



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

2-27	Mon	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
2-28	Tues	9:00 AM	Gabriel Rivera By Judy Roldan
3-1	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
3-2	Thurs	9:00 AM	Joseph H. Pete III By Bettye Pete
3-3	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
3-4	Sat	5:30 PM	Frances Zieno By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi
3-5	Sun	8:30 AM	Caroline "Dolly" DiNoto By Dan & Ginni Brandt
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mary Cittadno By Tony & Joan Barber

Black, Native American & Latin American Missions

This weekend we take up the collection for Black, Native American & Latin American Missions. Many of these people do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection.



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 and the chapel.

Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon.

Communion Service- Friday 9:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction

Weekend of March 4th & 5th, 2023

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

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Babbage

Altar Servers: Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-Romans 5:12-19

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Ginni Brandt

Yvonne Sliney

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Second Sunday of Lent

Gospel-Matthew 4:1-11

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Nancy Kahane

Kristin Reuter

Anderson & Garret Callender

First Sunday of Lent

"It wasn't me. The devil made me do it." We have all heard this excuse before or at some point in time have used it for a mistake or an offense committed. But can we blame the devil for our human failings?

The fact remains that the devil can tempt us to commit sin but he can't force us to yield to his whims and caprices. As humans we remain vulnerable to the temptations to sin. It is up to us to resist the deceit and the lies of the evil one.

We find an example of the temptations to sin in the first reading and the gospel regarding those of Adam and Eve, and Jesus Christ respectively. In the first reading, Adam and Eve were confronted with the choice for good or evil. God told our first parents to eat the fruit from every tree in the Garden of Eden except from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's instructions. They fell to the lies of the devil by eating the fruit from the forbidden tree. Adam and Eve ended up turning their back on God.

In the gospel the devil tempted Jesus three times with glamorous promises. He told Jesus to turn stone into bread, to fall down and worship him and to jump from the pinnacle of the Jerusalem temple. In each of these three temptations, the devil sought to entice Jesus with pleasure, pride, wealth, power and glory. But Jesus rejected all of them. He silenced the devil and affirmed his true identity as God's Son. Jesus proved himself as the New Adam by resisting the temptations of the devil. He reversed the original sin that Adam and Eve brought upon all humanity.

The temptation of the Garden of Eden is still with us. The devil is always around looking for opportunities to cause our downfall. He is there telling us to fall at his feet to worship him.

You and I need to learn from Jesus's example to remain focused on God. During these forty days of Lent, we are invited to journey with Jesus from the Garden of Eden, to the Garden in Gethsemane, from disobedience to obedience.

We enter into the desert of our hearts with fasting, prayer, and charitable works.

Here are a few spiritual exercises that we can engage in this holy season of Lent. You and I can nourish our faith by spending time in quiet reading and reflection.

We can make it a practice to go to daily mass, visit the Blessed Sacrament, to pray the Rosary and to feel God's comforting presence.

Let us do our best to immerse ourselves so deeply with the disciplines of Lent. Let us embrace God's will and resist the evil one and all his empty promises.

I wish all of you a fruitful Lenten season!

God bless

Fr. Ben

Offerings of February 18th & 19th 2023 Regular, \$3,242.00; Fuel, \$705.00; Fuel, \$225.00; Evangelist, \$30.00; Initial Offering, \$10.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$5.00; Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$10.00



February 26th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes
 March 5th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes

The weekend of February 18th & 19th 2023 the regular collection and Solemnity of Mary amounted to \$3,247.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$506.00 above our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$84,309.00, which is \$8,751.00 below budget.

Upcoming March Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

March 4th- First Saturday Rosary 4:00 PM Church
 March 9th- Finance Council 6:30 PM Old Church
 March 16th - Pastoral Council 6:30 PM Old Church
 March 20th- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
 March 30th- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 Pm

"Undie Sunday"



"Let us do good to all people." Once again we are collecting new underwear for men, women and children. Please be generous as the need is great. Donations may be placed in the receptacle 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!

March Bulletin Quotes

The Gospel of Life is "meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!"
 (The Gospel of Life 5)

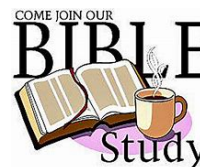
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Lent has begun. Psalm 51: "Create a clean heart in me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." Renew and transform your relationship. How? Apply for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience:
 Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
 Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY
 Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

Rice Bowl Weekly Prayer



For our sisters and brothers experiencing poverty and hunger exacerbated by climate change, that they can receive the support they need to overcome these affronts to human dignity.



Lenten Scripture Series With the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

What: Bible Study with the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
When: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2023 9:45 AM – Noon
Where: Parish Center via zoom from the Dominican Retreat House
Who: Sacred Heart Parishioners
Why: to assist in your prayer practices for Lent

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 Kolerמוש, 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, Marilyn Cotter, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK).

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

