

JULY 30, 2023

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17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the
end of the age.
The angels will go out
and separate the wicked
from the righteous."
- Mt 13:49-51

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JULY 22 & 23, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1175.00	684.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
PARISH TOTAL	1205.00	789.00

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 at Saint Cecilia will be Tuesday, August 15th at 8:00 am. (Monday morning Mass will be canceled at St. Cecilia).



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.

Mon. July 31 thru Sun. August 6, 2023

Mon. July 31, 8:00 am (SC) - For the people of the parish.

Tue. Aug. 1, 8:00 am (SC) - †In memory of Millie Healey, requested by Joe Ford & family.

Fri. Aug. 4, 8:00 am (SC) - Blessings and good health for Eileen Show, requested by the people of the parish.

Sat. Aug. 5, 4:00 pm (SH) - †In memory of Brooke Caraco, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

Sun. Aug. 6, 8:30 am (SC) - †In memory Karen Ford, requested by Mary Reich.

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

July 29 (SH)	Katherine Downing Cathy Parry	Aug 5 (SH)	N/A
July 30 (SC)	James Wray Michele Furnare	Aug 6 (SC)	Ann Mahon Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Aug 2 (SH)	Tony Stellato Kathy Avery	Aug 9 (SH)	Barb Bilins Chris Caffrey
July 31 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	Aug 7 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne

Food Pantry



Aug 2 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
August 23 (SH)	Bette Papa Flo Stanton Marjorie Savoie



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 30, 2023 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests “an understanding heart” (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn’t ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth “both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it’s much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we’ll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom.

~Father John Muir

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St. Ignatius of Loyola-Patron Saint of Retreats

July 31 (October 23, 1491 – July 31, 1556)

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrim age to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*—"for the greater glory of God." In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Luther nailed his theses to the church door at Wittenberg in 1517. Seventeen years later, Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society that was to play so prominent a part in the Catholic Reformation. He was an implacable foe of Protestantism. Yet the seeds of ecumenism may be found in his words: "Great care must be taken to show forth orthodox truth in such a way that if any heretics happen to be present they may have an example of charity and Christian moderation. No hard words should be used nor any sort of contempt for their errors be shown." One of the greatest ecumenists was the 20th-century German Jesuit, Cardinal Augustin Bea



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.

Trustees at Sacred Heart: Many thanks to Cathy Parry and John Rajter for their years of service as trustees to our parish. We are so thankful to Jamie Lemiszki and Tony Stellato for stepping up to this position.

Saint Cecilia Pastoral Parish Council: Our next Parish Council meeting will be held on Sunday, August 13th after the 8:30 Mass.

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 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.

Saint Cecilia's Altar Renovations: So much gratitude goes out to all that are working on our altar/sanctuary. Thank you for your work and for your love of your parish.

Step Up Men's Conference: The Step Up Men's Conference will be held on August 12, 2023 at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine - Auriesville, NY. Registration is \$50 (college age and younger are free). To register, go to <https://bohmdesigns.com/StepUp/> For questions contact Tom LaBruzzo at tlabco@gmail.com or Tom Cronin at Thomas.Cronin@rcda.org

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