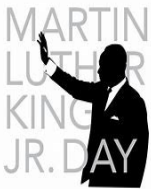


Mass Intentions for the Week

1-20	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-21	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-22	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-23	Thurs	9:00 AM	Charles Hooven By Paula Ciborowski
1-24	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service (weather permitting)
1-25	Sat	4:00 PM	Al Maruszewski By the family
1-26	Sun	10:30 AM	Raymond Joseph Keckeisen & Msgr. James Cox By Ray & Lorraine Keckeisen



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



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Day. On this day we can offer a prayer for our willingness to be a person of goodwill and moral sensitivity.

“O God, make us willing to do your will, come what may. Increase the number of persons of good will and moral sensitivity. Give us renewed confidence in nonviolence and the way of love as taught by Christ. Amen.”

By *Guideposts* blogger Bob Hostetler

**Tax Acknowledgements for 2024 Appeal**

As the Stewardship Office does annually, we are in the process of working with our printer, Miller Printing in Amsterdam, to produce and mail the 2024 tax deduction donation letters to Appeal donors. IRS recommends these letters are provided by January 31<sup>st</sup> which is the timing we meet each year. **Please do not have your parishioners contact our office looking for their tax acknowledgement letter.** Tax acknowledgements are in-process and should be received around January 31<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: “Do whatever he tells you” (John 2:5).**

Having concluded the Christmas season, we are now into the ordinary time of the church’s liturgical year. During this season, the church encourages all of us, her members, to grow and mature in the daily expression of our Christian faith. Green is the liturgical color of ordinary time, and it is a good symbol and a great reminder to us about the need for us to strive for growth, transformation, and restoration in our lives.

The readings for this second Sunday in ordinary time talk about God’s unending love for us and the need for us to deepen our relationship with the Lord.

In the first reading, the book of the prophet Isaiah gives us a beautiful description of God’s relationship with the people of Israel as like that of a husband and his bride. God espoused Himself to the chosen people despite their unfaithfulness and infidelity toward Him. The sins of the people resulted in their many years of captivity in Babylon between 597 BC and 538 BC. God delivered them from bondage and brought them home from exile to their city of Jerusalem. He restored the people of Zion and Jerusalem to Himself and promised to make their righteousness shine for other nations to see their glory.

In the gospel reading, Jesus performed His first public miracle at Cana by changing water into wine. Jesus attended a wedding banquet at Cana together with His disciples and His mother, Mary. In the course of the feast the newly wedded couple run out of wine. You can imagine the situation.

The bridegroom and his bride were on the verge of incurring public embarrassment. Jesus’ mother noticed the problem and she drew His attention to it. Mary said to Jesus “They have no wine.” She instructed the servers, “Do whatever He tells you.” Jesus did not turn down His mother’s request even though His hour had not yet come. He told the servants to fill the six empty jars with water, draw some out, and take it to the headwaiter to taste it. When the headwaiter tasted it, the six jars of water had all turned into finest wine. We are told that all were amazed and the miracle caused the disciples to believe in Jesus.

The story of the changing of water into wine has a lot to teach us about our Christian life. Sometimes the wine of our commitment to God and others runs out. In our relationships we lose the spirit of mutual love, respect, care, and concern for one another.

Our mother Mary continues to be our powerful intercessor. She notices our wine running out and urges us to do whatever her son, Jesus Christ tells us; to fill our water jars up and for Him to turn them into the choicest wine. In this celebration let us bring our spiritual jars before the Lord and ask Him to replenish and refresh us with His transforming Word and the Eucharist.

Let us pray for God’s Spirit to empower each of us to use our individual gifts and talents to serve the good and the benefit of all.

God bless,  
Fr. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

First Reading-Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 12:12-30

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel-Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Celebrant:**

**Lector:**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Altar Servers**

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Pat Tartaglia

Brock Porter

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Bill Babbage

Kathy Saludo

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Regular collection, \$2,139.00; Fuel, \$55.00; Initial Offering, \$80.00; Christmas, \$100.00; Flowers, \$1.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$70.00; Immaculate Conception, \$25.00; All Souls, \$20.00



### Religious Education 2024-2025

1/19/2025

#### No Classes

1/26/2025

9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grades

As of December 31, 2024 we have collected \$66,008.00 in the regular collection, Feast of the Assumption, All Saints/All Souls, and Christmas. The 2024-2025 budget for these collections is \$68,630.00. Our collections are currently \$2,622.00 below the 2024-2025 budget.



### 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](http://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](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va).

### 2024 Statement of Giving

If you would like a statement from the church for your 2024 contributions, please call the Parish Office. Please note that we are only able to print the statements for parishioners who use envelopes.



The Beginning Experience® Ministry is a peer led ministry that serves those grieving the end of a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation. This winter and spring we are offering two programs and we invite men and women of all ages and faiths to attend.

**Healing Weekend-** an in-person weekend retreat at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY from **March 28 to March 30, 2025**. For information or to register please call **Phyllis at 914 261 5812** or **Gloria at 646 281 4790**

**In the Beginning...Coping with Life Alone-** one day remote via Zoom program held on **Saturday, February 22, 2025** from 9AM to 4PM. For information or to register, please call **Jim at 845 220 7883** or **Denise at 845 325 3147**.

### Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

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### Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Dioceses throughout the United States observe the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22. It is a day set aside in a particular way to pray for pre-born children and to pray for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. It is also an opportunity to reflect upon the gift of life and to thank God for that gift. Not sure how to observe this day of prayer and penance?

Pick from the ideas below or offer some other prayer or sacrifice that you feel called to do. Go to Mass  
Abstain from meat

Pray the [Divine Mercy Chaplet](#)

Fast

Pray a decade of [the Rosary](#)

Give up TV and movies for the day

Offer [A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament](#)

Sacrifice some of your free time to do a small act of service for someone else.



**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, 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.**

