

AUGUST 13, 2023

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19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,  
"Lord, if it is you, command  
me to come to you on the  
water." He said, "Come."  
Peter got out of the boat  
and began to walk on the  
water toward Jesus.  
- Mt 14:28-29

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**COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

*AUGUST 5 & 6, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:*

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	839.00	466.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
FUNDRAISING	180.30	—
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PARISH TOTAL	1049.30	571.00

*OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES*

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

For this holy day of obligation, there will be a **6:00 pm** Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart on Monday, **August 14th** and Mass as Saint Cecilia will be Tuesday, **August 15th at 5:30 pm**. (Monday morning Mass will be canceled at St. Cecilia).

**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

**Sat. Aug. 12, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †In memory of Dick English, requested by Tonya, Eric & Mary Clare Brownell.  
**2.)** †In memory of Beverly Chartier, requested by The Healy family.

**Sun. Aug. 13, 8:30 am (SC) -** †In memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.

**Mon. Aug. 14 thru Sun. August 20, 2023**

**Mon. Aug. 14, 8:00 pm (SC) - No Mass.**

**Mon. Aug. 14, 6:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** For God's protection and guidance over our parish.

**1.) Anniversary**  
 remembrance for Margaret & Milton Hugo, requested by the Hugo family.

**Tue. Aug. 15, 5:30 pm (SC) -** †In memory of Bert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.

**Fri. Aug. 18, 8:00 am (SC) -** †For the repose of the soul of David Kollar, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

**Sat. Aug. 19, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †In memory of Dick English, requested by Gary & Noreen Brownell and family.

**2.) †In loving memory of**  
 Alfred Ferguson, requested by Barbara Krawiecki and family.

**Sun. Aug. 20, 8:30 am (SC) -** †In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.



**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Aug 12 (SH)</b>	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing	<b>Aug 19 (SH)</b>	Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato
<b>Aug 13 (SC)</b>	James Wray Dave Marcais	<b>Aug 20 (SC)</b>	Kathy Marcais Ken Stuff

**Counters Schedule**

<b>Aug 16 (SH)</b>	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	<b>Aug 23 (SH)</b>	N/A
<b>Aug 14 (SC)</b>	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	<b>Aug 21 (SC)</b>	Lorna Quinn Ann Mahon

**Food Pantry**

<b>Aug 23 (SC)</b>	Bette Papa Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie	
<b>Sept 6 (SH)</b>	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro	

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE  
 DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

**August 13, 2023 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, “Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn’t that dishonest?” Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn’t? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, “What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?” After some silence, he said, “Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it.” I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord’s love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord’s grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.

~Father John Muir

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## ***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 6 (1st. Century)***

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: "We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory." The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names—Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption—from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God's people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testaments, her assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman's victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ's resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus' life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to believe in Mary's share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

*In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust*



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mass at Sacred Heart in Fr Juanito's Absence:** At this time we are unable to find a temporary replacement for Fr. Juanito during his vacation. Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart will be canceled during this time (Aug 26 through Sept 30). We will alert you if this should change. There is a 4pm Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's in Amsterdam as well as a 4pm Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville.

**Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser:** Volunteers are needed for our parking lot fundraiser on Saturday, **Sept. 16**. Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

**Sacred Heart Ice Cream Social:** Our Ice Cream Social will be held this **Thurs. August 17th from 6-8 pm**. We could certainly use some of your wonderful baked goods and a few volunteers for scooping and serving would be awesome as well. Tell your friends and spread the word. This is a community outreach.

**Saint Cecilia Meeting - Faith Formation:** There will be a meeting in St Cecilia Hall on Tuesday Aug. 22 at 7:00 pm to discuss this year's Faith Formation Program. All parents, teachers, former teachers, and interested parish members are invited to attend. We are looking for information and suggestions for the coming year. Any questions, please call Kathy Marçais at 518-577-3481.

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