

# *The Catholic Communities of Crown Point & Moriah*



## *All Saints Church*

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## *Sacred Heart Church*

2673 Main St.

**Crown Point**

Confessions: Sun. 8:40 -8:55 am

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am



## *St. Patrick's Church*

12 St. Patrick's Pl.

**Port Henry**

Confessions: Sat. 3:30-3:55 pm

Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

### **Pastoral Vision and Mission Statement of the Diocesan of Ogdensburg**

Our Sacred Purpose: Christ-led, Christ-fed, and hope-filled,  
the Diocese of Ogdensburg joyfully invites the people of the North Country  
to the journey of faith through the proclamation of the Gospel,  
celebration of the Eucharist & the Sacraments, and loving service of neighbor.

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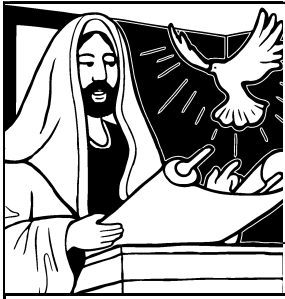
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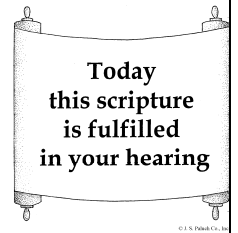
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## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan. 23, 2022

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me  
to proclaim liberty to captives, to let the oppressed go free.  
*Luke 4:18*



### LITURGY SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday</b> Jan. 22	3:30 PM (SP)	Confessions
	4:00 PM (SP)	<b>Andrew Breeyear by Family</b> <b>Our Parents by Tom &amp; Andrew Breeyear</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Jan. 23	9:00 AM (SH)	<b>For All the People of the Parish</b>
	11:00 AM (SP)	<b>Mike, Bernie &amp; Tom by Norma Fernandez</b>
<b>Mon. Jan. 24</b>	8:30 AM (SP)	<b>Natalie Finnessey by Paul &amp; Darlene Hooper</b>
<b>Tues. Jan. 25</b>	8:30 AM (SP)	<b>Nick Busanic by Lydia Busanic</b>
<b>Wed. Jan. 26</b>	8:30 AM (SH)	<b>All Souls Intentions</b>
<b>Thur. Jan. 27</b>		<i>No mass: Fr. Al away</i>
<b>Fri. Jan. 28</b>	8:30 AM (SP)	<b>The Russom - Burke Family</b>
<b>Saturday</b> Jan. 29	3:30 PM (SP)	Confessions
	4:00 PM (SP)	<b>Harrison Allen by Norma Fernandez</b> <b>Anita Lahendro by the Food Pantry Volunteers</b>
<b>Sunday</b> Jan. 30	9:00 AM (SH)	<b>Brandy Michener by Carol, Randy &amp; Rudy</b>
	11:00 AM (SP)	<b>Margaret Kazlo &amp; Gavin Goodbread by Helen</b>

### Weekly Offering

**Jan. 9, 2022**

CROWN POINT	
Envelopes (21)	\$ 765.00
Plate + other	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 815.00</b>
Last Year (13)	\$ 975.00
MORIAH	
Envelopes (41)	\$2,801.00
Plate + other	\$ 422.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,223.00</b>
Last Year (43)	\$1,691.00

**TODAY'S 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:**  
**RESPECT LIFE**

#### YOUR WORDS, LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

Jesus came into this world to show us God's kind, beautiful, suffering face. God, who cares deeply about the poor, the captives, the blind, and oppressed is truly a servant-God. God, majestic in His transcendence is also tender in His immanence. God never leaves His people; He simply reminds us that He is here.

What was the reaction when Jesus stood in front of those assembled in the synagogue when he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing?" Some may have thought he was presumptuous, arrogant, or even insane. Others who listened more with their hearts experienced the genuine, perfect, and unconditional love that resonated in his flesh and knew, without a doubt, that they were in the presence of someone wonderful and remarkable.

Jesus is the ultimate and perfect testament to God's love, as His actions and words testify. St. Augustine tells us what this love looks like, "It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men." Love finds its pinnacle in Jesus' complete and humble offering of himself on the cross, which reveals the mystery of God's unconditional love and mercy, for which humans are constantly looking. Only God, through the gift of eternal life, can give life meaning.

God always finds us. He does not want us to stay lost. He sends messengers, servants, prophets, teachers, signs, promptings, and witnesses to get our attention so that His message can be delivered. Yet repeatedly, pride and arrogance convince us that we can do anything and everything without Him. Perhaps by setting pride and arrogance aside, we might recognize something deeper about ourselves and see just how lost we really are. God wants to release us from all that continues to keep people poor, oppressed, captive, and blind to truth. We need to be freed not only from what we are doing to ourselves but from what we are doing to others!

We do not have to look far to see the devastation. Anger, frustration, starvation, and violence are widespread in our nation and worldwide. People are confused over who they are and what true happiness means. Human life as a sacred gift from God has become an increasingly unpopular truth. Corruption and exploitation exist at the highest levels and "sins of the flesh" run rampant. We fail to accurately calculate the devastating cost to humans across the world and throughout all generations.

