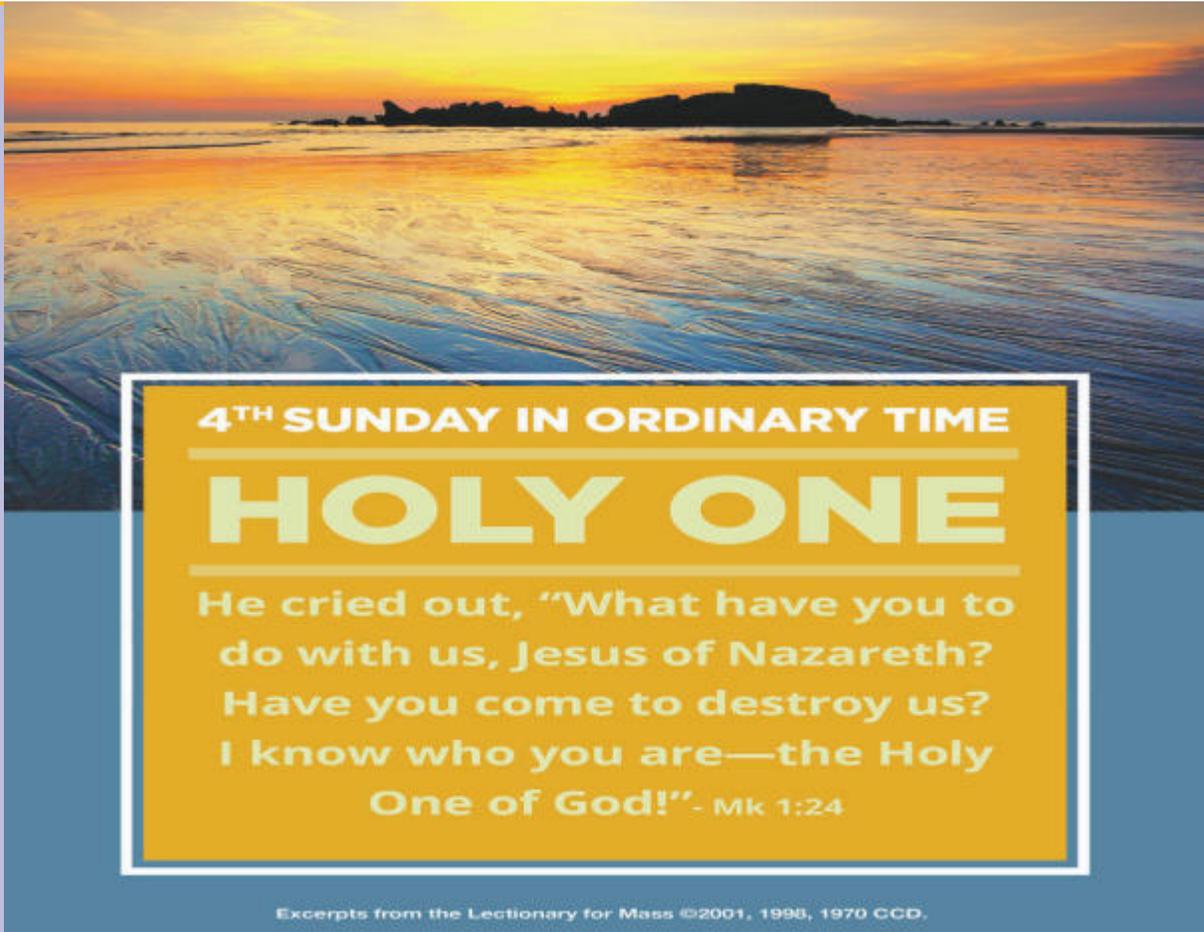


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*January 31, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy of us. Our Lady of Knock, Intercede for us. St. John the Baptist, Pray for us.



The 10:00am mass on **Wednesday, February 3rd** will be online only this week. Please join us live on Facebook at 10:00am, or after that on Fr. Steve Matthews YouTube channel or at [www.sholk.weebly.com](http://www.sholk.weebly.com) to view mass at a later time.

Our Fall and Winter Mass Schedule is as follows:

*(Effective Through May 23, 2021.)*

Saturday vigil **4:00 pm** (Our Lady of Knock Shrine).

