

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- 3-3 Mon 9:00 AM Fances Zieno  
By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi
- 3-4 Tues 9:00 AM John Elbrecht  
By Pat Elbrecht
- Ash Wednesday**
- 3-5 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners  
5:30 PM All Deceased Parishioners
- 3-6 Thurs 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 3-7 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service  
(weather permitting)
- 3-8 Sat 4:00 PM Theresa and Mark Zieno  
By the Family
- 3-9 Sun 10:30 AM All Deceased Parishioners

**Ash Wednesday**

There is a basket in the vestibule for you to return palms that will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper**



We will be holding our annual soup supper on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5, 2025 after the 5:30 PM Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule and the chapel for helpers with set-up, serving and clean-up. We also need people to bring in meatless soups, macaroni and cheese, and Jell-O. Thank you for your support of this event.

**Second Collection Black, Native & Latin American Missions**

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Black, Native American and Latin American Missions. Funds from this combined collection support projects and are used to help fund catechesis and evangelization programs throughout the United States. The Black and native American Mission Office provides grants for projects that promote Native American and Black evangelization efforts throughout North America including programs in the Diocese of Albany. Please support the Black and Native American Missions of

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Remove the wooden beam from your own eyes first**

Each of us finds it easy to jump on the faults of others and criticize their mistakes. We are often quick to point out the flaws of others but fail to see and correct our own shortcomings and weaknesses. The readings for this Sunday challenge us to overcome this hypocritical and judgmental attitude in our lives. The readings call us to acknowledge our own sins, to ask for God's pardon and strive to be decent in our words, thoughts, and actions.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us that a blind person cannot guide a blind person because both will fall into a pit. He cautions us against hypocrisy and urges us to remove the wooden beam from our own eyes first, before correcting the mistakes and faults of other people. We should strive to live good moral lives so we can help others to take the splinter from their eyes.

Using the metaphor of a tree and its fruit, Jesus teaches us a lesson that a person out of the store of goodness in his or her heart produces what is good while an evil person produces wickedness or what is destructive.

The kingdom of God is about bearing fruit. As a tree is judged by the quality of its fruit, we too are known by the kind of fruit we produce in our daily lives. We become a good tree when we make our words and actions reflect God's love and goodness to others. We produce good fruit when we treat one another with respect, patience, understanding, love, compassion, and kindness.

In the first reading, Ben Sirach, the author of the book of Ecclesiasticus advises us to be careful about how we speak. In this book of literature of wisdom, Ben Sirach reminds us that our words and our actions define who we are or our character. The author says that just as a sieve is shaken for the husks to appear, we should be conscious of our words or think before we speak. As Christian disciples, we need to always speak the truth from a kind and gentle heart. We need to encourage one another to grow our faith and strive to live better Christian lives.

Saint Paul exhorts us in the second reading to never lose heart persevering in our efforts to grow in perfection. He urges us to be firm and steadfast and always devoted to the work of the Lord, trusting that our labor will not be in vain. In Christ, we have the hope of eternal life. We believe that after the trials of this earthly life we shall be with God to spend eternity with Him in heaven. Until then, we need to continue to immerse ourselves in spiritual things. As we prepare ourselves for the season of Lent this week, it is important that we each identify our blind spots such as how we speak ill of others and fail to see our own imperfections and correct them. Let us all welcome the season of Lent wholeheartedly and seek to be renewed in holiness and grace. With the Psalmist, let us offer thanks and praise to God for His enduring kindness and faithfulness towards us.

God bless,  
Fr. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

First Reading-Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading- Romans 10:8-13

**First Sunday of Lent**

Gospel- Luke 4:1-13

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Bill Babbage
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Dorothy Yaiser
- Altar Servers:** Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

**Sunday 10:30AM**

- Fr. Ben
- Carole Ostrander
- Kathy Saludo
- Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Regular collections, \$2,226.00; Fuel, \$560.00; Repairs, \$ 40.00; Evangelist, \$25.00



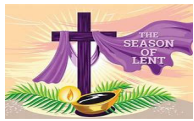
### Religious Education 2024-2025

3/02/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup>  
 3/09/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup>

“Gather Us In”  
 All Are Welcome

Please join us on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm for a Lenten afternoon of REFLECTION. We will be creating activities to enhance our Lenten Devotions in preparation for Easter.

RSVP is required to ensure I have sufficient supplies for all that are attending. Please contact Paula at 607-563-7066 or [formingfaith@gmail.com](mailto:formingfaith@gmail.com)



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

Weekday Mass Schedule	Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration	Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.
Stations of the Cross	Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

### What are you giving up for Lent?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove challenging but they may help to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults.

- 1-**Mortify your will through the practice of obedience**-do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
- 2-**Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.**
- 3-**Embrace annoyances**-when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
- 4-**Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
- 5-**Check impulsive actions**-will this action really help anyone?  
 ~from The Catholic Company

### Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5).

### Saint Mary Recycle Mission

We received a mailing from Saint Mary Recycle Mission in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to participate in this worthy undertaking. St. Mary Recycle is a Catholic mission group that began in 1998 to help rescue and preserve used and unwanted religious items. They help to keep them from being disposed of when they can be used by others who cannot afford new. There is a list of items that St. Mary recycle accepts posted on the bulletin board on bright orange paper in the vestibule as well as a receptacle for your donations. St. Mary recycle will be here to pick up the donations the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more about this organization by going to [www.St.MaryRecycleMissionGroup.com](http://www.St.MaryRecycleMissionGroup.com).



Next weekend Daylight Savings begins. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening.

### The Story of Joseph in the Book of Genesis

A zoom scripture study from the Dominican Retreat house will be held on 3/11, 18, 25 and 4/1, 8, and 15 from 10:00 AM until noon in the Parish Center. See Paula Ciborowski for more information.

**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, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena 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 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 Solderinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Rochelle Knapp, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Dan Tiska, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin

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

