

Mass Intentions for the Week

2-17	Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
2-18	Tues	9:00 AM	John Elbrecht By Daily Mass Coffee Group
2-19	Wed	9:00 AM	Theresa Zieno By Ada Rice
2-20	Thurs	9:00 AM	Zeus Falanga By Alex
2-21	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service (weather permitting)
2-22	Sat	4:00 PM	Joan Kaiser By Her sister Val Maruszewski
2-23	Sun	10:30 AM	Lillian Alger By Diana Torta

Please welcome Lynette Sweet, the new Administrative Assistant. Carole will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday training Lynette, and will work with her for the next few months.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4937 extends a sincere thank you to the parishioners of Sacred Heart and St. Agnes/St. John's for generosity in supporting our sponsorship of seminarians for 2025.



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.



Our collection last week reflects that winter is officially upon us! Your safety is our number one concern so if you were unable to attend Mass because of unsafe road conditions it is understood. We still need your support to meet our weekly financial obligations. We will greatly appreciate your support in today's collection if you include a donation for the week you were unable to attend Mass. Thank you for your generous support of our parish family!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Place your trust and hope in God alone

"You can't navigate life without God. Trust God completely with your life and always lean on Him." An elderly priest offered us these words of wisdom years ago at our annual priests' retreat. Those inspiring words have stuck with me. Many of us know how in our Christian life, we struggle to trust God and His purpose for our lives. In most times, our human nature influences us to rely on ourselves or willpower. We feel comfortable trusting in our own human abilities and seek false security in material things. We forget that true happiness is never found in human status or power and material wealth except only in God.

The readings for this Sunday challenge us to trust completely in God and depend on Him in all things. The readings teach us to embrace the values of God's kingdom and generously share our blessings or fortunes with the poor and the marginalized in our midst.

In the first reading, Jeremiah denounced the people of Judah for turning their back on God and depending on human strength and worldly possessions. The people of Judah abandoned God for other false gods.

In a poetic language, Jeremiah drew a sharp contrast between those who trust in themselves or worldly power versus those who rely on God. He compared the ones who rely on human powers or wealth to the dry shrubs in the desert. Jeremiah observed that such persons cannot thrive or survive because they are disconnected to God who is the ultimate source of life. In the case of those who put their trust in God, they are like a fruitful tree planted beside the flowing waters. Those people have no fear of heat because their spiritual roots always stretch to the stream to receive nourishment and flourishing. We each need to discern where we fit in this metaphor? What is our fate? Could we be described as the barren bush or the fruitful tree planted beside streaming waters?

In the gospel, Jesus presented His famous sermon on the mount with focus on beatitudes and curses. He pronounced blessings on the poor in spirit, the downtrodden, the sorrowing, the oppressed and persecuted. He, however, denounced those who put their hope in material things. Jesus taught us a way of living that turns or flips the values of the world upside down. He made it clear that the fortunes of the rich and those who have no room for God in their heart or care about the plight of others will be reversed.

The beatitudes teach us to use worldly goods justly, charitably, and reasonably. They call us to care for the needs of the less fortunate and all those on the fringes of society.

In the second reading, Saint Paul speaks of the resurrection of Jesus as the foundation of our Christian faith. Saint Paul makes a powerful argument that if Jesus has not been raised from the dead then our faith is meaningless, and we are the most pitiable of people. He exhorts all of us to keep the hope of the resurrection alive in our hearts and walk on the path of love that leads to eternal life. We are called to live in ways that are pleasing to the Lord, to show love and compassion for the less fortunate. Let us allow the beatitudes to guide our heart and actions each day by uplifting others. Let us all pray to God for the grace to walk the path that leads to His presence and to find true peace and happiness in Him.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of February 22nd & 23rd, 2025

First Reading-1Samuel:26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
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Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Servers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Fr. Ben

Lorraine Keckeisen

Pat Tartaglia

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gospel-Luke6:27-

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Pat Smith

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from February 8th & 9th, 2025 Regular collections, \$1730.00; Fuel, \$40.00; Repairs and Improvements; \$65.00; Religious Education, \$500.00; Evangelist, \$20.00; Solemnity of Mary, \$20.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

2/16/2025

No Classes

2/23/2025

9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10th

As of January 31, 2024 we have collected \$76,508.00 in the regular collection, Solemnity of Mary, Feast of the Ascension, Feast of the Assumption, All Saints/All Souls, Immaculate Conception and Christmas. The 2024-2025 budget for these collections is \$80,230.00. Our collections are currently \$3,722.00 below the 2024-2025 budget.



“Gather Us In “ All Are Welcome

Please join us on March 9th at 2pm for a Lenten afternoon of REFLECTION. We will be creating activities to enhance our Lenten Devotions in preparation for Easter. RSVP is required to ensure I have sufficient supplies for all that are attending. Please contact Paula at 607-563-7066 Or formingfaith@gmail.com

The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th, 2025 in observance of President’s Day.

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”
respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

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.

If you have suffered sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or other individual representing the Catholic Church, it was not your fault. The Albany Diocese encourages victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse to come forward for help. Our assistance coordinator, Noelle Marie, is available to receive reports of misconduct by Clergy or others working or volunteering for the Diocese. Noelle can help you access counseling assistance, give you the opportunity to tell your story in a supportive environment, explain the diocesan reporting & review process, and if desired, arrange meetings with the bishop.

Contact Noelle at 518-453-6646 or email:

assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.

For more information on reporting or help, please visit: <https://www.rcda.org/offices/safe-environment>. The Diocese acknowledges the pain we have caused through our past actions, and wants to assist you in any way we can. We are deeply sorry for what you have endured.

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, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Olivia Ross & family Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pandolfino, 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, Phyllis Blincoe, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Fralich, Rochelle Knapp, Caceres, Gustavo, Rios, Alonso, & Santa Cruz families, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Dan Tiska, Chris West

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