Sunday **9am** (St. John the Baptist Church) and **11am** (Sacred Heart Church).

**Reservations are required for all masses.**

Please plan on arriving at least **30 minutes** early at all public masses until further notice.

**Parking lots close 15 minutes before mass.**

Please be in your seat by 10 minutes before mass, when the doors will be closed.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Please note that the 11 am Mass will be on Facebook Live starting at 11:00 am and on our websites and YouTube later on Sunday. We apologize if there are any technical difficulties.

**Confession Times** - call office for an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**— call either parish office.

## Welcome to our One Roman Catholic Faith Community!

While we can only gather in smaller groups in our worship sites, we can all continue to pray for each other. We can also join together in prayer via YouTube, Facebook and our parishes' websites (see addresses below). Fr. Steve

### Sacraments

Roman Catholics believe in Seven Sacraments. If you or someone you know is behind in receiving any of the sacraments, Please contact us and we'll help you get "caught up."

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FrSteveMatthews@gmail.com

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTdE-NcnATWiSfH7JbIFukw>

St. John the Baptist Church  
Sacred Heart Church/Our Lady of Knock Shrine  
While a new website is under construction please go to [sholk.weebly.com](http://sholk.weebly.com) for information.

#### **St. John the Baptist Church**

Parish Office:

#### **Mailing address:**

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Greenville, NY 12083  
518-966-8317

*(Physical address:*

4987 State Route 81  
Greenville, NY 12083)

Mrs. Paula Dennis  
Parish Office

[sjbgreenville@gmail.com](mailto:sjbgreenville@gmail.com)

#### **Sacred Heart Church & Our Lady of Knock**

Parish Office for both Sacred Heart & Our Lady of Knock:

35 Church Street,  
Cairo, NY 12413  
518-622-3319

#### **Our Lady of Knock**

*(do not send mail to this address)*

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Ms. Melissa Rompolski  
Parish Office

[sacredheartolok@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartolok@gmail.com)

Emails for faith formation should be sent to  
[3faithin1@gmail.com](mailto:3faithin1@gmail.com)

### **New Office Hours Have Started**

#### **St. John the Baptist**

Office open with no appointment:

Tuesdays 10:30am - 2:30pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday - call for appointment  
518-966-8317

#### **Sacred Heart Church/Our Lady of Knock Shrine**

Office open with no appointment:

Wednesdays 10:30am - 2:30pm

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - call for appointment  
518-622-3319

**If you are planning to come in for a mass card please call ahead with the information so we can have it ready for you.**

When leaving phone messages, please remember to state your name and phone number clearly, distinctly and repeat the number twice. We have received a number of messages that we cannot understand the name or the number. We apologize if we can't call you back!

Also please note that a parish volunteer handles our Facebook page, if you need to get in touch and would like to get a message to us please send an email to either parish office not a message through Facebook. Thank you.

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed. ©LPi

#### **Our Fall/Winter Worship Site Hours:**

**Sacred Heart Church** - only open for Sunday Mass - 10:15 until 12:15 only.

**St. Catherine of Siena Chapel** (on Sacred Heart grounds)  
usually open 24 hours a day.

**Our Lady of Knock Shrine** - Open - Sunday through Thursday: 10am until 4pm; Fridays: 10 am until 3pm and Saturdays: 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm (for mass only).

**Saint John the Baptist** - Eucharistic Chapel (in rear of church) open 24/7 Monday through Saturday; Sundays closed from 8am until 10:30am - open the rest of the day. The main church is open from 8:15am - 10:15am (for mass only).

### **Diocesan Appeal for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021:**

Thank you to all who have responded to the Bishop's request to support this annual appeal. As previously mentioned, there are a number of ways that we in our one faith community have been assisted by the diocese (at no cost to us).

Please see the diocesan website (referenced below) for a number of ways the diocese helps parishes, including our one faith community, throughout the 14 counties of the Diocese of Albany.

As I mentioned last weekend, the diocese was instrumental in keeping pastors and staff informed during the initial stages of the Covid 19 Pandemic. Of upmost importance expressed was the safety of staff, parishioners, volunteers. When it came time to plan to reopen, the diocesan headquarters communicated numerous suggestions, guidelines and rules to have churches (and where applicable schools) reopen safely. Their funding comes from the Diocesan Appeal.

