Our CCNCC 9th graders practiced one of the Corporal Works of Mercy – Bury the Dead – by cleaning the CCNCC cemeteries over the past weekend. We thank Jeanne Norton, Barb Berger, and Dave Frederick for their guidance as our young people and their families raked leaves, cleaned stones, set corner pins, and bagged debris. Watch your parish Facebook for photos. Our CCNCC community is blessed in so many ways!

This month, our theme for the K-8 families is Confirmation, the second of the three Sacraments of Initiation.

> *In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus Christ in our families, neighborhoods, society, and the world. . . . We receive the message of faith in a deeper and more intensive manner with great emphasis given to the person of Jesus Christ, who asked the Father to give the Holy Spirit to the Church for building up the community in loving service.*—from the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*

There are presently 16 CCNCC candidates preparing for spring Confirmation. They are now in the process of discernment. Please pray that they are open to their baptismal call.

Important Dates to Remember:

Sunday Family Gatherings Grades 9 & 10

- **Sunday, November 21 - 5:30 Mass** followed by supper and family formation at St. James Church, Chatham
- **Sunday, December 12 – 5:30 Mass** followed by supper and family formation at the Church of St. Joseph, Stuyvesant Falls

December packet pickup Grades K - 8 at CCNCC Offices

- Tuesday, November 30 - 7:30 am to 2 pm
- Wednesday, December 1– noon to 6:30 pm
- Thursday, December 2 - 7:30 am to 2 pm

If any of these times are problematic, please call Ruth Ellen at 518-758-1828 to make other arrangements.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOV. 7TH THROUGH 13TH

Today begins Vocation Awareness Week
As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! God calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation
"Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~ *Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II*

Your Unique Mission
Why does it matter that people discover their God-given vocations? Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every soul. As St. John Henry Newman famously reflected: "God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I HAVE A MISSION."

Think about, better yet, pray about it and ask God – **What is MY mission?**

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT WREATH WORKSHOP

At the end of November, we begin our preparation time of Advent. We are offering an Advent wreath workshop for families or anyone else who is interested, on Sunday, November 28 at 2 pm in the hall at St. John the Baptist. The workshop is available in person or as a kit. Spaces and kits are limited so please let us know if you are interested via email at ccnccformation@gmail.com or by calling 518-758-1828.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be available at the central office after November 3. Raffle items: First Prize: Afghan, Second Prize: $100, and Third Prize: Basket of Cheer. **Winners will be chosen November 21 after the 7:30 a.m. Mass.**

TRI-PARISH OUTREACH

Dining Out for Others: On Wednesdays in November Catholic Charities of Columbia-Greene is sponsoring "Dining Out For Others," a fundraiser to benefit their emergency assistance fund. Please consider supporting Catholic Charities on Wednesday, 11/10 by dining out at **Kozel's** and **The White Stone Cafe** in Ghent or **The Plaza Diner** in Hudson.

Catholic Charities can help! "If you have trouble paying your heating bill, the emergency assistance program at Catholic Charities can help. Also, if you struggle with mortgage payments due to COVID, Catholic Charities may be able to help. Our program is open to anyone without discrimination based on age, race, gender, lifestyle or religion." - Theresa Lux, Executive Director.

Ride needed: "Mary" can attend Mass on the first Sunday of each month thanks to a volunteer driver. Could you give her a ride to Mass on the other Sundays of the month? Mary lives between East Chatham and Chatham off Rte. 295 just east of Woodhill Veterinary Clinic. Please call OutReach at (518) 929-4369 if you can help.

Men's clothing needed: "Joe" is homeless and works as a laborer when work is available. Now in rehab, he needs clothing when he returns to our community. He is 6'3" tall and weighs 250 lbs. If you have clothes (size 36/32 pants and 3X shirts) that would fit Joe, please call OutReach at (518) 929-4369 for a donation.

GOOD WORKS CALENDAR

November 11

The J.J. Curran Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the annual Warren Delp Memorial Blood Drive at St. John the Baptist Church, on Thursday, November 11, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Donations are urgently needed. To schedule your appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

November 17

Neighbor to Neighbor: VFW of Stuyvesant Falls is hosting a meet your neighbor's forum called Neighbor to Neighbor. All are welcome! Topics include: skills and needs, food security, self-care and so much more. Wednesday, November 17th at 6:30 pm.

November 19

Food Pantry—at the Church of St. Joseph/Stottville Friday, Nov. 19 from 3-5 pm. Volunteers are needed in the morning to help unload the food trucks and late afternoon when we distribute food. We are not accepting donations of food, clothing, or household items. **Church of St. Joseph/Stottville, 2824 Atlantic Avenue, Stottville.**

November 20

St. John the Baptist Church Pre-Christmas Sale, 9AM to 2PM and after the 4 PM Vigil Mass. Quality knitted items; themed gift baskets – with new and gently used items wrapped in clear plastic and a bow – ready for you to deliver; wreaths, large & small Christmas trees, Christmas décor, ornaments and jewelry. One stop Christmas shopping – local and safe!

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR OUR MINISTRIES

November Donation Drives:

The Used Books for Children drive will take place on the weekends before and after Thanksgiving. Donated books are added to Marion Stegmann holiday gift bags for distribution in northern Columbia County. Please call Outreach at (518) 929-4369 to arrange a children's book donation.

