

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

2-6	Mon	9:00 AM	Alicia Consuelo By Alex
2-7	Tues	9:00 AM	Julia McCann By Marge & Rose
2-8	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
2-9	Thurs	9:00 AM	Jeanne Aviles By Carole Ostrander By Bettye Pete
2-10	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2-11	Sat	5:30 PM	Chuck LaFave By the family
2-12	Sun	8:30 AM	Lois Ricci By Vi & Pat Tartaglia
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mary & Joseph Komorick By Paula Ciborowski

### 2022 Statement of Giving

If you would like a statement from the church for your 2022 contributions, please call the Parish Office. Please note that we are only able to print the statements for parishioners who use envelopes. All donations to the fuel and insurance fund are acknowledged with a thank you. This thank you serves as your receipt as they are not included on your Statement of Giving

### Ladies of the Parish

It is time to start thinking about our Women's Retreat Weekend on April 21-23, 2023. Come away from the everyday and make time to rest, reflect and grow spiritually.

Let God love you!

For a reservation form or for more information see Paula Ciborowski at the Faith Formation office or call her at 607-563-3928. You can also contact Ellen Reuter by calling 607-563-3259



### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"We should always remember who we are and what we are called to be. God has chosen us to be his priests, to minister in his name and to make a difference in the world. There is flavor in us that we need to bring out for others to taste and see and give glory to God. There is the light of God's truth planted within us that we need to show and shine before others!"

Those are the words that an elderly priest addressed to us at our monthly diocesan priests recollection day some years ago when I was ministering in Ghana. Those words still ring in my ears. They constantly remind me of the call to reflect God's goodness in my words and actions.

In today's gospel Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe what a disciple is called to be. He tells us that we are the salt of the earth and light of the world.

Just as salt gives flavor to our meals so too should each of us be. We should bring the rich flavor of God's love and care for others.

In the same vein, light shines in the darkness for us to see things. Christ has planted the light of his truth within our hearts. As his disciples, he expects us to allow his light to shine brightly within us so others can see it and come to faith and service.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that our religious observances of fasting, prayer, and worship will be meaningless if we fail to practice corporal works of mercy.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that our solemn liturgies, hymns of praise and prayers as well as sacrifices offered to God will have no meaning if we overlook the needs of others, especially the less privileged or the marginalized.

To be salt of the earth and light of the word you and I need to share our bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and homeless and clothe the naked. It is only when we perform works of mercy, show concern for the poor, or alleviate the suffering of the powerless that our light can break forth like the dawn and our wounds healed.

As a community of faith we are called to be transformative elements in the little world around us. Here at Sacred Heart, we have a beautiful mission statement that speaks of who we are and what we are called to do in Christ's name. Please check our mission statement if you do not know it. It is right there in the front page of our bulletin. We are a parish family that seeks to serve the needs of all God's children.

One of the things that we do to bring flavor to and illuminate lives is our monthly food collection. When we participate in this corporal work of mercy we help to make a difference in the lives of the less fortunate in our local community. Beside this, a few of us are also involved in other ministries that bring our loving concern for others. One such ministry is the prayer shawls ministry who bring the warmth of God's love and care to others. I commend all of you for what you do and pray for God's blessing upon you. As the response to today's responsorial says, the just is a light in darkness to the upright.

Let us in this Eucharistic celebration pray to God for the grace and the strength to be salt of the earth and light of the world and so make a difference in the lives of the people around us.

God bless

Fr. Ben

### Weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023

First Reading-Sirach 15:15-20

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Pat Elbrecht

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gene Walsh

**Altar Servers:** Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Kerri Green

Pat Tartaglia

Brock & Easton Porter

### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel-Matthew 5:17-37

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Terry Maggio

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Offerings of January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 Regular, \$2,058.00; Fuel, \$75.00; Repairs, \$60.00; Evangelist, \$35.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$5.00; Immaculate Conception, \$5.00; Initial Offering, \$110.00



February 5 <sup>th</sup> -	9:20-10:20	PreK- 10 <sup>th</sup> grade classes
February 12 <sup>th</sup> -	9:20-10:20	PreK- 10 <sup>th</sup> grade classes
February 19 <sup>th</sup> -	<b>No Classes</b>	

The weekend of January 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2023 the regular collection, Solemnity of Mary and Immaculate Conception amounted to \$2,068.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$668.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$75,615.00, which is \$9,201.00 below budget. There was an error in the collection report last week. It has been corrected and this week's figures are up-to-date.

### Upcoming February Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Finance Council 6:30-8:00 PM	Old Church
February 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pastoral Council 6:30- 8:00 PM	Old Church
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Coffee	
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Knights of Columbus 6:30- 8:00 PM	
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper	
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Share the Bounty dinner 4:30-6:30 PM	

### 2023 Envelopes

Envelopes left in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend will be brought to the Parish Office. A contribution of \$5.00 in the initial offering envelope will help defray the cost of the envelopes. If you are not using envelopes and would like to, contact the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements.

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 visitation.



Thank you to all who helped with the Share the Bounty dinner this month. Your continued support and dedication to this ministry is greatly appreciated!

### February Bulletin Quotes

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021 © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

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Mass Intentions for 2023 can be requested by calling the Parish Office at 607-563-1591. If you have special dates that you would like to request please call ahead so your request can be accommodated.

How do you experience God? Where is God in your life? What might God be speaking to your heart? As Christians we believe that God is always with us, every minute of every day, in every encounter. Meeting with a spiritual director regularly can help you discern where God is leading you. This ancient practice of a trained Christian walking with another Christian helps to deepen our faith experience with Jesus Christ. Sessions with a spiritual director are typically held once a month and last for an hour. If you are interested, contact Cindy Korb, C.S.D at 607-267-0539 or at [listeningpresence518@gmail.com](mailto:listeningpresence518@gmail.com) or the Consultation Center in Albany.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://wmeectw.org/>.

Make a New Year's resolution to commit to your spouse to have the best relationship you can. So sign up to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience together:

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

**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 Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terry 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 Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Sandy Grooms, Agatha Trikourr, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LaCasci, 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, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, 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, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Bonnie Tabone, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, Tony Barber, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Gabriel Rivera, Marilyn Cotter, Marlena

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