



*Sacrament of Holy Matrimony*

*Jenelle Frances Cleary*

*and*

*William O'Neil Blevins*

*Church of the Holy Spirit  
East Greenbush, New York  
November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

**Celebrant:** Father Joseph O'Brien

**Maid of Honor:** Emily Johnson

**Bridesmaid:** Rebecca Johnson

**Best Man:** Daniel Hanlon

**Groomsman:** Steve Connolly

### **Readers**

**First reading:** Eileen Blevins

**Second reading:** Pauline Johnson

**Prayers of the Faithful:** Matthew Cleary

**Usher:** Robert Johnson

**Music:** Cylon George

*Flowers for the Blessed Virgin  
dedicated to our grandparents.*

*Thank you all for sharing  
this sacred day with us.*

## **Introductory Rites**

### **Bridal Party Processional –**

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring - Bach

### **Bridal Processional –**

Canon in D major - Pachelbel

### **Greeting**

### **Penitential Rite**

### **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

Father, when you created mankind you willed that man and wife should be one. Bind **William** and **Jenelle** in the loving union of marriage; and make their love fruitful so that they may be living witnesses to your divine love in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

Tobit 8:4b-8

### A reading from the book of Tobit

On their wedding night Tobiah arose from bed and said to his wife,

“Sister, get up. Let us pray and beg our Lord  
to have mercy on us and to grant us deliverance.”

Sarah got up, and they started to pray  
and beg that deliverance might be theirs.  
They began with these words:

“Blessed are you, O God of our fathers;  
praised be your name forever and ever.  
Let the heavens and all your creation  
praise you forever.

You made Adam and you gave him his wife Eve  
to be his help and support;  
and from these two the human race descended.  
You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone;  
let us make him a partner like himself.'  
Now, Lord, you know that I take this wife of mine  
not because of lust,  
but for a noble purpose.  
Call down your mercy on me and on her,  
and allow us to live together to a happy old age.”

They say together, “Amen, amen.”  
The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33:12 and 18, 20-21, 22

***The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.***

**Response: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Blessed the nation whose God is the Lord,  
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.  
But see, the eyes of the Lord are upon those who fear him,  
upon those who hope for his kindness.

**Response: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

Our soul waits for the Lord,  
who is our help and our shield,  
For in him our hearts rejoice;  
in his holy name we trust.

**Response: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

May your kindness, O Lord, be upon us  
who have put our hope in you.

**Response: The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.**

## **Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-12

### **A reading from the first Letter of Saint John**

Beloved, let us love one another,  
because love is of God;  
everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows  
God.  
Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is  
love.  
In this way the love of God was revealed to us:  
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world  
so that we might have life through him.  
In this is love:  
not that we have loved God, but that he loved us  
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.  
Beloved, if God so loved us,  
we also must love one another.  
No one has ever seen God.  
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,  
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia. God is love. If God loved us, we also must  
love one another. Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Gospel**

John 1:1-11

**Fr. O'Brien:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
John

**All:** Glory to you, Lord.

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee,  
and the mother of Jesus was there.  
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  
When the wine ran short,  
the mother of Jesus said to him,  
“They have no wine.”  
And Jesus said to her,  
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?  
My hour has not yet come.”  
His mother said to the servers,  
“Do whatever he tells you.”  
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish  
ceremonial washings,  
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.  
Jesus told them,  
“Fill the jars with water.”  
So they filled them to the brim.  
Then he told them,  
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”  
So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,

without knowing where it came from  
(although the servants who had drawn the water knew),  
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,  
“Everyone serves good wine first,  
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;  
but you have kept the good wine until now.”

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee  
and so revealed his glory,  
and his disciples began to believe in him.

**Fr. O'Brien:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily

# Rite of Marriage

## Statement of Intentions

## Consent and Exchange of Vows

## Blessing and Exchange of Rings

## Prayer of the Newly Married Couple

**William & Jenelle:** We thank you, Lord, and we praise you for bringing us to this happy day. You have given us to each other. Now, together, we give ourselves to you. We ask you, Lord: make us one in our love; keep us one in your peace. Protect our marriage. Bless our home. Make us gentle. Keep us faithful. And when life is over unite us again where parting is no more in the kingdom of your love. There we will praise you in the happiness and peace of our eternal home.

