

Indulgences Week 1

What is an Indulgence? An indulgence is a reminder of God’s faithful love. Admittedly, over the centuries, there have been misunderstandings as well as abuses regarding the granting of indulgences. However, correctly understood, an indulgence proclaims God’s justice, relies on God’s mercy, and acknowledges the mission of the Church as an instrument of God’s mercy in the world. The faithful Christian, who is spiritually prepared, receives this favor, this benefit under certain conditions, through the action of the Church (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1471). An indulgence is a remission, before God, of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has been forgiven in the Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation.

What is Temporal Punishment? In Catholic teaching, temporal punishment refers to the need for ‘purification,’ ‘making amends’ for the harm caused by sin. Every sin offends God. Although sin has been forgiven and absolved in the Sacrament of Penance/ Confession, there remain temporary consequences of sin which require purification, either during life, or after death in Purgatory. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity can also eliminate or diminish the temporal punishment due to sin while the individual is alive. This purification is necessary before entering Heaven.

What is the significance of an Indulgence? Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ in his death and resurrection, the Church, in its ministry of mercy, is empowered to give an indulgence, that is, a full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about a purification of the consequences of sin for an individual. (cf. U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, p.244)

Can an indulgence only be applied to the person requesting the favor? No. An indulgence may be applied either to oneself or to a loved one who has already died.
(Next week; How to gain an Indulgence)

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Times 2025

February 15-16, 2025

Sat. 4:00 PM(SA) + Robert (Bobby) Rabideau by Christina & Bill Hampton
Sun.8:00 AM(SA) + Pat Bracy by Mr. & Mrs. Russell Gadway
Sun.10:00AM(HA)+ Mary Seguin by Gary & Betty Dragoon

February 17-21, 2025

Mon. 8:00AM (SA)+ April LaValley by The Family
Tues. 8:00AM(HA)+ Donald Mitchell by Yvonne Caska
Weds.10:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 8:00AM(SA) + Anita B Trombley McCann by Shirley Barcomb
Fri. 8:00AM(HA)+ Dorothy Pelkey by Richard & Paulina Cooke

February 22-23, 2025

Sat. 4:00 PM(SA) + Mark Dragoon by Gary & Betty Dragoon
Sun.8:00 AM(SA) + Lionel Barcomb by Frank+ & Elizabeth Ashline
Sun.10:00AM(HA)+ Eli Lambert by Sandy Lambert

<u>Giving Reports</u>	2025	2024
St Ann:	\$ 3,456.00	\$ 3,039.00
Holy Angels:	\$ 2,510.00	\$ 2,646.00

Sanctuary Candles

(SA) Special Intentions by Marilyn & Gary Provoncha
(SA)
(HA)

In Prayer

We keep in prayer the sick and infirm of our parishes. We pray and work for peace in our homes and in our world; for unity among all Christians; the victims of oppression, prejudice, violence or hate; for a greater respect for all human life, from conception to natural death; and for all the faithful departed: Shirley Trombley

Religion Class

February 16th after **canceled** 10 AM mass

This Office will be closed Monday February 17 in observance of Presidents day

The Ladies of St. Ann

Will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at the Mooers Free Library. Refreshments begin at 6:00 pm. and the meeting at 6:30.

Pope Francis Jubilee 2025

Many wonder why 2025 is a Jubilee year for Catholics. Pope Francis called this Catholic Jubilee 2025 to celebrate hope and invite Catholics worldwide to deepen their faith. Because it marks the 1,700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea, Jubilee 2025 also celebrates the fundamental Christian truth of the Incarnation, that Jesus is both true God and true man, a teaching always believed in the early Church but dogmatically defined at the Council to combat the Arian heresy.

“May the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all!” —Pope Francis

Occasionally, a pope may declare an Extraordinary Jubilee, as Pope Francis did with the Jubilee of Mercy in 2015-2016. These are called to address specific themes or needs within the Church. Both types of Jubilees offer opportunities for pilgrimage, indulgences, and spiritual growth.....www.catholic.com

St Joseph’s Men’s Club

60 West church St
West Chazy, NY
All - You –Can-Eat, Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 16, **canceled** 2025
8:30 a.m. until Noon, in their 1,848 Parish Center
Menu to Included: pancakes with real North Country maple syrup, ham, scrambled eggs, sausage, home fries and beverages. 50/50
Adults \$13.00, Children 6-10 \$8.00, Children 5-under are Free