

Mass Intentions for the Week

- 2-10 Mon 9:00 AM Mary and Joesph Komorniki
By Pauls Ciborowski
- 2-11 Tues 9:00 AM Theresa Zieno
By Rosary Society
- 2-12 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parshioners
- 2-13 Thurs 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 2-14 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
(weather permitting)
- 2-15 Sat 4:00 PM Judy Cardoni
By Carole Ostrander
- 2-16 Sun 10:30 AM Madeline De Falco Franzo
By Joseph L. Franzo



Thank you to all who helped with the Share the Bounty dinner this month. Your continued support and dedication to this ministry is greatly appreciated!

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.

Parish Coffee



Please join with your parish family after the 10:30 AM Mass on February 16th, 2025 for coffee, goodies and fellowship. All Parishioners are invited regardless of the Mass you attend.

Happy Valentine's Day



Friday, February 14th is Valentine's Day. Please take a moment to express your love to someone in need of encouragement.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's call and our unworthiness

All of us are frail creatures. We all struggle with our sinfulness and our brokenness. More often, the consciousness of our imperfections and limitations creates a deep sense of unworthiness and inadequacies within us. The feelings of shortcomings and unworthiness hold us back from responding to God's call to ministry. The readings for this Sunday teach us to be open to God's call no matter how unworthy we may feel or believe ourselves to be. The readings encourage us to cooperate with God's grace and heed the call to service. We learn from the experiences of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter how each of them responded to God's call to service despite their sinfulness and unworthiness. They all allowed the grace and mercy of God to transform them and work in their lives.

In the first reading, Isaiah acknowledged his own sinfulness and wretchedness before the holiness of God. Isaiah did not see himself worthy enough to be God's prophet or a messenger. He proclaimed: "Woe is me; I am doomed. For I am a sinful man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips". In a more spectacular way, God sent the Holy Seraph to cleanse and purify Isaiah from his sinfulness and iniquities. Isaiah responded to God's call. He declared: "Here I am, send me"

In the second reading, Paul confessed his sinfulness and unworthiness to proclaim the gospel message of God's unfailing love to the world. Paul identified himself as the least of the apostles because of his former way of life. He persecuted the church of God but after his encounter with the Risen Christ on the road to Damascus, he became a whole new person. Paul experienced the power of God's loving mercy and grace. He trusted in the words of the Lord, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

In the gospel, Peter felt unworthy to come into Jesus's presence. Peter and his companions went fishing and they worked all night without catching a single fish. These folks were disappointed and despondent. They were washing their nets and preparing to go home. Jesus drew near to them and offered them hope. He instructed Peter and his companions to put out the nets into the deep water to catch some fish. He invited them to take a leap of faith. They did and got the great catch of fish. At this, Peter fell to his knees and said to Jesus: "Depart from me for I am a sinful man." (Luke 5:8). Jesus encouraged him, "Do not be afraid; henceforth, you will be catching men." Inspired by the miraculous catch Peter and his companions left everything and followed Jesus. All of us are called to God's service. Like Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we too need to go beyond our fears, hopelessness and allow God's grace to heal our brokenness and sanctify us for his work. #

With the psalmist, let us thank and praise God for His enduring love and kindness towards us. Let us surrender our fears and unworthiness to the Lord and so say, "Here I am, send me."

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of February 15th & 16th, 2025

First Reading-Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Second Reading-1Corinthians15:12, 16-20

Saturday 4:00 PM

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Jane Artis
- Eucharistic Ministers** Bill Babbage
- Altar Servers** Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gospel-Luke 6:17 20-26

Sunday 10:30AM

- Fr. Ben
- Brock Porter
- Paula Ciborowski
- Anderson & Garrett Callender

Offerings from February 1st & 2nd, 2025 Regular collection, \$2125.00; Fuel, \$105.00; Repairs, \$180.00; Initial Offering, \$10.00; Evangelist, \$115.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$35.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

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

Prayer for World Day of the Sick

"Lord, hear my prayer; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly." Psalm 102:2-3

Illness reveals our human vulnerabilities, which is exactly where God meets us. Let us pray for God's healing presence in all the world's ailments:
For the sick and those impacted by illness of mind, body, or spirit,
For those bound by injustice, or who live in fear.
God of wholeness and hope, heal your people.
For the imprisoned and those who care for them,
For migrants and refugees escaping violence and those who welcome them,
For the elderly, and anyone who feels forgotten by society,
God of wholeness and hope, heal your people.
For safe spaces of healing in all corners of creation:
facilities, homes, churches, and everywhere in between,
For those who offer and those who receive compassionate care therein,
God of wholeness and hope, heal your people. Amen.

World Marriage Day-February 9, 2025



Today we celebrate World Marriage Day. The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with

supporting and promoting marriage and the family. This year's theme is "Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!" The Prophet Isaiah, St. Paul, and St. Peter were humble before the Lord and converted and transformed by his grace. The readings from sacred scripture today are bound by three powerful yet different examples of the virtue of humility. Humility allows us to live and stay rooted in the truth. It can crack open the heart to allow God's grace to flow into our lives. Humility is a pivotal and foundational virtue, the queen of virtues.

~taken from USCCB.org

For all our married parishioners please take time to day to reflect on God's gift of grace in your marriage.

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

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.

Ignite 2025 Catholic Men's Conference

We are excited to announce that the IGNITE Catholics Men's Conference is back with a great lineup of speakers: Bear Woznick, Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck and Ben Steele. As always Bishop Lucia will start the day with Holy Mass. IGNITE will return to Bishop Ludden Junior/Senior High School this year. Mark your calendar **NOW** and register early to save \$20. We are challenging everyone to not only register yourself but bring a family member or friend to share the day. Please go to the website for more information. Register online at www.ignitecatholicmen.org. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana 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 Gugliemo, 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, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Rochelle Knapp, Caceres, Gustavo, Rios, Alonso, & Santa Cruz families, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Dan Tiska
Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.



