


Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

10-17	Mon	9:00 AM	Jeanne Weber-Hewitt By Judith Kenny
10-18	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
10-19	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
10-20	Thurs	9:00AM	All deceased parishioners
10-21	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
10-22	Sat	5:30 PM	All deceased parishioners
10-23	Sun	8:30 AM	All deceased parishioners
	Sun	10:30AM	Al Zach By Dave, Ellen & Kristin Reuter

Propagation of the Faith

Each year the Diocese of Albany participates in the Missionary Cooperation Program. In years past a representative of an assigned organization comes to speak at our weekend Masses. This year the Diocese has asked us to take up a second collection for the Diocese of Rulenge-Ngara, Tanzania, East Africa. A second collection will be taken up this weekend, October 15th and 16th to support the work of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rulenge. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection.

Mass Intentions for Father Joe

Please stop in the Parish Office if you would like a Mass intention for the repose of the soul of Father Joe. Father Ben will be putting all of the intentions together to send to Father Joe's home parish in Ghana.

World Mission Sunday



Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the

Pacific Islands and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!

Offerings of October 8th & 9th, 2022 Regular, \$2,964.00;
Fuel, \$20.00; Repairs, \$130.00

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Some of you have asked if it will be possible for me to share with you the dissertation topic for my doctoral program. So I decided to share a few thoughts with you in this week's bulletin. My doctoral dissertation research is exploring the perceptions on academic persistence and school dropouts among high school students in rural Ghana. The purpose of my study is to examine what external and internal factors motivate high school students to make it to graduation. One of my objectives is to identify the variables that influence student persistence in school. During the summer, I conducted in-depth interviews with some students, parents, teachers, and school leaders in rural Ghana and the information I gathered from these study participants are so insightful and meaningful.

I am 80% through my data analysis and research findings. And I hope to produce research findings that will challenge policymakers, educators, and stakeholders to develop actionable plans as well as introduce supportive programs to promote student persistence and increase school completion rates in rural Ghana.

Persistence, perseverance, and patience are the keywords in today's readings. The readings teach us to pray continually without losing heart or becoming weary.

In the first reading, we find Moses as a model of prayer. Moses raised his hands in prayer to God on behalf of his people as the Amalekites, a nomadic tribe waged war against them. The Israelites were on their journey to the Promised Land. They passed through the territory of the Amalekites but they tried to prevent them hence, the battle between the two. This was Israel's first open confrontation since leaving Egypt. Moses lifted his hands in prayer to God for help against their enemies. As long as he kept his hands up, Israel had the better of the fight but when he dropped down his hands, Israel began to lose.

It came to a point when Moses got exhausted and needed someone to support him so Aaron and Hur held his hands up. God heard the prayer of his people. He granted them victory over the Amalekites, their enemies.

The journey of the Israelites to the Promised Land was uneasy. They needed to spin their wheels for forty years trying to move in the direction God wanted them to take.

Like Israel, we too are pilgrims, journeying through this earthly life to our eternal home in heaven. Along this journey, we encounter obstacles, difficulties, and challenges. We face the aggression of the evil one. But as believers we should not fear or despair for we have God on our side watching over us and directing us to his path. The forces of the enemy will come at us but they can never prevail over us or defeat us.

In the gospel, Jesus uses the story of a widow and an unjust judge to teach us to be persistent in prayer. The widow petitioned the unjust judge to advocate on her behalf against her adversary. But the unjust judge ignored her. The widow did not give up. She kept bothering the unjust judge until he got fed up with her and granted her request.

The point in the story is that if a corrupt judge could be pestered into action, how much more will our heavenly father respond to our prayers. We should trust in God's unfailing love and care for our lives. God knows what is best for our lives and he provides it to us in his own good time. As believers, we stand in need of each other. We need the help and the support of each other in prayer. At Mass, we stand together as one family of God, and like Moses raise our hands in prayer on behalf of others. We pray especially for the salvation of the world; that the values of God's kingdom such as love, truth, justice, peace, and freedom will fill all hearts. We pray with expectant faith and confidence in God's merciful care and providence for our every soul.

