



## Mass Intentions for the Week

2-5	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
2-6	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
2-7	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
2-8	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alecia Conseulo By a friend
2-9	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2-10	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph Schalk By Lucy Hindle and family
2-11	Sun	10:30 AM	Mary & Joseph Komornik By Paula Ciborowski

### Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Correction



We will be holding our annual soup supper on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024 after the 5:30 PM

Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule and the chapel for helpers with set-up, serving and clean-up. We also need people to bring in meatless soups, macaroni and cheese, Jell-O and sugar-free Jell-O. Thank you for your support of this event.

### Follow the Savior



Join your parish family on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center for a Pre-Lenten journey event! All ages are invited and encouraged to

attend. Luscious refreshments are being provided. We ask that you drop a Mardi gras bead for each person planning to attend in the glass jar in the vestibule so enough materials and refreshments are available. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for more information.

### Ash Wednesday

There is a barrel in the vestibule for you to return palms that will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This weekend we will offer the blessing of the throats at all of our masses immediately after the homily. We will implore the intercession of Saint Blaise for God's protection and healing upon ourselves and all the sick. Tradition has it that Saint Blaise, a fourth-century bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and a martyr, miraculously cured a young boy who was choked with fishbone. Since the eighth century, the church has prayed through his intercession for deliverance from afflictions of the throat and other illnesses.

In today's liturgy, our readings bring us to reflect on the fundamental issue of human suffering and pain. The readings exhort us to face the realities of life with confidence and trust in God's saving love.

In the first reading, we learn about how Job wrestled with his faith and the meaning of suffering. Job was a righteous and loyal servant of God yet he experienced so much misery and anguish. He was beset with tragedy after another; from sickness to the brutal loss of his property, and family. Job got to a point where he could no longer bear with the afflictions and misfortunes of life. He was overcome by despair and lamented that life on earth is nothing but drudgery. He never hoped to see happiness again.

Nevertheless, Job trusted in God's benevolence. He exclaimed, "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1: 21).

Suffering and pain come to all of us at different times and in different guises. They come to us in ill-health, sickness, loss of a loved one, financial problem, family crises or broken relationships. Sometimes trials and tribulations push us beyond the limits of endurance. The afflictions in life leave us with sleepless nights and make us despair.

Job's experience shows us how to navigate the storm of life with an unwavering faith in God. It teaches all of us about the need for courage, endurance, and prayer in our lives.

In the gospel, Jesus reached out to the sick and the suffering people with love and compassion. He healed Peter's mother-in-law who was sick in bed with a severe fever. He took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, Jesus cured many people who were sick with various diseases and delivered those who were tormented by demons. He later moved on to preach the good news of salvation in the nearby villages.

After a long day work, Jesus got up early the next morning and went off to a deserted place to pray. In doing this, he taught us the importance of prayer in our lives. Jesus showed us the need to be in constant communication with our heavenly father and draw divine strength to do God's work on earth.

In the second reading, Saint Paul talked about his own ministry as an Apostle. Saint Paul dedicated himself completely to God's service and became all things to all people. He preached the gospel as well as supported and nurtured the faith of the Christian communities.

All of us share in the mission of the Lord. We are called to proclaim the good news, to bring hope to broken hearts and healing to the suffering people.

As we encounter the Lord in his word and the Eucharist, let us all seek to be instruments of his love and healing in the world. Let us pray to God for respite and energy to live each day with trust and hope in his saving love amidst the sufferings and challenges of life.

God bless,  
Rev. Dr. Ben

### Weekend of February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

First Reading-Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

#### Saturday 4:00 PM

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Dorothy Yaiser

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Yvonne Sliney

**Altar Servers**

Anderson & Garret Callender

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Mark 1:40-45

#### Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Terry Maggio

Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Offerings on January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular, \$2, 404.85; Fuel, \$120.00; Initial, \$42.00; Repairs, \$110.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$50.00; Evangelist, \$92.00; Christmas, \$16.00; Christmas flowers, \$20.00



February 4<sup>th</sup>- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 February 11<sup>th</sup>- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 February 18<sup>th</sup>- No Classes

The weekend of January 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 the regular collection, Christmas and Solemnity of Mary was \$2,470.85. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$74,270.00 which is \$5,546.00 above budget.

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

A nominal Christian may give sparingly and reluctantly, but a true believer is generous, giving as an act of worship and thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 9:7)

~provided by guide2Free

A donation for flowers given in memory of Emily March was received last week.

### 2023 Statement of Giving

If you would like a statement from the church for your 2023 contributions, please call the Parish Office. Please note that we are only able to print the statements for parishioners who use envelopes. All donations to the fuel and insurance fund are acknowledged with a thank you. This thank you serves as your receipt as they are not included on your Statement of Giving



Thank you to all who helped with the Share the Bounty dinner this month. Your continued support and dedication to this ministry is greatly appreciated!

The insert in this week's bulletin is a calendar for you to use to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. Thank you to Paula Ciborowski for preparing this calendar.

### Parish Coffee



Please join with your parish family after the 10:30 AM Mass on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for coffee, goodies and fellowship. **All** Parishioners are invited regardless of the Mass you attend.

### February Bulletin Quotes

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

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Ladies, are you ready for some rest, quiet and spiritual growth? Come away to our annual Women's Retreat Weekend on April 19-21, 2024 At the Dominican Retreat Center. For more information and a flyer contact Paula Ciborowski at 607-563-7066, or Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259.



Please wish Steve Tiska a Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! He will turn 90 on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### The Wisdom of Saints

“Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak.”

~St. Anthony of Padua



Lent begins 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.

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

If you moved the coffee for Share the Bounty that was on the counter in the kitchen, please see Paula Ciborowski.

**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, Jammy 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, 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, Joan Barber, Stephanie Soldering, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel

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