



Mass Intentions for the Week

10-30	Mon	9:00 AM	Jake DeLay By Gene & Terry Walsh
10-31	Tues	9:00 AM	In memory of Dan Knapp By Pete & Ellie Robinson
			Vigil for All Saints
	Tues.	5:30 PM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo
			Holy Day of Obligation All Saints Day
11-1	Wed	9:00 AM	Jake DeLay By Bob & Pat Smith
11-2	Thurs	9:00 AM	Joseph H. Pete III By Bettye Pete
11-3	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11-4	Sat	4:00 PM	Vincent Luca Jr. By the family
11-5	Sun	10:30 AM	Carl Griffith By Pete & Ellie Robinson

Men's Retreat

Gentleman of the parish, it's your turn to attend a retreat! The retreat will be held at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center on November 3-5, 2023. The theme is "Make my Joy Complete". For more information see Paula Ciborowski in the Faith Formation Office or call Ellen Reuter, 607-563-3259.

Harvest Festival 2023

This year's Harvest Festival raised \$10,282.20. After expenses of \$2,059.26 we netted \$8,222.94. This amount is in large part because of donations for the food expenses in excess of \$578.00 in addition to the donations of baked goods, soups, pies and other food as well as Treasure Chest items.

World Mission Sunday

A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together our parish collected \$808.00 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, Feet on the move," bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit OneFamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Love is the greatest of all virtues and the most influential force of life. This virtue flows from God to us and through us to others. In this weekend's readings we learn about the command to live in love and to show concern and care for all people.

In the first reading, God spoke through Moses about the need to treat people, especially the vulnerable ones, with love and compassion. Moses reminded the people of Israel of how God treated them with compassion in their time of need. The Israelites suffered oppression for many years in Egypt under the hands of king Pharaoh. God heard their cry and redeemed them from slavery through Moses. He led them out of Egypt and brought them to a place of safety.

Just as God took pity on the people of Israel so he expected them to treat strangers or aliens in a similar way. God enjoined them to not molest or oppress widows, orphans, and the poor.

In the gospel, a scholar of the law asked Jesus the question about the first and the greatest commandment in the law. God gave Ten Commandments to the people of Israel and all future believers, but by the time of Jesus, there were over six hundred additional rules. This was due to the different interpretations to the sacred law and made it extremely burdensome for the Jewish people.

Jesus summed the law up into two commandments: love of God and love of neighbor. He made it clear that the whole law and the prophets depend on these two great commandments.

Jesus teaches us that the love of God and love of neighbor are complementary and inseparable. We cannot take one and leave the other.

All of us need to remember who we are and what we are called to do in God's name.

As Christians our actions should reflect God's image and inner life to others. Our attitude should manifest God's love and compassion toward others especially strangers and immigrants.

We should care about strangers, widows, orphans, and the poor. We should welcome them and show them love, respect, and kindness.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, also known as Mother Teresa, understood the Christian call to divine love and she lived it out to the full. She gave us an example of how to walk this life with the virtues of love, kindness, and compassion.

Saint Teresa once said that "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." She believed that where there is love, there is God. She served Christ in the vulnerable people such as the poor, the homeless, the hungry, the sick, etc.

It is wonderful how God reveals his presence to others in the bits and pieces of our ordinary daily life. This becomes possible when you and I allow the Lord work through us and flood the world with the goodness of his divine love. This week, let us all do our best to bring love, care, and compassion to all we may encounter and keep smiles on their faces.

And may the Lord grant us the grace to love him always with all our heart, our soul, and our mind.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of November 4th & 5th, 2023

First Reading- Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10

Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Artis

Altar Servers:

Jack, Henry, & Ella Grigoli

31st Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Kristin Reuter

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Offerings of October 21st & 22nd, 2023 Regular, \$2,051.00; Fuel, \$5.00; Repairs, \$40.00 World Mission Sunday, \$808.00



October 29th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 November 5th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 All Saints assembly in the Parish Center

The weekend of October 21st & 22nd, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,051.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$34,727.00 which is \$466.00 below budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

Mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal have been sent to all parishioners. Gifts to the Diocesan Appeal help to support the programs of Catholic Charities that support those who face food insecurity and hunger. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal.

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper

Join us for a book study on Tuesdays October 31st, November 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center to gain a clearer understanding of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Books are available in the Faith Formation Office. A donation of \$2.50 is asked.



Holiday Bazaar

Saint Agnes/Saint John's will be holding their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 11th from 8:30-12:30 at the Afton Town Hall. Crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, raffles and quilted items will be available for your purchase.

"Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater

Saint Mary's in Oneonta is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The registration form and a flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Unleashing Love: a Diocesan Women's Conference

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for information on how to register for a Diocesan Women's Conference being held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, NY.

October Bulletin Quotes

"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Some of the dates to sign up are: November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY Immaculate Conception Seminary. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Mass for the Commemoration of the Dead

It has been our tradition at Sacred Heart to light a candle and display the names of our deceased faithful who passed away during the church year. Letters have been mailed to family members inviting them onto the sanctuary to light a candle in memory of their departed loved one at all weekend Masses on **November 4th and 5th**.

If you wish to have any loved ones remembered at all Masses during November, please fill out the envelope in your packet of envelopes and place it in the collection basket. If you don't use envelopes, please use the All Souls envelopes provided in the vestibule of the church. All Souls envelopes will remain on the altar during the month of November.

Veterans Resource Fair

Wednesday, November 1st from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM there will be a resource fair for veterans at the Elks Lodge at 104 River Street in Sidney. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson, Theo Williams, Joan Barber, Stephanie Saldinger, Eileen Donohue

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.

