



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

1-2	Mon	9:00 AM	Joseph H. Pete III By Bettye Pete
1-3	Tues	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-4	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-5	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alicia Conseulo By Alex
1-6	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
1-7	Sat	5:30 PM	Edward Abbot, Jr. By Paula Ciborowski
1-8	Sun	8:30 AM	Teresa Crane By the Gatto family
	Sun	10:30 AM	William Keenan By Paula Ciborowski

The temporary envelopes have arrived. They are available in the vestibule. Please write your number on the outside of the envelope and check off your contribution amount.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 2nd, 2023 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. We wish you blessings of good health and peace to you and your family in 2023.



Words of Appreciation

I would like to thank all of you who sent me beautiful Christmas Cards and generous gifts this Christmas. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

I pray that God will bless you in every way for all your love, kindness, and generosity toward me.

May the peace and joy of the Lord be yours now and forever! Thank you so much!

Fr. Ben

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

The Lord has been gracious to us despite our human weaknesses. He has seen us through the past year and brought us to a New Year. We bless God's holy name for his favors and ask for his guidance and protection in this New Year.

As Catholic Christians we have a fine way of beginning a New Year with the Solemnity of Mary, the mother of God. This feast brings us to celebrate Mary's Divine Motherhood and place ourselves under her motherly love and care as we venture into the unknown in a New Year.

The beginning of a New Year is also celebrated as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. We pray that God's Spirit will touch every heart to seek the ways of love, unity, and peace. All of us have a part to play to build a more peaceful world. This work starts from within our own hearts and our relationship with others including our families and our communities. To bring about peace, we need to let go our grudges, our anger and our pains and embrace the path of forgiveness and reconciliation with those who offend or hurt us.

In his message for the 56th World Day of Peace, Pope Francis states that "No one can be saved alone." He draws our attention to the widespread problems of inequality, injustice, poverty, and marginalization that continue to fuel civil unrest, conflict, violence and war.

Our Holy Father encourages all of us to make our words and actions bear the fruits of love, fraternity and peace among all people.

The readings for today's feast bring us to appreciate God's graciousness for us. The readings help us to see the various ways in which God brings us his divine presence and blessings.

In the gospel, we see the beautiful encounter between the divine and humanity through the visit of the shepherds to the Christ child. Saint Luke recounts how the shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found the infant Jesus wrapped in swaddling cloth and lying in the manger with his mother, Mary and Joseph, his foster father. The shepherds narrated everything that the angel told them about the newborn child and all who heard them were amazed at their message. After adoring the Christ child, they returned to their homes glorifying and praising God for all they had seen and heard. We are told that Mary treasured and pondered everything in her heart. She did not understand all the things that happened in her life yet she opened her heart to God's will.

We are blessed to have Mary as our spiritual mother. She is a model of faith for all of us. Our mother Mary shows us how to make room for God in our hearts. She teaches us how to navigate the ups and the downs in our lives.

None of us knows what opportunities and challenges this New Year will bring to us. It is only God who knows everything. We trust that the Lord will remain with us in our every situation. Just as God accompanied the Israelites, his chosen people in their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land so we believe that he will continue to remain with us and bestow his favors and blessings upon us.

We find evidence of this in the first reading where God directed Moses to instruct Aaron and his sons on how to impart his blessings upon his chosen people.

This is how they were to invoke God's blessings upon the people: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makes his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace (Num. 6: 24-26).

These words are reassuring and filled with deep hope and promises as we start a New Year. Let us trust in God's faithfulness and for his favor and grace to follow us and also flow in us and through us to touch many lives.

Let us ask our Mother, Mary to continue to intercede on our behalf before her Son Jesus Christ, as well as inspire us to deeper faith and like her say yes to what God asks of us each and every day of our lives.

I wish all of you and your loved ones, a happy, healthy, blessed and hope-filled New Year.

Fr. Ben

Weekend of January 7th & 8th, 2023

First Reading-Isaiah 60:1-6

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Bill Babbage

Eucharistic Ministers Gene Walsh

Altar Servers Jack, Henry, & Ella Grigoli
Brock Porter

Second Reading-Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Sunday 8:30 PM

Fr. Ben

Kerri Green

Carole Ostrander

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

The Epiphany of the Lord

Gospel-Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Kristin Reuter

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of December 24th & 25th, 2022 Regular, \$2,188.00; Christmas Flowers, \$10.00; Christmas, \$2,810.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$10.00; All Souls, \$20.00



January 1st No Classes

January 8th- 9:20-10:20 AM Pre-k to 10th grade classes

The weekend of December 24th & 25th, 2022 the regular collection, Christmas, Immaculate Conception and All Souls amounted to \$5,028.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$548.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$63,717.00, which is \$7,784.00 below budget.

Upcoming December Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

- Jan 7- First Saturday Rosary 4:00 PM in the church
- Jan 12 Finance Council 6:30 PM
- Jan 16 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM
- Jan 19 Pastoral Council 6:30 PM
- Jan 26- Share the Bounty 4:00-6:30 PM

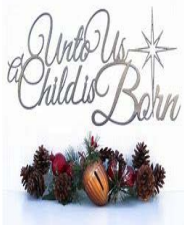


Christmas Flowers

Additional donations were given in memory of the following: Raymond Joseph Keckeisen and Msgr. James Cox

Substitute Organist

Occasionally we need an organist for Masses when either Sarah or Jim is not available. If you or someone you know is interested in being a substitute please contact the Parish Office at 607-563-1591.



Christmas Card Recycling

Please consider repurposing your Christmas cards by placing the front cover of your cards in the container located on the table in the vestibule. They will be used for gift tags for Operation Merry Christmas. Thank you. May God bless you for helping His children.



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 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, Tina Klein, 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, Tasha, 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, Jenne Barber, Marty Weishan, Tony Barber, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Gabriel Rivera, Marilyn Cotter

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

January Bulletin Quotes

“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God’s love and compassion.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”



Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$13,797.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. We are just \$1,147.00 away from reaching our assessment! Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.

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/>.

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:

- Feb 3-5, 2023 in Huntington, NY
- Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA
- Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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.

Please Return Tray

If you took the tray that had angels on it home last weekend, please return it. The owner of the tray would like it back. The tray was on the table in the vestibule. In the future to avoid mishaps, items that are free to take will be labeled “Free”. Thank You!

