



**St. Joseph's Church**  
164 Broadway  
Fort Edward, N.Y. 12828

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM  
Holy Days as Announced

**WEEKDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Daily Mass: Wednesday  
9 AM in Chapel

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Couples please contact Pastor at least 6 months  
to a year before desired date

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

by appointment

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Parish of St. Joseph Church, Fort Edward, New York, Diocese of Albany, is a Catholic community of believers motivated by the Word of God, sustained by the gifts of the Sacraments and enriched by one another to carry the good news of Jesus Christ to the global community. We are called to reach out in hope and joy to heal and to serve by sharing our time, talents and resources.

**Please remember St. Joseph's in your will**

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**Church Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm  
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**Saturday, August 21st-4:00pm**

***Mary Jane Barbato*** by Phyllis & Nick Sambrato

**Sunday, August 22nd- 10:00am**

***Mary Marvin*** by George McCarty & Patrick Fuller  
***Lola Vaughn*** by her nieces and nephew

**Monday, August 23rd**

No Mass

**Tuesday, August 24th**

No Mass

**Wednesday, August 25th**

No Mass

**Thursday, August 26th**

**Friday, August 27th**

No Mass

**Saturday, August 28th-4:00pm**

***Kristina Flores-Knowlton*** by Liz Lennon

**Sunday, August 29th-10:00am**

***Peter Brock*** by Deacon Bill & Natalie Bazinet



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." — Jn 6:67-69

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**August 22, 2021**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

Memorials are given in memory of loved ones who have died, to remember to keep them in our prayers and help the needs of our church. This week we are asked to remember:



***Frances Ryan Sullivan's 20th Anniversary***  
*by family*



St. Joseph's Parish Family joyfully welcomes

***Elliot John Sheldon***

into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.



**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 FE

**Liturgical Ministers— August 28 & 29**

**Cantor:**

**4:00pm-Lector:** A:-Julie Leonelli

**Communion:** Kathy Huntington & Colleen Carpenter

**Cantor:**

**10:00am-Lector:** A-Herb Steffens

**Communion:** Angela Cobb & Bonnie Francett

**Liturgical Ministers— August 21& 22**

**Cantor:** Kate Lanci

**4:00pm-Lector:** A:-Pat Goodspeed

**Communion:** Barbara & Todd Wicks

**Cantor:** Kaaren Evens

**10:00am-Lector:** A-Gayle Smith

**Communion:** Toni Tuttle & Kathy Bryant

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Submission as Stewardship.**

We aren't comfortable with the idea of submission. Our society champions equality, and rightly so — but it's a mistake to think that submission is at odds with equality. To submit ourselves fully, we must first be free. We must first be our own masters. God has granted us that freedom with the salvation He offers. We are no longer the slaves of sin. Now He asks us to be subordinate to one another, in the name of Christ.

What a completely uncomfortable task! What He's asking is for us to be subordinate to the person who irritates us the most. The person we really can't stand. The person who doesn't respect us or appreciate what we have to offer. The person we think we're smarter than, more talented than. The person we envy.

That's the real challenge of stewardship, isn't it? Subordination. Inconveniencing myself by giving of time, of money, of relationship. Putting the needs or wants of another above my own when they haven't done anything special to earn it.

I invite you to consider the cross — the most radical expression of submission, and of stewardship, that ever existed. If there was ever someone who deserved superiority, isn't it the God who let Himself be nailed to a tree, who gave so freely of His life, His body, His blood, His everything?

To look at him in his agony is to truly understand the beauty of submission — of laying down what you have for the good of the other.



**COVID GUIDELINES**

We have been instructed by the Diocese to return to some of our former safe practices with regards to COVID.

Everyone has to wear a mask entering and exiting the church. If you have been vaccinated you may remove your mask during the service. If you leave the pew for any reason you should place your mask back on your face. If you have **not** been vaccinated you must wear your mask even during the service. Please replace your mask before receiving communion. All other restrictions have not changed. We will keep everyone informed of any further changes.

**FAITH FORMATION**



**Just a reminder that if you have not registered your child for Faith Formation classes, please do so as soon as possible.**

**The first class will be held on Sunday, September 12th. The sessions are held in the St. Joseph's school building beginning at 9:00am prior to the 10:00am mass.**

**Please make Religious Education a priority on Sunday mornings and help your child to attend as many classes as possible.**

**If you have any questions you may call 518-260-3635 or email at [juliestjoesfe@hotmail.com](mailto:juliestjoesfe@hotmail.com)**



**Readings for the week of August 22, 2021**

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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