



Mass Intentions for the Week

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| 1-15 | Mon | 10:30 AM | All deceased parishioners |
| 1-16 | Tues | 9:00 AM | All deceased parishioners |
| 1-17 | Wed | 9:00 AM | All deceased parishioners |
| 1-18 | Thurs | 9:00 AM | All deceased parishioners |
| 1-19 | Fri | 9:00 AM | Communion Service |
| 1-20 | Sat | 4:00 PM | Lynn Goodspeed By Chris Granan |
| 1-21 | Sun | 10:30 AM | Dolly Dinoto By Joe & Terry Maggio |



Our collection last week reflects that winter is officially upon us! Your safety is our number one concern so if you were unable to attend Mass because of unsafe road conditions it is understood. We still need your support to meet our weekly financial obligations. We will greatly appreciate your support in today's collection if you include a donation for the week you were unable to attend Mass. Thank you for your generous support of our parish family!



Getting a little cabin fever? Need some friendly interactions with positive people? Join your parish family after 10:30 AM Mass next weekend, January 21st for coffee, treats and conversation.



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 15th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Christmas season is over and we are now into the ordinary time of the church year. The ordinary time is the longest part of the liturgical year during which we grow our Christian faith and strive to be better followers of Jesus Christ.

On this second Sunday in ordinary time our readings focus on the theme of the call and response to discipleship. In both the first reading and the gospel, we hear of two powerful stories about those who heard God's call and their humble response to the Lord.

In the first reading, God called the young Samuel to be a prophet. Samuel was the son of Hannah and Elkanah whom God blessed in their old age. Hannah was barren and she made a solemn promise to God that she would dedicate her child to his service if he granted her a son. She kept her promise by taking Samuel to the temple of Shiloh and placed him in the care of Eli, the priest. One night, while Samuel was sleeping in the temple where the Ark of the Covenant was kept, he heard a voice calling him. He got up and went to Eli thinking it was he who called him. The call did not come from Eli so he told Samuel to go back to bed. This happened three times.

After three distinct calls, Eli understood the voice to be coming from the Lord and he instructed Samuel to say: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."

With this response, Samuel expressed his openness and willingness to be at God's service and his people. His answer to God's call reflects the responsorial psalm for today's liturgy, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

In the gospel, John the Baptist saw Jesus passed by and he pointed him out to two of his disciples. He declared, "Look! There is the Lamb of God!"

The two disciples left John the Baptist and followed Jesus. Andrew was one of them and he brought his brother Simon to meet Jesus. When Jesus saw the two brothers following him, he asked them the question: What are you looking for." This is a good question for each of us too. What are we looking for in life?

Andrew and his brother Simon expressed their desire to see where Jesus lives and the Lord invited them to come and see.

The Lord constantly calls people to his service like he did with Samuel and the first disciples. Some of us heard God's voice and we made a personal commitment to follow him in the priesthood, diaconate, religious, marriage, or single life. We each need to be always attentive to our individual vocation, to follow the Lord and bring others to God's presence.

As Christian parents and teachers we have a responsibility and religious duty to help our children and young people to recognize God's voice in their lives. We all know the many competing voices and interests that surround our children and young people and hinder their spiritual growth and relationship with God. They need our inspiration, guidance, and direction to know the Lord and always discern his divine will and plan for their lives.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit so we should not use them for evil purposes. Saint Paul urges us to avoid all immorality including fornication, excessive consumption of alcohol, illicit drug use and intentional self-harm because these things are destructive.

As people made in the image and likeness of God, let us all strive to overcome the desires of our sinful natures and always do what is right, good, and pleasing to the Lord.

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of January 20 & 21, 2024

First Reading-Samuel 3:3-10, 19

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben
Lector: Bill Babbage
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane
Altar Servers Quinn & Ayla Gronwall
 Maddison Curtin & Gabriel Harris

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- John 1:35-42

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben
 Ray Keckeisen
 Pat Smith
 Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings on January 6th & 7th, 2024 Regular, \$1,018.00; Fuel, \$75.00; Initial, \$30.00; Christmas, \$10.00; Flowers, \$5.00; Immaculate Conception, \$5.00



January 21st - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes

January Calendar Correction

The January calendar insert incorrectly states there is a parent meeting on Sunday, January 14th. There is not a parent meeting today, my apologies for any confusion this may cause.

The weekend of January 6th & 7th, 2023 the regular, Immaculate Conception and Christmas collection was \$1,033.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$67,179.15 which is \$5,640.15 above budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

As of January 8, 2024, \$13,414.00 in pledges and donations have been collected for Sacred Heart. We are only \$1,162.00 away from meeting our assessment of \$14,576.0! 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

While a nominal Christian holds grudges, a true believer practices forgiveness, following the biblical command to forgive as they have been forgiven (Colossians 3:13).

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_VcWxE7SRQ60i5ujpWrSrHQ. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

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.

January Bulletin Quotes

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life” (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)



K of C Council #4937 is having a Baker's Dozen Raffle. 13 weeks of raffle drawings followed by a dinner dance. \$40.00

covers 39 chances to win and the party at week 13. The first drawing takes place on Saturday, January 27. Week 13 is Saturday, April 20. Please contact Bill Babbage 386-5880, Chuck Collier 435-7510, or Chris Stillman at 563-2571 for tickets. Proceeds from the Baker's Dozen fund raiser will be used to support the seminarian fund, scholarship fund as well as the three churches our members belong to. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

How do you experience God? Where is God in your life? What might God be speaking to your heart? As Christians we believe that God is always with us, every minute of every day, in every encounter. Meeting with a spiritual director regularly can help you discern where God is leading you. This ancient practice of a trained Christian walking with another Christian helps to deepen our faith experience with Jesus Christ. Sessions with a spiritual director are typically held once a month and last for an hour. If you are interested, contact Cindy Korb, C.S.D at 607-267-0539 or at listeningpresence518@gmail.com or the Consultation Center in Albany.

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 Munet, 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, [Jammy Byrnes](#), Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Starzinger, 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, Marlana 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, Marlana, 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 Saldinger, 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.