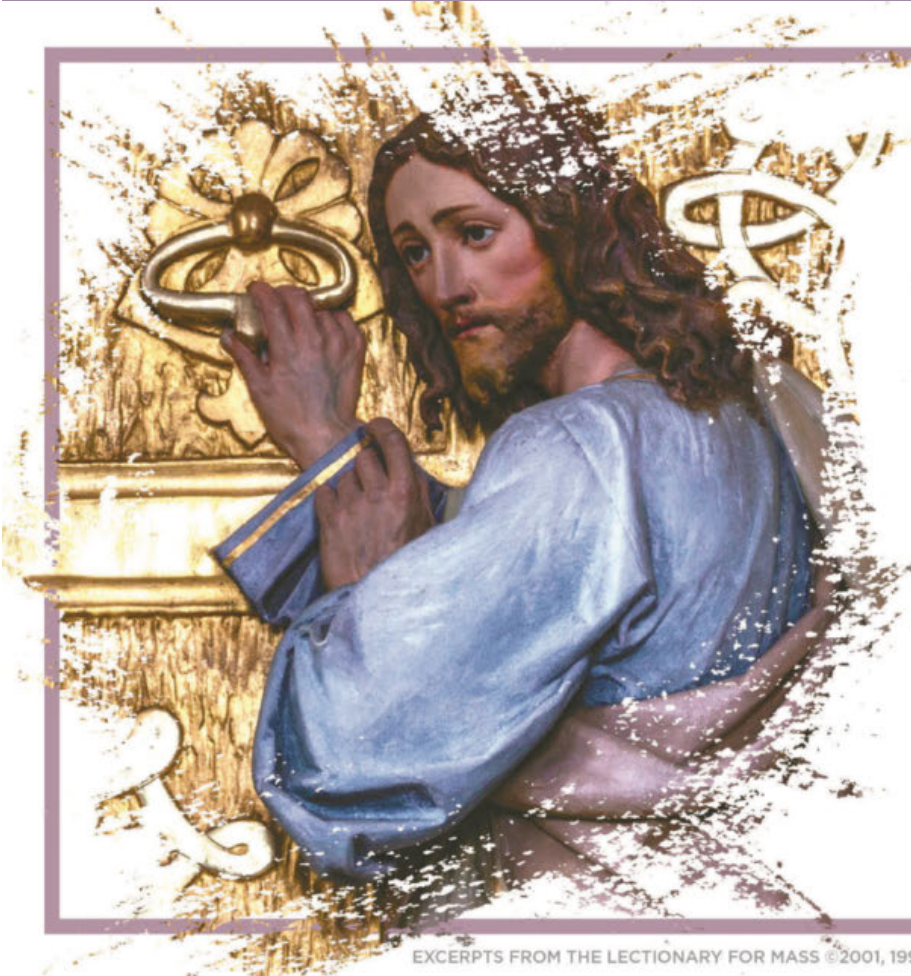


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“LORD, LORD, OPEN  
THE DOOR FOR US!’  
BUT HE SAID IN  
REPLY, ‘AMEN, I SAY  
TO YOU, I DO NOT  
KNOW YOU.’”  
— MT 25:11-12

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**COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE**

OCT 4 & 5, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1230.00	1120.00
ALL SAINTS/SOULS	428.00	496.00
OTHER	130.00	297.00

PARISH TOTAL 1788.00 1913.00  
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**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

Nov 11 (SH)	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing	Nov 18 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato
Nov 12 (SC)	James Wray 9th Grade	Nov 19 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare

**Counters Schedule**

Nov 13 (SH)	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	Nov 20 (SH)	People still fighting for this date. Will declare winner next week.
Nov 13 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Flo Stanton	Nov 20 (SC)	Bette Papa Sandy Hayes

**Food Pantry**

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

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sat. Nov 11, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †In memory of Ambrose & Jean Karp, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

2.) †In memory of Richard Pawlowski, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

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

**Mon. Nov. 13 thru Sun. Nov. 19, 2023**

**Mon. Nov 13 - No Mass**

**Tue. Nov 14, 8:00 am (SH) -** †For the repose of the soul of Lynn Roy Goodspeed, requested by the Healy family.

**Wed. Nov 15, 8:00 am (SC) -** †For the repose of the soul of Henry Vacek, requested by John & Ann Mahon.

**Thurs. Nov 16, 8:00 am (SH) -** †In memory of Kathy Dopp, 2 years passed, requested by Cathy Parry.

**Fri. Nov 17, 8:00 am (SC) -** †For the repose of the soul of Deborah Fuller, requested by Michele Furnare.

**Sat. Nov 18, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.)** †In memory of Virginia Szykowski, requested by Deb Swarczewski.

2.) †For the repose of the soul of Mrs. Louise Sherrell, requested by George Stanwick.

**Sun. Nov 19, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.)** †In memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.

2.) †In memory of Julia Wray, requested by Jim Wray.

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

November 12, 2023 –32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

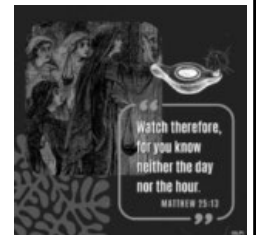
Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

~Father John Muir

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## Parish Announcements

### A Prayer for Veterans

*God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen*

### A Prayer for Deceased Veterans

*O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*



**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the campaign at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

**Feast Day of St. Cecilia (Virgin & Martyr):** will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 19th** at our Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. Traditionally, the purpose of the celebration of the 'feastday' of any Patron Saint canonized by the Holy Church is to honor the Saint and show acts of gratitude to the patron saint's intercession and protection. It is just and fitting that we honor our patroness St. Cecilia. You will be asked: **First**, to light a votive candle (which our parish will provide) before St. Cecilia's sacred image/picture. **Secondly**, to write a "Special Petition" through the "Intercession of St. Cecilia"..... ("Petition Paper" to write your special petition will be provided by the Parish which we will distribute next week on November 12, ... or you can drop by the Parish Office during "Office Hours" to get a copy. **Thirdly**, a procession to the Social Hall for a "Pot Luck" Breakfast after the Holy Mass. And if you want to add "**Entertainment & Fun**" like : singing a song , playing an instrument, group dancing, a Poem recitation, Crack a Joke, etc., you are all welcome to perform during Pot Luck breakfast. If interested, please contact : Sandi our Parish Secretary.

**Diocesan Women's Conference:** The conference will be held on Saturday, December 9th at St. Pius X Church at 23 Crumitie Rd. Loudonville. . The Theme is "Awakening our hearts to share God's love". Check-in Time and Continental Breakfast is at 8:30 AM. The Event runs from 8:30 AM to 4 PM and will include great speakers like Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Mary DeTurris Poust; Anne Costa. The Conference includes: Presentations, Reconciliation, Adoration with worship music by the Sisters of Life, Rosary, Mass with Bishop Scharffenberger, box lunch, and beverages. Please Register at: <https://www.rcda.org/UnleashingLove>

**Holiday Wreaths:** This is our annual fundraiser to benefit our Faith Formation Program Please see the flyer in your parish vestibule or FB page. All wreaths are fresh and locally made.

**Saint Cecilia Sanctuary Light:** Our candle burns this week for Kathy, given by her friend Andrea Moran.

**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 Haganan 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.

**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, 2023at 3:00PM at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 39 St. John Street, Amsterdam .

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