



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 2-12 Mon 9:00 AM Pat Materazzo
By Josephine Materazzo
- 2-13 Tues 9:00 AM William Humes
By Marge LaFave
- Ash Wednesday**
- 2-14 Wed 9:00 AM Raymond Joseph Keckeisen
& Msgr. James Cox
By Ray & Lorraine Keckeisen
- 5:30 PM Lillian Alger
By Diana Torta
- 2-15 Thurs 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 2-16 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 2-17 Sat 4:00 PM Nancy Peck
By Tony & Joan Barber
- 2-18 Sun 10:30 AM Jim Weibel, Sr.
By Gaby Psynik

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper



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 11th 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. Please contact Paula Ciborowski if you have not pre-registered.

Ash Wednesday

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for this Sunday present us with a disturbing reality of the issue of social exclusion in human life. The readings challenge us to examine our attitude toward the marginalized and the outcasts of society. They teach us to reach out to those on the fringes of society with love, compassion, care, and concern.

In the first reading, the book of Leviticus talks about the wounds of marginalization in the Jewish society regarding how lepers suffered physically, socially, and spiritually.

The Jewish law required lepers to live in camps separate from their families and the rest of the community. Lepers were forced to wear torn clothes, dishevel their hair, and cry out 'unclean, unclean' whenever they approached people. These measures and protocols were put in place in order to prevent the spread of the skin disease.

If by divine intervention, a leper recovered from the sickness, he or she was required to see the priest to examine and declare him or her clean and fit to associate with his or her family and the rest of the community. Such was the harsh conditions which lepers were subjected to at the time of Jesus.

In the gospel, Jesus demonstrated his love and care for a man afflicted with leprosy. He broke the social and religious norms to reach out to the marginalized. The man approached Jesus with great faith and in humility. He went on his knees and cried out, "If you will, you can make me clean." Jesus was moved with pity for the man. He stretched out his hand and touched the leper. He said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean!" And the man was healed.

Here, Jesus showed an emotion that reveals he feels the pain of others. He healed the wounded spirit and broken self-image of the leper.

He warned the man to tell no one about the healing but to go and show himself to the priest and offer for his cleansing in accordance with the Mosaic Law. The man could not keep things secret. He went about telling everyone about what Jesus had done for him.

The healing of the leper represents a broader sickness. It represents our spiritual leprosy or uncleanliness. We fall into the darkness of sin and isolate or alienate ourselves from God and others. In his great love, Jesus reaches out to his in the sacrament of reconciliation to heal our brokenness. He makes us whole in the sacrament of reconciliation.

As Jesus touches our lives so he calls each of us to also touch the lives of others. He calls us to extend love, compassion, care, and kindness towards others especially the marginalized and the outcasts in our society.

St. Paul tells us in the second reading to live for God's glory by seeking the good of all people. He exhorts us to imitate Jesus in his compassion and welcome all people regardless of their nationality, race, color, or creed.

In this Eucharistic celebration, we come with faith and in humility to be cleansed and healed in the power of God's transformative love. Let us pray for the grace to put on the mind and heart of the Lord, to break barriers and boundaries and make others feel welcomed, loved and valued.

And may the words of today's responsorial psalm touch our hearts to acclaim God as our refuge and be filled with the joy of salvation.

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of February 17th & 18th, 2024

First Reading-Genesis 9:8-15

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Ginni Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Tartaglia

Altar Servers

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Maddison Curtin & Gabriel Harris

Second Reading-1 Peter 3:18-22

First Sunday of Lent

Gospel- Mark 1:12-15

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Lorraine Keckeisen

Dolores Storzinger

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings on February 3rd & 4th, 2024 Regular, \$2,147.00; Fuel, \$10.00; Repairs, \$117.00; Evangelist, \$15.00; Easter, \$10.00;



Religious Education

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

As of the end of January 2024 the regular collection and Holy Days was \$79,152.00. The budget for these collections is \$78,716.72. To date we are \$435.28 over budget. This report will be done monthly from now on as it will better reflect the financial standing of our collections

Black, Native & Latin American Missions

We ask your continued support in the Diocesan Collection on February 17th & 18th for Black, Native & Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States and the Church of Latin America and the Caribbean. By contributing to next week's collection you will provide seeds to grow the faith for years to come. Please support the Black and Native American Missions of the United States and the Church in Latin America.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. 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. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

Parish Coffee

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

As we journey through Lent we are to "be mindful of the poor and be devoted to one another." We will be collecting new underwear and socks for children, men and women throughout Lent. These will be distributed to the homeless and needy in our area. **Undie Sunday** begins next weekend. There is a receptacle in the vestibule for your donations of undies.

February Bulletin Quotes

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life



If you haven't used Formed yet, maybe this Lent is the time for you to investigate all it has to offer. There are two Lenten resources available. A video series on Daily Bread: Discover the Eucharist in Scripture, based on the *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*; our most recent book study. For our youth there is a series from the Augustine Institute: *Drawing Closer to God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids*.

Women Prophets of the Bible

Please see the flyers at each of the exits for information on an upcoming Lenten scripture study being offered through Zoom and the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center.

New Lenten Website

<https://www.rcda.org/lent> Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. So, do we have to fast? Fr. Anthony Barratt shares a beautiful response. The theme on the page this year is **Make It Personal**, sharing thoughts on how to build your personal relationship with God. You can also find a calendar of Lenten events around the Diocese and Meatless Meal recipes, even a few cooking videos featuring some of our clergy.

Sharing the Talks from the NYS Eucharistic Congress

Powerful messages were shared in the talks and homilies at the Eucharistic Congress in Auriesville in October. You can now find them all at <https://www.rcda.org/nysec2023>. You can also find the page by clicking the Prayer and Worship tab under Offices & Ministries at <https://www.rcda.org/>

Grief Share Support Group

A new session of Grief Share will begin on February 26, 2024 at the Methodist Church. Call 607-563-1921 for more information.

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, Kathrynn 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, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Gugliermo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Joan Barber, Stephanie Soldingier, 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.