

Mass Intentions  for the Week

11-13	Mon	9:00 AM	Lynn Goodspeed By Dan & Ginni Brandt
11-14	Tues	9:00 AM	Bishop Howard Hubbard By Rosary Society
11-15	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
11-16	Thurs	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
11-17	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11-18	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph Schalk By Lucy Hindle & family
11-19	Sun	10:30 AM	John Joseph Knapp By Pete & Ellie Robinson

Giving Tree

Gift tags for the Giving Tree have arrived! Due to the early date this year that gifts need to be returned by, the giving tree is located in the Parish Center. You can pick up your tag in the Parish Center Monday – Thursday between 9:00am and 1:00pm or after weekend Masses. There are also a few tags available in the vestibule. Gifts should be placed in a gift bag or shopping bag with the tag attached. **Please DO NOT wrap your gifts.** Monetary gifts can be placed in the collection basket or brought to the Parish Office. All gifts must be returned to the Parish Center no later than Saturday, December 2nd by 4:00pm. If you would like your gift picked up or you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 607-563-1591.

Daily Mass

As we did last winter, to conserve on our fuel oil expense, beginning Monday, November 13th daily Mass will be held in the Chapel in the Parish Center. The heat will be turned down in the church but it will continue to be open for private prayer and devotion.

**STAY AWAKE
FOR YOU KNOW
NEITHER THE DAY
NOR THE HOUR**

Matthew 25:13

Weekend of November 18th & 19th, 2023

First Reading- Proverbs 31:1-13, 19-20, 30-31

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Bill Babbage

Eucharistic Ministers:

Nancy Kahane

Altar Servers

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Second Reading- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

33rd Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Nancy Kahane

Pat Smith

Jack, Henry, & Ella Grigoli

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I had an awful experience one day when the old pick-up truck I was driving on a country road in Ghana run out of gas and left me stranded in the middle of nowhere. I was on my way to celebrate mass at one of my village churches or outstations. Before setting out on this trip, I checked the fuel gauge on the vehicle dashboard and it signaled me that there was enough gas in the tank. I was convinced it will be enough for the trip but little did I know that the fuel gauge was faulty and malfunctioning. After a few miles drive, the vehicle stopped running and I found myself stuck on the side of the road with an empty tank. But thank God a Good Samaritan came to my aid and he gave me a ride to my destination.

On this Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary time, our scripture readings highlight the need for vigilance and readiness in our lives. The readings call us to seek divine wisdom and to be always ready and prepared for the Lord's coming at the end of time or at the hour of our death.

In the first reading, the author of the book of wisdom describes Wisdom as resplendent and unfading. He says that Wisdom reveals herself to those who love her and seek her.

In the gospel, Jesus urges us to stay awake for we know neither the day nor hour the Son of Man will come (Mathew 24:42). He talks about the parable of the ten virgins who were awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom to escort him to the banquet hall.

Jesus tells us that five of the ten virgins were wise while the other five were foolish. The wise virgins took oil along with their lamps but the foolish ones brought only their lamps. It happened that there was a long delay at the arrival of the bridegroom so all the virgins became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, an announcement came that the bridegroom was on his way.

The five wise virgins trimmed their lamps, filled them with oil, and they went to greet and welcome the bridegroom. The foolish ones asked the wise virgins to help them out but they advised them to go to the **merchant** to buy oil for their lamps. By the time they returned with enough oil for their lamps it was too late for them. The doors to the banquet hall were locked and the foolish virgins were not allowed to join in the wonderful celebration.

One thing is clear in this parable that there are some things we can't borrow from others such as someone else's faith, holiness, endurance or fortitude.

The wise virgins teach us to keep our spiritual lamps lit and burning with the oil of God's grace and holiness. They teach us to keep ourselves awake at the coming of the Lord through prayer, spiritual reading and meditation as well as the frequent reception of the sacraments especially the sacraments of reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.

Our Lord Jesus continues to invite each of us to the table of his heavenly banquet. Together with the wise virgins, we keep vigil for the coming of the Lord. With the Psalmist, we also express our longing for God as we say "My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God" (Psalm 63:2).

Let us ask the Lord to grant us the spirit of endurance and joyful hope for his coming again at the end of time. And may his gift of peace and justice be upon us and on our troubled world.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Offerings of November 4th & 5th, 2023 Regular, \$2,392.00; Fuel, \$190.00; Building Repairs, \$5.00; World Mission Sunday, \$30.00; Evangelist, \$80.00; All Saints, \$508.00; All Souls, \$376.00



November 12th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 November 19th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 November 26th- **NO CLASSES**

The weekend of November 4th & 5th, 2023 the regular collection, All Souls, and All Saints was \$3,276.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$41,402.00 which is \$1,419.00 above budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

Mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal have been sent to all parishioners. If you have not received your envelope in the mail or are new to the parish, there are now envelopes at each of the exits. Your contributions help to support our parish in meeting the federal and state tax exempt status for land and school taxes. This necessary paperwork is filed by the Diocese insuring we maintain our tax exempt status. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal.

Unleashing Love: a Diocesan Women's Conference

Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for information on how to register for a Diocesan Women's Conference being held on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Pius X Church in Loudonville, NY.

Sidney United Methodist Church Bazaar

What: Bazaar and lunch
 When: November 17, 2023 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
 Where: 12 Liberty Street
 Please support our friends and neighbors at their annual Bazaar and soup and sandwich luncheon.



The 2024 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have specific dates that you would like to schedule Masses, please either call the Parish Office or stop by during office hours. Weekend Masses fill up quickly now that we have one Sunday Mass, please plan ahead!

November Bulletin Quotes

"Death is a decisive moment in the human person's encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope. Palliative care and hospice are precious and crucial instruments in the care of patients with serious and complex chronic or terminal illnesses, and they help provide comfort to both the patients and their families."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Resplendent and fading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her." Be wise! Love your spouse always. Make a decision to love. Give your spouse a gift by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. There are also Marriage Encounter Enrichments which are a one day event. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

January 21-23, 2024 in Huntington, NY

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. 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://wwmectw.org/>.

"Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theater

PLAN AHEAD! St. Mary's is sponsoring a bus trip to see "Daniel" at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

DATE: 4/23/2024

COST: \$226.00**

Trying to think of a special Christmas gift for loved one, family member or friend? Why not tickets to see Daniel??

**Ticket cost is based on 40 people signing up for trip.

If less than 40, price increases.

Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, 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, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, 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, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson, Theo Williams, Joan Barber, Stephanie Soldingier, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker

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

