




Mass Intentions for the Week

1-6	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-7	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-8	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-9	Thurs	9:00 AM	Janice Willingham By Gaby Pysnik
1-10	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service (weather permitting)
1-11	Sat	4:00 PM	All deceased parishioners
1-12	Sun	10:30 AM	All deceased parishioners

Annual Seminarian Fund Collection
Next weekend of January 11th and 12th the Knights of Columbus will take up a collection after Mass to support seminarians in the Albany and Syracuse Dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support these men preparing for the priesthood.



Roof Construction
The replacement of the roof is completed! There is still some outside cleanup to be completed as weather permits. Several parishioners have noticed the difference the new insulation makes. In time we expect to see a difference in fuel costs.

You can upcycle your Christmas cards by placing the **front cover** of your cards in the container in the vestibule. They will be turned into next year's tags for the Giving Tree.



Weekend of January 11th & 12th, 2025

First Reading-Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading- Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben
Lector: Dorothy Yaiser
Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Walsh
Altar Servers: Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Baptism of the Lord

Gospel- Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben
Paula Ciborowski
Ada Rice
Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from December 25th, 28th & 29th, 2024 Regular collection, \$1,493.00; Fuel, \$250.00; Repairs, \$14.00; Religious Education, \$5.00; Evangelist, \$20.00; Assumption, \$10.00; Immaculate Conception, \$50.00; Initial Offering, \$5.00; Christmas, \$5,767.00

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Christmas is over for the contemporary secular society but for us Catholic Christians there is still more to celebrate and contemplate in this awe-filled season. We still keep our Christmas tree up and other decorations in their proper places until the feast of the baptism of the Lord.

This Sunday marks the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Epiphany is a Greek word which means revelation or manifestation. Today's feast brings us to celebrate God's revelation to the entire world. The readings for our celebration highlight this truth that Christ's birth is for all humanity and not only for the chosen people of Israel.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah foretold that all nations and people would be drawn to the light of Jerusalem. The prophet Isaiah urged the people of Jerusalem to arise and shine and attract all people to the splendor of God's glory. He envisioned that people from across the globe shall come into God's presence bearing gifts in their hands. In the responsorial psalm, the psalmist proclaims that every nation on earth will adore the Lord.

The gospel from Mathew recounts the visit of the Magi who came from the far-East to pay homage to the Christ Child. The Magi are also called the "three wise men" or the "three kings". Tradition tells us that they were astronomers and named as Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar.

The Magi saw a star and they tried to discover the meaning behind it. They followed the star and it guided them first to Jerusalem and finally to Bethlehem where they found the new born child lying in a manger with his mother Mary. The Magi prostrated themselves and paid homage to the Christ Child. They offered Him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These gifts are symbolic. They symbolize the three-fold mission of Christ: his divine kingship, priesthood, sacrificial death and glorious resurrection. The Magi departed to their country by another route, after being warned in a dream not to return to King Herod who was overcome by the darkness of evil and sought to kill the Christ Child.

The journey of the Magi has valuable lessons for us. All of us are spiritual seekers. We are on a faith journey searching for God and desiring to see His face. Our spiritual journey has its unexpected turns and challenges. Sometimes our guiding star seems to dim or disappear. The clouds of doubts, anxiety, and despair grip us. Like the Magi, we too need to be persistent and walk together as pilgrims of hope.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that we are coheirs, members of the same body and sharers in Christ's promise through the gospel. He urges us to dwell in the wonderful light of Christ.

Epiphany encourages us to walk together as companions of faith and support one another in all aspects of life. It calls us to trust in God's saving power to guide us into the future. In this New Year, let us keep our eyes fixed on the Lord and offer Him the best of ourselves, bringing our gold, frankincense, and myrrh in service to Him and others. Let us ask God to bless us in His love and grace to be little epiphanies and a star for those around us and all we may encounter each day in our lives.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben



Religious Education 2024-2025

1/5/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th grade
 1/12/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th grade
 1/19/2025 **No Classes**

The 2025 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have Masses that you would like scheduled for 2025 please call or stop by the office or send your requests in writing to the Parish Office.



Jubilee 2025

Sunday, January 5th there will be a prayer service, pilgrimage and Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger to celebrate the start of a Holy Year. See the flyer on the bulletin boards at each exit for more information.

The Jubilee Prayer
 Father in heaven,
 may the *faith* you have given us
 in your son, **Jesus Christ, our brother,**
 and the flame of *charity* enkindled
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
 for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within
 both humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
 reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope,*
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer
 throughout the earth.
 To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever.
 Amen.

January Bulletin Quotes

“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

Christmas Flowers



Additional donations were given in memory or in honor of the following: Humes and LaFave families, Julia McCann and Pat Fulco

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.

Empowering Our Youth

Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 11:00 AM to 2:15 PM a program on “Building Self-Esteem and Combating the Effects of Bullying” will be presented at All Saints on the Hudson parish hall/gym. To register call 518-664-3354. For additional information see the flyers on the bulletin boards in church at each exit.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, 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., Ray & 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, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, 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, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, 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, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Kyle Roy, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Rochelle Knapp, Caceres, Gustavo, Rios, Alonso, & SantaCruz families, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen

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

