

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 1-27 Mon 9:00 AM Chuck LaFave
By MargeLaFave
- 1-28 Tues 9:00 AM Pat Materazzo
By Josephine Materazzo
- 1-29 Wed 9:00 AM Theresa Zieno
By Dan and Ginni Brandt
- 1-30 Thurs 9:00 AM Sylvia Dermody Roberts
By Gaby Pysnik
- 1-31 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
(weather permitting)
- 2-1 Sat 4:00 PM Frank & Lorraine Peloso
By the family
- 2-2 Sun 10:30 AM Dominick Savino
By Knights of Columbus

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 31st 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 31st. Thank you!

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.

Candlemas

Sunday, February 2, 2025 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas. We will have a blessing and lighting of candles before Mass. Parishioners will hold the lit candle as Father processes into church. After the opening prayer the candles will be extinguished. Please place the candle in the missal holder after it is extinguished to avoid getting wax on the pew cushions.

Sunday of the Word of God

This Third Sunday in ordinary time is celebrated as the Word of God Sunday. Pope Francis established this special day in his Apostolic Letter, ‘Motu proprio, Aperuit Illis’ which was issued on September 30, 2019. Our Holy Father instituted this annual celebration to bring us to deepen our love and devotion to God’s Word and allow it to guide and transform our lives. In the first reading, the book of Nehemiah tells us how the people of Israel treasured the Word of God in their lives. After returning from exile in Babylon to their home city of Jerusalem, the chosen people began to rebuild their lives and renew their covenant relationship with God. Ezra the priest, and Nehemiah the governor, were key players in this spiritual and physical rebuilding and restoration.

Ezra gathered a solemn assembly consisting of women, men, and children able to understand sacred scriptures. He read from the book of the Law of Moses, (Torah) to the people from morning to midday. The whole assembly listened attentively as God’s Word was proclaimed and interpreted to them. The people were moved to tears. They raised their hands in the air and responded, “Amen, “Amen”, they bowed down and prostrated themselves in reverence to God’s Word. Ezrah dismissed the people with the encouraging words: “Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength”. The responsorial psalm highlights the beauty, and the transformative power God’s word revealed in the law. It reminds us that God’s law revives us, gives us wisdom, and brings joy to our hearts.

In the gospel, Jesus read from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue of Nazareth. Jesus declared that the text is fulfilled in the hearing of His listeners. He referred the passage to Himself. He announced His mission to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives, and proclaim the Lord’s year of favor.

Each of us share in the mission of Christ. We are called to bring love, compassion, freedom and comfort to those burdened by the cares of life. We are called to the hand and feet of Christ, to be kind and helpful to all those in need.

In the second reading, Saint Paul uses the human body with its different parts to emphasize the beauty and importance of unity and diversity within the Christian community. Saint Paul urges us to be united in the same mind and purpose and use our different gifts to serve the good and benefit of one another and the wider community.

As we gather around the table of the Lord to celebrate the Eucharist, let us remember our shared identity in Christ. Let us thank the Lord for guiding our lives with His transforming Word and ask Him to nourish our faith and strengthen us in the bond of love and service to His church and one another. God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of February 1st & 2nd, 2025

First Reading-Malachi 3:1-4

Second Reading-Hebrews 2:14-18

Presentation of the Lord

Gospel-Luke 2:22-40

Sunday 10:30AM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers

Nancy Kahane

Altar Servers

Anderson & Garret Callender

Fr. Ben

Kerri Green

Lorraine Keckeisen

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from January 18th & 19th, 2025 Regular collection, \$2,240.00; Fuel, \$155.00; Initial Offering, \$10.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$40.00;



Religious Education 2024-2025

1/26/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10th Grades
 2/2/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th

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.

There are a copies of the Diocesan Appeal Impact Report 2023-2024 booklet in the vestibule and Chapel. Please feel free to look it over/read. Please leave the booklet on the bulletin boards when you are finished so that others will have the same opportunity to read this information. Thank you!

Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast



The annual Boy Scout Breakfast is Saturday, February 8th from 7:00 AM until noon. Please join them for a delicious breakfast and support the Boy Scouts. More information will be in next week's bulletin.



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

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

The Office for Discipleship Formation is sponsoring a "Winter Retreat Day" on Thursday, February 27th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at Saint Matthew's Parish in Voorheesville. See the flyer on the bulletin boards by each of the exits for more information.

Prayer for those affected by the LA fires
 Heavenly Father.
 You are our refuge and strength, a constant help in times of trouble. We ask for your protection over us, first responders, and the communities facing the forces of nature.
 Calm the storms, shield us all from harm, and grant wisdom to those who guide and protect us. May Your peace fill all of our hearts, even in the midst of uncertainty, and may we always trust in Your loving care.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
 Anyone who would like to donate to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund can do so online at <https://lacatholics.org/california-fires/>

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved in abortion. The tagline of Project Rachel is *No matter what you are feeling, you are not alone*. It is the hope of Project Rachel that a healing approach of options and resources can help each person know that God loves them, forgives them and wants to be in their life. Project Rachel is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering, both women and men. Call our confidential helpline 518-312-3825.

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 & Alfreddine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, 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, Bill Babbage

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

