

TWEFLTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 25, 2023

**SAINT CECILIA CHURCH, FONDA NY
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**“DO NOT BE AFRAID.”
—MT 10:31**

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

JUNE 17 & 18, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	490.00	909.00
OTHER	30.00	105.00
PARISH TOTAL	520.00	1014.00

OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

June 24 (SH)	Mark Caffrey Tony Stellato	July 1 (SH)	Kathy Avery Theresa Kovian
June 25 (SC)	Kathy Marçais Ken Stuff	June 25 (SC)	James Wray Michele Furnare

Counters Schedule

June 27 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato	July 4 (SH)	Chris Caffrey Katherine Downing
June 26 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne	July 3 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. June 24, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † In memory of John & Helen Rajter, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

2.) † In loving memory of Val J. Krawiecki, requested by his wife Barbara and his children.

3.) † For the repose of the soul of Margaret Vanderbeck, requested by Jim Wray & family.

Sun. June 25, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) † In memory of Bailey Alexandria Field requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.

2.) † For the repose of the soul of Millie Healey, requested by The Wray Family.

3.) † For the repose of the soul of Karen Ford, requested by the families of Liza Saltsman & Teresa Hastings.

Mon. June 26 thru Sun. July 2, 2023

Mon. 26, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Nicholas Lynch, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Tue. June 27, 8:00 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Nicholas Lynch, requested by Michele Furnare.

Sat. July 1, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) Blessings for Jennifer & her family, requested by her mom Barbara.

2.) Birthday blessings for Lois Otis, requested by the Healy family.

Sun. July 2, 8:30 am (SC) - † For the repose of the soul of Karen Ford, requested by Ann & John Mahon.

Food Pantry

June 28 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
July 5 (SH)	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

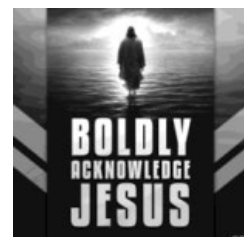
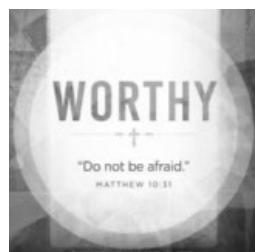
June 25, 2023 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in middle school, there were times I didn't want my fellow students to see my parents drop me off or pick me up in the school parking lot. I was embarrassed of my parents. Why? I have no idea. Maybe it was our station wagon. Or I didn't want to look like a little kid. But in retrospect that was a silly thing to do. I was a kid. And I had two parents who loved me and had built a wonderful family. I was afraid of the other kids' judgment. How silly! I should have been afraid of forgetting or downplaying my family, which is where my identity had its deep roots.

This is a way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples this Sunday, when he says, "**Don't be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.**" Fear, in this sense, refers to where we find our deepest identity and our highest love. That's why Jesus says next that when we acknowledge him before others, he will acknowledge us before the Father. It doesn't mean we're brash or boastful. But rather we unhesitatingly and humbly embrace our identity as followers of Jesus and children of God the Father. After all, if we love who we are and where we come from, who cares what the other kids think about us?

~Father John Muir

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Peter (d. 64?) The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.



And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

But the Gospels prove their own trustworthiness by the unflattering details they include about Peter. He clearly had no public relations person. It is a great comfort for ordinary mortals to know that Peter also has his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus.

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (see Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus' ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (John 21:15-17).

Paul (d. 64?) If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Office Hours: Please note that the days have been changed for both parishes.

St. Cecilia –Tuesday & Thursday, 9am-2pm
Sacred Heart –Wednesday & Friday, 9am-2pm

Sacred Heart Daily Number: Congratulations to Dave Knowlton and Sandi McCaslin, our weekly winners.

Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser: Our parking fundraiser has begun. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Sunday, **July 2** - Saturday, **July 22** –Saturday, **September 16**.
Please call or text Kelly Viscosi @ 518-774-7250

Saint Cecilia Sanctuary Candle: Our candle burns this week with Anniversary Wishes for Maureen & TJ Nelson, given by Mom.

The Diocesan Appeal: June 30 is the deadline for the Diocesan Appeal. You can make a gift or pledge online at www.thediocesanappeal.org.

Sacred Heart- \$8977. Assessment with a balance of \$3,933.

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_FDzyfvHZZ9y8UIC4gAw?view_as=subscriber

Upcoming Second Collections:
July 8/9—Repair & Maintenance
July 29/30—Peters Pence

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