

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

3/15 Mon	9:00 AM	Joseph & Mary Komornik By Paula Ciborowski
3/16 Tues	9:00 AM	Ellis LaFave By Marge LaFave
3/17 Wed	9:00 AM	Thomas Mackey By Marge LaFave
3/18 Thurs	9:00 AM	Catherine Humes By Marge LaFave
3/19 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
3/20 Sat	4:00 PM	Emmanuel "Zeke" Zieno Birthday By Maria Zieno Aebi & Thomas Zieno
3/21 Sun	10:30 AM	Sharon Smith By Pastoral Council

**Communal Penance Service**

The Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 4:00PM in the church. Additional priests will be here to help with individual confessions. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

**Volunteers Needed for the Washing of the Feet – Holy Thursday**

We are seeking **12 volunteers** to take part in the Washing of the Feet during **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Holy Thursday. This sacred gesture, rooted in Christ's own example of humility and love, invites us to enter more deeply into the mystery of His service. **A sign-up sheet is available in the vestibule.** Please consider offering your presence in this meaningful ritual, helping our parish community begin the Easter Triduum with beauty, devotion, and a spirit of self-giving.

**Eucharistic Devotion**

Spend some quiet time with Jesus, honor, worship and adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist. It is a time for you to foster a deeper, personal relationship with the Lord. Tuesdays after 9AM Mass in the chapel until Noon, Benediction follows. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.

**Plea for Help**

Hi! I am Avery Maggio and I need a Kidney transplant. It's a hard thing to ask, but if someone would like to donate a Kidney please call

**Laetare Sunday: Seeing as God Does.**

We are now at the midpoint of our Lenten journey, a moment that invites us to lift our eyes with renewed hope and joy as we draw closer to the Paschal mysteries. The readings for this Laetare Sunday speak powerfully of light and darkness, sight and blindness. They summon us to awaken from spiritual slumber, to step away from whatever clouds our vision, and to welcome the healing light of Christ, who alone restores our sight and leads us into the fullness of life. In the first reading, God sent Samuel to anoint David, the youngest son of Jesse, as the new king of Israel. Though least in human eyes, David was powerful in God's eyes. Through this, the Lord revealed that He sees differently than we do; He looks beyond appearances and into the heart.

The responsorial psalm echoes this truth, proclaiming that the Lord is our Shepherd, and that we lack nothing. As the sheep of His flock, He continually guides, protects, and restores us by His loving grace. The Gospel presents the healing of the man born blind-someone who had never seen the world around him. Jesus opened his eyes, and even more importantly, his heart to faith. He came to believe in Jesus as Lord and Messiah, while those who claimed to "see" remained blind. The religious leaders were held by pride, and they failed to recognize the wondrous work of God unfolding before them. We too carry spiritual blind spots-pride, prejudice, faulty judgment that keep us from seeing as God does. When we judge by outward appearances, we overlook what God places before us, and fail to hear what He speaks to us through others.

We are called to see one another through the lens of God's love and grace. Saint Paul reminds us that we were once in darkness, but now we are called to live as children of the light, producing the fruits of goodness, righteousness, and truth.

Through the Sacraments, and the Scriptures, Christ continues to guide us, teaching us where to look, what to avoid, and how to walk toward Him with confidence.

In this Eucharistic celebration, we are invited to the spiritual Pool of Siloam where Christ touches us with His grace and restores our sight, so that we may clearly see the path that leads to Him. May the Lord renew our hope and joy, deepen our faith, and open our eyes to His transforming love.

Fr. Dr. Ben, Pastor.

**NYSEG**

Due to unexpected expenses, please be aware we are taking cost saving measures to keep the heat and electric bills down. We appreciate your understanding and co-operation by recognizing our need to turn off lights and lowering heat where possible.

**Weekend of March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

Gospel: John 11:1-45

First Reading- Ezekiel 37:12-14

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Second Reading-Romans 8:8 -11

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:** Father Ben  
**Lector:** Chris Berkeley - Hartjen  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Tartaglia, Carole Ostrander, Bill Babbage  
**Altar Servers:** Ayla Gronwall

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Father Ben  
 Judy Roldan  
 Paula Ciborowski, Kathy Saludo, Pat Smith  
 Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from March 8<sup>th</sup> 2026: Regular \$2015.00; Fuel \$60.00; Catholic Relief \$70.00; Easter Flowers \$20.00; Votives \$9.00



### Religious Education 2026-2027

Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade  
 3/15 9:00-10:15 AM ~ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 3/22 9:00-10:15 AM ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 3/29 9:00-10:15 AM ~ Palm Sunday

### 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 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?

### Sacred Heart Lenten Activities

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, we are all invited to participate in the following activities.

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.

### Share the Bounty - Dinner

This month's Share the Bounty Dinner is March 26<sup>th</sup>.  
 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
 All are welcome!

### Wisdom of the Saints

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

~St. Benedict

### Question of the Week

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light – for the fruit of the light is found in a; that is good and right and true.

Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness.

Kids: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

### 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](http://dslcny.org) or see Ellen Reuter or Paula Ciborowski.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, –Sock it to Me

Please consider a donation of new socks for children, men and women. Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the vestibule.

### Zoom Lenten Scripture Study

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

### Parish Directory

If you had your picture taken for our new directory or requested a copy of the directory, you may pick up your directory in the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm.

### Shroud of Turin Presentation

Sat. April 25, 2026 – 8:30AM – 3:30PM

Come with your family & friends to learn the TRUTH about the Shroud of Turin.

Presented by Shroud Scientist - Bill Lauto.

Register now using the QR Code or see Paula.



### Palm Sunday Parish Breakfast – 3/29/26

Please join us after the 10:30AM Mass for our parish breakfast.

Eggs, Sausage, French Toast, and Coffee.

All are welcome to attend!

### 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 Kolerמוש, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Marotwe, 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, Marlena 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, Jaxon 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, Peter Burghardt Jr.

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

