



Mass Intentions for the Week

2/16 Mon	9:00 AM	Karen Jones <i>By Pysnik Family</i>
2/17 Tues	9:00 AM	Sharon Victoria Smith <i>By Pam Filor, Cheryl Mason & Tami Westcott</i>
2/18 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
2/18 Wed	5:30 PM	All Deceased Parishioners
2/19 Thurs	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
2/20 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2/21 Sat	4:00 PM	Ray Munetz <i>By Mary Munetz</i> Judy Cardoni <i>By Carole Ostrander</i>
2/22 Sun	10:30 AM	Ray Munetz <i>By Joe & Terri Maggio</i>

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

We will be holding our annual soup supper on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 after 5:30PM Mass. There are sign-up sheets at each of the exits 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!

2nd Collection/Feb. 21-22

This week we take up the Collection for the Church Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Many people lack access to church programs and ministries of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. . Please support and be generous in the special collection for the Black and Native American Missions of the United States and the Church in Latin America.

A Gentle Appeal for Increase in Offering

If you are able, we kindly ask you to be a bit more generous in today's collection to help us make up the shortfall of the last few week's due to the weather. Thank you for your generosity, and the love you show our parish family. May God bless you abundantly.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Restraining Our Passions and Emotions

As Ash Wednesday draws near, this Sunday's readings gently draw our hearts toward the journey that lies ahead. They invite us to enter Lent with renewed purpose-to examine the impulses that shape our choices and to discipline the emotions and desires that slowly pull us away from God.

In the gospel, Jesus calls us to let our righteousness surpass that of the Scribes and the Pharisees. He invites us to discipline our inner life, our desires, our reactions, and the hidden movements of the heart.

He challenges us to confront the forces within us that can lead us astray: anger, hatred, and lust.

Anger, when left unchecked, becomes destructive. This human emotion can breed resentment, erupt into harsh words, and even lead to violence. Many tragedies in our world began with a single moment of uncontrolled rage. Jesus offers us the remedy: forgiveness, reconciliation, and the courage to seek peace with others and within ourselves.

He also warns us about lust, urging us to guard our hearts and minds. We live in a culture saturated with pornography, fantasy, and distorted views of human sexuality. Without vigilance, we risk becoming prisoners of these influences. Jesus calls us to purity of heart and to the freedom that comes from disciplined desire.

The responsorial psalm reminds us that blessed are those who walk in the way of the Lord. It echoes the invitation to align our desires align with God's will, allowing His commandments to shape our steps and guide our hearts.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, speaks of the hidden wisdom God has prepared for those who love Him, a wisdom that shapes our choices and forms our character.

And the first reading from Sirach places before us a clear choice: life or death, good or evil. God does not force Himself upon us. He invites us to choose the path that leads to life. His commandments are not burdens, but guides, shaping our hearts, and helping us flourish in His grace.

As we prepare to enter the holy season of Lent, let us ask the Lord for a discerning heart-one that recognizes what draws us closer to Him and what pulls us away. May He grant us growth in His wisdom, the strength to discipline our emotions and desires, and the resolve to walk faithfully in His commandments.

Fr. Dr. Ben, Pastor.

Weekend of February 21 & 22, 2026

First Reading- Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Second Reading- Romans 5:12-19

1st Sunday of Lent

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Ben
Lector Lorraine Keckeisen
Eucharistic Ministers Carole Ostrander, Bill Babbage, Jane Artis
Altar Servers Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben
Paula Ciborowski
Josh Gronwall, Emelinda Gronwall, Ada Rice
Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from Feb. 8th 2026: Regular \$1618.00; Fuel \$ 200.00; Repairs \$30.00; Evangelist \$35.00; Votives \$24.00



Religious Education 2026-2027

Classes for Pre-K-10th grade
2/22 9:00-10:15 AM ~ 1ST Sunday of Lent

Ladies Retreat Weekend

Gentlemen, don't know what to get your darling? How about a retreat weekend? Our Ladies Retreat is May 1-3, 2026 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center. Register now at dslcny.org or see Ellen Reuter or Paula Ciborowski.

Sacred Heart Lenten Activities

As we prepare for the sacred season of Lent, our parish community is invited to deepen prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal through the following opportunities.

Please plan on joining us:

Tuesdays During Lent

- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration* immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass in the Private Chapel.
- *Benediction* at 12:00PM. Spend time in quiet prayer before the Lord, drawing closer to Christ through Eucharistic Devotion.

Fridays During Lent

- *Stations of the Cross* at 5:30PM ~ Benediction to follow.

Journey with Jesus along the path of His Passion as we reflect on His profound love and sacrifice for us.

Zoom Lenten Scripture Study

Thursdays from 10:00AM to Noon; Feb. 26, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2.
For more information, please see flyer in vestibule.

Wisdom of the Saints

He who labors as he prays lifts his heart to God with his hands.

~ St. Benedict

Undie and Sock It to Me Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, **February 14-15** – As we journey through Lent we are to “be mindful of the poor and devoted to one another.” To live our calling, we will be collecting **new underwear** and **socks** for children, men and women throughout Lent. There is a great need for children’s underwear and socks. Items will be distributed to the homeless and needy in our area. **Undie Sundays** begin next weekend. There will be a receptacle in the vestibule for your donations of **undies**.

Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are here!

Over the next 40 days of Lent, we will encounter Christ through people in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste, who are finding ways to break the cycle of hunger and malnutrition and build better livelihoods for their families. May our hearts be moved to prayer and action to support our sisters and brothers in need around the world.

Please ensure Rice Bowl’s are returned by April 2nd.

If you have any questions please stop in the office.

Question of the Week

Jesus said; So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

Adults: How do you reconcile with those that have offended or hurt you?

Kids: When have you taken the 1st step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?

Share the Bounty

This month’s Share the Bounty Dinner is
Thursday, February 26, 2026.

4:30 – 6:30 pm

All are welcome!

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:

Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., 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, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, 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, Dolores Starzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, 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 Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan

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