

July 24th, 2021

**St. Joseph's Church**  
164 Broadway  
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*Happy Grandparents Day!*

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Saturday, July 24th-4:00

*Pat Fitzsimmons* by Mary Remsen & Family

Sunday, July 25th- 10:00am

*Gail Kenyon* by Kathy Huntington

Monday, July 26th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 27th

No Mass

Wednesday, July 28th

No Mass

Thursday, July 29th

Friday, July 30th

No Mass

Saturday, July 31st-4:00pm

*In remembrance of Judy Gorham's 100th Birthday*  
by Lynn, Lester, Michael, Dwayne & Dwight

Sunday, August 1st-10:00am

*Nancy Caputo* by Joe & Dodie Noonan & Family  
*Mark Lapan, MaryJane & Jack King* by Family



Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." — Jn. 6:10, 12

Source: The Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 10, 1911, 1912

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

St. Joseph's Parish Family  
joyfully welcomes



*Peyton Alise Rabine*

into the Catholic Church through the  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

If you or anyone you know would like to be  
placed on our prayer line please call  
Pat Turner at 747-4994



**LIVESTREAMING MASS**

St. Joseph's has started live streaming the 10:00am Sunday Mass. You may view the mass every week at: [www.rcda.org/livemass](http://www.rcda.org/livemass)  
When you are on the site just scroll down the right side to find St. Joseph's Church in Fort Edward.

**Liturgical Ministers— July 24 & 25**

**Cantor:** Pat Frederick  
**4:00pm-Lector:** A:-Richard Delsignore  
**Communion:** Barbara & Todd Wicks

**Cantor:** Kate Lanci  
**10:00am-Lector:** A-Herb Steffens  
**Communion:** Theresa Gillis & Bonnie Francett

**Liturgical Ministers— July 31 & August 1st**

**Cantor:** Mary Lou Strode  
**4:00pm-Lector:** A:-Pat Goodspeed  
**Communion:** Colleen Carpenter & Julie Leonelli

**Cantor:** Pat Frederick  
**10:00am-Lector:** A-Kathy Bryant  
**Communion:** Bonnie Herbaly & Larry Konopka

**Readings  Week of the**

**Readings for the week of July 25, 2021**

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



**CEREAL WEEKENDS**

**For the month of August, Our Parish council is asking us to continue to help feed our local children this summer. Our specialty for August is breakfast cereals. On August 7th & 8th please overflow our food baskets with cereals for the food pantry. You may drop it off at the church or bring it to the church office. Thank you to everyone in continuing to support these projects for those less fortunate than ourselves.**

**Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate World Day of Grandparents and Elderly this Sunday”**

**PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness, You are my hope and my confidence, You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth! I thank You for having given me a family and for having blessed me with a long life. I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me. I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me. Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me a channel of your peace, teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me, to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations. Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church, that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth. Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world, that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended. Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age. Amen.

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