



**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK

- 3-27 Mon 9:00 AM Frances Zieno  
By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi
- 3-28 Tues 9:00 AM No Morning Mass  
Father Gordon's Funeral Mass @ 11:00 AM
- 3-29 Wed 9:00 AM Father Gordon  
By Paula Ciborowski
- 3-30 Thurs 9:00 AM Emanuel "Zeke" Zieno  
By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi
- 3-31 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 4-1 Sat 5:30 PM Joseph H. Pete III  
By Bettye
- 4-2 Sun 8:30 AM Fred Schuck  
By the family
- Sun 10:30 AM Richard Ciborowski  
By Paula



The schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

- Holy Thursday-** no morning Mass, evening Mass at 5:30 PM; Sign up for feet washing, Eucharistic minister and altar servers in the vestibule.
- Good Friday-** 3:00 PM Good Friday Service  
5:30 PM Stations of the Cross
- Holy Saturday-** 8:00 PM Mass
- Easter Sunday-** 8:30 AM Mass  
10:30 AM Mass

Sign up for Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday on the schedule in the vestibule.

**Rice Bowl Contributions**

All Rice Bowl contributions should be turned in Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023. Please convert coin to bills or write a check for your donation. A separate check to Sacred Heart with "Rice Bowl" in the memo line or your cash donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "Rice Bowl".

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Five weeks ago, we began the penitential season of Lent with an invitation to change our lives and grow in God's grace and holiness. We received Ashes on our foreheads as a reminder of our mortality and our need to return God. The Ashes reminded us that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. We have come this far in our spiritual journey. Each of us knows where we stand in our relationship with God and others.

On this fifth Sunday of Lent our scripture readings bring us to reflect on the mystery of death and resurrection. The three readings talk about God's power over sin and death and his desire to bestow new life upon us.

In the first reading, God offered words of hope and comfort to his depressed and dejected people exiled to a foreign land in Babylon. God spoke through the prophet Ezekiel promising to open the graves of his people. Although those in exile looked like dried bones scattered on a battle field they will know new life. God promised to put his spirit within his people and bring them back to their own land.

This message applies to all of us who are on our earthly journey often confronted by sin, pain, and suffering. We have our own exile times. Our sinfulness makes us appear like dried bones buried in the grave. When afflicted with the darkness of trial, hardship, sickness and disease and bereavement, we feel like God is absent in our lives. Most of us can point to times when fear, despair, anxiety, and frustration got the better of us. Like those in exile, God seeks us out and makes things new in our lives.

Saint Paul encourages us in the second reading to live in the spirit rather than in the flesh. Saint Paul urges us to allow God's Spirit which we received at the time of our Baptism and strengthened at our Confirmation to always dwell in us and direct our ways.

In the gospel, Jesus proved that he is the resurrection and the life. He demonstrated his power over death by bringing Lazarus back to life.

Jesus was good friends with Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. When Lazarus fell sick, his two sisters sent word to Jesus so he could come and heal him. But Jesus did not go right away. He delayed two days before going down to Bethany to visit his best friends. It was too late because Lazarus was already dead and buried in the tomb.

Martha and Mary expressed their frustration and disappointment over the fact that Jesus could not get there early enough to heal their beloved brother. They had faith and trust in Jesus' power to heal their brother. Jesus demonstrated his human emotion to break through the tears and grief of his close friends. He wept openly over the passing of Lazarus.

He visited the tomb of Lazarus and asked the people to take the stone away. Jesus called Lazarus to come out. He raised him back to life and commanded those around to untie him and let him go.

Here, Jesus offered us new hope that death does not have the last word. He showed his power to raise us to new life. At every Eucharistic celebration we proclaim the mystery of faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We affirm our belief that through death we enter into new life in Christ.

As we draw near to the end of Lent, it is important that we each ask ourselves what weaknesses we have tried to put to death. God desires to open our graves of sin and have us rise from them. Let us open our minds and hearts to his voice and allow him to transform our lives so we can enjoy the new life he offers us at Easter.

God bless

Fr. Ben

**Weekend of April 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

First Reading-Isaiah 50:4-7

**Saturday 5:30 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben

**Lector:** Jane Artis

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Pat Elbrecht

**Altar Servers:** Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-Philippians 2:6-11

**Sunday 8:30 AM**

Fr. Ben

Dorothy Yaiser

Carole Ostrander

Ayla., Quinn & Liam Gronwall

**Palm Sunday**

Gospel-Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Paula Ciborowski

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$3,297.00; Fuel, \$26.00; Religious Education, \$10.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$5.00; Easter Flowers, \$20.00; Initial Offering, \$5.00



March 19<sup>th</sup> - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes  
 March 26<sup>th</sup> - 9:20-10:20 PreK- 10<sup>th</sup> grade classes

The weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection was \$3,297.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$561.00 over our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$94,991.00, which is \$6,241.00 below budget

### Upcoming March Meetings and Events

**All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted**

March 30<sup>th</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 Pm



### “Sock It to Me Sundays”

“He who is generous will be blessed.” We are collecting new socks for the needy men, women, and children. The need is great so please be generous. Donations can be placed in the receptacle in the vestibule. Next Sunday will be the last opportunity to contribute to this ministry.

Father Don Rutherford has confirmed the following funeral arrangements for Father Gordon. Calling hours will be at C.H. Landers, Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Sacred Heart on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM with Bishop Edward Scharfenberger presiding. A luncheon will follow in the Parish Center. Interment will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph cemetery in Schenectady. Mass cards and sympathy cards can be sent to his brother: Mr. James Polenz  
 1145 Dean Street  
 Schenectady, NY 12309



### Pot O' Gold



A complete list of winners is posted at each of the exits. A total of \$1,850.00 for 23 prizes was awarded. Sacred Heart realized \$2,360.00 as several prize winners donated their winnings back to the church! Thank you to everyone who supported Sacred Heart by purchasing tickets.

### March Bulletin Quotes

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life” (The Gospel of Life 86).

### Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. Our parish collected \$738.00. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information about how to give.

### Easter Flowers

In your packet of Envelopes there is one for Easter flowers. There are also Easter flower envelopes in the vestibule for those who do not use envelopes. If you wish to contribute in memory of a loved one please print their name on the envelope and place it in the regular Sunday collection. Your loved ones will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

### Fire of Faith

Join Bishop Scharfenberger for Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, healing prayer teams and faith sharing on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at St Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

### 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 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 Kolerמוש, 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 Pondolfino, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, 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, 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.*