The Psalmist encourages us in (Ps 121:1) that our help comes only from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. The Lord is the one who keeps our going and our coming.

Let us continue to place our hope and trust in God, ask for his grace to remain persistent in prayer and the desire to seek the riches of his wisdom in his eternal word.

God bless

Fr. Ben

Weekend of October 22nd & 23rd, 2022

First Reading- Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant Fr. Ben

Lector Bill Babbage

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane

Altar Servers: Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Second Reading-2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Ginni Brandt

Pat Tartaglia

Anderson & Garret Callender

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 18:9-14

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Terry Maggio

Brock & Easton Porter



October 16th- Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10-20 AM
 October 23rd - Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10-20 AM
 October 30th- Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10-20 AM

The weekend of October 8th & 9th, 2022 the regular collection amounted to \$2,964.00. Since July 1st, 2022 we have collected \$37,334.00



"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

Our assessment this year is \$14,944.00, a decrease of \$6,564.00. To date the Diocese has received donations and pledges in the amount of \$100.00. Your donations to the Diocesan Appeal supports the day to day operations of the diocesan offices including the Faith Formation Office. This office provides valuable resources and trainings for our Faith Formation program here at Sacred Heart. If you have not received your envelope in your mail at home, there are envelopes for your use in the vestibule. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal.

Meetings and Events

Rosary Society will lead our Parish family in praying the Rosary before all weekend Masses during the Month of October. Please arrive 15 minutes before Mass to join your parish family in prayers of intercession to the Blessed Mother for peace, spiritual healing and for time to reflect on the gospel mysteries.

October 17th- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus meeting
 October 20- 6:30 PM Pastoral Council
 October 27th - 4:30-6:30 PM Share the Bounty

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office. Additional information for reporting may be found at <https://www.rcda.org/offices/protecting-children-young-people> . You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Frederick Jones, at 518-453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org .

October Bulletin Quotes

"Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"

Save the Date

The Diocese of Albany will be hosting a **Women's Retreat entitled Unleashing Love**. The day will empower women to open their hearts to share God's love.

When: Saturday, December 10, 2022

Time: Check-in and Continental Breakfast at 8:30 AM; Event runs from 9 AM to 4 PM

Location: St. Pius X Church, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, NY
Keynote Speakers: Sisters of Life

Retreat will include: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration, Mass with Bishop Scharfenberger, box lunch, and beverages.

Registration link will be provided shortly. Please contact Tom Cronin with any questions at thomas.cronin@rcda.org

Covers of Love

The Covers of Love at Saint Paul's Church on River Street in Sidney can always use donations of:

- CLEAN Queen/King quilts, comforters
- Blankets any size and bath towels and wash cloths
- Size large and XL men's pants, t-shirts, & undershirts
- Children's size 10 and above- t-shirts, pants
- tuna in a pouch
- individually wrapped peanut butter or cheese crackers
- applesauce, Nutella or peanut butter to go

Donations can be dropped off in the receptacle in the vestibule or you can take your donations to Saint Paul's on Wednesday mornings between 9:30-11:00 AM. If you have questions contact Karen Jones at 607-829-8327.

If you are aware of someone unable to attend Mass at this time and they would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to them at their home please notify the Parish Office so arrangements can be made for a

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Avery Maggio, Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Terry Dermody, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, 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 Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, [Matthew Baxter](#), Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Jane Artis, Kathryn Wickham, Frannie Robinson [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolerמוש, Clare Sterchak, Terry Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Marian Heeps, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, [Tammy Byrnes](#), Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, [Sandy Grooms](#), Agatha Trikourr, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Mark Granan, David Hopkins, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoCasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Natalia Ciborowski, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman John Alksnis, Sarah Pressler, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, Tina Klein, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marian Agyemang, Marlena Keath, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfradine Duguay, Gary Marais, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapanik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Tasha, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, Margaret O'Hara, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Mary Cittadino, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Tony Barber, Jr., Bonnie Tabone, Cynda Burgher, Anne Powell, Father Peter

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

