



Mass Intentions for the Week

1-22	Mon	10:30 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-23	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-24	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
1-25	Thurs	9:00 AM	Pat Materazzo By Josephine Materazzo
1-26	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
1-27	Sat	4:00 PM	Chuck LaFave By Marge LaFave
1-28	Sun	10:30 AM	Dorothy Dutton By Travis & Kim Ives



Parish
COFFEE

Getting a little cabin fever?
Need some friendly interactions with positive people? Join your parish family after 10:30 AM Mass this weekend, January 21st for coffee, treats and conversation.

Women's Retreat

Ladies, are you ready for some rest, quiet and spiritual growth? Come away to our annual Women's Retreat Weekend on April 19-21, 2024 At the Dominican Retreat Center. For more information and a flyer contact Paula Ciborowski at 607-563-7066, or Ellen Reuter at 607-563-3259.

Christ's Call to Paul and Us

A free virtual webinar is being offered on Thursday, January 25th from 3:00-4:40 PM. Fr. Richard Fragomeni will reflect on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul. To register go to https://us02web.zoom/webinar/register/WN_VcWxE7SRQ60i5ujpWrsrHQ. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information. A "zoom" session will be here at Sacred Heart, See Paula Ciborowski for more information.

Word of God Sunday-3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drop your net to follow the Lord.

This Sunday is being observed as the "Sunday of the Word of God". Pope Francis instituted this special day in his Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio Aperuit illis*, issued on September 30, 2019.

Our Holy Father declared that every year, the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time should be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God.

This special Sunday brings the universal church to devote herself to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. It gives all of us the opportunity to rediscover the importance of God's Word in our lives and deepen our knowledge and understanding of Sacred Scriptures. This year's celebration of the Word of God Sunday focuses on the theme: "Remain in my word." (John 8:31).

The readings for today's liturgy talk about God's call and the need for conversion and repentance in our lives. The readings teach us to change our evil ways and seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

In the first reading, God called Jonah to preach repentance to the people of Nineveh. Jonah was reluctant to go to this city notorious for wickedness, violence, immorality, and idolatry. He tried to run away from God's call but after a terrible experience on the sea he learned his lesson. Jonah set out to the city of Nineveh and warned the people to reform their lives or else God's wrath will come upon them. The people of Nineveh opened their hearts to God's message and repented of their evil ways. They proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth to demonstrate their remorsefulness and readiness for transformation. God relented of the punishment he had threatened against the people of Nineveh. He spared them for turning to him for mercy and forgiveness.

Surprisingly, Jonah was upset that God showed compassion on the people of Nineveh rather than punish them for their wickedness. Jonah's attitude depicts our human limitations, our unforgiving hearts and natural tendency to revenge or return evil with evil instead of good.

The psalmist exhorts us to seek the path that God desires for us. He tells us to trust in God's guidance and change for the better.

Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that the world in its present form is passing so we should set our hearts on God rather than on temporal things.

Saint Paul admonishes us to set our priorities right by focusing on God's eternal kingdom.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us to repent and believe the Good News for the Kingdom of God is at hand. He called Simon and his brother Andrew as well as James and John to become fishers of people. These folks immediately dropped everything, their fishing job, their nets, and followed Jesus. The urgent response of these four fishermen to the call to discipleship is so striking. They took a leap of faith and placed their life and future into God's hands.

The Lord has called each of us to share in his mission on earth. Like the disciples, let us leave our nets behind to come after the Lord and be fishers of people. Let us strive to live by God's Word and through our example bring others to seek God's kingdom and his eternal truths in their lives.

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of January 27th & 28th, 2024

First Reading-Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Pat Elbrecht

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bill Babbage

Altar Servers

Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Mark 1:21-28

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Ada Rice

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings on January 13th & 14th, 2024 Regular, \$2,581.00; Fuel, \$30.00; Initial, \$140.00



January 21st - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 January 28th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 February 4th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes

The weekend of January 13th & 14th, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,581.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$69,760.15 which is \$5,826.15 above budget.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

As of January 15, 2024 we have met our assessment of \$14,576.00! Thank you to everyone who helped Sacred Heart to reach our assessment once again! Remember every dollar pledged or donated over our assessment amount comes back to Sacred Heart. It is not too late to make your pledge or donation.

12 Signs of a Christian in Name Only vs. One Who Lives the Faith

A nominal Christian often shows little interest in spiritual growth, whereas a sincere believer seeks to grow in the knowledge of God and maturity in their faith (2Peter 3:18).

To be continued next week
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Christmas Card Recycling

Please consider helping a child and Mother Earth by recycling your Christmas cards. Place the **front cover** of your cards in the container in the vestibule. They will be used for Christmas tags on gifts for our local children in need. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Planning for your Golden Years

Please see the flyer in the bulletin for information on an informative event about selling and maintaining your home to achieve its highest worth. The event is on January 30th at 1:00 PM in Oneonta, NY.

Attention Single Women: Could God be calling you?

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life—a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org or call 518-453-6690 for more information.

January Bulletin Quotes

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image.”

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K of C Council #4937 is having a Baker's Dozen Raffle. 13 weeks of raffle drawings followed by a dinner dance. \$40.00 covers 39 chances to win and the party at week 13. The first drawing takes place on Saturday, January 27. Week 13 is Saturday, April 20. Please contact Bill Babbage 386-5880, Chuck Collier 435-7510, or Chris Stillman at 563-2571 for tickets. Proceeds from the Baker's Dozen fund raiser will be used to support the seminarian fund, scholarship fund as well as the three churches our members belong to. Please see the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

Share the Bounty



The Share the Bounty dinner will be this Thursday, January 25th from 4:00-6:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Blessed Carlo

There will be a gathering for youths from grades Kindergarten through 12 at Immaculate Conception Church in Glenville on January 28th from 10AM-12PM. See the flyer in the vestibule to learn more about the first millennial on the way to becoming a saint of the Catholic Church.

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, 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, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, 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, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, 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 Saldinger, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel

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