



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- 2-19 Mon 9:00 AM Healing Mass for Helen Thomas  
By the family
- 2-20 Tues 9:00 AM Mary Bagley  
By Carole Ostrander
- 2-21 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 2-22 Thurs 9:00 AM Irma Ouimet  
By Gene Ouimet
- 2-23 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 2-24 Sat 4:00 PM Virginia "Ginny" Montella  
By Tony & Joan Barber
- 2-25 Sun 10:30 AM Mark Granan  
By Jasmine, Izaiah & Baine

**Calendar Correction**

The February calendar incorrectly states that we are having Mass on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will not be Mass on those dates. There will be a Communion Service.



Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

**Weekday Mass Schedule-** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM  
**Eucharistic Adoration-**

Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.

**Women Prophets of the Bible**

Please see the flyers at each of the exits for information on an upcoming Lenten scripture study being offered through Zoom and the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center.

**1st Sunday of Lent**

Lent is a time of new beginning or spiritual renewal. It is a time to go into solitude to confront and overcome the evil within us and around us. During this holy season, we strive to deepen our relationship with God through the works of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings speak about God's faithfulness and the need for repentance, conversion, and renewal in our lives. The readings challenge us to keep to our baptismal covenant with God.

In the first reading, the book of Genesis talks about God's covenant with Noah and the whole of creation. The reading takes us back to the time when God wiped out the entire creation due to human disobedience and sinfulness. The only ones who were saved were Noah, and his family and a few animals. They took refuge in the Ark for forty days and forty nights. After the devastating flood, God established a covenant with Noah and he promised to never again destroy the earth with water. God sealed the covenant with the rainbow to symbolize his faithfulness and loving mercy toward humanity. He set the rainbow in the clouds to serve as a visible sign of his covenant with the sinful humanity and his infinite love and forgiveness for us.

In the second reading, St. Peter refers to the events of the great flood in Noah's time and he sees it as a sign of rebirth pointing to our baptism. Saint Peter reminds us that just as Noah and his family and animals were saved, so too, we are saved through Jesus Christ in the waters of baptism. He exhorts all of us to embrace our baptismal call to holiness and live each day as true sons and daughters of God.

In the gospel, we hear about the temptation of Jesus. Unlike Mathew and Luke, Mark's gospel gives us a brief account of the temptation. He only tells us that the Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days and was tempted by Satan. Jesus was with the wild beasts and the angels ministered to him. He resisted the devil and remained faithful to his father's will.

He returned from his desert experience to begin his public ministry. He announced that the kingdom of God is at hand so we should repent, and believe in the good news. This is the message for our Lenten journey, to turn away from our human weaknesses and return to God.

In this holy season, let us all strive to overcome the false and deceptive values in our lives and cling on to what is right and proper. Let us pray for one another and ask God who is always mindful of his covenant with us to help us to grow in holiness and grace.

I hope that you all have a fruitful Lenten season.

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben



**Weekend of February 24<sup>h</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

First Reading-Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Chris Berkeley-Hartjen
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Regina Mathewson
- Altar Servers** Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-Romans 8:31-34

**Sunday 10:30AM**

- Fr. Ben
- Paula Ciborowski
- Lorraine Keckeisen
- Anderson & Garret Callender

**Second Sunday of Lent**

Gospel- Mark 9:2-10

Offerings on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular, \$1,960.00; Fuel, \$145.00; Repairs, \$25.00; Evangelist, \$60.00; Initial, \$5.00; Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$25.00



## FAITH FORMATION A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

February 18<sup>th</sup>- No Classes  
February 25<sup>th</sup>- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
The Lenten Family Night of Reflection listed on the Religious Education calendar will not be taking place. The Follow the Savior Pre-Lenten activity held last Sunday was in place of the Family Night of Reflection. Thank you to everyone that attended.

As of the end of January 2024 the regular collection and Holy Days was \$79,152.00. The budget for these collections is \$78,716.72. To date we are \$435.28 over budget. This report will be done monthly from now on as it will better reflect the financial standing of our collections.

### Black, Native & Latin American Missions

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Black, Native and Latin American missions! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)



"Let us do good to all people." Once again, we are collecting **new underwear** for children, men and women. Please be generous as the need is great. Donations can be placed in the blue receptacle in the vestibule.

### What are you giving up for Lent?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove challenging but they may help to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults.

- 1-Mortify your will through the practice of obedience**-do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
- 2-Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.**
- 3-Embrace annoyances**-when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
- 4-Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
- 5-Check impulsive actions**-will this action really help anyone?  
~from The Catholic Company

### February Bulletin Quotes

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"  
[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)



If you haven't used Formed yet, maybe this Lent is the time for you to investigate all it has to offer. There are two Lenten resources available. A video series on Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture, based on the *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*; our most recent book study. For our youth there is a series from the Augustine Institute: *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids*.

### New Lenten Website

<https://www.rcda.org/lent> Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. So, do we have to fast? Fr. Anthony Barratt shares a beautiful response. The theme on the page this year is **Make It Personal**, sharing thoughts on how to build your personal relationship with God. You can also find a calendar of Lenten events around the Diocese and Meatless Meal recipes, even a few cooking videos featuring some of our clergy.

### Sharing the Talks from the NYS Eucharistic Congress

Powerful messages were shared in the talks and homilies at the Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville in October. You can now find them all at <https://www.rcda.org/nysec2023>. You can also find the page by clicking the Prayer and Worship tab under Offices & Ministries at <https://www.rcda.org/>

### Grief Share Support Group

A new session of Grief Share will begin on February 26, 2024 at the Methodist Church. Call 607-563-1921 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, 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, 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, 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 Grushans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Father Peter, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Joan Barber, Stephanie Soldingier, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John

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

