The Parish Community of

St. Lucy St. Bernadette
(serving the Hilligwns and Altamont, Ny)



P.O. Box 678 109 Grand Street Altamont, NY 12009

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 ST. LUCY/ST. BERNADETTE MASS SCHEDULE - SUNDAY 9:00 AM

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Marriage

Contact Fr. Rick six months in advance.

Reconciliation

Confessions available by appointment. Please call the office to schedule.

TBD

Nick and Marie

Baptism

Baptism Prep classes are held every 4 to 6 weeks as announced.

Dates for Baptism are scheduled after preparation class.

PASTORAL CARE

Please pray for our sick and homebound:

Gary Adams, Mary Caluori, Rosemary Caruso, Diane Champion, Carmella Childs, Jeff Coon, Renate Czapski, Tyler Doolittle, Lourdes Catherine Encarnacion, Miriam Flower, Ralph Fusco, Jack Gardy, Mary Gobel, Danielle Healey, Becky Heep, Mary Jones, Jane Kuon, Thomas Lanni, Francine Magoon, Jeremy Male, Lisa Matott, Maureen McCarthy, Alicia McGann, Darla Mohr, Jen Murphy, Jackie O'Rourke, Marie Phillipuk, Robert Pruzeh, Nichole Robertson, Faith Roe, Dana Sherman, Patricia Spohr, Deb Sturtevant, James Sullivan, Alice Vorwerk

Please pray for those who are serving in the military:

Luke Aulita, Zack Boughner, Angela Chaney, Emily Chaney, Mitchell Chaney, Ashton Heim, Robert Klenotiz, 3rd, John Krzemien, David Larkin, Seth Powers, Ethan Schager, Shawn Swears, Sean Teeter, Nick Tissandier, Austin Torres, Victor Trottier, Christian Viola

MINISTER:

| This Week (3/31) | <u>Lector</u> | Eucharistic Minister | Greeter | Counters |
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| 11:00am | TBD | Minda, Tim, Louise (T) | Colleen | Colleen +1 (or Mon.) |
| Children's Liturgy | No Children's | s Liturgy | | , |
| Church Cleaners | Team #3 week o | f March 31-April 6 Marti McLoughl | in, Donna McI | Donald, Jeanne Frey |
| Next Week (4/7) | <u>Lector</u> | Eucharistic Minister | Greeter | Counters |

Children's liturgy:

9:00am

Eileen Borden

Terry

Church cleaners: Team #4 week of April 7-13 Nancy Trumpler, Alex Van Deusen, Andrew Van Deusen

Nancy, Yvette (T), Valerie



March 31, 2024 9:00 a.m. The well-being of the Parish

April 7, 2024 9:00a.m. Carole R. Hubbard Tim and Louise

SACRIFICIAL SHARING

The Parish Budget, to better reflect expenses is based on a weekly offering of \$3,600.00

March 24, 2024

March 26, 2023

Offertory

1,436.75

Food Pantry

75.00

Offertory 1,649.00

Flowers

250.00

Holy Land

50.00

Diocesan

Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024 is underway, and it will run through June 30, 2024. Please visit the website at thediocesanappeal.org to make your pledge or your gift. If you have given in the past, please continue your support and consider increasing your contribution, if possible. If you have never participated, please join in helping us to meet our parish obligation to our diocese and the many supports they offer us in our work.

TO-DATE WE HAVE \$ 19,711 toward our goal of \$ 40,616

We thank you for your generous support!

Rice Bowls are available in the gathering space asking you to donate the amount you would have spent on supper to the Rice Bowl for people who do not have enough to eat!

The Rice Bowl receptacle is in the gathering space for when you are ready to turn in your Rice Bowl.



Once a year, on Good Friday, our parish is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this Special Pontifical Collection. It offers a direct link for people of our diocese to be witnesses for peace, supporting parishes and schools, outreach to the poor, welcome to pilgrims, maintenance of the shrines, and conducting pastoral ministry in the land of Our Lord.

Please help by giving to the collection on Good Friday.