**If you have not yet made a pledge or donation, both the Bishop and I would appreciate if you would do so as soon as possible.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration! This year instead of mailing your pledge or donation to either parish office, the diocese asks that all pledges and/or checks be sent to the Stewardship Development office at 40 North Main Ave., Albany NY 12203

For information:

[www.rcda.org/offices/stewardship@rcda.org](http://www.rcda.org/offices/stewardship@rcda.org)

or call 518-453-6680.

Thank you for your generosity.

Goals:

For St. John's the goal is **\$30,000.00**.

For Sacred Heart/Our Lady of Knock the goal is **\$25,464.00**

**Amounts received through Jan 13, 2021**

**St. John's \$17,884 (about 60% of goal) and**

**Sacred Heart \$8,709 (about 34% of goal).**

**Thank you to all who have donated and pledged!**

### **Food Donations: .**

**Are you or do you know of anyone who needs some help with food during these winter months?**

**If so, have them call either parish office and leave call back information. Through the generosity of the parishioners of our one faith community, we can and will help! We just need to know who you are (an how many live in your household).**

If you would like to donate to either parish's food pantry, please bring **non-perishable foods** to the St. Catherine's Chapel (on the grounds of Sacred Heart Church).

For the Greenville Food Pantry, which St. John's supports, please bring to the front doors to the church.

While the inner doors are locked, the outer doors are not and there is a basket for your donations.

**Thank you for helping to feed the hungry of Greene County!**

**AA Meetings**, Monday to Friday, 12 noon in St. John's Hall.

Please contact your sponsor for any change to this meeting.

**AA** meets every Friday at **7:00 pm** in St. Mary's Community Center in E. Durham

**Deadline for next week's bulletin is Monday, February 1st @ 12noon. Email [sacredheartolok@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartolok@gmail.com)**

### **Public Mass Protocols-Updated**

As many know by now, we need to follow strict guidelines when coming to, praying at, and leaving mass. The number of COVID cases in our community are rising, therefore, I must insist that everyone coming into any of our worship sites for mass follow all safety protocols. If you are unable or unwilling to do so, you will not be able to stay. On behalf of all who want to safely pray at mass, thank you for your cooperation! Fr. Steve

**Reservations Required** – anyone wishing to attend mass will need to make a reservation beforehand through Flocknote and have your confirmation on hand in case there are any questions. The link to register can be found on our website, on our Facebook page or send an email to either parish office. If you do not have a reservation, you will need to wait until everyone arrives to see if there is room for you and provide us with contact information.

**Arrival and Parking** – please arrive at least 30 minutes before mass starts. Someone will be at the parking lot entrance to check your reservation. The parking lot closes 15 minutes before the scheduled mass time and the doors to the worship site close 10 minutes before mass time. Once the doors are closed, no one will be admitted. Please note there are **no rest rooms available before, during or after mass.**

For non-streamed masses, mass will begin as soon as all registered people are in their seats and everything is set. Thank you for your understanding.

**Ushers** will be at the entrance if you need assistance, otherwise your name will be on your assigned pew. Please remain in your place during the entire mass. Only those who are ushers for the mass should be standing at the doors of the church. Watch for the ushers direction upon exiting the church in a socially distanced manner. **If you get up to leave after mass has started, we may ask you to not return.**

**Face Coverings are REQUIRED** to cover both your nose and mouth. They must remain on from the moment you leave your vehicle to come to mass and until you are in your vehicle after Mass.

**Sunday Obligation is still suspended.** If you cannot or will not follow all safety protocols, please stay home and watch mass online.

**Thank you** to all who follow and cooperate! Thank you also to all who have stepped up with our extra need for volunteers.

### **Flocknote**

Please see our website for the link to Flocknote and the one-time electronic registration process. Once completed, you will receive an email when the mass is open for reservations, (usually Sundays at noon) or you can go into Flocknote at any time to sign up for mass, even if you missed the email.

By signing up for mass, you agree with all the health and safety protocols required to participate at an in-person mass. These include that you are not ill, are not under quarantine, have no fever, cold or any other symptoms related to the flu or Covid 19, including excessive coughing, temperature, or sweats.

