

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

5-1	Mon	9:00 AM	Jean Eckert By Carol Jensen
5-2	Tues	9:00 AM	Joseph H. Pete III By Bettye
5-3	Wed	9:00 AM	Bettye Laird By Pat Elbrecht
5-4	Thurs	5:30 PM	Alicia Consuelo By A. Kowal
5-5	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
5-6	Sat	5: PM	Father Gordon By Sharon Guenther
5-7	Sun	8:30 AM	John, Florence & Maureen Barry By Gary Smith
	Sun	10:30 AM	Sharon Smith By the Stillman family

Your generous response to last weekend's collection really made a difference! If you would like to make a gift and haven't had the chance, please visit www.ccrca.org or send your donation to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.



Censer Gift

The gift of the new censer was given in memory of Edward Abbot, Jr. by Robert & Marilyn Wolter and the Abbot family. An acknowledgement of their gift has been sent with our deepest appreciation.

THANK YOU for participating in the Undie Sundays and Sock It To Me Sundays. By living the Corporal Works of Mercy we have donated 488 pairs of socks and 234 undergarments to those in need. Your contributions have been distributed to three area schools, Catholic Charities, St. Paul's homeless ministry, The Community Clothing Closet and the Safe Against Violence Shelter. May God bless you for your generosity.

Offerings of April 22nd & 23rd, 2023 Regular, \$1,795.00; Fuel, \$125.00; Flowers, \$6.00; Easter, \$ 10.00; Catholic Charities, \$365.00

4th Sunday of Easter-Good Shepherd Sunday

I would like to thank all of you who remembered me in your prayers this past Monday during the defense of my doctoral dissertation research. By God's grace and your loving prayers, everything went well. I successfully defended my dissertation research. A big thank you goes to Mr. Dan Brandt and Mrs. Ada Rice as well as some family friends from Saint Peter's in Rome, New York who attended the event. I am deeply grateful to all of them by their presence and for their moral support. In case any of you may want to attend my graduation ceremony it is scheduled on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Le Moyne College, Syracuse. It will be held in the Event Center at the Thomas J. Niland Jr. Athletic Complex.

Also, if you are wondering how to address me, please feel free to call me either Father Ben or Rev. Dr. Either way is acceptable to me. Thank you.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter which is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It is also celebrated as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We pray that young men and women who are discerning their life vocations will hear God's voice and find courage to respond generously to the call to the priesthood and religious life.

We pray for those who have embraced the call to the priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, marriage, and single life that they will continue to remain faithful to their commitments.

In today's gospel, Jesus uses the metaphor of the shepherd and the sheep to describe his relationship with us his followers. Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep and they know him. He is the gate for the sheep and protects them. As a good shepherd, he leads the sheep to good pasture. The sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.

We are the sheep that Jesus talks about. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Jesus knows each one of us and calls us by name. He leads us to springs of living waters through his word and the sacraments. Jesus continues to guide us along the path of life by his teaching and example.

As the sheep, we depend entirely on our shepherd for everything. We should do our best to cling to the truths of Jesus Christ with fidelity.

We need to listen to his voice and follow wherever he leads us. But sometimes we listen to other voices rather than that of Jesus Christ. We allow deceptive voices to invade our life and influence our thinking and our attitudes.

You and I need repentant hearts like the crowd in Jerusalem who came to listen to the preaching and testimony of Peter and the other Apostles as described in the first reading. Peter proclaimed the Resurrected Lord to the crowd and challenged them to save themselves from the corruption of their generation. The crowds were cut to the heart. They asked the Apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus we see our call to be shepherds, to feed, nurture, and protect those entrusted to our care.

As priests, religious brothers and sisters, parents, and teachers we are called to be good and faithful servants caring for the needs of the flock entrusted to our care.

Our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd and the Gate for the sheep, has given us a good example to follow. Let us all strive to walk in his footsteps carrying the people under our care on our shoulders and showing them the love and care they need.

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of May 6th & 7th, 2023

First Reading- Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Pat Elbrecht

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane

Second Reading- 1 Peter 2:4-9

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Yvonne Sliney

5th Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 14:1-12

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Kristin Reuter



April 30th- 9:20-10:20 AM PreK-10th grade classes
Parent Meeting for First Communion class
May 7th- 9:20-10:20 AM PreK-10th grade classes
Retreat for First Communion Class begins with 10:30 AM Mass

The weekend of April 22nd & 23rd, 2023 the regular and Easter collection was \$1,805.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$931.00 below budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$109,049.00, which is \$5,863.00 below budget.

Upcoming May Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

- 6th- First Saturday Rosary by Marian Grotto weather permitting
- 10th- Rosary Society praying the Rosary after morning Mass
- 11th- Finance Council meeting Old Church 6:30 PM
- 14th- Mother's Day Breakfast after 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses
- 15th- Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM
- 18th- Pastoral Council meeting Old Church 6:30 PM
- 25th- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

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.

Alice Holzel Scholarship

Alice Holzel, a parishioner of Sacred Heart who passed away in 2021, bequeathed money to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors who are registered parishioners of Sacred Heart. Applications for this scholarship are available in the blue folder on the vestibule bulletin board. Applications must be returned by May 14th to the Faith Formation Office or to Paula Ciborowski.



Donations of diapers, baby shampoo and lotions and baby formula are always appreciated. Place your donations in the basket in the vestibule.

April Bulletin Quotes

“People often say, “I could never handle a child with a disability.” But the beauty of parenting is that you aren’t given a child with a disability. You are given your child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to ‘handle’ a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Perfect Gift” respectlife.org/a-perfect-gift

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

Rachel’s Vineyard is a retreat of healing and reconciliation for women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel’s Vineyard weekend retreat, May 19-21 at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh, 518-495-3574 Or email:

rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.



Next weekend is our monthly food bank collection. Please consider bringing in a donation for our local food bank. The community Food Bank would be most appreciative of your

NYS Eucharistic Congress

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register, log onto

<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org> See the flyers on the bulletin boards in the vestibule for more information.

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 Bosket, 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, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermaus, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofano, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, [Tammy Byrnes](#), Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, 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, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnalo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana 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 Czapnik, 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, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr Evelyn Hitch, Asa Dema, Bonnie De Salvo

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