



Mass Intentions for the Week

11-11	Mon	9:00 AM	Anna Schuck By the family
11-12	Tues	9:00 AM	Anthony & Marie Capoccia By Ann Zieno
11-13	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
11-14	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alecia Consuelo and family By Alec
11-15	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11-16	Sat	4:00 PM	In honor of the 10 th Wedding Anniversary of Chris & Jamie Berkeley-Hartjen
11-17	Sun	10:30 AM	Judy Cardoni By Carole Ostrander

The Giving Tree is in the sanctuary until December 1. St. Francis reminds us that "it is in giving that we receive." Share the gift of joy with a child in need. Three types of tags decorate the tree – gifts for girls, boys and cash donations. **All unwrapped gifts must be returned by December 1 with the tags attached to the gift.** Please attach the tag to the bag/gift bag to ensure that it is delivered to the correct child. Gifts may be placed under the tree. Envelope ornaments for cash donations may be placed in the collection basket or brought to the office.

Contributions Envelopes

In the next few weeks the 2025 contribution envelopes will be available to be picked up in the vestibule. Due to the continued cost increase of envelopes, **if you currently have an assigned envelope number but are no longer using them please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.** I will make the correction to our files. If you are not using envelopes but would like them please contact the Parish Office and a number will be assigned to you. Thank you!

Words of Appreciation

I wish to express my sincerest thanks to all of you who sent me nice cards and generous gifts during my recent birthday. Thanks to those who organized the coffee hour in my honor and all those who attended the event. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. God bless you for all your love, kindness, and generosity. Fr. Dr. Ben.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The power of trust and generosity

Generosity is a virtue that holds a special place in our hearts. Many of us remember while growing up how our parents and other family members inspired us to practice this virtue and other moral values in our daily life. We remember how they taught us to be generous, to show love, respect and empathy towards others. Each of us can now tell the positive impact these moral values and some others have had on our lives.

In this Sunday's liturgy our readings talk about the importance of true generosity in our lives, and the need for deep faith and trust in God's providence. The readings teach us to eschew the vices of pride and prejudice in our lives. They point out that God values little efforts and gifts offered from a cheerful heart. We find examples of this in the two poor widows who gave away all they possessed to serve God and the needs of others. Both widows offered their little gifts from a sincere and joyful heart.

In the first reading, a poor widow of Zarephath welcomed the prophet Elijah into her home and shared her last meal with him. This was during a time of severe famine in the land of Israel. The poor widow was going to use her little flour and oil to prepare a meal for her son and herself. She used these little resources to prepare a meal for Elijah. God rewarded her generosity. The poor widow's jar of flour did not go empty nor did her jug of oil run dry.

In the gospel, Jesus praised the poor widow who offered all she had to the temple treasury. The poor widow put in two small coins while others put in large sums. Jesus saw the deep trust and the spirit behind her giving. The two poor widows are good examples for all of us. They teach us to be generous with our time, talents, and resources. As God is generous to us so we should give willingly and gladly our gifts to support the work of His kingdom on earth.

We should be cheerful givers, not grudge givers. God takes delight in a gift that is offered from a cheerful heart. A gift that is offered from a cranky heart always misses the blessing and joy that should accompany it.

How generous are you and I to God and others? Do I offer sacrifices to God from my bounty? Do I give with a cheerful heart or grudgingly? It is worth noting that our giving is an act of worship. As we gather around the table of the Lord for this Eucharistic meal, let us pray it may enkindle in us the spirit of generosity toward God's church and one another. This week, let us do our best to follow the example of the poor widows trusting that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor that our jugs of oil run dry.

God bless,
Rev. Dr. Ben



The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's day.

Weekend of November 16th & 17th, 2024

First Reading-Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading- Hebrews 10:11-14

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Jane Artis

Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Mark 13: 24-32

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Pat Smith

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from November 1st, 2nd & 3rd, 2024 Regular collection, \$2,349.00; Fuel, \$250.00; All Souls, \$635.00; All Saints, \$593.00; Immaculate Conception, \$10.00; Christmas flowers, \$10.00, Christmas, \$10.00; World Mission, \$25.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

11/10 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10th
All Saints Assembly

11/17 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for grades Pre-K-10th



An Advent Afternoon

Who: Our Parish Family-all of you
When: December 1, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 PM
Where: The Parish Center
Why: To celebrate the start of the Advent season with Advent activities and projects
RSVP- Faith Formation Office by November 24th



An Advent Scripture Study over Zoom Led by Dr. Joy Galarneau

10:00 AM-noon December 3, 10, 17

Join us to delve into the Christian Scriptures and beyond to uncover the wisdom buried there through the study of Jesus' family tree and the women named there; Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. What do we know about these women? Why were they included in Matthew's genealogy of Jesus?
Cost: \$110.00 to be divided by the number of participants



St. Agnes, Afton and St. John's Bainbridge will be holding a Holiday Bazaar and bake sale on Saturday, November 16 from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Afton Town Hall located at 204 Co Rd 39 (handicap accessible). There will be raffles, crafts, gift baskets and more.

November Bulletin Quotes

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."
Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities
"Living Radical Solidarity"

2024-2025 Diocesan Appeal

There are envelopes available in the vestibule for your contribution if you did not receive a mailing from the Diocese. The assessment for the 2024-2025 appeal for Sacred Heart is \$10,494.00, a decrease of \$4,082.00 from the 2023-2024 appeal. As of November 6th as a parish we have pledges and contributions totaling \$10,006.00.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Grow and prosper in your marriage relationship, in keeping with the promise of the Lord. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:
November 8-10, Huntington, NY
November 15-17, 2024, Bennington, VT
For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd

10th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Please join Chris & Jamie Berkeley-Hartjen in the Parish Center to celebrate their anniversary after the 4:00 PM Mass next Saturday, November 16th. RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/ChrisJamiel10th>

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, 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, 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, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena 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, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Danielle & Phil Guglielmo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfreddine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Kyle Roy, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Rochelle Knapp, Caceres, Gustavo, Rios, Alonso, & SantaCruz families, Andrea Emilia Bernabey

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

