

JULY 16, 2023

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**15TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”
- Mt 13:23

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE
 JULY 8 & 9, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	727.00	237.00
REPAIRS/MAINT.	352.00	222.00
OTHER	720.00	105.00
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PARISH TOTAL	1799.00	564.00

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Bless Our Offerings Prayer: Lord, my Rock and Redeemer, thank you that you are infinitely, consistently, and perfectly wise. You have said that whatever we give is acceptable if we give it eagerly. You have said that we should give according to what we have. Help us to bring our offerings with an eager heart, not as a comparison with others but as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. July 15, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of Leo & Rosalie Morris, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.
 2.) †In memory of Lucie Connery, requested by Andrea Moran

Sun. July 16, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) †In memory of David Keck, requested by Fred & Teresa Hastings.
 2.) †In memory of Marie Cranker, requested by Sheila Cranker.

Mon. July 17 thru Sun. July 23, 2023

Mon. July 17, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tue. July 18, 8:00 am (SC) - †In loving memory of Sal Furnare, requested by his family.

Fri. July 21, 8:00 am (SC) - Blessings for Orion & Lottie Wray, requested by Jim Wray.

Sat. July 22, 4:00 pm (SH) - †Birthday remembrance for Peter F. Szykowski and for William "Bill" Szykowski, requested by Virginia, Tony, Lorrie & family.

Sun. July 23, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) †In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.
 2.) †In memory of Karen Ford, requested by Francis & Linda Bell and Bell & Jean Barker.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

July 15 (SH)	Cathy Parry Kathy Avery	July 22 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato
July 16 (SC)	James Wray Ken Stuff	July 23 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marcais

Counters Schedule

July 18 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	July 25 (SH)	Barb Bilins Katherine Downing
July 17 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	July 24 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

Food Pantry



July 26 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathleen Harris Ann Mahon
August 2 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 16, 2023 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a relationship, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

~Father John Muir

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Saint Mary Magdalene - July 22 -(d.c. 63)

Patron Saint of Penitents and Perfumers

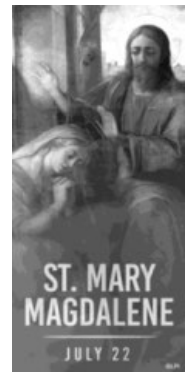
Except for the mother of Jesus, few women are more honored in the Bible than Mary Magdalene. Yet she could well be the patron of the slandered, since there has been a persistent legend in the Church that she is the unnamed sinful woman who anointed the feet of Jesus in Luke 7:36-50.

Most Scripture scholars today point out that there is no scriptural basis for confusing the two women. Mary Magdalene, that is, "of Magdala," was the one from whom Christ cast out "seven demons" (Luke 8:2) —an indication at the worst, of extreme demonic possession or possibly, severe illness.

Writing in the *New Catholic Commentary*, Father Wilfrid J. Harrington, O.P., says that "seven demons" "does not mean that Mary had lived an immoral life—a conclusion reached only by means of a mistaken identification with the anonymous woman of Luke 7:36." In the *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, Father Edward Mally, S.J., agrees that she "is not...the same as the sinner of Luke 7:37, despite the later Western romantic tradition about her."

Mary Magdalene was one of the many "who were assisting them [Jesus and the Twelve] out of their means." She was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother. And, of all the "official" witnesses who might have been chosen for the first awareness of the Resurrection, she was the one to whom that privilege was given. She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles."

Mary Magdalene has been a victim of mistaken identity for almost 20 centuries. Yet she would no doubt insist that it makes no difference. We are all sinners in need of the saving power of God, whether our sins have been lurid or not. More importantly, we are all "unofficial" witnesses of the Resurrection.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saint Cecilia Parish Council Meeting: Our Parish Pastoral Council meeting will be held this morning in the church basement following the 8:30 Mass.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our parking fundraiser has begun. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:
Saturday, **July 22** –Saturday, **Sept. 16**.
Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

Step Up Men's Conference: The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives. The conference will be held on August 12, 2023 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine - 136 Shrine Rd. Auriesville, NY. Registration is \$50 (college age and younger are free). To register, go to <https://bohmdesigns.com/StepUp/>
Or questions contact Tom LaBruzzo at tlabco@gmail.com
Or Tom Cronin at Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org

Sacred Heart Ice Cream Social: Save the date! Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday August 17th. 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 Rummage Sale: The annual Rummage Sale will be held on October 13-14, 2023. Carry ins accepted until Oct. 9th, set-up throughout the week.

Upcoming Second Collections:
July 29/30—Peters Pence

Weekly Mass: We record the 4 pm Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart. Please join us virtually for weekly Mass on Sacred Heart's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs_FDzyfyvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

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