



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 4-28 Mon 9:00 AM Joseph Schuck
By the family
- 4-29 Tues 9:00 AM Clare Sterchak
By Marge LaFave
- 4-30 Wed 9:00 AM Doris Dean
By Pate & Ellie Robinson
- 5-1 Thurs 9:00 PM Clare Sterchak
By Ada Rice
- 5-2 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 5-3 Sat 4:00 PM George J. Mertz
By the Rosary Society
- 5-4 Sun 10:30 AM Jerry & Dorothy Cronin
By Paula Ciborowski

Our Parish Directory won't be complete without you. Please sign up for your family portrait by logging into Universal Church Directories at www.ucdir.com. Use church code: **ny128** and password: **photos**, choose your date and time and fill in your personal information. If you would like assistance with your appointment please call Bill Babbage at 607-386-5880; Monica Gatto at 607-563-8227; Kathy Saludo at 607-563-2868 or Pat Smith at 607-563-3118.



Please join us in our Eucharistic celebration next Sunday, May 4th at the 10:30 AM Mass as Shannon Casey and Juliet

Sullivan make their First Holy Communion.



As is our tradition we will also have our May Crowning of the Blessed Mother during this Mass.



Please pray for our confirmation candidates; Noah Hutter and Kaleb Monroe, who will be confirmed next Sunday, May 4th at Saint Mary's church in Oneonta at 5:00 PM.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Be a living witness of God's mercy and love in the world

We continue to rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord. By his death and resurrection, the Lord has opened the gate of eternal salvation to all of us. He has given us hope that we will be raised up on the last day.

On this second Sunday of Easter, also called Divine Mercy Sunday our scripture readings invite us to contemplate the power of God's mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and peace in our lives. The readings teach us to value the importance of faith, healing, and renewal in our lives.

In the gospel, the risen Lord appeared to his disciples to dispel their fears and offer them the gift of peace. The disciples were gathered in the upper room behind locked doors for fear of the Jewish leaders. Jesus breathed his spirit upon them and gave them the authority to forgive sins. Thomas was absent when the Lord made his first appearance to the disciples. He was told the joyful news when he later joined the rest of the disciples, but he rejected their testimony. Thomas demanded tangible evidence before believing the resurrection news. He got more than he asked for when the Lord appeared to the disciples the second time and invited him to come and touch his sacred wounds.

This incident stunned Thomas and moved him from unbelief to belief. It brought him to make his profound act of faith. Thomas exclaimed: "My Lord and my God." Jesus quizzed this disciple and all of us, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 2:29).

All of us have Thomas in us. Sometimes we wrestle with faith and doubt. We ask hard questions about our faith and search for answers. We have moments when doubt threatens to diminish our faith. Our Lord Jesus exhorts all of us to surrender our unbelief and place our faith and trust in him.

In the first reading, we learn how the Apostles placed their trust in the Lord and continued his mission on earth. The Apostles became instruments and vessels of God's mercy and love for the world. They performed many signs and wonders including healing the sick and caring for souls. The Apostles touched many hearts by their good works and deeds. No wonder that the outside world held them in high regard and the number of the Christian community increased rapidly.

We are called to bear witness to God's boundless mercy and endless love in our lives. Our mission is to be people of love, justice, peace, and charity. This is what our departed Holy Father, Pope Francis lived out. He spread the fragrance of God's goodness in the world by staying in solidarity with the poor and the marginalized in today's society. He brought love, compassion and hope to their lives. As we join the universal church to pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis, let us remember to give thanks to God for his humble service and faithful leadership. With the Conclave expected to start in earnest, let us pray that the Cardinal Electors may open their minds and hearts to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to choose a suitable successor to lead the church and inspire us to be a living witness of God's mercy and love in the world.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of May 3rd & 4th, 2025

First Reading-Acts of Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41

Second Reading-Revelations 5:11-14

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Carole Ostrander

Eucharistic Ministers

Gene Walsh, Pat Tartaglia,

Altar Servers

Anderson & Garrett Callender

Third Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 22: 1-19

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Kristin Reuter, Ada Rice, Paula Ciborowski

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from April 19th & 20th, 2025 Easter, \$5,056.00; Fuel, \$70.00; Flowers, \$23.00; Holy Land, \$284.00; Rice Bowl, \$1,382.00

LADIES RETREAT

“Come away and rest awhile” MARK 6:31

Time is running out and rooms are filling up quickly so please consider joining us for our annual retreat at the Dominican Retreat Center. The retreat will be on the weekend of May 16th through the 18th. The weekend offers time away for reflection, spiritual growth and community. For a flyer and additional information contact Paula in the Faith Formation office or Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259.



Additional flowers were donated in remembrance and love of the following persons.
Bart & Nancy Liberatore

Several parishioners received an email from fatherpastor258@gmail.com this past week. Rev. Bernard Osei Ampong was the name attached to this address. This is a scam please delete it and do not respond to this email.

Pope Francis Remembrances

Bishop Scharfenberger invites all to attend a Memorial Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 5:00 PM. You can also find a page on the Diocesan website where a list of other remembrances are being held around the Diocese. <https://www.rcda.org/remembring-pope-francis>

Saint Joseph's Church in Worcester as part of their 150th Jubilee celebration is hosting a spiritual retreat. Father William Garrott, O.P. from the Dominican Friars will be preaching from May 3rd to May 6th. All invited to join in this celebration. A flyer is posted in the vestibule with additional information.

Diocese of Albany -- Step Up Men's Conference 2025

The Diocese of Albany is hosting the Step Up Men's Conference on Saturday, **August 9 from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM at St. Edward the Confessor Church** in Clifton Park. The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The event will include presentations from **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers** and **Fr. James Walsh**, Reconciliation, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, refreshments, and lunch. The early registration cost is \$45. per person until July 31 and includes lunch. College age and younger men are FREE, but must register.

For more information and to register: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>

See the flyer in the vestibule for additional information.

April Bulletin Quotes

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion" www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy

Gracias, Gracias

I would like to thank all of you who sent me nice Easter cards, and generous gifts during this joyous season of the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death. I pray that our Heavenly Lord and Father may bless you abundantly for all your love, care, and generosity towards me. Thank you so much!
Fr. Dr. Ben

In a recent issue of The Evangelist there was an article regarding challenges facing our Diocese. You can read the article if you do not receive The Evangelist at

<https://evangelist.org/news/2025/apr/02/the-challenge-before-us>

In addition if you do not receive The Evangelist and would like to subscribe please contact the Parish Office at 607-563-1591. The yearly subscription through our parish is just \$18.00!

Catholic Charities of Delaware Otsego and Schoharie counties is hosting an Open House at a new facility in Richmondville on June 9th from 1:00-3:00 PM. They are also having their 12th Annual Pasta Dinner fund-raiser on May 15th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Quality Inn in Oneonta. See the flyers with this information as well as their Annual report posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

A retreat for those hurting/healing from an abortion is being held May 30th-June 1st at the Dominican Retreat House & Conference Center in Niskayuna. See the flyer in the vestibule for information and to register.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, 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., Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, 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, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granran, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Guglielmo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo

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