

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 10

4:00pm, Wilson - Joseph Gaglardi,

req. Marty & Brenda Horanburg

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 11 9:00am, Newfane –Eugene Pembroke, req. Jinny Carnegie 11:00am, Wilson –Parishioners of St. Brendan on the Lake

Monday, Sept. 12 Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:15am, Newfane Health Facility, Living & Deceased

Mothers of St. Brendan on the Lake

Tuesday, Sept. 13 St. John Chrysostom 8:30am, Newfane - John & Mary Dudek, req. estate

Wednesday, Sept. 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 8:30am, Wilson -St. Brendan All Souls Intentions

Thursday, Sept. 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 8:30am, Newfane - Theresa & John Tarajos, req. Therese

Friday, Sept. 16 Sts. Cornelius, pope And Cyprian

8:30am, Wilson - Norbert & Elizabeth Daigler, req. estate

Saturday, Sept. 17

4:00pm, Wilson - John & Genevieve Pisarski, req. Robert & Helen Witkop

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 18 9:00am, Newfane –Richard Stephanski, req. Shirl Bucolo 11:00am, Wilson –Pat Hermann, req. Dolores (Lory) Caraco

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

those who are sick, Marie Smist, Mary Durgan, Ann Sherry, Logan Clement, Margaret Fittante, Bob Williams, Colby Criswell, Laura Mondello, Welthea Christman, Mary Walters, Patty Wise, Richie Shepler, Horace Wolcott, Virgina Roach, Betty Wilse, Pat Pratt, and Diane Poyfair. Please call the office at the end of the month if you wish to keep a name on the prayer list.

those who have died, especially the 911 event, and all our faithful departed.

those serving in our military, Craig Ansel, Jeff McDermott, Walter Beaman, Daniel Clark, Benjamin Clark, Philip Messina, Ron McKeown, Philip E. Russell III, Jacob Gagnon, Jason C. Harvey, Matthew King, Dale Denny, Sara Cevaer, Mike White, Chris Chown, Mark VanBourgondien, Krystle Ward, Margaret Emborsky, Matthew Emborsky, Ryan P. Fritton, Zachary Wilder, Ariel Mollard, David Enderton, Brent Szwalla, Nick Converso, Jerry Babcock, Chad Moden, Charles Stevens, William Bliss, Vincent Gizzarelli, Paul Oakes, Nick Cantara, Jamie Lepsch, David Siener, Chuck Salvo, Frank Cipolla, Robert Daul, Justin Pietrowski, Richard Frizzell, James Schultz, and all those who serve in the Armed Forces.

PARISH NEWS

Welcome in Christ: You are a stranger but once. You are a child of God, redeemed by our Savior, Jesus Christ. In God's name, we welcome you. May you find friendship, peace and serenity in our loving and worshipping community. If you are a visitor interested in joining our parish faith community or the Catholic Faith, please call the parish office. If you are returning after being away..... Welcome home!

Senior Picnic: St. Brendan's Senior Picnic will be Monday, September 12, 11:00 am at The Krull Park Shelter in Olcott. Please bring a dish to pass and your table service, a chair or table cloth if desired. Meat, rolls and condiments will be provided along with tea and coffee. We will have games and prizes. If you have a game you enjoy just bring it along.

Senior Trip to Vermont There are 2 Double rooms left and 1 Single room. If interested please call Monica at 433-1162 or Shirley at 434-7354 ASAP.

Thank You, Thank you, S & S Tree Service for trimming the tree by the flag pole, and thank you to Stedman Nursery for the of flowers for the special Liturgy and 911 event at the Newfane.

Prayer Chain: If you are in need of prayers contact: Ida Adinolfe 778-9017; Mae Donovan 778-8817 or Mary Lou Weaver....433-6013

Stewardship: A Way of Life ... Our Gift to God None of us lives for oneself...whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:7-8

Whatever we have in this life, we have because God gave it to us. We may think that we get all the credit for our success. However, the reality is that we are only working with the gifts that God gave us – including our family background, our natural abilities, our education and the opportunities that have crossed our paths. All of these are gifts from God. Our very lives are a gift from God and thus belong to Him. This is why we must take time every day to ask God how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

Regular Collection for September 3 & 4

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172 envelopes	. \$4,708.50
2010 collection was \$5,490.24 (\$781.74 under)	
Building & Maintenance	561.00
Assumption	
Peter's Pence.	155.00
Total	\$5,429.50

JOURNEY IN FAITH



Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ...

