

Mass Intentions for the Week

Solemnity of Mary

- 1-8 Mon 10:30 AM All deceased parishioners
- 1-9 Tues 9:00 AM Patrick Hastings
By Rosary Society
- 1-10 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 1-11 Thurs 9:00 AM Alecia Consuelo
By a friend
- 1-12 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 1-13 Sat 4:00 PM Dave Sowersby
By the Barber family
- 1-14 Sun 10:30 AM Frances Gregory
By the family

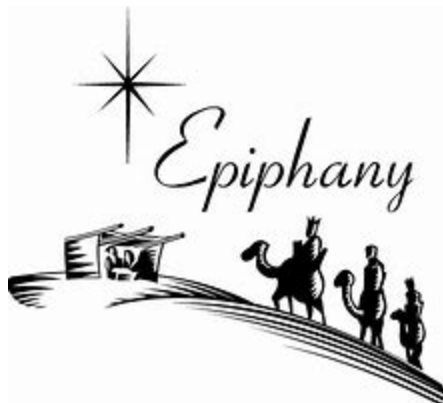
Christmas Card Recycling

Please consider helping a child and Mother Earth by recycling your Christmas cards. Place the **front cover** of your cards in the container in the vestibule. They will be used for Christmas tags on gifts for our local children in need. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Rosary Society Meeting



Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, January 9th after the 9:00 AM Mass. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcomed!



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Today is the second Sunday after Christmas and it marks the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany comes from the Greek word ‘epiphaneia’ which means manifestation, revelation, or making known. So today, we celebrate God’s manifestation to the whole world. And on Monday we commemorate another epiphany, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This is an event where Christ was revealed to the whole world as the only Begotten Son of God. The feast of the Baptism of the Lord concludes our Christmas season and ushers us into the ordinary time of the church’s liturgical year.

The readings for today’s feast talk about God’s universal gift of salvation. The readings highlight the fact that God’s saving love is for all peoples and not for a chosen few.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah foretold that God will restore Jerusalem to her former glory by shining the radiance of his light upon her. The prophet Isaiah foresaw that all nations will stream to the holy city in Jerusalem led by God’s radiant light and those from Sheba shall come bearing gold and incense in their hands to adore the Lord (Isaiah 60:6). Isaiah’s prophecy was fulfilled in the visit of the Magi who came from the East to adore the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. The Magi are also called the three kings or the wise men. They represent all nations and peoples who search diligently for God.

In the gospel, Mathew recounted that the Magi saw a bright star in the sky and they followed it to Jerusalem to look for the newborn king of the Jews. The journey of the Magi was uneasy. They experienced darkness because the star guiding them disappeared but they did not abandon their search. They asked questions and sought guidance and directions to come to God’s presence.

The star appeared again and led them to the place of the Christ child where they prostrated themselves and offered him their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These gifts are symbolic. The gold represents Christ Kingship and power, frankincense his divinity and priestly ministry, and myrrh his passion and death.

After being warned in a dream the Magi returned to their country by another route. They listened to God’s voice and did not go back to Herod.

You and I have the spirit of these folks within us. We have something of their quest, the desire for God’s light and wisdom in our lives. We have seen the star of Bethlehem and we continue follow it in our pilgrimage of life. This bright star has led us here to today’s Mass to pay homage to the Christ child and to be nourished spiritually by his word and the Eucharist. Like the Magi, we come with grateful hearts to offer to God the gifts of ourselves, the gold of our obedience to his will, the incense of our prayers and the myrrh of our humble deeds. And we return to our homes in a different way. We resolve to not go back to the evil and wicked ways of Herod such as hatred, anger, aggressiveness, violence, and destruction but rather to show love, compassion, kindness, and care toward others.

Let us pray that in this New Year, we may all strive to be little epiphanies and inspire others to embrace the light of Christ in their lives through our words and actions.

God bless
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of January 13 & 14, 2024

First Reading-Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Saturday 4:00 PM

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Nancy Kahane
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Elbrecht
- Altar Servers** Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- John 1:35-42

Sunday 10:30AM

- Fr. Ben
- Marianne Johansen
- Paula Ciborowski
- Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings on December 30th & 31st, 2023 and January 1, 2024 Regular, \$2,735.00; Fuel, \$155.00; Repairs & Improvements, \$5.00; Initial, \$145.00; Christmas, \$200.00; Flowers, \$100.00; Solemnity of Mary \$777.00



January 14th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes

January Calendar Correction

The January calendar insert in last week's bulletin incorrectly states there is a parent meeting on Sunday, January 14th. There is not a parent meeting on this date, my apologies for any confusion this may

The weekend of December 23rd, 24th & 25th, 2023 the regular, Solemnity of Mary and Christmas collection was \$3,712.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$66,146.15 which is \$7,002.15 above budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

As of December 11, 2023 \$10,639.00 in pledges and donations has been collected for Sacred Heart. We are \$3,937.00 away from meeting our assessment of \$14,576.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal and help Sacred Heart to reach our assessment once again!

12 Signs of a Christian in Name Only vs. One Who Lives the Faith

Nominal Christians may offer love conditionally, based on what they receive. In contrast, a genuine Christians strives to love others as Jesus loves, unconditionally and sacrificially.

To be continued next week

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Christ's Call to Paul and Us

A free virtual webinar is being offered on Thursday, January 25th from 3:00-4:40 PM. Fr. Richard Fragomeni will reflect on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. To register go to https://us02web.zoom/webinar/register/WN_VcWxE7SRQ60i5ujpWr srHQ. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

January Bulletin Quotes

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office. Additional information for reporting may be found at

<https://www.rcda.org/offices/protecting-children-young-people>. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Frederick Jones, at 518-453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.

Covers of Love

The Covers of Love at Saint Paul's Church on River Street in Sidney can always use donations of:

- CLEAN Queen/King quilts, comforters
- Blankets any size and bath towels and wash cloths
- Size large and XL men's pants, t-shirts, & undershirts
- Children's size 10 and above- t-shirts, pants
- tuna in a pouch
- individually wrapped peanut butter or cheese crackers
- applesauce, Nutella or peanut butter to go

Donations can be dropped off in the receptacle in the vestibule or you can take your donations to Saint Paul's on Wednesday mornings between 9:30-11:00 AM. If you have questions contact Karen Jones at 607-829-8327.

welcome 2024

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, 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, 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, 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 Soldinger, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker

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

