

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

2-20	Mon	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
2-21	Tues	9:00 AM	Anniversary of Death of Anna Dasher By Anna Lucas
<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>			
2-22	Wed	9:00 AM	Gabriel Rivera By Paula Ciborowski
		5:30 PM	All Parishioners
2-23	Thurs	9:00 AM	Irma Ouimet By Gene Ouimet Special Intentions for Gene Ouimet By Jean Siems
2-24	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2-26	Sat	5:30 PM	Ed Abbot By Marge Suriano
2-26	Sun	8:30 AM	Susan Kokalas By Vic & Pat Tartaglia
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mark Granan By Dave & Ellen Reuter

### Black, Native American & Latin American Missions

Next weekend, February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> we will take up a second collection for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Your gifts will fund catechesis, pastoral programs, marriage and family life projects, seminarian education and many other necessary programs throughout the United States and Latin America. A letter from Bishop Scharfenberger is posted in the vestibule urging you to prayerfully consider supporting this collection.

The insert in this week's bulletin is a calendar for you to use to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. Thank you to Paula Ciborowski for preparing this calendar. Also, a Rice Bowl is attached to the calendar for your use during Lent.



The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of President's Day.

### 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Turn the other cheek!

Many of us who grew up with siblings still remember some of the silly squabbles we had with our brothers or sisters. I still remember the many times I ran to my mom and dad to complain about the misbehavior of my junior brother. He used to hit and poke me. And I wasn't always good to him either. I used to tease him. There were times when my human instinct forced me to hit my brother back without reporting him to my parents. Choosing that path always got me into trouble especially with my mom who sometimes appeared to pamper my brother. She would blame me for failing to temper mercy with justice.

My mom did not want me to apply the principle of retaliation "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

We all seek retributive justice. Feelings of bitterness push us to seek revenge. We think that this is a fair way to serve ourselves equal justice or stop wrongdoing.

Jesus challenges us to overcome such attitudes as "You do me, I do you. You insult me, I insult you, you give me a bad or dirty look and I do the same to you."

Jesus calls us to a different way of living, to be perfect as God our heavenly father is perfect.

For Jesus, retaliation has no place in the Christian life. He tells us to turn the other cheek to the one who strikes our right cheek, to hand our cloak to the one who wants to go to court over our tunic. Jesus says that if someone orders us to go one mile, we should go an extra mile, and also give to the one who wants to borrow from us.

He wants us to demonstrate the highest and holiest level of conduct among people. Jesus is not telling us to bow to evil or allow wicked people to get away with their evil deeds. What he means is that we should fight evil with good rather than vengeance or return evil with evil. As the saying goes, two wrongs do not make right. As Christians we should confront evil with the goodness of love. This is the weapon to fight the enemy. It is the power that transcends evil.

There are many who found wisdom in Jesus's teaching and applied it in their lives.

Think of Saint Pope John Paul II who showed compassion and mercy on his would-be assassin. He visited this man in prison and prayed with him for the forgiveness of his evil act. We know the good spirit that Martin Luther King Jr. showed. He used non-violent approach to fight the evils of inequalities and racism in society. Martin Luther King Jr. did not believe in returning hate for hate. He stated that doing so only multiplies evil.

Others like Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi of blessed memory conquered the forces of revenge, hatred, bitterness, and acrimony no matter how deeply others hurt or offended them. They followed Christ's message by showing love and forgiveness to their adversaries. We can't forget the good example that the Amish community showed the American people and the whole world years ago when a gunman killed five of their children and injured others in their school house. The Amish community forgave the killer and his entire family. They demonstrated to the world that retaliation should have no room in human hearts.

You and I are called to act with love and mercy. The book of Leviticus urges in the first reading to eschew any enmity, revenge, and grudge we may hold against those who offend or hurt us. This week, let us all pray for the grace to live as true sons and daughters of God. Let us allow God's spirit to take control of us and move us each to return evil with good. God bless

Fr. Ben

### Weekend of February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

First Reading-Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Elbrecht

**Altar Servers:** Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Second Reading-Romans 5:12-19

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Ray Keckeisen

Dorothy Yaiser

Anderson & Garret Callender

### First Sunday of Lent

Gospel-Matthew 4:1-11

**Sunday 10:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Lorraine Keckeisen

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings of February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 Regular, \$2,384.00; Fuel, \$705.00; Repairs, \$45.00; Evangelist, \$45.00; Initial Offering, \$40.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$25.00



February 19<sup>th</sup>- **No Classes**  
 February 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes

The weekend of February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 the regular collection and Solemnity of Mary amounted to \$2,409.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$327.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$81,062.00, which is \$9,257.00 below budget.

**Upcoming February Meetings and Events**

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

- 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

Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

**Weekday Mass Schedule-** Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration-**

**There is a sign-up on the bulletin board in the vestibule.**

Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM

Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon.

**Stations of the Cross**

Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

**Ash Wednesday**

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

**"Undie Sunday"**

As we journey through Lent we are to "be mindful of the poor and devoted to one another." We will be collecting new underwear and socks for children, men and women throughout Lent. These will be distributed to the homeless and needy in our area. **Undie Sundays** begin next weekend. There will be a receptacle in the vestibule for your donations of **undies**.

**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.

**February Bulletin Quotes**

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"  
[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](https://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility) February 26th

**40 Days for Life**

Help save lives in Troy and Albany. 40 Days for Life campaign of prayer, fasting and witness will run from February 22-April 2. For more information call/text Mike or Margaret at 518-860-4602. More information can also be found at [www.40daysforlife.com/en/troy](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/troy) or [www.40daysforlife.com/en/albany](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/albany) A Prayer rally kickoff will be held on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in Troy from 2 pm -3pm or in Albany from 4pm-5pm.

**Hope and Healing Mass**

Bishop Edward Scharfenberger and members of the Diocese's Hope and Healing Committee, will join us for Mass at St. Mary's in Oneonta on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM to share a message of hope and healing, share information about resources available for anyone who may be in need and, of course, to pray for those in need All are welcome. See a letter from Bishop Scharfenberger about this event posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

**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

**Pot O' Gold**



Be sure to look for your letter in the coming weeks in the vestibule with information on this event being held in March!

**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 Feroleta, 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, Pat Elbrecht

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

