



Mass Intentions for the Week

11-6	Mon	9:00 AM	Dorothy Dutton By Nancy Ives & family
11-7	Tues	9:00 AM	Alice Knapp By Pete & Ellie Robinson
11-8	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
11-9	Thurs	9:00 AM	Patrick Materazzo In honor of 65 th Wedding Anniversary By Josephine Materazzo
11-10	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11-11	Sat	4:00 PM	Emanuel "Zeke" Zieno By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi
11-12	Sun	10:30 AM	Anna Schuck By the family

Giving Tree

Gift tags for the Giving Tree have arrived! Due to the early date this year that gifts need to be returned by, the giving tree is located in the Parish Center. You can pick up your tag in the Parish Center Monday – Thursday between 9:00am and 1:00pm or after weekend Masses. Gifts should be placed in a gift bag or shopping bag with the tag attached. **Please DO NOT wrap your gifts.** Monetary gifts can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office. All gifts must be returned to the Parish Center no later than Saturday, December 2nd by 4:00pm. If you would like your gift picked up or you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 607-563-1591.

Birthday Appreciation

I would like to thank all of you who sent me nice birthday cards, best wishes, and generous gifts. Please know that your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. I pray that God may bless each and every one of you for your love, kindness, and generosity toward me. You truly reflect the beauty and the goodness of the Lord and I am truly grateful. Thank you so much!
Sincerely yours,
Fr. Dr. Ben.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be humble and open to reproach

The readings for this Sunday emphasize the need for humility, sincerity and truth in our lives. The readings challenge us to eschew the vices of human pride, self-exaltation, and hypocrisy in our lives.

The first reading and the gospel hit hard at priests and religious leaders for their negligence of duty and failure to give proper instructions to the people under their spiritual care.

In the first reading, the Prophet Malachi denounced the priests of the temple of their selfish attitude and the scandal they caused God's flock.

The priests strayed from the path of righteousness and they caused many to falter. They broke the covenant with God by their indulging in sinful and wicked deeds such as offering unworthy animals as sacrifices to the Lord. The prophet Malachi warned the unscrupulous priests that God's wrath will come upon them if they fail to repent of their sins.

In the gospel, Jesus advised the crowds and his disciples against the attitude of the scribes and the Pharisees. He criticized these religious leaders for their hypocrisy, self-righteousness, pride, and self-exaltation. The scribes and the Pharisees failed to practice what they preached to others. They laid heavy burdens on others by insisting strict observance of the law but they themselves did not follow them.

Jesus rebuked them for their double standards, for seeking their own glory and honor instead of God's.

All of us need to recognize the truth about ourselves. We all have our human limitations and shortcomings. Oftentimes we fall into the traps of self-aggrandizement, pride, and ego. We fail to live by the teachings of Jesus, to show love, care, gentleness, respect, and kindness toward others especially those who dislike or hate us.

Saint Paul and his companions encourage all of us to live as devoted disciples and missionaries of Christ. In the second reading, St. Paul talked about how much he toiled night and day for the spiritual growth and benefit of the Christian sisters and brothers in Thessalonica. Saint Paul and his companions treated the members of the Christian community like a nursing mother, with tenderness, affection, love, and care. They led them with a servant heart by sharing not only the gospel but themselves as well.

This is the kind of heart Jesus calls all of us to seek, to pour our lives out in love and in service for others. Jesus makes it clear to us that it is through selflessness and humble service that we can attain greatness in God's sight and others.

Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace of humility and help us to serve him and one another in love, sincerity, and truth.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of November 11th & 12th 2023

First Reading- Wisdom 6:12-16

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Ray Keckeisen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Gene Walsh

Altar Servers:

Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

32nd Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Marianne Johansen

Paula Ciborowski

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of October 28th & 29th, 2023 Regular, \$3,269.00; Fuel, \$25.00; World Mission Sunday, \$70.00; All Saints, \$15.00; All Souls, \$115.00



November 5th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
All Saints assembly in the Parish Center

November 12th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes

The weekend of October 28th & 29th, 2023 the regular collection, All Souls, and All Saints was \$3,399.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$38,126.00 which is \$538.00 above budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

Mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal have been sent to all parishioners. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal.



Holiday Bazaar

Saint Agnes/Saint John's will be holding their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 11th from 8:30-12:30 at the Afton Town Hall. Crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, raffles and quilted items will be available for your purchase.

"Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater

Saint Mary's in Oneonta is sponsoring a bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The registration form and a flyer with more information is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Unleashing Love: a Diocesan Women's Conference

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for information on how to register for a Diocesan Women's Conference being held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, NY.

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.

November Bulletin Quotes

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

1 Thessalonians 2:8-9: "With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. "Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Some of the dates to sign up are: November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY Immaculate Conception Seminary. 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/>.

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.

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, Fr. Hearn, 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, Anne Terzo, 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, Anthony Barber, Jr., 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

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

