

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

2-13	Mon	9:00 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo William Humes By Marge LaFave
2-14	Tues	9:00 AM	Caroline "Dolly" DiNoto By Josephine Materazzo
2-15	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
2-16	Thurs	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2-17	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2-18	Sat	5:30 PM	Frank, Rosalie & Donna DeLorenzo By Joan Hale
2-19	Sun	8:30 AM	Cliff "Chip" Marsh By Paula Ciborowski
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving For Avery Maggio By Joe & Terry Maggio

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Emotions are part of our daily lives. We all have them both positive and negative ones. Isn't it? We show emotions such as love, patience, joy and excitement as well as fear, anger, lust, hate, resentment, bitterness, envy, and jealousy just to mention a few.

All of us know the kind of things that make us angry. We get upset when others hurt us, treat us unfairly or speak unkindly about us.

But are you the type who gets angry too easily? Do you explode with anger at the slightest or least provocation? Do you fail to control your emotions in a rush hour? Do you react unkindly when someone tries to cut off you off in traffic?

We all need to control our human emotions rather than become slaves to them. We need to train our hearts, master our passions and emotions.

The readings of today's liturgy call us to seek the virtues that can help us to grow in holiness. The readings tell us to walk in the law of the Lord.

In the gospel, Jesus challenges us to make our righteousness surpass that of the Scribes and the Pharisees so we can enter into eternal life in heaven. The Scribes and the Pharisees were well known for their strict observance of the Torah or the Ten Commandments. They applied the law better than anyone else. But they failed to go beyond the letter of the law. They were only concerned with rituals or external observances. Jesus challenged the Scribes and the Pharisees and all of us to pay attention to those things that lie within our human hearts.

He draws our attention to the sins of anger, lust, and divorce. Jesus makes it clear that anyone who harbors anger, hatred, and vengeance in his or her heart against another person will be liable to judgment. He cautions us against using abusive or foul language on others. All these negative behaviors flow from an angry heart.

Likewise the vice of lust, it starts from within our human hearts. Jesus says that anyone who looks at a woman or a man lustfully has already committed the sin of adultery with the person in his or her heart.

He urges us to do all we can to avoid every occasion of sin or root out evil in our hearts. All of us know the things that cause us to sin. It is better to restrain ourselves from those things than allow them to lead us to spiritual death. If yours is about watching pornography or bad movies it is advisable to slam the breaks on them now. It is better to delete the app or change the channel than continue in these vices and get yourself into trouble.

As Christians we are called to a life of self-discipline and self-control. We are called to follow God's law and walk the way of divine wisdom.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that human wisdom is nothing as compared to divine wisdom. He exhorts all of us to seek divine wisdom so we can do what is right and just.

In the first reading, the book of Sirach tells us that before each one of us are life and death as well as good and evil. And whichever we choose shall be given us. If we chose good over evil we will be blessed with endless life in heaven. On the other hand, if we choose to do evil we will receive the consequences of eternal damnation. The choice is now in our hands.

Let us ask the Lord to instill in us a greater love and respect for his commandments. Let us ask for his grace, help, and strength to flood the world with the knowledge of his love, truth, and goodness. God bless

Fr. Ben

Women's Retreat!

Come join us "just as you are" to embrace this time of prayer and renewal as God's beloved. Our retreat weekend is April 21-23, 2023 at the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center in Niskayuna. For more information call Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259 or Paula Ciborowski at 607-563-3928



Parish Coffee



Please join with your parish family after the 10:30 AM Mass on February 19th, 2023 for coffee, goodies and fellowship. All Parishioners are invited regardless of the Mass you attend. The breakfast schedule for February 19th has been rescheduled to March 19th.

Weekend of February 18th & 19th, 2023

First Reading-Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Jane Artis

Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane

Altar Servers: Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Dorothy Yaiser

Carole Ostrander

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel-Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Bill Babbage

Dolores Storzinger

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of February 4th & 5th 2023 Regular, \$3,007.00; Fuel, \$105.00; Repairs, \$280.00; Evangelist, \$95.00; Initial Offering, \$30.00



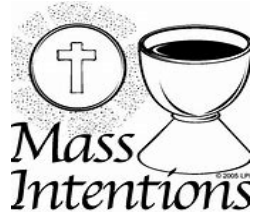
February 12th- 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes
 February 19th- **No Classes**

The weekend of February 4th & 5th 2023 the regular collection, amounted to \$3,007.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$271.00 above our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$78,622.00, which is \$8,930.00 below budget.

Upcoming February Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

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



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.

Ash Wednesday

There is a barrel in the vestibule for you to return palms that will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Prayer to St. Valentine

*Dear Saint and glorious martyr,
 Teach us to love unselfishly and
 to find great joy in giving.
 Enable all true lovers to bring
 out the best in each other.
 Let them love each other in God
 and in God in each other.*



February Bulletin Quotes

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."
 USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

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://www.mectw.org/>.

The scriptures say "Love on another." Valentine's Day is approaching. Give your spouse the gift of a loving relationship by applying for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:
 Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
 Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Friday, February 17, 2023 from 11 am – 4 pm Sidney High School, 95 West Main Street, Sidney
 To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org, enter zip code and scroll to find drive.

Save a Life, Give Blood

Share the Bounty

Sidney FFA will be preparing a Pulled Pork dinner for the next Share the Bounty dinner on February 23, 2023. We look forward to seeing you there.

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 Bosket, 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 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, 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, Marian 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.

