



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 4-17 Mon 9:00 AM Caroline "Dolly" DiNoto
Theresa Zieno
- 4-18 Tues 9:00 AM Father Gordon
By Dick & Audrey Regan
- 4-19 Wed 9:00 AM Jack Walsh
By Dick & Audrey Regan
- 4-20 Thurs 5:30 PM All Deceased Parishioners
- 4-21 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 4-22 Sat 8:00 PM Gene Lackos, Sr.
By Gene & Terry Walsh
- 4-23 Sun 8:30 AM Fred & Anna Schuck
By the family
- Sun 10:30 AM Madeline DeFalco Franzo
By Joseph L. Franzo

Grief Share

We are pleased to announce the start of a grief support group. Jim Leonard will be leading this group using the program Grief Share at the Methodist Church. This 13 week program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. There is a \$20.00 fee for materials. Interested participants should contact Jim Leonard at 607-267-9206 or Sarah Pressler at 607-563-1921. The program begins on May 7th at the Methodist Church and runs for 13 weeks. There are brochures in the vestibule with more information about this program.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On the Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Divine Mercy. The Feast of Divine Mercy was recorded in the diary of St. Faustina granting the biggest promise of Grace from the Devotion of Divine Mercy. On this day, all who receive communion may obtain total forgiveness of all sins, meaning that the person would go directly to heaven without suffering in purgatory. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday go to <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday>.

Offerings of April 1st & 2nd, 2023 Regular, \$175.00; Repairs, \$ 60.00; Religious Education, 540.00; Easter Flowers, \$81.00; Rice Bowl, \$110.00; Easter, \$ 5,294.00

Divine Mercy Sunday

We continue to celebrate and rejoice in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter. The readings for our Eucharistic celebration talk about the necessity for trusting faith and our need to turn to God for the forgiveness of our sins and for peace in our hearts. In the gospel, the risen Lord appeared to his troubled and frightened apostles who met in the upper room in Jerusalem behind locked doors. The apostles were scared of the Jewish leaders. They were afraid that the religious leaders would come after them like they did to Jesus. The risen Lord came in their midst and bestowed divine mercy upon them. Here, Jesus performed three significant actions. First, he offered his apostles the gift of his peace. Second, he breathed his spirit on them and third, he gave them the divine power and the authority to forgive sins. He said to them that those whose sins they forgive will be forgiven, and those whose sins they retain will be retained. Jesus challenged the doubting Thomas to overcome his unbelief. Thomas wasn't present when Jesus made his first appearance to his apostles. He demanded empirical evidence before accepting the resurrection news. Thomas wanted concrete proof, to see and touch the nail mark of the nails in Jesus' hands and put his finger into the nail marks and his hand into his side before believing in the resurrection. Jesus gave Thomas the tangible proof he wanted. He invited him to come and put his fingers into his wounds as proof of his presence and resurrection. Jesus told him and all of us that blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. Eventually, Thomas came to believe in the resurrection. He exclaimed, "My Lord and my God."

We all have the doubting Thomas in us. We wrestle with doubts and faith. We wonder if the risen Lord is truly in our midst and present in the Eucharist. Sometimes we are tempted to abandon our faith journey when we are unable to see a way forward. Some of us allow differences and bitterness to separate us from Christ and his church. We stop coming to mass and lose touch with God's family. Thomas realized his need to join with the rest of the apostles and support one another in their journey of faith. He allowed the risen Lord to heal his brokenness and to look past his doubts and shame.

In the first reading, we are presented with a picture of a community that knew how to stay together in mind and heart. The early Christian community in Jerusalem demonstrated acts of faith and fellowship. They shared all their possessions in common, and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, and the breaking of bread and prayer. As a result of their communal living, many signs and wonders were performed, and they grew in number and favor. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading of our living hope in the resurrection of the Lord. He praises God for giving us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading. Saint Peter encourages all of us to be steadfast in faith as we go through this pilgrimage of life filled with suffering and trials. As we gather as God's family to share in his divine word and the Eucharist let us remember to keep one another in prayers. Let us ask the Lord for the grace and strength to continue to be living witnesses of the resurrection through our words and acts of mercy, love, forgiveness and peace shown to that little world around us.

God bless
Fr. Ben

Weekend of April 22nd & 23rd, 2023

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben
Lector: Sheri Youngs
Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Walsh
Altar Servers: Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- 1 Peter 1:17-21

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben
Lorraine Keckeisen
Yvonne Sliney
Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

3rd Sunday of Easter

Gospel- Luke 24:13-35

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben
Carole Ostrander
Dolores Starzinger
Anderson & Garret Callender



April 16th- 9:20-10:20 AM PreK-10th grade classes
Parent Meeting for First Communion class
April 23rd- No Classes

The weekend of April 8th & 9th, 2023 the regular and Easter collection was \$5,469.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$2,733.00 over budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$105,171.00, which is \$4,269.00 below budget.

Upcoming April Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

April 17th- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
April 20th- Pastoral Council 6:30 PM Old Church
April 21st-23rd- Ladies Retreat Weekend
April 27th- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

Artificial Lilies

There are surplus artificial lilies available in the Parish Center. Please feel free to take one for your personal use. A free will donation would be appreciated and can be placed in the weekly collection in an envelope marked flowers.

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved in abortion. The tagline of Project Rachel is *No matter what you are feeling, you are not alone*. It is the hope of Project Rachel that a healing approach of options and resources can help each person know that God loves them, forgives them and wants to be in their life. Project Rachel is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering, both women and men. Call our confidential helpline 518-312-3825.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship



The Knights of Columbus Council 4937 is once again offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior. Applications are available in the vestibule and can be submitted to Chuck Collier at chcollier@yahoo.com.

April Bulletin Quotes

If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"



Easter Flowers

Additional donations for flowers were made in remembrance and love of the following persons. Please call the office if a name is spelled incorrectly, and accept our apologies in advance.

Dennis Kenny, Anthony Pocarrobba, Daniel & Frances Colrdis, Thomas & Arlene Kenny, Miguel Dumay Sr., Maria Torres, Daniel Vitello, Lenny Goldstein, The Regan family, The McGunnigle family, Monsignor James Cox, Raymond Joseph Keckeisen

Catholic Charities Collection

Our Diocesan community will support the vital work of Catholic Charities next weekend. All proceeds will remain in the Diocese of Albany to support our neighbors in need. Please consider a generous gift to this appeal.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

NAMI of Delaware and Otsego Counties is sponsoring a free, 8-session education program for families, friends and significant others of adults with mental health concerns. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

Thank you

Thank you to Kaitlyn Marquez, Chris Stillman, Bill Babbage and Ayla Gronwall for assisting Father during the Easter Triduum. Your generosity of time and spirit at the Masses and Good Friday services were greatly appreciated.



Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, 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, 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, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, 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 Starzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoCasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapanik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr Evelyn Hitch, Asa Dema

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

