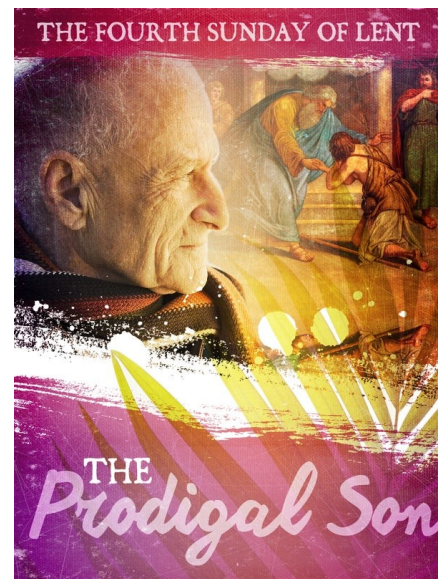


## WE WORSHIP

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

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



Please have your Easter Flower Slips

In Honor or Memory in by March 26th

### Mass Intentions ..

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:  
daniellrobichaud51@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

3-26-23 Next Faith Formation Zoom Meeting

## Lenten Programs

### Forgiven @ St. Cecilia's

The Transforming Power of Confession

5:00 pm Soup/Sandwich Supper

6:30 to 7:30 pm Presentation

Tuesday's

March 21st & March 28th

Please sign up.

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.

No more weeks! Yeah Right!

## Reconciliation Available

Monday, March 20th Sacred Heart, Lake George 11:30am

Wednesday, March 22nd Our Lady of Annunciation 7pm

Thursday, March 23rd St. Isaac Jogues Chestertown 6pm



It is not too 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  
appointment.

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Not As Man Sees— By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I don't know Fr. Stu personally, but I've heard a  
fair number of his homilies. I think it is safe to assume that  
if he and I were to get into a discussion on any number of  
things, from church history to liturgical music to stand-up  
comedy, each of us would cringe at the opinions of the  
other.

But Fr. Stu happens to offer just about the only  
confession time within 20 miles of me that consistently  
works with my schedule. That means that, quite by acci-  
dent, Fr. Stu is my regular confessor. For years now, he's  
sat patiently on the other side of the grille, listening to me  
pour out the details of my transgressions, from the pathetic  
to the embarrassing, and he absolves me of my sins.

In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and  
pride with blindness. We see again and again in Scripture  
how God delights in surprising us, in revealing himself  
through people, places, and experiences we not only didn't  
expect but perhaps had totally written off.

We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are  
wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The  
truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight  
belongs to the blind man in the Gospel. A gift does not re-  
flect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver.

After a great deal of thought, I've decided to be  
grateful that God contrived to give me a confessor whom I  
strongly disagree with on so many things. It's a powerful  
reminder of how much I must receive from other people,  
even those I may think are wrong. In that confessional, Fr.  
Stu is only a priest, and I am only a sinner. "Not as man sees  
does God see." — 1 Samuel 16:7©LPI

## Woman's Retreat

March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 2nd Dominican Retreat & Confer-  
ence Center, Niskayuna, NY. This year's 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-  
3447 for more information.

## 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 3-12-2023

Offertory	\$910	Candle	\$20
Gabe	\$10	Catholic Relief Service	\$10
Easter Flowers	\$20	Black & Native	\$10
Medical Marijuana	\$45	Ministers of Care	\$155
Attendance	79 People	TOTAL	\$1,180

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:

3-19-23 Catholic Relief Service

3-26-23 Easter Flowers Memory/Honor

3-13-23 Holy Father-Peter's Pence

### The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the  
body and renewing bonds within a family and between  
friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost  
always good to get home when it is over. Sleeping in our  
own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and rest-  
ing on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we  
can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly  
gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so  
important. These people are not family, but they sure can  
provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at  
a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers.  
They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that mo-  
ment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious  
manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of  
home. This home is not in a house in a particular location,  
but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No mat-  
ter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it  
truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that  
heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are  
no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer  
ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows  
others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Un-  
less we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will  
those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I  
am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and wel-  
come. At least I can look forward to coming home. What  
do those along the way look forward to in the next life  
that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one? —  
Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

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