

JULY 23, 2023

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## COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JULY 15 & 16, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	772.00	1410.00
OTHER	370.00	800.00
PARISH TOTAL	1142.00	2210.00

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



## Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

<b>July 22 (SH)</b>	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato	<b>July 29 (SH)</b>	Katherine Downing Cathy Parry
<b>July 23 (SC)</b>	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marcais	<b>July 30 (SC)</b>	James Wray Michele Furnare

## Counters Schedule

<b>July 26 (SH)</b>	Barb Bilins Katherine Downing	<b>Aug 2 (SH)</b>	Tony Stellato Kathy Avery
<b>July 24 (SC)</b>	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	<b>July 31 (SC)</b>	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

## Food Pantry

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

**Mass Intentions:** Mass Intentions are needed for both parishes. Having a Mass celebrated for a person or a specific request has a long history in the Catholic Church. Requesting a Mass is not only a sign of your own faith and flourishing, but of your heart for those who these Masses are intended.

### Mass Schedule & Intentions

**Sat. July 22, 4:00 pm (SH)** - †*Birthdays 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 Jean Barker.*

### Mon. July 24 thru Sun. July 30, 2023

**Mon. July 24, 8:00 am (SC)** - *Birthdays blessings and remembrance for Ned Connery and the late Rev. Thomas Connery, requested by Andrea Moran.*

**Tue. July 25, 8:00 am (SC)** - *In memory of Bert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.*

**Fri. July 28, 8:00 am (SC)** - *For the people of the parish.*

**Sat. July 29, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †*In memory of Karen Ford, requested by David Knowlton.*

**2.)** †*In memory of C. Richard English, requested by Thomas English.*

**Sun. July 30, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.)** †*In memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.*

**2.)** †*In loving memory of Karen Ford, requested by her husband Joey and her family.*

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### July 23, 2023 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Patience is rooted in Hope.

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news. The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

~Father John Muir

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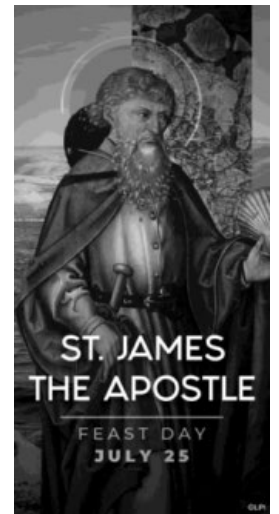


## St. James the Apostle | July 25 (d.c. 44)

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9<sup>th</sup> century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Saint Cecilia Parish Sanctuary Lamp:** Our candle burns this week in memory of Rachael Moran, given by the Moran family.

**Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser:** Our parking fundraiser has begun. Volunteers are needed for 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](mailto:tlabco@gmail.com) Or Tom Cronin at [Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org](mailto:Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org)

**Sacred Heart Ice Cream Social:** Our Ice Cream Social will be held on **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 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.

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**July 29/30—Peters Pence**  
**Aug 15—Assumption**  
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