

Mass Intentions for the Week

3/23 Mon 9:00 AM Thomas Mackey
By Joan Wycallis
3/24 Tues 9:00 AM Alfredine Duguay
By Joan Wycallis
3/25 Wed 9:00 AM Marie Capoccia
By Ann Zieno
3/26 Thurs 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
3/27 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
3/28 Sat 4:00 PM Joseph Schuck
By The Family
Frances Zieno
3/29 Sun 10:30 AM By Maria Zieno Aebi
Palm Sunday & Thomas Zieno



Bread & Wine
In memory of
Ray & Raymond Keckeisen
And Msgr. James Cox
By Lorraine Keckeisen

Volunteers Needed for the Washing of the Feet – Holy Thursday

We still need **2 volunteers** to take part in the Washing of the Feet during **Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Holy Thursday. **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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Each year on Good Friday, parishes throughout the United States take up a Special Collection to support Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this special collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. It also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. Please see insert from our Bishop for more information.

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.
607-453-6240. Thank you.

5th Sunday of Lent-Passing from Death into Life

We are a people sustained by our faith in God's enduring love, a love powerful enough to heal our brokenness and restore us to new life. As we draw near to Holy Week, this Sunday's readings remind us that with God, what seems like an ending becomes the beginning of something new. In His hands, death is never the final word but a passage into new life. This is the mystery our Lenten journey prepares us to enter-the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, through which God leads us from darkness into the fullness of His life.

In the first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks hope to a people who are exiled and discouraged. Israel, feeling lifeless and scattered, is compared to dry bones strewn across a battlefield. Into this desolation, God speaks a promise of restoration: He will open their graves, breath His Spirit into them, and lead them home. What appeared hopeless will live again, not by human strength, but by God's faithful, life-giving love.

The responsorial psalm echoes this assurance: "With the Lord, there is mercy and fullness of redemption." God never abandons us. Even when we feel spiritually dry, or far from Him, He draws us back with compassion and offers us the fullness of His mercy.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that true life cannot be found by living in the flesh. We are more than our weaknesses, fears, or failures. Through Baptism we have received the Spirit who dwells within us, making us sons and daughters of God. This spirit transforms us, giving us courage, hope, and the promise of new life.

The Gospel presents the powerful story of Jesus raising Lazarus. We see Martha's frustration, Mary's grieve, and Jesus' own tears as He stands before the tomb of His friend. Then, with divine authority, Jesus calls Lazarus by name, and the man who had been dead for four days steps out of the grave.

This miracle speaks directly to our own spiritual journey. It reveals the places within us that feel sealed off-habits, wounds, fears, or sins that keep us bound. Christ stands before those tombs and calls us into His wonderful light, freedom, and peace. May His Spirit restore our hope, deepen our faith, and lead us into the joy of new life.

Fr. Dr. Ben, Pastor.

Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.

Weekend of March 28th & 29th, 2026

Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

First Reading- Isaiah 50:4-7

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Father Ben

Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dorothy Yaiser, Jane Artis, Gene Walsh

Altar Servers:

Anderson & Garret Collender

PALM SUNDAY

Second Reading-Philippians 2:6-11

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Mathias Mietzelfeld

Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from March 15th 2026: Regular \$197200; Fuel \$50.00; Repairs \$20.00; Easter Flowers \$1.00; Catholic Relief \$528.00; Votives \$31.00



Religious Education 2026-2027

Classes for Pre-K-10th grade

3/22 9:00-10:15 AM ~ 5th 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.

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.



Share the Bounty - Dinner

This month's Share the Bounty Dinner is March 26th.

4:30 – 6:30 pm

All are welcome!

With Gratitude to Our Generous Donors

Thank you to **Mr. & Mrs. Charles McKilligan** and **Mr. & Mrs. Robert Smith** for the beautiful vestment you so generously donated to Sacred Heart Parish. Your gift added a special beauty and joy to our Laetare Sunday celebration, enriching our worship and lifting hearts of all who gathered. Your generosity is a true blessing to our parish community. May God reward your kindness abundantly, and may His grace continue to watch over you and your families in every way.

Fr. Ben, on behalf of all parishioners

5th Sunday of Lent, –Sock it to Me Sunday

He who is generous will be blessed. We are collecting new socks especially for children as well as men and women in need. Children's are great so please be generous. Donations may be placed in the receptacle in the vestibule. Next Sunday will be the last opportunity to contribute to this cause.

Zoom Lenten Scripture Study

Thursdays from 10:00AM to Noon; March 26,

April 2 & April 9

For more information, please see flyer in vestibule.

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!

Ladies Retreat Weekend

Ladies! Now is the time!

Sign up for our Annual Retreat!

This year's theme

“DO NOT WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING”

Phil 4:6

Mary DeTurris Poust is our director. She is a writer, yoga teacher, and mindfulness coach – you might have read her column in the Evangelist. See Paula Ciborowski or Ellen Reuter for more information or to register.

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.

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 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 Marais, Rachel Feyh, Marge

LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, 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 Saldinger, 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





Roman Catholic Diocese Of Albany
OFFICE of the BISHOP

March 13, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Peace be with you.

Each year, the annual **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** is held in parishes throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy Father. During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded.

Supporting the church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.

Your contributions to this collection allow us to assist in making it possible for the Holy Father to carry out his charitable works around the world. Our contributions will benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters.

Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection. Through this Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. I ask you to consider contributing to the collection this year, and I am grateful for your generosity. Together let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us as well as those in need throughout the world.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark O'Connell
Bishop of Albany

Faith and Reason Revival *Shroud Presentation*

Presentation
is PG 13



Collaboration with Othonia, Rome

Presenter: Bill Lauto

Shroud Scientist certified by the Pontifical
University of Science and Faith, Rome Italy

2000 years ago Jesus' last miracle was for us
to see today with our modern technology.
The scientific facts all started with Jesus
Leaving us a photograph of himself!

Come with your family & friends to learn
the TRUTH about the Shroud of Turin.
See the replicas and displays.

... and stooping to look in, they saw and believed.

Saturday, April 25 8:30am – 3:30pm

Lunch will be provided and Mass celebrated at 4:00pm

Sacred Heart Church

15 Liberty Street

Sidney, N.Y.

\$5 Registration fee

RSVP by April 11: 607-563-7066,

formingfaith@gmail.com or QR code

