



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 3-13 Mon 9:00 AM Robert J. Sullivan
By Dan & Ginni Brandt
- 3-14 Tues 9:00 AM James Householder
By Mom
- 3-15 Wed 9:00 AM Father Gordon
Daily Mass Group
- 3-16 Thurs 9:00 AM Healing Mass for
Anthony Barber Jr.
By Mom and Dad
- 3-17 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 3-18 Sat 5:30 PM Theresa Pickens
By her family
- 3-19 Sun 8:30 AM Caroline "Dolly" DiNoto
By Marge Suriano
- Sun 10:30 AM Caroline "Dolly" DiNoto
By Theresa Watkins



Please note the additional Lenten services being offered.

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

Communal Penance Service



The celebration of the Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on this coming

Sunday, March 19th at 4:00 PM in the church.

There will be individual confessions at this service. Individual confessions are also available on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:00 PM.

Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

3rd Sunday of Lent

Quenching our physical and spiritual thirsts!

The readings for this Third Sunday of Lent present us with so many details. I felt tempted to make my reflection long but I decided to keep everything short.

Water and thirst form the main message for our reflection. In both the first reading and the gospel we are presented with two stories that talk about thirsty people longing for water to drink.

In the first reading, the people of Israel experienced physical thirst for water. The chosen people were on their journey to the promised land of Canaan. They passed through the Red Sea and entered the desert where there was no river or well for them to draw water to quench their thirst. The people of Israel quickly forgot all that the Lord had done for them. They were overcome by weariness, despair and frustration. They grumbled against Moses for taking them out of Egypt and bringing them to the desert to die of thirst. Moses turned to the Lord in prayer for help and he was instructed to strike a rock with his staff for water to spring forth for the people. Moses did as the Lord directed him and there was plenty of water to quench the people's thirst.

In the gospel, Jesus encountered a woman from Samaria who came to draw water from the well of Jacob. This Samaritan woman came to the well in the heat of the afternoon sun. It was much better to come to the well in early morning or in the evening when the weather was more favorable but she did not. Some scripture scholars believe that the woman wanted to avoid running into her community members who despised her for her life experiences. She had been unsuccessful in her marriage life. The woman had married and divorced five times. She did not want to deal with all the public looks and gossips.

She had no idea that something more assuring was waiting for her at the Jacob's well. Someone was waiting there to show her genuine love, affection, acceptance, and welcome.

The Samaritan woman met Jesus at the well and a conversation ensued. Jesus asked her for a drink. This simple request resulted in a conversation that went wide and deep. Jesus told the woman everything about her life. He revealed himself as the source of living water. He restored the woman's lost image and dignity. Moved by this special encounter, the woman left her water jar behind and went to the town to tell others about Jesus.

All of us can see ourselves in the people of Israel and the Samaritan woman. Like the chosen people, we feel thirsty and yearn for the satisfaction of our physical needs. We grumble and complain against God and others when things don't go the way we want.

Like the Samaritan woman, we come face to face with ourselves. We feel the shame of our guilt. Sometimes we try to hide from God and others.

Lent comes to encourage all of us to trust in God's love and care for our lives. In Christ, God continues to come to quench our thirsty hearts and refresh our souls. All of us need to learn from the example of the Samaritan woman. Like her, we need to leave our empty jar of sin behind and allow ourselves to be transformed in God's grace. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us ask the Lord to teach us to enter more deeply into the mystery of his life so at Easter, we can draw water joyfully from the wellsprings of his salvation.

God bless

Fr. Ben

Weekend of March 18th & 19th, 2023

First Reading-I Samuel 16:1, 6-7,10-13

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Pat Elbrecht

Eucharistic Ministers: Gene Walsh

Altar Servers: Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading-Ephesians 5:8-14

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Bill Babbage

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel-John 9:1-41

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Marianne Johansen

Pat Smith

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of March 4th & 5th, 2023 Regular, \$2,839.00; Fuel, \$430.00; Repairs, \$50.00; Evangelist, \$25.00;

Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$77.00



March 12th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes
 March 19th - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10th grade classes

The weekend of March 4th & 5th, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,839.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$103.00 above our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$89,437.00, which is \$6,323.00 below budget. A correction has been made to the variance for weekly collections.

Upcoming March Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

March 16th - Pastoral Council 6:30 PM Old Church
 March 19th - 50/50 drawing
 March 20th - Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
 March 30th - Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 Pm

"Sock It to Me Sundays"



Corporal Works of Mercy show charity toward others. From March 26th - April 10th you can assist in "Clothing the Naked" by participating in Sock It to Me Sundays. Live your faith by donating new men's, women's and children's socks for the needy. Your donation can be placed in the receptacle in the vestibule.

Pot O' Gold



Be sure to enter to be one of our lucky winners! Come join us for the drawings after the 10:30 AM Mass on March 19th, 2023.

As you may or may not have heard Father Gordon Passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2023. A funeral is being planned for Winter Haven, Fl and here at Sacred Heart. Details will be made available as soon as the plans are finalized. Mass cards and sympathy cards can be sent to his brother:

Mr. James Polenz
 1145 Dean Street
 Schenectady, NY 12309



The Knights of Columbus Council 4937 will be hosting a presentation by Jeff Bagley from C.H. Landers Funeral Home, focusing on prearrangements, March 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. All are welcome!

March Bulletin Quotes

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life" (The Gospel of Life 28).

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need.



Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provided nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Lenten Scripture Series With the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

We will meet on March 14, 21, 28, 2023 9:45 AM – Noon to continue our bible study of the book of the Prophet Isaiah in the Old Church. You are invited to attend all or some of these gatherings. Contact Paula Ciborowski for more information on this event.

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

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, 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, 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 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, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marilyn Cotter, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr.

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

