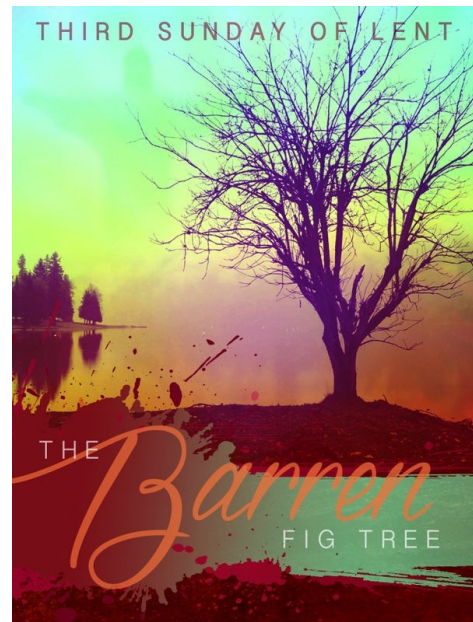


## WE WORSHIP

### 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

10:00 am Mass  
Reconciliation:  
By Appointment only  
(518-623-3021)



### Mass Intentions ..

3-12-23 People of the Parish  
3-19-23 Bruce Kilburn Req. Peg Villeneuve  
3-26-23 & 4-2-23 Mass Intention Available

The March Candle is Available



Contact Danielle Robichaud to join the  
Prayer Chain...or request prayers:  
daniellerobichaud51@gmail.com

To request a Mass intention, please call  
518-623-3021 and leave a message or drop a note in  
the collection basket. Be sure to include your name  
and phone # along with the name for the intention  
and the requested date. The donation is \$15 for  
each intention. Mass cards are available at the of-  
fice Mondays or Tuesdays and can either be picked  
up or mailed.

## Dates to Remember

### Lenten Programs

Today Next In House Faith Formation Meeting  
3-26-23 Next Faith Formation Zoom Meeting

**Forgiven @ St. Cecilia's**  
The Transforming Power of Confession  
5:00 pm Soup/Sandwich Supper  
6:30 to 7:30 pm Presentation  
**Tuesday's Part 2 & 3**  
March 14th, & March 21st  
Please sign up for each of the nights.  
This will allow us to know how much to  
Soup & Sandwiches to prepare for.

**Eternal Rest@ Sacred Heart, Lake George**  
Death is an end, but it's not the End.  
11 am to 12 pm, followed by a simple lunch.  
Wednesday's  
Last Session is March 15th, March 22nd  
See Flyer



It is not to late, there is free tax assistance for families  
and individuals whose household income is \$60,00 or  
less per year. Call 1-800-211-5128 to schedule an



## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS HE IS LIVING WATER

When I think about the story of the Samaritan  
woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel  
reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of  
the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those  
who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter  
Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of  
those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than  
ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking  
to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the  
story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one  
that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts.  
The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran  
to the town telling of her encounter with the One who  
may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did  
not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their  
days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and  
spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of  
baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There  
is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim  
the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search  
of something that can only quench your thirst temporari-  
ly. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting,  
living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new  
life has only just begun.

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## Woman's Retreat

March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2nd Dominican Retreat & Confer-  
ence Center, Niskayuna, NY. This years theme is "Make My  
Joy Complete" (Philippians 2:2). The Guest Director is Mary  
Reddy Reichley, OPA, D. Min. Enjoy hours away from daily  
routine for rest, quiet, learning and reflection, inner healing,  
growth, prayer, and sharing. Open to all faiths and all ages.  
Call Ginny Raymond @ 518-251-3515 or Pat Audi 518-792-

## North Country Ministry

Save the Date  
2023 Spring Fundraiser  
Boot Scootin' Ball  
Friday, May 5, 2023 6-10 pm  
At The Queensbury Hotel  
RSVP by April 14th

## WE SERVE

"Money has to serve, not to rule."

Pope Francis

| Donations for 3-5-2023 |         |                        |      |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------|------|
| Offertory              | \$1,544 | Candle                 | \$5  |
| Gabe                   | \$20    | North Country Ministry | \$36 |
| Easter Flowers         | \$50    | Black & Native         | \$25 |
| Medical Marijuana      | \$120   | Rice Bowls             | \$10 |
| Ministers of Care      | \$10    |                        |      |
| Attendance 72 People   |         | TOTAL \$1,820          |      |

Thank you everyone who continues to support us.  
Many families mail in their donations weekly or monthly  
because they do not yet feel comfortable returning to  
Mass. All contributions are greatly appreciated. With-  
out all of you, we could not continue.

### Our 2nd Collections

There are envelopes available next to the collection bin  
for our visitors & those who don't use envelopes:

3-12-23 Ministers of Care  
3-19-23 Catholic Relief Service  
3-26-23 Easter Flowers Memory/



**Diocesan Appeal:** Wow, we have met our goal, we  
have collected \$12,582. It is with deep appreciation to  
all those who have helped us to achieve this milestone.

### Easter Question:

Why does the date of Easter change every year, while most other  
celebrations are celebrated on the same day?

### Answer:

Every feast is celebrated at a certain time for a reason.  
Saints feast days are commonly the day of their death. While we  
don't know Jesus' exact birthday, we celebrate the "light of the  
world" around the time of winter solstice, as dark, wintery days  
begin to lengthen again. We have a historical clue, however, to  
when the Easter events occurred. We know that Jesus was cruci-  
fied the day before Passover. The Jews calculated the date for  
Passover based on both the solar and lunar calendars. It corre-  
sponds to the first full moon after the spring equinox. The early  
Christians maintained this connection in their celebrations of  
Easter on the first Sunday after the paschal full moon.

We don't re-calculate the full moon every year. As as-  
tronomy developed, so too did the forecasts of when Easter  
would occur in future years. The Church has created a table of  
calculated dates, projecting the date of Easter decades in ad-  
vance. The date of Easter also determines the date of Ash  
Wednesday and the season of Lent, as well as the feast days fol-  
lowing in the Easter season, including Pentecost. So these feasts  
move, too! This tradition may seem complicated, but it connects  
our Christian faith now to what has come before — our Jewish  
roots and the real, historical reality of Christ's suffering, death,  
and resurrection. ©LPI

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