



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 3-18 Mon 9:00 AM David Parsons
By Pastoral Council
- 3-19 Tues 9:00 AM Theresa Pickens
By the family
- 3-20 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 3-21 Thurs 9:00 AM Emanuel "Zeke" Zieno
By Thomas Zieno & Maria Aebi
- 3-22 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 3-23 Sat 4:00 PM Joseph Schuck
By the family
- 3-24 Sun 10:30 AM Filomena Vacchio
By Tom & Vicky Cardi



Please note the additional Lenten services being offered. You are encouraged to attend these extra services once a week or more.

Weekday Mass Schedule- Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration-

Every Tuesday during Lent immediately following 9:00 AM Mass in the Chapel and followed by Benediction at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 5:30 PM followed by Benediction



50/50 Raffle

The drawing will take place on Sunday, March 17th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center. Come enjoy fellowship and snacks

with your Sacred Heart family. Maybe you will be the lucky winner of the Pot of Gold! Good luck and thank you for supporting Sacred Heart Church.

Communal Penance Service



The celebration of the Communal Lenten Reconciliation Service will take place on Sunday, March 17th at 4:00 PM in the church. Additional Priests will be here to hear individual confessions at this service. Individual confessions will also be available on Good Friday 12:00-1:30 PM. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

5th Sunday of Lent

From death into life

Death isn't a favorite subject for most people. For many, thinking about death brings them overwhelming feelings of discomfort, fear, and panic. It brings pain and sorrow to their hearts. But as human beings, we cannot avoid or ignore the reality of death because it is part and parcel of our life. We should always be ready to face this reality of life.

Jesus was like us in all things except in sin. He experienced anguish as he approached his own impending death. We find evidence of this in today's gospel. Jesus was deeply troubled in soul but he remained obedient to his father's will. He prayed to God for the strength to suffer death on the Cross and to bring us new life.

Jesus announced to his disciples that the hour has come for him (son of man) to be glorified. The kind of hour that he referred to here is his passion, death, and resurrection. It is an hour of his self-sacrificial love for the world.

Jesus used nature as a metaphor to teach us the necessity of death. He pointed out that death leads to new life. He stated that "unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12:24).

This statement is a powerful paradox of life. It refers to Jesus himself and all of us. Jesus sacrificed his life for our salvation. He was the grain of wheat that fell on the ground and produced new life for us. We are all called to pattern our lives after that of Jesus.

We too need to die to ourselves, to let go of our selfish desires and live for others.

Jesus tells us that it is in dying to ourselves that we can truly share in his new life. He invites us to follow his footsteps of selflessness and sacrificial love.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah talks about God's desire to transform us into a new creation. He reminds us that like the house of Israel and Judah, God will make a covenant with us by placing his laws in our hearts. This new and eternal covenant was established in Christ through the blood he shed for us on the cross and restored us to God.

The psalmist echoes the message of the prophet Jeremiah by inviting us to a renewal of our lives. He calls us to implore God to create a clean heart in us and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

In the second reading, the author of the book of the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus became a source of eternal life for us through his suffering and death on the Cross.

Our Lord Jesus continues to offer prayers and supplications to God on our behalf. Let us thank him for his sacrificial love for us and the salvation he won for us on the Cross.

Let us pray for the grace to follow in his footsteps and strive to spend our lives in self-giving and sacrificial service to his church and all others.

I wish all of you a wonderful Saint Patrick's Day this Sunday!

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of March 23rd & 24th, 2024

First Reading- Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading- Philippians 2:6-11

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers

Brock & Easton Porter

Palm Sunday

Gospel- Mark 14:1-15:47

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Dorothy Yaiser

Ada Rice

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings on March 9th & 10th, 2024 Regular, \$2,591.00; Fuel, \$30.00; Black, Native & Latin American Missions, \$5.00; Catholic Relief Services, \$530.00



FAITH FORMATION A JOURNEY FOR LIFE

March 17th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
March 24th - 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes

As of the end of February 2024 the regular collection and Holy Days was \$88,118.00. The budget for these collections is \$89,095.54. To date we are \$977.54 below budget. This report is done monthly now to better reflect the financial standing of our collections.



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



2024 Women's Retreat

This year's retreat will be held on April 19th -21st at the Dominican Retreat House in Niskayuna. See Paula Cibrowski or Ellen Reuter for information on how to register.

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. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more information.



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/honor of a loved one please print their name on the envelope and place it in the collection. Your loved ones will be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!

March Bulletin Quotes

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life...In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

Holy Week and Easter

HOLY THURSDAY-There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule for Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers for Holy Thursday. There is also a sign-up sheet for twelve volunteers that are needed for the "washing of the feet". Please sign up if you would like to volunteer.

GOOD FRIDAY-An email requesting volunteers for altar servers and a Eucharistic Minister was sent.

EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY- an email has been sent to altar servers and Eucharistic ministers asking for volunteers. Please respond to the email if you can volunteer for either of these ministries. There IS NOT a sign up in the vestibule for these two Masses.



9 Month Novena

Join Catholics around the world to pray a 9Month Novena for the protection and love of our Lady of Guadalupe over the next nine months. The novena will culminate in a consecration on her feast day on December. To learn more and to join the 9 Month Novena by log onto novena.cardinalburke.com

Next Sunday, March 24, 2024, Palm Sunday, we will have a parish breakfast after the 10:30 AM Mass. Join us for eggs, sausage, pancakes and coffee. All are welcome to attend.



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, 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, 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, [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, 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, Father Peter, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Joan Barber, Stephanie Saldinger, Eileen Donohue, Rowan DeCocker, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Nancy Herron, Mike Wombacker, Daniel, John Gilmore, Bill Sterchak

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

