

Mass Intentions for the Week

10/ 27	Mon	9:00 AM	Our President By The Collier's
10/ 28	Tues	9:00 AM	Audrey Massone By Carol Jensen
10/ 29	Wed	9:00 AM	Chris Wear By Ellen Hogan & Family
10/ 30	Thurs	9:00 AM	Chuck LaFave By Marge LaFave
10/ 31	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
11/ 01	Sat	4:00 PM	Raymond Joseph & Ray Keckeisen, Monsignor James Cox By Lorraine Keckeisen
11/02	Sun	10:30 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo

World Mission Sunday

On behalf of the Pontifical Mission Societies, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in last week's second collection for World Mission Sunday. As a parish we collected \$714.00. Let us continue to pray for our missionaries and the people they serve, and may we always be mindful of our call to be missionaries in our own lives.

Mass for the Commemoration of the Dead

It has been our tradition at Sacred Heart to light a candle and display the names of our deceased faithful who passed away during the church year. Next weekend on **November 1st and November 2nd** a family member or friend has been invited onto the sanctuary to light a candle in memory of their departed loved one. Letters have been mailed to family members and they should contact the parish office if they plan to attend.

If you wish to have any loved ones remembered at all Masses during November, please fill out the All Souls envelope in your packet of envelopes and place it in the collection basket. If you don't use envelopes, please use the All Souls envelopes provided in the vestibule of the church. All Souls envelopes will remain on the altar during the month of November.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: The Prayer of the Humble Heart

This Sunday readings invite us to pause and look inward—to examine the posture of our hearts before God and one another. They challenge us to set aside pride and self-righteousness, and instead to walk the path of humility, sincerity, and dependence on divine mercy.

In the first reading, the book of Sirach reminds us that God is just and impartial. He hears the cry of the poor, the orphaned and the widow. Sirach offers a striking image: "The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." This is a beautiful assurance that God's Heart is especially attentive to those who approach Him in humility and sincerity.

The responsorial psalm echoes this truth: "The Lord hears the cry of the poor." God is near to the brokenhearted and delivers them from all their distress. His mercy is tender, attentive, and always within reach.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reflects on a life poured out in service to the Gospel. He endured trials not by his own strength, but by relying on God. His perseverance in faith assured him of the crown of righteousness. Saint Paul encourages us to run the race of faith with endurance, trusting in God's sustaining grace.

In the Gospel, Jesus presents a powerful parable, contrasting two men who went up to the temple to pray: a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee stood confidently, recounting his religious accomplishments and comparing himself to others. The tax collector, however, stood at a distance, unable even to lift his eyes to heaven. He beat his chest and prayed with sincerity: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Jesus tells us that it was the tax collector who went home justified, not because of merit, but because of mercy. His humility opened the door to grace.

This parable invites us to approach not God with pride but with lowliness of heart. It teaches us that when we come before the Lord in humility, we encounter His tender mercy and transforming love. It is not our achievements that justify us, but our openness to grace.

Like St. Paul, we are called to run the race of faith with endurance, not relying on our own strength, but on God's sustaining grace. Let us not be consumed by pride, but instead embrace the spirit of humility, sincerity, and trust in divine mercy. May our prayers, like those of the lowly and contrite, rise through the clouds and reach the heart of God.

God bless you all.

Fr. Dr. Ben



Weekend of November 1st & 2nd, 2025

First Reading- Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading- 1John 3:1-3

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Father Ben

Lector:

Ginni Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Early, Dorothy Yaiser, Carole Ostrander

Altar Servers

Anderson & Garret Callender

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Nany Kahane – bread, Josh Gronwall, Emelinda Gromwall

Jack & Ella Grilgoli

Offerings from October 18th & 19th: Regular, \$2522.00; Fuel, \$50.00; Repairs & Improvements, \$20.00; All Souls, \$5.00; All Souls, \$5.00; Initial Offering, \$5.00; Votives, \$23.00; Mission Sunday, \$714.00



Religious Education 2025-2026

10/26	9:00-10:15 AM	Classes for Pre-K-10 th grade
11/02	9:00-10:15 AM	Classes for Pre-K-10 th grade
11/09	9:00-10:15 AM	Classes for Pre-K-10 th grade
	9:10 AM	– Parent Meeting for 1 st Reconciliation
11/16	9:00-10:15 AM	Classes for Pre-K-10 th grade
	9:10 AM	– Parent meeting for Confirmation
11/23	9:00-10:15 AM	Classes for Pre-K-10 th grade
11/30	9:00-10:15 AM	Classes for Pre-K-10 th grade

Holiday Bazaar

St. John's, Bainbridge will be holding a Holiday Bazaar Saturday, November 15 from 8:30am – 12:30pm at the Afton Town Hall, 204 Co Rd 39 (handicap Accessible). Raffles, Crafts, Gift Baskets & more!

Cooking with Father Joe

Join us on Tuesday October 28th from 4pm to 7pm for a cooking lesson with Fr. Joe Arockiasamy on Chicken Curry. Registration is required by Oct 21st, please contact Paula 607-563-7066. More information on flyer in flyer in vestibule.

Share the Bounty Dinner

This month's Share the Bounty Dinner is October 30, 2025,
4:30 – 6:30 pm
All are welcome!!

New Bishop Diocese of Albany

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has named Bishop Mark O'Connell, JCD of the ArchDiocese of Boston as the 11th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany effective Dec. 5, 2025. For more information please see notices in the vestibule.

Flooding Old Church

Unfortunately we have had a flooding incident in the old church. We are currently working with Catholic Mutual. Until further notice the old church will be unavailable for meetings.

October Bulletin Quotes

"When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life

Reflection:

"I Came So That They Might Have Life"

Wisdom of the Saints

Lay all your cares about the future trustingly in God's hands, and let yourself be guided by the Lord just like a little child.

~St. Edith Stein

Duc in Altum Discernment

This 20-week discernment program at the St. Isaac Jogues House of Formation is designed to aid men in the Diocese of Albany as they discern a possible call to the Priesthood. For More Information see the flyer on Bulletin Board.

Question of the Week

The Reward of Humility

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted. (Luke 18:14)

Luke 18:9-14*The Pharisee and the tax collector

Adults: When have you felt self-satisfied in observing the mistakes of others? What should we remember at such times?

Kids: Have you ever thought you were better than someone else? What is the problem with such thoughts?

Diocesan Appeal 2026

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment increased \$8,658.00 this year to \$19,152.00. We have collected as of 10/16/25 \$7418.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Grady Charles Weigand, 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., 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 Keckseisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, 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, 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, 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 Kiselic, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert., John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Patricia Houghton, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple

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