

Mass Intentions  for the Week

2-24	Mon	9:00 AM	Bonnie Figary By Marge LaFave
2-25	Tues	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
2-26	Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
2-27	Thurs	9:00 AM	Carmie Mirabito By Dan & Ginni Brandt
2-28	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service (weather permitting)
3-01	Sat	4:00 PM	Theresa Zieno By Bart Liberatore and Family
3-02	Sun	10:30 AM	Theresa Zieno By Knights of Columbus

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.



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!

Ash Wednesday

There is a basket in the vestibule for you to return palms that will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper

We will be holding our annual soup supper on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5, 2025 after the 5:30 PM Mass. There is a sign-up sheet in the church vestibule and the chapel for helpers with set-up, serving and clean-up. We also need people to bring in meatless soups, macaroni and cheese, and Jell-O. Thank you for your support of this event

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Overcome evil with good

Revenge is a universal human instinct. It is a driving force within each one of us. When someone mistreats us or wrongs and hurts us, our human instinct urges us to take vengeance into our own hands. We seek to strike back or retaliate thinking that we can balance the scales of justice on the wrongdoer or the perpetrator. But revenge is never the best way to respond to wrongdoing because this retaliatory behavior creates cycles of violence, hurt, and pain. There are plenty of instances where revenge or retaliation escalated a conflict and inflicted wounds. It is said that to err is human and to forgive is divine. Rather than returning evil with evil we should walk the way of mercy and forgiveness.

The readings for this Sunday's liturgy challenge us to overcome our retaliatory instincts and always use non-violent means to address wrongdoing and hurts. The readings teach us to choose mercy over vengeance.

In the first reading, David showed mercy and forgiveness towards King Saul who plotted to kill him. King Saul was jealous of David because of his fame and popularity. He was worried that the latter would dethrone him one day, so he sought to eliminate him. King Saul pursued David into the desert of Ziph where he grew tired and rested in a cave. David found King Saul asleep, and completely vulnerable in his hands, but he chose to spare his life. He did not raise his hand against the Lord's anointed one. He showed love, mercy, and compassion towards King Saul.

In the gospel, Jesus gives us clear guidance on how to respond to those who wrong us and cause us pain. He teaches us to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us, bless, and pray for those who mistreat us. Jesus challenges us to use non-violence resistance to curb evil by turning the other cheek. This is a difficult command to follow but it is necessary for our Christian living. The Lord calls to follow the golden rule, to treat others as we want others to treat us. He wants us to be merciful, to stop judging and condemning, and forgive one another.

The responsorial psalm reminds us that the Lord is kind and merciful. The psalmist tells us that God shows us compassion, pardons our iniquities, and redeems us.

Saint Paul urges us in the second reading to overcome our human inclinations and model the true image and likeness of our heavenly father. Saint Paul exhorts us to make our actions reflect always the goodness of God to those around us and all others.

All of us need to open ourselves up to divine discipline, to show mercy and return evil with good. The next time someone is nasty to us let us not retaliate but respond in a loving and compassionate way. The teaching of Jesus is never going to be easy for us but with God's grace and strength it can make a difference in our lives. Let us ask our Lord Jesus Christ, the New Adam to help us to walk the way of His love and compassion in our dealings and relationships with others.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of March 1st & 2nd, 2025

First Reading-Sirach 27: 4-7

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 6:39-45

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Dorothy Yaiser

Eucharistic Ministers

Jane Artis

Altar Servers

Anderson & Garrett Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Ada Rice

Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Offerings from February 15th & 16th, 2025 Regular collections, \$1,514.00; Initial Offering, \$5.00



Religious Education 2024-2025

2/23/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Assembly for Pre-K-10th
 3/02/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes 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



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. 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

What are you giving up for Lent?

Here are 5 ideas that might prove challenging but they may help to actively cultivate virtue and really target our faults.

- 1-**Mortify your will through the practice of obedience**-do this by cheerfully serving the people in your life.
- 2-**Attend especially to the tasks you don't like doing.**
- 3-**Embrace annoyances**-when others annoy you, examine yourself and discern how you, too, act or think in that way.
- 4-**Impose a strict watch on your tongue.**
- 5-**Check impulsive actions**-will this action really help anyone?
~from The Catholic Company

Word of Life Bulletin Quotes

“The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished.”
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 Respect Life Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent
uscbb.org/cherished-chosen-sent-reflection

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.

Saint Mary Recycle Mission

We received a mailing from Saint Mary Recycle Mission in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to participate in this worthy undertaking. St. Mary Recycle is a Catholic mission group that began in 1998 to help rescue and preserve used and unwanted religious items. They help to keep them from being disposed of when they can be used by others who cannot afford new. There is a list of items that St. Mary recycle accepts posted on the bulletin board on bright orange paper in the vestibule as well as a receptacle for your donations. St. Mary recycle will be here to pick up the donations the week of April 7th. You can learn more about this organization by going to www.St.MaryRecycleMissionGroup.com.

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 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 Solding, 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, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Dan Tiska, Chris West, Fred Mertz

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