As we reflect on the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the 2,983 victims whose lives were cut senselessly short. We offer thanksgiving for the first responders who gave so selflessly in rescue and recovery efforts, and we continue to pray for those whose lives were touched in some way by this dark day.

Today's readings offer an uncomfortable, but clear challenge to us on this anniversary: the challenge of forgiveness. The Book of Sirach reminds us to release or turn over to the Lord our desire for vengeance, for it is God's role, not ours, to punish those who have done evil. We are not to be vengeful; we are to forgive.

In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, we hear the story of the master who forgives the servant of his debt. The message is that God forgives us not because we deserve it, but because God is merciful. Yet, when that servant does not extend the same forgiveness to others, he gets himself in trouble, for he has not acted toward others the way the master acted toward him. We are called to forgive those who sin against us. This message is made clear by Peter's question to Jesus, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answers, "Not seven times but seventy-seven times"

We have probably heard this instruction many times and we can sometimes take it for granted. It may be easy to apply to everyday situations: I will forgive you for leaving your dishes in the sink, being late to pick me up, forgetting my birthday,... Yet in fact, these everyday situations are ultimately about developing an attitude of forgiveness that can define our lives. Without that kind of attitude, what will we do about the really difficult situations in life: ...the close friend who says something hurtful behind your back; ...the spouse who cheats; ... the priest who abuses a child; ...the murderer on death row; ...the terrorists who plotted and carried out the attacks on September 11, 2001?

Jesus' great wisdom on forgiveness is about being like God, who is merciful. Yet our human experience tells us that when we hold on to anger and hatred, it eats away at us. It can begin to change us and make us into persons we never wanted to be. The gift of forgiveness frees the one who forgives from carrying that burden. We can let it go and entrust the other to God who is better able to deal with them.

Jesus is not urging us simply to be passive in the face of evil. We must still work to protect the innocent and to hold those who perpetrate crimes against humanity accountable. Life in the church demands that we forgive one another not only because it is the compassionate thing to do but because this is how God acts and expects us to It belongs to the very being of God to forgive, if we are of God, then it is our very being to forgive. The key to understanding this is that we are in relationship both with God and with each other. By forgiving we choose not to let any offense that has happened between us control how we continue to relate to one another. forgiving we repair the damage to the relationship and restore dignity both to the forgiver and to the This is why counting how many times we forgive - even seven that Peter suggests at the beginning of the gospel, misses the point.

This parable makes it quite clear that once forgiveness is given something is expected of the released servant within us. If we haven't been changed by forgiveness and then forgive others in turn, we haven't fully accepted and acted upon the gift we have received. Like the unforgiving servant, in the end, we are not released from our debt. This is a difficult message to hear on this anniversary, but Jesus' words are challenging especially when something that is dearest to us has been violated, disrupted, or attacked. Forgiving is truly a redemptive virtue.... to be accepted and we are changed forever.....

May God bless America!!!

Peace, Father Rob





Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2011

Scripture Readings Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20c-24 Matthew 20:1-16a

Ministries

Next Saturday

4:00pm Wilson, Lector: Donna Antoncich Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Antoncich,

Maureen Scalzo

Altar Servers: Nathaniel Johnson

Next Sunday

9:00am Newfane, Lector: Kathy Wood Eucharistic Ministers: Rosemary Bridwell, Donald Pohl, Shirl Bucolo, James & Maria Cantella, Jane Cutter Altar Servers: Laura Gagnon, Lauren, Seymour, Ryleigh Myers

I I:00am Wilson, Lector: Pat Sherman Eucharistic Ministers: Judith Myers Altar Servers: Madeline Mocarski

New Ministry Schedules: are available for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar servers. They are located in the sacristy of each site. Also located at our website, under organization, ministry - click on schedules

•Gift Bearers:

Sat. 4:00pm, Wilson - Hamner Family

Sun.9:00am, Newfane - Bucolo Family

Sun. I I:00am, Wilson - Caraco Family

Faith Sharing Questions for this weekend:

- I struggle with forgiving when... because...
- I experience God's compassionate forgiveness when... I offer this compassionate forgiveness to others when...
- * I have been surprised by the gift of forgiveness when... This has drawn me to..

