



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 4-15 Mon 9:00 AM Mary Alice Bagley
By Dennis & Margaret Porter
- 4-16 Tues 9:00 AM Adam Stephen Bagley
By Dan & Ginni Brandt
- 4-17 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 4-18 Thurs 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 4-19 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 4-20 Sat 4:00 PM Fred & Anna Schuck
By the family
- 4-21 Sun 10:30 AM Raymond Joseph Keckeisen &
Msgr. James Cox
By Ray & Lorraine Keckeisen



9 Month Novena

Join Catholics around the world to pray a 9 Month Novena for the protection and love of our Lady of Guadalupe over the next nine months. The novena

will culminate in a consecration on her feast day on December. To learn more about the 9 Month Novena search novena.cardinalburke.com on your computer.

Thank you to all who helped with the reception for our newest member, Beth Rordam. It was a wonderful gathering for our Sacred Heart family.



Please join in welcoming Father Peter Anglaaere to our Sacred Heart family. He will be here until Father Ben returns from his vacation to visit family in Ghana.

Additional flower donations were made in memory of Ed Hogan, Ellen & Joseph Mertz, Fred Mertz, Clare & Edward Hogan, Theresa Horton, Jim Balla, Jerome & Phyllis Mertz, Alfred & Alta Mertz, Joseph Mertz Jr., the McGunnigle family and the Regan family

**Third of Sunday of Easter
Companions on the journey of life**

We extend a warm welcome to Fr. Peter Anglaaere who will be with us while Fr. Ben is on a vacation to Ghana. Fr. Peter is a priest of the Arch-Diocese of Tamale, Ghana. We are glad to have him in our midst and hope that he will feel at home with us.

The readings for this Third Sunday of Easter bring us to reflect on God's continuing presence in our lives. The readings talk about how God comes to us in unfamiliar guises to support and strengthen us on the road of life.

In the gospel, the Risen Lord appeared as a stranger to two of his disciples Cleopas and an unnamed disciple, and walked with them on the road to Emmaus. These disciples were grief stricken, confused, and disillusioned about the horrible crucifixion and excruciating death of Jesus. Everything seemed lost to them as they hoped that Jesus would redeem Israel from the oppressive rule of the Roman government.

The Risen Lord walked alongside the two disciples but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He joined in their conversation and interpreted for them what referred to him in the scriptures. He opened their minds to understand that as Christ he had to suffer, die, and rise again in order to pave the way of salvation to all people.

When the two disciples reached their destination, they invited the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them for the day was almost over. And while they were at table, their eyes were opened to Jesus' presence in the breaking of the bread but he vanished from their midst.

Cleopas and his companion were filled with joy and they hurried back to Jerusalem to share their experience with the other disciples. They recounted what took place on the road and how their hearts burned within them as Jesus spoke to them. While they were speaking, the Risen Lord appeared in their midst, gave them the gift of peace and commissioned them to be witnesses of his resurrection and redemptive work.

The Emmaus story is about our own life journey. All of us walk down this road which is sometimes filled with hope and hopelessness, joy and sadness. We travel on this path when family crisis, ill health, death of loved ones, financial unrest hit us. Such difficult moments push us to the edge to feel wearied, despondent and downcast.

But we are never alone in our struggles and challenges. The Risen Lord draws near to each of us and walks by our side. He talks to us like he did with the disciples on the road, to dispel our fears, ignite our faith and rekindle hope in our hearts.

As we gather around the table of the Lord to share in his word and break bread together, let us do so with gratitude in our hearts for the depth of his love for us.

Let us ask our Risen Lord to open our eyes to his presence in the many guises he comes to us; in the scriptures, in the breaking of the bread, prayer and our fellowship.

Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, let us accompany one another on the journey of faith and with the strength from on high strive to be fearless witnesses of the Lord in word and deed.

God bless,

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 10:11-18

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Peter

Phyllis Blincoe

Dolores Starzinger

Anderson & Garret Callender

Weekend of April 20th & 21st, 2024

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Peter

Lector:

Dorothy Yaiser

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ginni Brandt

Altar Servers

Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- 1 John 3:1-2

Offerings on April 6th & 7th, 2024-Weekly, \$2,757.00; Easter, \$105.00; Fuel, \$40.00; Repairs, \$155.00; Religious Education, \$65.00; Evangelist, \$18.00; Easter Flowers, \$60.00



FAITH FORMATION A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

April 14th- 9:00-10:15 AM Pre-K-10th grade classes
April 21st- **No Classes**

As of the end of March 2024 the amount collected in the regular collection and Holy Days was \$103,066.00.00. The budget for these collections is \$104,974.36. To date we are \$1,908.36 below budget. This report is done monthly now as it better reflects the financial standing of our collections.

Red Cross Blood Drive

When- Tuesday April 23, 2024 1:00 PM-6:00 PM
Where- Sidney Elks Lodge, 104 River Street
The American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage as the nation faces the lowest number of people giving blood in 20 years! 40% of our local donors have been lost. Please consider making a donation of the gift of life to ensure lifesaving medical procedures are not put on hold!

Alice Holzel Scholarship

Alice Holzel, a parishioner of Sacred Heart who passed away in 2021, bequeathed money to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors who are registered parishioners of Sacred Heart. Applications for this scholarship are available in the blue folder on the vestibule bulletin board. Applications must be returned by May 12th to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.

Gentle Reminder

Items to be included in the bulletin or announcements MUST be submitted in writing by noon on Tuesday prior to the week's bulletin/announcements you want it published in. All items are prioritized by date and space availability. I reserve the right to edit all announcements to ensure there is space for all requested announcements. Items for the monthly calendar must be submitted in writing 10 days in advance of the upcoming month. Requests should be in writing and sent to sacredheartsidney@frontier.com or a note dropped off at the office. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring your requests can be met.

April Bulletin Quotes

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (citing Pope Benedict XVI, Spe salvi © 2007, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

Celebrate Easter's 50 days

Easter is the most important feast of the Christian year- so important that the Church sets aside a seven-week season to rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Each week of the Easter season we will provide a few ideas to help celebrate the fifty days.

- 1-Use a special container for blessed water from church to use at home.
- 2-Listen to Handel's Messiah and other Easter music.
- 3-Learn how other cultures celebrate Easter and try some of their foods.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Third Sunday of EASTER

1 John 2:1-3 "My children, I am writing this to you so you may not commit sin. But, if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. That we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments." Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience and you will learn the tools to transform your marriage. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

June 7-June 9, 2024 in Upton,, MA

June 21-June 23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

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://wwmectw.org/>.

2024 Women's Retreat

This year's retreat will be held on April 19th -21st at the Dominican Retreat House in Niskayuna. See Paula Ciborowski or Ellen Reuter for information on how to register.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe,

Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, 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, 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, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, 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, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraiia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, 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, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Stephanie Soldinger, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr.

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

