

Mass Intentions for the Week

9/29 Mon 9:00 AM Marian Cardoza
By Marge LaFave
9/30 Tues 9:00 AM Pat Elbrecht
By Nancy Ives
10/1 Wed 9:00 AM Pat Elbrecht
By The Rosary Society
10/2 Thurs 9:00 AM Jim Ives
By Nancy Ives
10/3 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
10/4 Sat 4:00 PM Patricia Houghton
By Daily Coffee Group
10/5 Sun 10:30 AM Mark Granan
By the Family

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. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday October 5th @ 1PM
St. Francis Shrine in the back of the church.
Please bring your pets for this special blessing.

Catholic University of America

This weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic Leaders, both religious and lay who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reaching Out to the Lazarus at our Gate

This Sunday's readings shake us from spiritual complacency. They challenge us to look beyond comfort, recognize the suffering around us and respond with compassion.

In the first reading, the prophet Amos delivered a sharp warning to those who enjoy comfort while ignoring the poor. He condemned self-indulgence and indifference, declaring that such comfort will not last.

His words echo across time, urging us to examine our own lives, whether we are too comfortable to care or too distracted to notice. Amos reminds us that indifference has consequences, and comfort without compassion is fleeting. The responsorial psalm lifts our gaze to God who defends the oppressed and uplifts the poor. It calls us to reflect God's mercy by caring deeply for those most in need.

In the Gospel, Jesus told the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, a story of contrast and consequence. The rich man lived in luxury, blind to the suffering at his doorstep. Lazarus, covered with sores, longed for scraps that fell from the rich man's table. After death, their fortunes were reversed. Lazarus was comforted in the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man suffered in torment.

The rich man's regret came too late. His life of greed and indifference had eternal consequences. The parable is a wake-up call. It teaches us that actions matter, that our indifference has consequences. We must not wait until it is too late to love.

In the second reading, Saint Paul urges us to "fight the good fight" and pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. These virtues guide us on our journey toward eternal life and help us to live as true disciples. Lazarus lives among us. He is the hungry person, the lonely elder, the refugee seeking safety, the neighbor silently struggling. He is at our gate.

This week, let us ask God for eyes to see the Lazarus in our midst. Let us pray for hearts that feel and hands that serve. May we respond with love, generosity and courage knowing that in every act of mercy, we meet Christ Himself in those near and far.

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben

We did not meet our goal last week for operations expenses. Your contributions continue to help us to meet the needs of the Sacred Heart Parish. Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated.

Weekend of October 4th & 5th 2025

First Reading- Habakkuk 1:2-3:2-4

Second Reading- 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 17:5-10

Celebrant:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Father Ben

Lector:

Sherri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers

Bill Babbage, Gene Walsh, Ginni Brandt

Altar Servers

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Carole Ostrander

Kristin Reuter, Paula Ciborowski, Nancy Kahane - bread

Jack & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from September 13th & 14th: Regular, \$1955.00; Religious Education, \$121.00; Evangelist \$52.00



Religious Education 2025-2026

9/28/2025 9:00-10:15 AM Classes for Pre-K-10th grade

Harvest Festival 2025



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 10th & 11th! We need crafts for the Craft Booth, items for the Farmer's Market, Treasure Chest, soups and baked goods. Please bring your donations for the Treasure Chest and Craft booth to the Parish Center before October 3rd so the items can be priced. All donations must be brought in a week before the festival, donations brought in after the 3rd will not be accepted.

- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **Paperback books only, no cookbooks**
- **No stuffed animals** (donate to local ambulance squads)
- **No clothing** (donate to Nex-to-New)
- **No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**
- Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free.
- Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items must be clean and in working order.
- Holiday decorations especially; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter would be most appreciated.
- Donations of uniquely crafted handmade items are needed for the Craft Booth.
- Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours. Please contact the Parish Office, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations.
- **Donations left outside the Parish Center cannot be accepted per Catholic Mutual guidelines.** *Please do not leave items outside the doorways or inside the hallways. This is so we are in compliance with fire and safety codes.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival are in the vestibule of the church.

September Bulletin Quotes

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity.
USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

Parish Center- Reminder

Beginning Monday September 22nd the Parish Center will be closed in order for the Harvest Festival committees to begin setup.

Rosary Devotion

Please join us after the 4:00 PM Mass Saturday, October 4th to pray the rosary. All are welcome to join us in the church.

Wisdom of the Saints

God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray.
~St. Louis DeMonfort

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.

Special Thank you

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Golden Age Party. It was a great time for all who attended!

Question of the Week

The Rich and The Poor

There was a rich man and at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. (Luke 16:19-21)

Luke 16:19-31* The rich man and Lazarus

Adults: What are the "rewards" of caring for the needs of the poor?

Kids: What is the one thing you and your family could do this week to help those who are poor or sick?

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 Keckeisen, 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 Storzing, 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, Avery Maggio

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