The Easter Season begins this Sunday and lasts through

Pentecost Sunday. The Church says to us, "this is the perfect time of the year to celebrate life – a life that lasts forever. Enjoy! Let there be a 50-day festival. Let the Paschal Candle, lit from the Easter fire, burn brightly throughout these days. Catch the spirit in the air and let it remind you of the Holy Spirit within you."

May you all have a very HAPPY EASTER and a spirit-filled Easter Season.

Food Pantry needs: Mac and Cheese & Black Tea

For those of you receiving THIS bulletin during Holy Week, please see below THIS week's Mass schedule:

Please join us as we celebrate what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. These days celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a community.

| March 28 | Holy Thursday | |
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| | Mass of the Lord | d's Supper at 5:30pm |
| | followed by a co | overed dish dinner in the Parish Center |
| March 29 | Good Friday | Stations of the Cross at 3pm |
| March 29 | Good Friday | The Passion of the Lord at 7:30pm |
| March 30 | Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm | |
| March 31 | Easter Sunday | The Resurrection of the Lord at 11:00am |
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Ministers to the Homebound

Holy Week

Thank you so much for assisting with Easter flower delivery to our homebound parishioners on Palm Sunday. We still have several flowers that need to be delivered. If you are available please let Bonnie or Donna know. Thank you!

St. Matthew's Church Faith Development

Please consider participating in Deacon Nick's doctoral research project.

Love Follows Understanding: Spiritual Formation for Lay Men and Women.

Strengthen your spiritual awareness through the spirituality of St. Catherine of Siena by exploring the spiritual practices of Self-Knowledge, Humility, Charity, and Discernment.

Sessions will be held at St. Matthew's Church

Thursday Evenings 6:00pm-8:00pm

April 11, 18 & 25, May 2 & 9

To sign-up for more information please email Deacon Nick at nascioti@gmail.com

All are welcome to participate.

Calling all walkers...

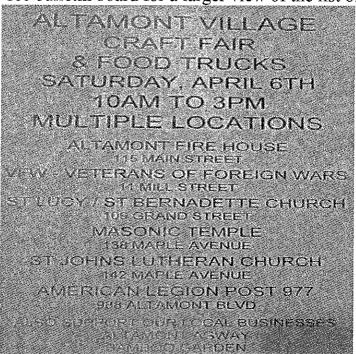
Albany Crop Hunger Walk - Sunday, May 5th from St. Paul's Episcopal Church,

21 Hackett Blvd in Albany - registration starts at 12:30pm and walk begins at 1:30pm. The Altamont Community Food Pantry has a team and would love to have more people join us to walk together to help fight hunger. We can also create a St. Lucy / St. Bernadette team if people are interested. Either way, we are looking for walkers to walk that day, either a 2 mile or 1 mile loop, or you can walk on your own any time during the month of May. You can register, join the team or create your own team as well as donate at http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny. In recent years, the Albany Crop Hunger Walk has raised > \$100,000 with 25% of the funds going to local food pantries and soup kitchens. Last year, the Altamont Community Food Pantry received \$650 from the walk. The remaining 75% helps support Church World Services hunger relief and development efforts locally, nationwide and globally. This includes assistance with farming, clean water and refugee aid. If you would like more information, join us at the Crop Walk Rally and Awards Celebration on Sunday, April 7 from 3-4:30 at the First Church in Albany 110 N. Pearl St. or visit http:// www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny. Any questions, feel free to call or email Judy Seery, 518-861-5961, jseery@nycap.rr.com. Walkers and donations are greatly appreciated! Donations can be made online, mailed or given directly to Judy. Thanks to all who have supported in the past.

* SPRING * CRAFT FAIR.

The Village of Altamont Spring Craft Fair is on Saturday April 6th. There will be multiple locations, including the St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Parish Center (please see list below)

Please see bulletin board for a larger view of the list of sites.



Exploring the Sunday Readings

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

1st reading Acts 10:34a, 37-43

2nd reading Col 3:1-4

Gospel Jn 20:1-9

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024
1st reading Acts 4:32-35
2nd reading 1 Jn 5:1-6
Gospel Jn 20:19-31