



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

3-6	Mon	9:00 AM	Alicia Consuelo By Alex
3-7	Tues	9:00 AM	Healing Mass for Father Gordon By Tony & Joan Barber
3-8	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
3-9	Thurs	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
3-10	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
3-11	Sat	5:30 PM	Ed Abbot Jr. By Charles & Judi Collier
3-12	Sun	8:30 AM	Martha Smith & Maureen Barry By Gary Smith
	Sun	10:30 AM	Mark Granan By Charles & Judi Collier

Black, Native American & Latin American Missions

Thank you for your generous support of last week's special collection. As a parish we collected \$722.00, which will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America, the Caribbean and here in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/latin-america and click "How to Give." Your gift makes a difference!



Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend one of 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

Second Sunday of Lent

Lent is a time to renew our relationship with God. It is a time to rediscover the glory of God's image hidden in us. Through the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving we draw ourselves closer to God and grow in his holiness and grace.

On this second Sunday of Lent, we focus our minds and hearts on the transfiguration of the Lord. We travel with Jesus to the mountaintop to glimpse the splendor of God's glory and the eternal joy awaiting us in heaven.

In the gospel, Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain so they could be alone for prayer. Here, Jesus was transfigured before his three disciples. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. Then suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared and conversed with Jesus. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets respectively. By their presence, they bore witness to Jesus as the Messiah and the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

The disciples were overcome by the transfiguration experience. Peter wanted them to remain on the mountaintop to continue to gaze upon the beauty of God's glory. He said to Jesus, "Lord it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah" (Mathew 17:4).

Jesus did not endorse Peter's suggestion. He and his disciples needed to come down from the mountaintop to face the realities of life. They needed to leave their comfort zone.

A voice from a bright cloud came to reveal Jesus as the Beloved Son of God. The voice from heaven calls us to listen to Jesus and to not be afraid to follow him each and every day.

The transfiguration of the Lord points us to our eternal home in heaven. The event opens our eyes to the glory awaiting us in the next life. It calls us to travel from the known to the unknown.

You and I need to take inspiration from Abram who was called to a life of faithfulness and obedience.

In the first reading, God called Abram to leave his homeland, his family, and belongings for a foreign land. This was a difficult adventure for Abram to travel from the known to the unknown. But he responded to God's call with trusting faith. God was pleased with Abraham's faithfulness and obedience. He promised to make of him a great nation and a blessing for all his descendants.

Abraham is our father of faith. He models for us the need for courage, perseverance and hope in the Lord.

St. Paul exhorts us in the second reading to bear our share of the hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He encourages us to trust in God's constant presence with us, leading and guiding us towards our eternal home in heaven.

At each mass, we receive an invitation to encounter the Lord in his word and the Eucharist. The Lord comes to nourish and sustain our souls with his living word and bread of life.

Like the disciples let us descend with Jesus from the mountaintop of this mass to shine with spiritual radiance and witness to his greatness to those around us.

Let us pray for the gift of courage and like Abraham, travel each day with trusting faith from the known to the unknown.

May our Lenten journey continue to draw us closer to God and prepare us worthily for the celebration of the Easter mysteries!

God bless

Fr. Ben

Weekend of March 11th & 12th, 2023

First Reading-Exodus 17:3-7

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Lorraine Keckeisen

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Artis

Altar Servers: Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading-Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Ginni Brandt

Brock & Easton Porter

Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel-John 4:5-42

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Paula Ciborowski

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Offerings of February 25th & 26th, 2023 Regular, \$2,289.00; Fuel, \$95.00; Repairs, \$20.00; Evangelist, \$18.00; Ash Wednesday, \$417.00;

Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$712.00



March 5th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes
 March 12th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes

The weekend of February 25th & 26th 2023 the regular collection was \$2,289.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$447.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$86,598.00, which is \$9,198.00 below budget.

Upcoming March Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

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"

"He who gives to the poor will never want." Please consider donating new underwear for needy men, women, and children. Please be generous as the need is great. There is a receptacle in the vestibule for your donation.

Pot O' Gold



50/50 tickets have been mailed for our Pot O' Gold raffle. If you did not receive your tickets in the mail they are available for you to pick up in the vestibule.

Young Adult Event

Virtual gathering to pray, explore a study, and enjoy fellowship

When: **Every Wed. at 7 PM**

Where: Virtual – Online Meeting link: <https://msngr.com/knmsmlyhhgjq>

Email: capitalregioncatholic@gmail.com



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

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

Matthew 17: "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white.From a cloud came a voice, this is my beloved Son, Listen to Him" Want to be transfigured and have a transformation in your relationship?

Mar 10-12, 2023 in Upton, MA

Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

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/>.



In the Dry Corridor of Honduras, climate change cause persistent drought, making farming nearly impossible. With support from Catholic Relief Services, Rony, a farmer, repaired an old reservoir and installed a new irrigation system to improve his harvests. Now Rony can send his son to a soccer academy to pursue his dream of becoming a professional player. How can you work like Rony to support others' needs and dreams? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



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 Dominica Retreat House

Who: Sacred Heart Parishioners

Why: to assist in your prayer practices for Lent

Contact Paula Ciborowski to register for this event.



Next weekend daylight savings time begins. Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before going to

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, Terri 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 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 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, Marilyn Cotter, Marlana, 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.