The Chatham Food Pantry needs applesauce, jam , and paper products for regular monthly distribution, as well as winter squash for their Thanksgiving baskets. The pantry is open from 10AM-12 noon on Mon., Tues., and Fri. and 4-6PM on Thursdays, located at the Tracy Memorial Village Hall on Main Street, Chatham.

The annual **Holiday Food Drive** is underway through December 25 to benefit the Chatham and Ghent food pantries. To contribute, please write a check payable to St. James Church with "Food Drive" on the memo line and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to St. James Church, 129 Hudson Avenue, Chatham, NY 12037. Thank you!

Ongoing Needs & Activities:

Furniture & Clothing Exchange: If you have household furnishings (including kitchen goods, etc.) to give away through our Furniture Exchange Program in the CCNCC, please call OutReach at (518) 929-4369. Thank you!

Sidewalk Warriors of Troy: Thank you for your continued support of this group. In addition to the standard weekly needs, **winter coats are needed.**

Please bring your gently used warm winter coats with hoods or collars for men and women to the CCNCC offices no later than **Thursday, November 18**. Coats should be cleaned, free from holes, stains and rips, and all zippers should be in working order. All sizes are needed, but there is the greatest need for larger sizes for the many people who dress in several layers.

Please no dress coats, pea coats or wool coats.
Please drop off your items at the CCNCC offices at 1025 Kinderhook St., Valatie next to St. John the Baptist Church.

OFFERTORY AND COLLECTIONS

DIOCESAN APPEAL 2021-2022

As you know, each year we are asked to help support the financial needs of the diocese. On behalf of the bishop and Fr. George, and Deacon Andy, thank you to all who donated in last year's appeal. While you will be hearing more about the appeal in the coming weeks (and you should be receiving information in the mail), I wanted to give you a heads up and ask that you pray about the amount that you are willing to donate this year. If you've donated in the past, would you please consider giving the same amount or even a few dollars more. If you haven't donated, would you please consider giving even a little? Every dollar helps!

In the coming weeks, I'll list the goals/assessments for each parish and we'll post the progress, often. I will also be explaining how we as a One Faith Community with 4 churches in the CCNCC benefited in the past. Additionally, I'll explain how I, as a priest and pastor, have been assisted from the funds donated to the Diocesan Appeal in the past. The information packets and return envelopes for pledges and donations for this year's Diocesan Appeal were delayed and should be received in the next few days. In the meantime, if you want to know more please see the Diocesan Appeal website.

Donations, gifts, and pledges can be made directly to the Diocesan Appeal at https://thediocesanappeal.org

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and generosity! - Fr. Steve

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our tri-parish community offers the secure, convenient option for **online giving**. Your support helps us to continue our ministries and strengthen our faith community. Please click here to learn more and get started:

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St. John the Baptist Church:
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NOVEMBER 7 SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR OUR SISTER PARISH IN HAITI–STE. CÉCILE

The Haiti Committee at St. James Church is taking up a special collection for our sister parish in Haiti, Ste. Cecile, this Sunday, November 7. If you would like to contribute, simply mark "Haiti 11/7" on your check or envelope. Thank you so much for your generosity. Most important, please continue to pray for our friends at this moment of continuing violence and insecurity.

NUESTRA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Domingo, 7 de Noviembre:
XXXII Domingo Ordinario

"Esa pobre viuda" (Marcos 12,43)

En todas las lecturas de hoy, hay un personaje en común: Una viuda. En la primera lectura, Elías se encuentra con la viuda de Sarepta. Luego el Salmo nos dice: "Sustenta al huérfano y a la viuda" (Salmo 146 (145), 9). Finalmente, Jesús exalta a una viuda en el templo por dar como ofrenda todo lo que tenía.

La heroína del Evangelio de hoy no tenia nada que ofrecer a la gente. No tenia dinero, no tenia clase social ni influencia que ayudara a otros a superarse.

Jesús mismo parecía tener un cariño especial por las viudas. Se desvío de su camino para resucitar al hijo de una viuda sola (Lucas 7, 11-17). Narro el relato de una viuda insistente para enseñarnos a rezar (18, 1-8).

Jesús nos ha mandado tener un cuidado especial por viudas, junto con los viudos, los huérfanos, los vulnerables y los que tienen alguna necesidad. Algunos de ellos enfrentan dificultades y necesitan de nuestra ayuda. Lo que es más, cuidar por los amados pobres de Dios también tiene el poder de rescatarnos del egoísmo, el orgullo y la autosuficiencia; nos enseña a servir como lo hizo Jesús. Al final, eso podría ser simplemente lo que nos salve. Amen.

Actividades

Miércoles a las 7PM:	Grupo Oración MDJ
Viernes a las 7PM:	Exposición de Santísimo

CHARISMATIC MASS & HEALING SERVICE

We are pleased to announce the next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** (except December):

Where: **Christ Our Light RC Church**
1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211
Date: **November 10, 2021**
Time: **7:00 pm Prayer and Praise**
7:30 pm Liturgy
Bishop Edward Scharfenberger, Presider

All are Welcome, bring a friend! More information? Go to **AlbanyCCR.org** for other news and events.

BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Clubs meet monthly in the St. James Church Library.
All are warmly welcomed!

November 8 at 10:30AM: The Morning Book Club will discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger. Please call Dee Winkler for more information (518) 392-2297.

November 22 at 3PM: The Afternoon Book Club will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Please email Marie Orlando for more information morland6@gmail.com

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