

Mass Intentions for the Week

10/19 Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
10/20 Tues	9:00 AM	Sister Judith Mietzelfeld By Mathias Mietzelfeld
10/21 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
10/22 Thur	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
10/23 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
10/24 Sat	4:00 PM	Alfredine Duguay By Duguay Family
10/25 Sun	10:30 AM	Jeanne Petraglia By Chris Granan

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp donation is given this week in memory of Father Gordon Polenz.

Mass Requests for 2027

The 2027 Mass Intention Schedule Book is available for your scheduling needs.

Diocesan Appeal 2026

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. We have raised \$4,000.00 of our \$12,217.00 assessment. Please consider making your pledge/donation to help us reach our assessment if you have not already done so.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a **Food Drive on Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the **Oneonta Hannaford Supermarket**.

We invite you to stop by and help support those in need in our local community!

All food items and monetary donations collected will benefit the **Food Bank at Sidney United Methodist Church (UMC)**.

Every donation makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support our neighbors in need.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Because we belong to God alone, we give him our faith, our hope, and our love.

In today's jarring yet familiar Gospel scene, we see an attempt to trap Jesus and force him to violate either the law of Rome or the laws of God. As he evades this attempt to ensnare him, Jesus offers guidance on how Christians ought to live that has echoed throughout history: *Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*.

In our first reading, the Lord tells King Cyrus that there is one Lord; there is no other God beside him. We know that God alone is the Lord of all peoples and all history, and that we belong to him.

In the Gospel, Jesus' lesson is about justice. True justice is to give to God what belongs to God. And what belongs to God? Everything. Most importantly, ourselves.

We know that we belong to God first; but this can be difficult to live out. How do we return our lives to him? By engaging in the *work of faith, labor of love, and endurance in hope* which Paul praises the Thessalonians for in today's second reading. We may recall that faith, hope, and love are what are known as the theological virtues. Living these virtues helps us to give our whole lives back to God.

Faith, the *Catechism* tells us, is "personal adherence to God and assent to his truth" (CCC 150). We can ask ourselves, is there any part of our lives that we have not surrendered to the Lord? Do we trust in all that he has revealed to his Church? Perhaps the Lord is inviting us to grow in faith. And when we know him more fully, we can surrender ourselves more deeply to him.

Next, hope: "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817). In other words, to live with Christian hope is to live as though our ultimate happiness is in the Lord, and no other. It requires that we rely on the Lord to give us the strength so that one day, we will be with him forever. Do we rely on, and place our hope in, the Lord and his promises?

Finally, love – or charity – is the theological virtue "by which we love God above all things for his own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822). Whether we realize it or not, each and every day, we can offer everything we do as an act of love for God.

Weekend of October 24th & 25th, 2026

First Reading:- Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:5c-10

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 22:34 -40

Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Altar Servers:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Fr. Peter Anglaaere

Ginni Brandt

Gene Walsh, Ginni Brandt, Pat Tartaglia

Anderson & Garret Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Peter Anglaaere

Marianne Johnsen

Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Ayla Gronwall, Shannon Casey

Offerings from October 10th & 11th, 2026: Regular: \$2,397.00; Fuel: \$80.00; Repairs: \$70.00; Rel. Ed.: \$10.00; Evangelist: \$18.00; Catholic World Mission \$20.00; Catholic University: \$35.00

Celebration of Convalidation

A Celebration of Convalidation is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Catholic Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition, be strengthened by God's grace, and be supported by His Church. A husband, wife, and God are like a three-ply cord – "...not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12).

The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle Street, Albany.

If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage by joining Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany on November 29. Please register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. Families & friends are invited to attend!

*Please note: the ceremony will include the Liturgy of the Word and the Celebration of Matrimony but is *not* a mass.
For more information please see bulletin board in vestibule.

Harvest Festival 50-50 Winners

Congratulations to all!

The list is on the vestibule bulletin board.

No Mass Thursday November 5th, 2026

There will be no Mass Thursday November 5th, 2026
Due to father's attendance at the Propagation of Faith meeting scheduled that day.

Wisdom of the Saints

Don't be anxious about what you have,
but about what you are.

~St. Pope Gregory the Great

Share the Bounty Dinner

October 29, 2026, 4:30 – 6:30PM
Mac & Cheese, Salad, Bread & Cookies
All are welcome!

October Bulletin Quotes

"When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection:

"I Came So That They Might Have Life"

Question of the Week

At that (Jesus) said to them "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's". (Matthew 22:21)

Adults: How much responsibility do you feel the government should take for meeting the needs of the less fortunate in our society? How are you willing to contribute?

Kids: Who needs help in your neighborhood or community? What could you and your family do to help?

Second Collection

World Mission Sunday – Oct. 18, 2026

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a day when we, together with all the Catholics around the globe, unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work.

Pastoral Visit of the Bishop ~ Hancock

Please mark your calendar.

Bishop Mark will make his pastoral visit to St. Paul's Church

Sunday, November 1st, 2026

and will preside at the 10:30AM mass.

Our Mass here at Sacred Heart Church on November 1st, 2026 will be held at 8:00AM.

Methodist Church ~ Thanksgiving Baskets

The Methodist Church is accepting requests for the Thanksgiving basket throughout the month of October.

The last day to register is October 31st.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Kim Sumski, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Mary Munetz, Jazmiers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naples, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan, Peter Burghardt Jr., The Family of Mufide, Kathy Saludo, Elizabeth Cline, Kyle Banas, Kristin Barber, Susan Hanaway, Betsy, Bobbie Galchutt, George Innes, Veronica Rivera, Cassandra Hoblitz, Marianne Johansen, Tom Ruff, Ann Weibel Capecelatro

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