WE WORSHIP

August 13, 2023 **Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

> 10:00 am Mass **Reconciliation:** By Appointment only (518-623-3021)



Mass Intentions ..

8-20-23 Christopher Murray Reg by The DiFalco Family 8-27-23 Geary Walpole

Reg by Harry J & Kenneth K Walpole 9-10-23 Dorothy Stone - Aunt & Godmother of Barb Carlozzi Reg by Richelene Morey

September Candle is Available



Contact Danielle Robichaud to join the prayer Chain ... or request prayers:

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To request a Mass intention, please call 518-623-3021 and leave a message or drop a note in the collection basket. Be sure to include your name and phone # along with the name for the intention and the requested date. The donation is \$15 for each intention. Mass cards are available at the office Mondays or Tuesdays and can either be picked up or mailed.



Holyday of Obligation Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday, August 15th, 2023 9am

> **Pastoral Council Meeting** Monday, September 11th, 2023 6pm

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY **MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt.

It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind. Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31 ©LPi

North Country Ministry

NCM is seeking donations of Men's Clothes, specifically clothes and shoes geared toward summer! If you would like to donate clothes to NCM, please drop them off Monday & Tuesday from 9 a.m. - Noon at the front building located at 3933 Main Street, Warrensburg, NY 12885

Food Pantry: We will once again be collecting for the Food Pantry for all three churches. There is a bin in the back in which you can place your items for donation. This will be brought to North Country Ministry. They are especially looking for items that have pull tabs (no can opener to use), shelf stable food. Also, personal hygiene products, cleaning products & amp; kid friendly foods.

Offertory: The decision has been made to reinstate the offertory due to a significant decline in collections. We recently lost 2 very generous donors who were major benefactors to our church. Last week, Fr. Joe spoke

about the reason for reinstating the offertory, and we saw a significant change. The average per person went from \$10 to \$17.75. Our prayer is that visitors will be reminded to put



in their offertory and that the trend will continue. Our Second Collection is for Repairs & Maintenance. This year we have repaired the back road behind the church, removed stumps, and repaired the small parking lot behind the rectory to the tune of \$4,500. In addition, we have had to do a survey on our cemetery, which cost \$2,000 and repair a toilet in the rectory for \$1,000.

This upcoming year, we need to fix the steeple and repair some of the slate on the church roof. We are waiting for two estimates to come in. We understand that it is going to be at a significant cost.

Next week's 2nd Collection is for Medical Marijuana for Brooke. Brooke's health has declined in recent months. The family could use our help more than ever. Please be as generous as possible. We continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT. WE COULD NOT EXIST!

WE SERVE

"Money has to serve, not to rule."

Pope Francis

Donations for 8-06-2023 \$1920 Candle Offertory **Holy Father** \$30 NCM **Mission Appeal** \$20 Maintenance

\$218 \$20

TOTAL \$2235 Attendance 126 People

Thank you everyone who continues to support us. Many families mail in their donations weekly or monthly because they do not yet feel comfortable returning to Mass. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Without all of you, we could not continue.

Our 2nd Collections

There are envelopes available next to the collection bin for our visitors & those who don't use envelopes:

8-13-23 Maintenance & Repairs

8-20-23 Medical Marijuana

8-27-23 Catholic Home Missions

Daily Mass in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. & Fri. 8:30 am Annunciation, Queensbury: Mon. & Tues. 7:30 am St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown Wed. 9:30 am (parish center)

Blessed Sacrament, Bolton: Thurs. 9:30 am

Adoration in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. 9 am to 9 pm Annunciation, Queensbury: Fri. 8 pm to 9 pm

Rosary in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. & Fri. 8:00 am

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