

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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31ST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

“The greatest among  
you must be your servant.”  
- Mt 23:11

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**COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

OCT 28 & 29, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	798.00	799.00
OTHER	555.00	505.00

PARISH TOTAL                    **1353.00**                    **1304.00**  
 OTHER- E-GIVING, VIA USPS, VOTIVES

**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

Nov 4 (SH)	Katherine Downing Cathy Parry	Nov 7 (SH)	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing
Nov 5 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Dave Marcais	Nov 12 (SC)	James Wray Ken Stuff

**Counters Schedule**

Nov 6 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	Nov 13 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski
Nov 6 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes	Nov 13 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton

**Food Pantry**

Nov 22 (SC)	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
Dec 6 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sat. Nov 4, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †In loving memory of Virginia Szykowski, requested by John & Rosemary Rajter.

2.) †In loving memory of Virginia Szykowski, requested by Barbara Cope & family.

**Sun. Nov 5, 8:30 am (SC) -** †For the repose of the soul of Gale Habla Russell, requested by Michele Furnare.

**Mon. Oct. 30 thru Sun. Nov. 5, 2023**

**Mon. Nov 6, 8:00 am (SC) - No Mass**

**Tue. Nov 7, 8:00 am (SH) -** †For the repose of the soul of Mary Cavanaugh, requested by Cathy & Ron Parry.

**Wed. Nov 8, 8:00 am (SC) - 1.)** †For the repose of the soul of David Kollar, requested by Dianne & Marty Kierpiec.

1.) †In loving memory of Sal Furnare—48 yrs of eternal, everlasting love, requested by his wife Michele.

**Thurs. Nov 9, 8:00 am (SH) -** †For the repose of the soul of Ronald Barer, requested by the Castle family.

**Fri. Nov 10, 8:00 am (SC) -** †For the repose of the soul of Milton McPherson, requested by Jim Wray.

**Sat. Nov 11, 4:00 pm (SH) -** †In memory of Ambrose & Jean Karp, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

**Sun. Nov 12, 8:30 am (SC) -** †In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.

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

November 5, 2023 –31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Easter season a new convert to Catholicism at my parish asked me with a grave tone in her voice: “Why do we call priests ‘father’ if Jesus says, ‘**Call no man on earth your father, for you have one Father, who is in heaven?**’” Thinking myself clever, I asked, “Do you think it’s okay to call someone your ‘teacher’ or ‘mister’ or ‘dad?’” She said, “Yes, I do.” I responded, “Well, Jesus seems to forbid that, too. So, it’s obviously hyperbole that he’s using.” She thought for a moment and declared, “Then I will stop using those words, too!” And she walked away. Not the outcome I was seeking.

We shouldn’t be too hasty in dismissing this complaint voiced by many non-Catholics. The expression “father” for ordained priests is not honorary for the individual man. The priest’s fatherhood doesn’t begin or end in him at all. Rather, the title “father” indicates that he is a sacramental sign of God’s Fatherhood revealed in Jesus. I can tell you, as a very unworthy bearer of that title, we should give and receive that title with some trepidation (because of God’s awesomeness) and with a little sense of humor (because of the lowliness of the men with the title).

The longer I’m a priest, the more I’m comfortable with people not using the title “father” and just calling me “John.” After all, only God is Father in the truest sense. At the same time, Jesus has brought the Father close to us, very close. We honor this closeness in some men with the title “father.” Who are the priests in your life whom Christ has sent to you? How wonderful that Christ has surrounded us with humble signs of his Father’s love. It’s good to celebrate that love with gratitude for the priests in our lives.

~Father John Muir

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## A Message Regarding Bankruptcy Meeting Follow-Up

*In order to pay for our attorney fees, we will be collecting \$1000. from each parish listed in the 2023 Diocesan Directory . Checks will be made payable to the “Parish Steering Committee” . The checks will be deposited in to a separate account to pay legal fees. Thank you for your help. Together, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will emerge from this bankruptcy with new life.*

Fr. Jim Walsh

Chair, Parish Steering Committee



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Holiday Wreaths:** Fundraiser to benefit our Faith Formation Classes. Please see the flyer in your parish vestibule or FB page. All wreaths are fresh & locally made at Family Traditions Tree Farm. You can visit their website @ [familytraditionstreefarm.com](http://familytraditionstreefarm.com)

**Blue Envelopes for Saint Mary's Institute:** Please consider a contribution to continue to provide academic excellence with an emphasis on Catholic values. St. Mary's is the only Catholic school in Fulton & Montgomery Counties. St. Mary's Blue Envelopes are located in the vestibule.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** To acknowledge the need for the future as a network of parishes in the Amsterdam area, beginning Saturday, October 28, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated each Saturday at St. Mary's Church in Amsterdam with Fr. Juanito, Fr. Nate and Fr. Bob available to hear confessions. Confessions will be heard from 3:00pm to 3:30pm each Saturday and all the parishioners are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity. The network includes St. Cecilia's from Fonda, Sacred Heart from Tribes Hill, St. Stephen's from Hagaman and St. Mary's, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Stanislaus' from Amsterdam. If you have any questions , please call your parish office for more information.



**Thank You from Cub Scout Pack 61:** Cub Scout Pack 61 is sponsored by Our Lady of Hope Church in Ft. Plain and provides fellowship, learning, and outdoor experiences to elementary school (K-5) boys and girls in Fonda-Fultonville, Canajoharie, Ft. Plain, and OESJ School Districts. This year the Pack had a surge of members in the Fonda-Fultonville area, and was in need of a place for the Tiger (Kindergarten) and Wolf (First Grade) dens to meet. We want to thank the Parish Council, Fr. Juanito, Fr. Nate, and all of the St. Cecilia Parish Community for allowing us to use the Parish Hall.

If you have elementary school age children, we schedule activities year-round that encourage team work, learning, and Christian values. New members are welcome at any time. For more information contact Michael Burns, Pack Committee Chair at (518) 763-3868 or [mcburns@fronier.com](mailto:mcburns@fronier.com)

**Silent Holy Night:** You are cordially invited to attend “Silent Holy Night” a Program of Music & Readings for the Christmas Season presented by singers from the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Mary's & St. Stanislaus under the direction of Rachele Cotugno on Sunday December 17, 2023 at 3:00PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 39 St. John Street, Amsterdam .

**Contribution Options:** If you are not making regular contributions, we hope that you will consider making a gift to the support of our congregation. Your donations now and throughout the year are needed and greatly appreciated. You can mail or drop donations at the parish office. Both parishes also offer e-Giving.

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