During the Week

At our Parish Sites

Sept. 11 - 18, 2011

Liturgies dates and times are located inside bulletin

Sunday Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sept. II

10:00am, A Prayer of Remembrance,

Monday Sept. 12

10:00am, Senior Picnic

7:00pm, Pastoral Parish Council, Newfane

7:15pm, Good Shepherd Prayer Group, Newfane

Tuesday Sept. 13 9:00am, Morning Prayers, Newfane

7:00pm, Choir, Newfane

7:00pm, Baptism Preparation Class, Newfane

Wednesday Sept. 14

9:00am, Morning Prayers, Wilson

7:00pm, Bible Study, Newfane

Thursday Sept. 15 9:00am, Morning Prayers, Newfane

9:15am, Bible Study, Newfane

Friday Sept. 16

9:00am, Morning Prayers, Wilson

Saturday

2:00pm, Reconciliation, Newfane

Sept. 17

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept. 18 9:00am, Intergenerational Liturgy & Session, Newfane

1:00pm, Baptism Liam Michael Stefanik, Wilson

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

September 18th is right around the corner. All parents and students are invited to attend our Family Session after 9 am liturgy at the Newfane site-September 18, 2011. Parents will receive vital information for the coming year and students will have the opportunity to reconnect with friends and catechist through trust games and Faith filled activities.

We can always use another catechist or aide. Are you being called? Come lend a hand for a weekend or two and join in the joy and journey of our youth's Faith Formation!

Mary C. Palmer D.F.F.

NAVIGATOR YOUTH GROUP

A round of applause to our new members for their great ideas and enthusiasm. We discussed fundraisers, fieldtrips, and faith community events to build a united parish family.

Our next meeting is September 19, 2011

at 7pm. Topics are: a Parish Oktoberfest and the Diocesan Youth Convention!

Are you looking for some friends, faith, food, and fun? Are you in a grade 7-12? Come see us-we're waiting for you!

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

A big thank you to everyone that participated in the food collection last month. All of your donations of food & paper goods were distributed to our neighbors in need. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. As you know, the Wilson food pantry has closed, but all the food collected at our Wilson site is given to the "New" Ransomville food pantry where all of our Wilson families in need are serviced.

Nothing has changed at our Newfane site. SO, if you attend the Liturgy at the Wilson site, your donation is still for the Wilson families. By the way, we are looking for someone to deliver the food collected at the Wilson site to the Ransomville pantry once a month. If you can help, call Kathy at 433-2499. St. Brendan on the Lake parish community appreciates your help!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fall Harvest and Craft Faire at Immaculate Conception Church at 4671 Townline Rd, Ransomville, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society is on Saturday, September 17th from 9am until 4pm and on Sunday, September 18th from 10am until 3pm.

Wine tasting, Gift Baskets, Blankets, Primitives, Jewelry, Purses, Folk Art, Candles, Home Décor, Lamps, and much more!

Soups on: Chowder, beef on weck, pizza and desserts.

St. Francis High School will host its annual Open House on Sunday, October 2nd, 2011 from 10am to 1pm and Monday, October 3rd, from 6pm to 8pm.

St. Francis is a college preparatory high school for boys administered by the Conventual Franciscan Friars and staffed by both religious and lay faculty. The school is located at 4129 Lake Shore Rd. Athol Spring, NY (Route 5—Hamburg).

For more information, please contact Mr. Sean Obrochta Admissions Officer, at 627-1200, Ext. 461 or visit the website at www.stfrancishigh.org.

ST. BRENDAN ON THE LAKE

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES AVAILABLE

As part of our sound system upgrade, we have added assistive listening devices to the church. If you or someone you know is hearing impaired and has difficulty hearing in church even after our recent upgrades, let us know. An usher or minister can direct you to the back of the church where they are kept and you can make use of this device to hear liturgy or any other liturgical event that is taking place in the church, at the

Newfane site.

A Prayer of Remembrance



September 11th 10th Anniversary Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those who were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day ten years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, comfort all who mourn, embrace all those in sorrow, give courage to all who suffer. Continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, who vindicates all injustice, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Restore tranquility to all nations and bless the work of Your creation.

Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen.

Bishop Kmiec Reflects on the Anniversary of 9/11.

As we reflect on the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we continue to pray for the repose of the souls of the victims whose lives were cut senselessly short. We offer thanksgiving for the first responders who gave so selflessly in resue and recovery efforts, and we continue to pray for all whose lives were touched in some way by this dark day. But out of darkness comes light, and we need to continue to work together to build a society filled with acceptance, understanding and peace. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called Children of God." (Matthew 5:9). What we U.L. bishops wrote 10 years ago holds true today. This is a time for dialogue with Muslims, Jews, fellow Christians and other faith communities. It is a time for witness to live our values of mutual respect, human dignity and respect for life and security without resorting to discrimination. It is a time for hope in God's grace, in ourselves, and in one another. May God bless America.

