

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

1-30	Mon	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
1-31	Tues	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
2-1	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
2-2	Thurs	9:00 AM	Joseph H. Pete III By Bettye Pete
2-3	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
2-4	Sat	5:30 PM	Edward Abbot, Jr. By Pete & Ellie Robinson
2-5	Sun	8:30 AM	Judy Cardoni By Carole Ostrander
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mark Granan By Vic & Pat Tartaglia

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



Next weekend is our monthly collection for our local food bank. Donations of canned and boxed food items, especially, canned corn, peas and pork-n-beans as well as boxed cereal as always appreciated.



Weekend of February 4th & 5th, 2023

First Reading-Isaiah 58:7-10

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Carole Ostrander

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Artis

Altar Servers: Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Marianne Johansen

Bill Babbage

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel-Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Kathy Saludo

Anderson & Garrett Callender

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:12)

Last weekend our gospel reading brought our focus to Jesus' public ministry and the call of his first four disciples. Jesus called Peter and his brother Andrew as well as James and his brother John to come after him. They all left everything to follow him and to become fishers of people. In today's gospel, Jesus shares the secret of true and lasting happiness with us. He teaches us the beatitudes, the values of the kingdom of heaven and the ways to finding favor with God. Jesus proclaims blessings on those who are poor in spirit, meek, merciful, clean of heart, mourning, and peacemakers, hungry and thirsty for justice and persecuted for the sake of righteousness.

The beatitudes are the moral standards and spiritual dispositions Jesus has enjoined on us. They offer us consolation but they are challenging to live out.

Sometimes I am tempted to question Jesus how one can find happiness in injustice, in poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. Who likes to be hated, to be persecuted, treated unfairly or unjustly? It is good to ask Jesus questions and it is equally important to look at his life and learn from him.

Jesus's life and his ministry should bring us to find sense and meaning in the beatitudes. He did not just teach us the beatitudes but that he lived them out. He walked the way of poverty, suffering, humility, compassion, gentleness and peace-making. Jesus was meek and humble of heart. He brought comfort to those who mourn and hope to all despairing hearts.

Each one of us is called to live out the beatitudes so we can reflect the true nature of God to others, especially those around us.

When you and I live out the truth of Jesus' teaching we help to turn the world upside down. We inspire and also challenge others to allow God's kingdom take root in their hearts and walk on the path of holiness and service.

When we place our hope entirely on God we help to challenge others to detach themselves from the false values of the world such as seeking happiness in material prosperity, security, power, prestige and fame.

Life situations have a lot to teach us that temporal goods can never bring us lasting happiness. Despite their promising messages, earthly values continue to leave us empty and without any satisfaction.

It is only God who can satisfy our deep longings. The Lord is the source of our yearnings and desires. Saint Augustine said it right when he stated that "Our souls are restless, until they find final home with God".

As Christians we are called to seek God's ways rather than our own. We are called like the prophet Zephaniah, to be the faithful remnant of the Lord, to be people of integrity and humility. In the first reading, the prophet Zephaniah admonished the people of Israel and all of us to seek the Lord, to seek justice and humility. He exhorts us to be honest and live rightly and justly.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen those whom the world considers weak to shame the strong. He tells us that God uses the lowly, the humble, the despised and the weak to shame the wise.

God continues to call humble and lowly people like each of us to draw people to his divine wisdom and holiness. He calls us to live out the beatitudes and inspire others to seek the values of his kingdom above all else.

Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace and the strength to live as a people of the beatitudes and bring us each day to know the blessings of his peace and happiness.

God bless

Fr. Ben



January 29 th -	9:20-10:20	PreK- 10 th grade classes
February 5 th -	9:20-10:20	PreK- 10 th grade classes

The weekend of January 21st & 22nd, 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 February Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

February 4 th	First Saturday Rosary 4 PM in the church
February 9 th	Finance Council 6:30-8:00 PM
February 16 th	Pastoral Council 6:30- 8:00 PM
February 19 th	Parish Coffee
February 20 th	Knights of Columbus 6:30- 8:00 PM Parish Center
February 22 nd	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper
February 23 rd	Share the Bounty dinner 4:30-6:30 PM

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

Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in “How to Talk to a Friend Who’s Had an Abortion”: <http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion>

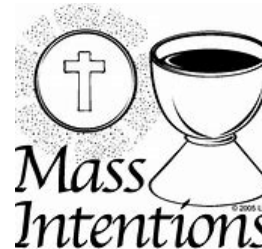
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



We are thrilled and pleased that we have met our 2023 assessment of \$14,944.00. If you have not made a donation or pledge to the Appeal, you can still participate in the 2023 Diocesan Appeal by making your contribution. Pledges and donations are accepted through June 30, 2023. Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.

Covers of Love

The Covers of Love at Saint Paul’s Church on River Street in addition to the items listed on the bulletin board in the vestibule is in great need of men’s undershirts size Large and Extra Large. Donations can be dropped off in the receptacle in the vestibule or you can take your donations to Saint Paul’s on Wednesday mornings between 9:30-11:00 AM. If you have questions contact Karen Jones at 607-829-8327.



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.

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, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana 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, Dolly Dinoto, Marlana

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