**All:** Amen.

## Prayers of the Faithful

For Jenelle and William that the Lord, who has brought them to this happy day will keep them forever in fidelity and love.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For the parents of William and Jenelle, for their friends and all who have helped them to become husband and wife.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For married couples everywhere that their lives will be an example to the world of unity, fidelity and love.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For those who mourn while we are rejoicing, that in their suffering and loneliness they may experience the strength of God's support.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For the faithful departed, especially John Blevins and Tony Testo, that God will one day unite us again in the joys of our eternal home.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For those family and friends who, because of distance could not be with us today. Especially Jean Blevins and Valda Cleary, that God will bless them all.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For our Holy Father Pope Benedict, Bishop Howard Hubbard, Father O'Brien and all the clergy. That God may strengthen them as they lead our Church.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For all world leaders. Especially those representing the United States and Australia. That they may always work for peace and the well-being of all people.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

For all those here today, in thanksgiving for them, and remembering their personal needs and prayers.

Lord hear us.

**All:** Lord Hear Our Prayer.

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

### **Preparation of the Altar and Gifts**

#### **Sanctus**

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Memorial Acclamation**

#### **Great Amen**

# Communion Rite

## Lord's Prayer

## Nuptial Blessing

**Fr. O'Brien:** Let us pray to the Lord for **Jenelle** and **William** who come to God's altar at the beginning of their married life so that they may always be united in love for each other.

Holy Father, you created mankind in your own image and made man and woman to be joined as husband and wife in union of body and heart and so fulfill their mission in this world.

Father, to reveal the plan of your love, you made the union of husband and wife an image of the covenant between you and your people.

In the fulfillment of this sacrament the marriage of Christian man and woman is a sign of the marriage between Christ and the Church.

Father, stretch out your hand, and bless **Jenelle** and **William**.

Lord, grant that as they begin to live this sacrament they may share with each other the gifts of your love

and become one in heart and mind as witnesses to your presence in their marriage. Help them to create a home together and give them children to be formed by the gospel and to have a place in your family.

Give your blessings to **Jenelle**, your daughter, so that she may be a good wife and mother, caring for the home, faithful in love for her husband, generous and kind.

Give your blessing to **William**, your son, so that he may be a faithful husband and a good father.

Father, grant that as they come together to your table on earth, so they may one day have the joy of sharing your feast in heaven.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## Sign of Peace

## Breaking of the Bread

## Communion

## Communion Hymn

*Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels*  
*Timothy Dudley – Smith*

Not for tongues to heaven's angels,  
not for wisdom to discern,  
not for faith that masters mountains,  
for this better gift we yearn:  
may love be ours, O Lord.

Love is humble, love is gentle,  
love is tender, true, and kind;  
love is gracious, ever patient,  
generous of heart and mind:  
may love be ours, O Lord.

Never jealous, never selfish,  
love will not rejoice in wrong;  
never boastful nor resentful,  
love believes and suffers long:  
may love be ours, O Lord.

In the day this world is fading  
faith and hope will play their part;  
but when Christ is seen in glory  
love shall reign in every heart:  
may love be ours, O Lord.

## Prayer after Communion

**Fr. O'Brien:** Lord, in your love you have given us this Eucharist to unite us with one another and with you. As you have made **Jenelle** and **William** one in this sacrament of marriage and in the sharing of the one bread and the one cup, so now make them one in love for each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.



# Concluding Rite

## Blessing

**Fr. O'Brien:** God the eternal Father keep you in love with each other, so that the peace of Christ may stay with you and be always in your home..

**All:** Amen.

**Fr. O'Brien:** May your children bless you, your friends console you, and all men live in peace with you.

**All:** Amen.

**Fr. O'Brien:** May you always bear witness to the love of God in this world so that the afflicted and the needy will find in you generous friends, and welcome you into the joys of heaven.

**All:** Amen.

**Fr. O'Brien:** And may almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

## Recessional

Hornpipe from *Water Music* - Handel