You also agree to follow proper precautions including social distancing, wearing face coverings (over nose and mouth) through the entire mass and using hand sanitizer when entering church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Mass Intentions for February 1 – February 7

### Weekday Intentions:

Soul of Balthazar Musong by Ben & Lucille  
For the peaceful transfer of power of our government.  
For all those affected by COVID 19 pandemic.

For the health and safety of all who minister to the sick and those in nursing homes, homebound or hospitals, and for all first responders.

### Weekend Intentions:

Kathy Caine by Mark Gamsjager  
Kathy Massaro by Anne Heim  
Bishop Capistran Heim by Karin & Joe Colangelo  
Aiden & Jane Kingston by Patricia Buckley McGrath  
Pat Neville by Pat & Henrietta Griffin  
Mr. Chiamenti by Mr & Mrs. Eric Cangelosi

### This Month's Eucharistic Gifts

Contributions towards the hosts and wine, which become for us the Body and Blood of Christ were made for the month of February:

At Sacred Heart & Our Lady of Knock: in memory of  
Thomas Rohan by his loving wife, Anne & family  
Winifred Hogan & Kevin Griffin by Griffin family

This coming Sunday's readings: **Sunday, February 7, 2021**

### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Our Response: Ps.147: 1-2,3-4,5-6

Second Reading: Cor.:9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel of: Mk.1:29-39



Please take a few moments this week to read and pray about any or all of the above readings. Review these readings online at: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020721.cfm>

**Respect Life**— We are all familiar with the slogan, “It’s my body, my choice!” Fact: There are two bodies involved. One is strong, healthy has a voice and power. The other is tiny, vulnerable, has no voice, and there is no-one to advocate for him or her.

**From Archbishop Cordileone:** “...Pope Francis continues this unbroken teaching. Addressing participants in the conference, ‘Yes to Life!- Taking Care of the Precious Gift of Life in its Frailty’ on May 25, 2019, he condemned abortion in the strongest possible terms: “Is it licit to eliminate a human life to solve a problem?... It is not licit. Never, never eliminate a human life..to solve a problem.”

### Lenten Soup

Beginning Friday, February 19, 2021 we will be having a pickup Lenten Soup event at Sacred Heart Church. Each Friday during Lent until Good Friday there will be a soup and bread available for pickup outside the front of the church. Preorders will be taken in advance via Flocknote. We are currently seeking volunteers to make soup. More details to follow.

### Online Giving

For Sacred Heart Parish and  
St. John the Baptist Parish go to  
[www.sholk.weebly.com](http://www.sholk.weebly.com).

Thank you for your ongoing support!



### Finance Corner – Fiscal Year 19-20 Report

Our annual financial reports were distributed after all the Christmas Masses. If you missed them you can find them online. As always, thank you for your generous support of our One Faith Community, Two Parishes and One Shrine with Three Worship Sites! May God continue to bless you through the coming calendar year! Fr. Steve

### Save the Dates - 2021

February 17th - Ash Wednesday

### Upcoming Second Collections:

This weekend - Fuel/Heat collection

### Poverty Awareness Month!

Please see the following link for information from the USCCB (US Catholic Bishops) regarding Poverty Awareness Month (PAM) 2021: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/2021%20PAM%20Longer%20Reflections.pdf>

During this Poverty awareness month, you are invited to get informed, get involved and pray..

*"I want a Church which is poor and for the poor."*

- Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium

Almighty and ever-living God,  
empower your one human family to join hands  
on our journey of faith.

Send us your spirit of hope,  
so that we may work  
to alleviate human suffering

and foster charity and justice in our world.

We ask this through our newborn King, Jesus your Son, Christ  
Our Lord... Amen.



It's time again for the annual **SOUPER Bowl of Caring**. On **February 7th** we will be collecting a can of soup and/or \$1 at all the doors of Church. All donations will go to the local food pantry.

**Bible Study:** Please join us for Bible Study every Monday at 11am in St. Mary's Community Center, E. Durham. For information call 518-622-3319.

**Need help? In the U.S., call 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) for the National Domestic Violence Hotline.**



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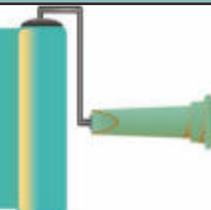
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