

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 2-3 Mon 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 2-4 Tues 9:00 AM Theresa Zieno
By Paula Ciborowski
- 2-5 Wed 9:00 AM Theresa Zieno
By Daily Mass Coffee Group
- 2-6 Thurs 9:00 AM Alecia Consuelo and Family
By Alec
- 2-7 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
(weather permitting)
- 2-8 Sat 4:00 PM Theresa Zieno
By Tony and Joan Barber
- 2-9 Sun 10:30 AM Mary Alice Bagley
By The Bagley Family

Tax Acknowledgements for 2024 Appeal

As the Stewardship Office does annually, we are in the process of working with our printer, Miller Printing in Amsterdam, to produce and mail the 2024 tax deduction donation letters to Appeal donors. IRS recommends these letters are provided by January 31st which is the timing we meet each year. **Please do not have your parishioners contact our office looking for their tax acknowledgement letter.** Tax acknowledgements are in-process and should be received around January 31st. Thank you!

2024 Statement of Giving

If you would like a statement from the church for your 2024 contributions, please call the Parish Office. Please note that we are only able to print the statements for parishioners who use envelopes.



Next weekend after all Masses Father Ben will be offering the traditional blessing of the throats in honor of Saint Blasé. At the

conclusion of Mass if you wish to receive the blessing come forward to the altar.

Feast of the presentation of the Lord

Forty days after the solemnity of the nativity of the Lord at Christmas we mark the feast of His presentation at the temple in Jerusalem. The feast of the presentation of the Lord was originally called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is now known as the Candlemas in reference to the blessing and solemn procession of candles within the church.

The readings for today's feast teach us to recognize Jesus as the light of the world and open our hearts to His transformative presence.

In the first reading, the prophet Malachi gives us the preview of the role of Jesus in our lives. The prophet Malachi foretold that the Lord would come to His temple to refine, and purify the hearts of His people. The responsorial psalm echoes the message of the first reading reminding us that the Lord, the King of glory will enter His dwelling place.

In the gospel, we are presented with the infancy narrative of Jesus. Saint Luke recounts how Mary and Joseph followed their Jewish tradition by bringing the child Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate Him to the Lord. The Mosaic Law required all Jewish parents to present their first-born son to the Lord by making a sacrifice of either a lamb, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Mary and Joseph offered the sacrifice as prescribed by the law. At the temple, they encountered two venerable elderly figures; Simeon, the prophet and Anna, the prophetess. Both were righteous and devout and were awaiting the consolation of Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon Simeon and it had been revealed to him that he would not taste death until he had seen the Savior. Simeon took the child Jesus in his arms and he blessed God. He proclaimed his famous song of praise called the Nunc Dimittis: "Now let your servant go in peace according to your promise for my eyes have seen your salvation which you prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles and the glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:29). This Canticle is used as part of night prayer in the liturgy of the hours.

Simeon declared to Mary that her child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and that a sword will pierce through her own soul so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. On her part, Anna praised God and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the liberation of Jerusalem.

Today's feast encourages all of us to learn from the example of Mary and Joseph. Like them, we need to take our sacred duty seriously and place in God's hands whatever we hold precious in our hearts, especially our marriage, families, children, friends, and relatives. As Christian parents, we have a religious obligation to bring our children to God. It is important to come to mass with our children, to help grow their faith and inspire them to embrace and walk in the light of Christ. Like Simeon and Anna, we need to be devout and open our eyes to recognize and embrace God's presence in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. Let us recognize God's presence with us as we gather to be nourished and transformed by His Living Word and the Eucharist. Let us pray for the grace to allow the light of Christ to shine in us and through our words and actions inspire others to walk in the brilliance and splendor of God's light.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of February 8th & 9th, 2025

First Reading-Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8

Second Reading-1Corinthians15:1-11

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gospel-Luke 5:1-11

Celebrant:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Chris Berkley-Hartjen

Eucharistic Ministers

Ginni Brandt

Altar Servers

Jack, Henry and Ella Grigoli

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Nancy Kahane

Kristin Reuter

Brock Porter and Gabriel Harris

Offerings from January 25th & 26th, 2025 Regular collection, \$2,153.00; Fuel, \$70.00; Repairs, \$125.00; Initial Offering, \$8.00; Evangelist, \$25.00;



Religious Education 2024-2025

2/2/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th
 2/9/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th
 2/16/2025 **No Classes**

As of December 31, 2024 we have collected \$66,008.00 in the regular collection, Feast of the Assumption, All Saints/All Souls, and Christmas. The 2024-2025 budget for these collections is \$68,630.00. Our collections are currently \$2,622.00 below the 2024-2025 budget.

There are a copies of the Diocesan Appeal Impact Report 2023-2024 booklet in the vestibule and Chapel. Please feel free to look it over/read. Please leave the booklet on the bulletin boards when you are finished so that others will have the same opportunity to read this information. Thank you!

Annual Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast



The annual Boy Scout Breakfast is next Saturday, February 8th from 7:00 AM until noon. Please join them for a delicious breakfast and support the Boy Scouts. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

Prayer for those affected by the LA fires

Heavenly Father.
 You are our refuge and strength, a constant help in times of trouble. We ask for your protection over us, first responders, and the communities facing the forces of nature.
 Calm the storms, shield us all from harm, and grant wisdom to those who guide and protect us.
 May Your peace fill all of our hearts, even in the midst of uncertainty, and may we always trust in Your loving care.
 Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
 Anyone who would like to donate to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund can do so online at <https://lacatholics.org/california-fires/>

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

“A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned.”

Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021

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The Office for Discipleship Formation is sponsoring a “Winter Retreat Day” on Thursday, February 27th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at Saint Matthew’s Parish in Voorheesville. See the flyer on the bulletin boards by each of the exits for more information.



As was announced at last week’s Masses, Bishop Scharfenberger released a statement on the change in the United States Immigration policy and the Albany of Diocese response to that change. Bishop Scharfenberger’s letter is posted on the bulletin boards near each of the exits. Please take a moment to read the information.

Youth Ministry Activity

Dave Stagliano the Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Albany Diocese is offering an opportunity for parishioners of the Albany Diocese to attend an Albany Firewolves Indoor Lacrosse game. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule if you and your family are interested in attending. You can also contact Dave Stagliano at stagliad@rcda.org for more information on how to register. What a great way to beat cabin fever!

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, 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 & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, 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, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler.

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