God, as Emmanuel, came into the brokenness of our world to help us fix it. Are we ready to let go of the control? We cannot live without God's Mercy, His unconditional, eternal, and ever-present love. May we, followers of Jesus, baptized in Christ and made in God's image and likeness, always recognize that it is only His words, His ways that lead to life.

- Fr. Mark Suslenko



## A Letter from Bishop LaValley

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

One might ask: "Is there a declared war on the preborn?" It is unlikely that there ever existed a war with one side totally and completely incapable of any form of self-defense whatsoever. That is the dilemma of the preborn today. Our nation will never be a "shining city on a hill," as President Ronald Reagan once said, as long as the bottom of that hill is littered with the corpses of tens of millions of its innocent preborn babies.

My sisters and brothers, we now live in a society that speaks persuasively about protecting the environment and rescuing species on the brink of extinction. But then it promotes and funds the mass killing of unborn children and contemplates the killing of the sick and elderly in the name of their "dignity." A persevering effort is needed to present to God our united will to put an end to the carnage resulting from abortion.

Today, people of faith are facing a multitude of threats to religious liberty. Bringing our religious beliefs to bear on public policy is not just a privilege, but a right. Regardless of what some of our political leaders say, Believers can't be silent in public life and be faithful to Jesus Christ at the same time. ***Equality begins in the womb!***

The Church of Ogdensburg continues to hear the silent scream of the baby in the womb and seeks to defend and protect the right to life of every child. Colleen and John Miner, Directors of our Respect Life Office, coordinate the steps we take in promoting and protecting the dignity of every human life.

Every year at this time, we are given the opportunity to support the effort this local Church makes in promoting the culture of life. *Gabriel Project, Elizabeth Ministries, Rachel's Vineyard*, as well as organizations such as the Legion of Mary, Birthright, the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters, in addition to our own Respect Life Office, are just a few of those who support life at all stages. In "normal" (i.e., non-pandemic) years, this collection also supports the Youth Buses for Life for participants at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Other grants support educational programs, Catholic radio in the Adirondacks and various Pro-Life programs.

Thank you for your prayers and generous support of the 2022 Respect Life Collection and for all your efforts to build a Culture of Life by changing hearts and minds.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Bishop Terry R. LaValley

## From the Pastor

*Your words Lord,  
are Spirit and Life.*

*John 6:63*

A clear message of today's readings is that God's word is powerful, the gospel of Christ is reliable. We hear that Luke wrote his gospel precisely to show that our Christian faith, the instruction we've received is true: I write, *Theophilus*, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.

The gospel message is based on *eye-witnesses*, people who saw and heard Jesus *from the beginning*. This was the source of the preaching of the apostles and disciples, the first *ministers of the word*. Luke and the other evangelists, *after investigating everything accurately anew* wrote the gospels, guided and inspired by God's Holy Spirit so that you can rely on the truth of the gospel message to put you in touch with Jesus himself. You can base your life on the teachings of the gospel as the word of God himself.

That word has divine power to change our lives. Even in the old testament, the 1st reading shows, God's word touched their hearts and moved them to tears *for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the Lord*. God's word has the same power to touch our hearts and to change our lives for the better today. It teaches us our true identity as God's sons and daughters, and the purpose of our lives: to do the will and work of God on this earth. *You are Christ's body*, St. Paul says, *individually parts of it*. Our Lord Jesus came to redeem us and make us parts of his own body to carry on his mission: *to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to let the oppressed go free*.

Like Christ, *the Spirit of the Lord has anointed* each of us to do our part to cure the blindness that thinks happiness can be found in doing what I want apart from God; to set people free from the prison of sin, from captivity to selfishness and immorality. As Christian our mission is to raise up the poor and bring comfort and healing to the sick and suffering with the words and the power of Jesus; to do our part in shaping a world directed to realizing God's justice and love.

### VOCATION CORNER

*You are the body of Christ and individually members of it.* Are you called to strengthen his body as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother?



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**Please pray for our sick:** Robert Ross, Pam Wagner, Dano Miller, Ann Dedrick, Lucille Trow, Jodi Whalen, Bill Prew, John Belcastro, Amy Allen, Mark Frame, Jim Connors, Kennie Anderson, Bob Mildon, Diann Gerling, Albert Cutting, Thomas Catillaz, Louise von Brockdorff, Julie Goodspeed, Bev Baker, Nappy Marcotte, Caleb Yakalis, Celia Diefendorf, Marie Allen, Kathy Henry, Noah Benoit, Margaret Parah, Susan Nephew, Bevie Anne Kelly, Bill Scribner, Mary Bryant, Danuta Wermuth, Patricia Frank, Lara Brehm, Milt Tesar, Clement Jackson, Annette O'Neil, Wendy Wojcik, Cathy Belisle, Christine Boest, John & Doris McGinness, Christine Wilson, Mary Veenker, Gerard Power, Denise Hawk, Bob Hughes, Eugene Barcomb, Stacey Drake, David Malbon II, Keegan McCray, Tom Neddo, Kristy Porter-Fosco,

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