



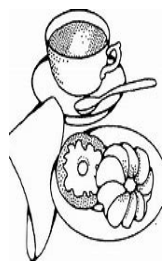
Mass Intentions for the Week

- 1-13 Mon 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 1-14 Tues 9:00 AM Dominick Savino
By Paula Ciborowski
- 1-15 Wed 9:00 AM Harold Barrett
By Thursday morning coffee group
- 1-16 Thurs 9:00 AM Dominick Savino
By Gaby Pysnik
- 1-17 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service (weather permitting)
- 1-18 Sat 4:00 PM Frances Gregory
By the family
- 1-19 Sun 10:30 AM Repose of the soul of Teresa Crane
By her daughters

Annual Seminarian Fund Collection

This weekend, January 11th and 12th the Knights of Columbus will be at each of the exits after Mass to take up a collection to support seminarians in the Albany and Syracuse Dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support these men preparing for the priesthood.

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.



Getting a little cabin fever? Need some friendly interactions with positive people? Join your parish family after 10:30 AM Mass next weekend, January 19th for coffee, treats and conversation.

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.

The Baptism of the Lord

This Sunday we conclude the Christmas season with the feast of the baptism of the Lord. This great feast ushers us into the ordinary time of the church year. The baptism of the Lord is another epiphany or God's revelation to the world. In the gospel, Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized in the Jordan River. This is a profound event that marks the beginning of his public life and ministry in the world. Perhaps, you may wonder why Jesus who knew no sin submitted himself to John's baptism of repentance and forgiveness of sin. Even John himself hesitated to baptize the One whom he perceived to be mightier than him. He felt unworthy to loosen the thongs of the sandals of the Holy One of God. But Jesus insisted on being baptized by John. He did this for good reasons. He wanted to show us the path of humility and obedience and to identify himself with our fallen humanity. Jesus descended into the Jordan River to sanctify its waters for our sake. He made the waters of the Jordan River the fountain of new birth, growth, and fruitfulness for us.

At his baptism, Jesus was revealed as the Chosen One of God. The gospel tells us that the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in a bodily form like a dove. And a voice proclaimed, "You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22).

The Holy Trinity manifested their presence in this scene. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit revealed the communion of their love and their cooperation in working for our sanctification and eternal salvation.

The baptism of the Lord brings each of us to reflect on our own baptism and its significance in our lives. Many of us were baptized in infancy and a few in adulthood. Today's feast is an opportunity for us to thank God for the gift of our baptism. For those of us who received this sacrament in infancy, it is good that we take time to appreciate our parents and godparents for the baptismal commitment they made on our behalf. Our parents and godparents helped to nurture our Catholic faith and together with the Christian community supported us in prayer and example to grow as disciples of Christ.

Each of us need to always remember who we are in Christ. Through baptism, are cleansed of sin and brought to new life in Christ. God adopted us as His daughters and sons and made us members of His church and heirs of heaven. Our heavenly father loves each of us and expects us to live in the grace of our baptism. God wants us to remain faithful to our covenant with him, to reject Satan and all his empty promises and grow in grace and holiness.

In his letter to Titus, Saint Paul reminds us about the power and efficacy of our baptism. He tells us that our baptismal life in Christ entails rejecting godly and worldly desires and living justly and devoutly in this present age.

As people born of water and the Holy Spirit, let us all strive to live a life worthy of our calling by walking in the light of Christ. Let us with the psalmist, acknowledge God's might and majesty and glorify His Holy Name in all aspects of our lives.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of January 18th & 19th, 2025

First Reading-Isaiah 62: 1-5

Second Reading- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Jane Artis

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- John 2:1-11

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Terry Maggio

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings from January 1, 4 & 5, 2025 Regular collection, \$2,405.00; Fuel, \$140.00; Initial Offering, \$211.00; Christmas, \$50.00; Flowers, \$2.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$617.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

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



Jubilee 2025

The Diocesan website has information to support you as you journey through the Jubilee year. On the Diocesan web page you will find links for “Tools for the Journey” at www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025. Also there is information on the Vatican website with events that will be held during the coming year. The Vatican website is www.iubilaeum2025.va.

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.

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

“When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life” (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

How do you experience God? Where is God in your life? What might God be speaking to your heart? As Christians we believe that God is always with us, every minute of every day, in every encounter. Meeting with a spiritual director regularly can help you discern where God is leading you. This ancient practice of a trained Christian walking with another Christian helps to deepen our faith experience with Jesus Christ. Sessions with a spiritual director are typically held once a month and last for an hour. If you are interested, contact Cindy Korb, C.S.D at 607-267-0539 or at listeningpresence518@gmail.com or the Consultation Center in Albany.

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, 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 & Alfreidine 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.

