

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

1-23	Mon	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-24	Tues	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-25	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-26	Thurs	9:00 AM	Patrick Materazzo By his wife
1-27	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
1-28	Sat	5:30 PM	Raymond Keckeisen By Ray & Lorraine
1-29	Sun	8:30 AM	Jeanne Aviles By Paula
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mark Granan By Pete & Ellie Robinson

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 a your receipt as they are not included on your Statement of Giving

Ladies of the Parish

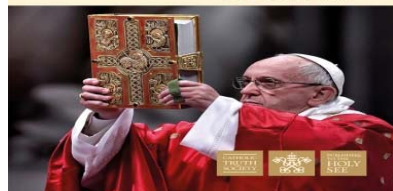
It is time to start thinking about our Women's Retreat Weekend on April 21-23, 2023. Come away from the everyday and make time to rest, reflect and grow spiritually.

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

POPE FRANCIS THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

APERUIT ILLIS
Apostolic Letter



Word of God Sunday

As instituted by Pope Francis in his Apostolic Letter, *Motu Proprio*, entitled "Aperuit illis", issued on 30 September, 2019, every year, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be celebrated as the Word of God Sunday. The aim of this annual observance is to help each of us to deepen our appreciation and reverence of God's Word and put whatever we read or is proclaimed to us into practice so as to make a difference in the world.

This Sunday also marks the week of prayer for Christian unity. We join with our Christian sisters and brothers around the world in praying for the spirit of love and unity among ourselves to continue Christ's mission on earth. We pray that as Christians we may work together to promote racial justice at all levels of society. The theme for this year's week of prayer for Christian unity is "Do Good, seek justice" (Isaiah 1:17). The theme is inspired by the prophet Isaiah who championed the course of social justice for the people of his time.

We hear about this same prophet in today's first reading offering a vision of hope to those overshadowed by the darkness of anguish, turmoil, war, and oppression. The prophet Isaiah spoke to the people of Zebulun and Naphtali who were captured and oppressed by the Assyrian army. He assured his people that the Promised Messiah would come to liberate them from their enemies. The Messiah would shine his bright light on them and bring them to know joy and peace.

Jesus Christ is the Promised Messiah who came to fulfill the vision of Isaiah. He freed us from the darkness of sin and the shadow of death.

In the gospel, Jesus began his public ministry in Galilee. He presented a simple message to his hearers: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand".

He called them and all of us to reform our lives and believe the good news of salvation.

Jesus realized the magnitude of his public ministry and the need to invite others to share in his life and mission in the world. As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Peter and his brother Andrew fishing and also James and his brother John mending their nets. He called all of them to come after him and to be fishers of people. They all left their fishing nets and immediately followed him.

The immediate response of these four brothers to Jesus' invitation always amazes me. We can be sure that Peter, Andrew, James and John saw something great in Jesus that caused them to leave everything behind to follow him. They all had radical trust. They saw Jesus as someone in whom they could place their hope and complete trust. And truly, Jesus did not disappoint them. He promised his disciples and all of us the precious gift of an eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that the call to discipleship involves overcoming our differences and remaining united in mind and heart. Saint Paul challenged the Christian community at Corinth who were torn apart by divisions and rivalries among them. There were some who claimed alliance to Paul, others to Cephas and to Apollos. This animosity ripped the Christian community and tore them apart. Saint Paul made it clear that divisions and infighting bring nothing good but rather harm and destruction. He urged the Christian community to open their hearts to God's Word and strive to live in love, unity, and peace.

God has planted each of us into the community of his church and our individual families. He calls us to reflect the beauty of his life to others through our words and actions.

Let us do our best to open our hearts to God's Word and for it to encourage and also challenge us to be patient, understanding, kind, and gentle toward all those we encounter each day of our lives.

And may God's Word continue to be the light to our feet and always direct us to do what is right and just!

God bless

Fr. Ben

Weekend of January 28th & 29th 2023

First Reading-Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers Bill Babbage

Altar Servers Jack, Henry, & Ella Grigoli
Easton Porter

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Ginni Brandt

Anderson & Garrett Callender

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel-Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Lorraine Keckeisen

Ada Rice

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Offerings of January 14th 15th, 2023 Regular, \$1,748.00; Repairs, \$14.00; Christmas Flowers, \$ 20.00



January 22nd - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes
 January 29th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes

The weekend of January 14th & 15th, 2023 the regular collection amounted to \$1,748.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$988.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$71,759.00, which is \$8,265.00 below budget.

Upcoming January Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

Jan 19 Pastoral Council 6:30 PM
 Jan 26- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM



The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has set January 19th-27th, 2023 as a period of prayer entitled *9 Days for Life*. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, *9 Days for Life*. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.

Virtual Job Fair

On Tuesday, January 31st from 11:00 AM -1:00 PM the Workforce Development Board is holding a virtual job fair. To register go to <https://pvapi.premiervirtual.com/s/xa66RW>. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

2023 Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes in the vestibule. There is a list next to the boxes to assist you in finding your envelopes. 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.

January Bulletin Quotes

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
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Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$16,879.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. We are thrilled and pleased that we have met our assessment once again. 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://wwmectw.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

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office.

Additional information for reporting may be found at <https://www.rcda.org/offices/protecting-children-young-people>. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Frederick Jones, at 518-453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.

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, 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 Czapanik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, 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, Dolly Dinoto, 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.

