

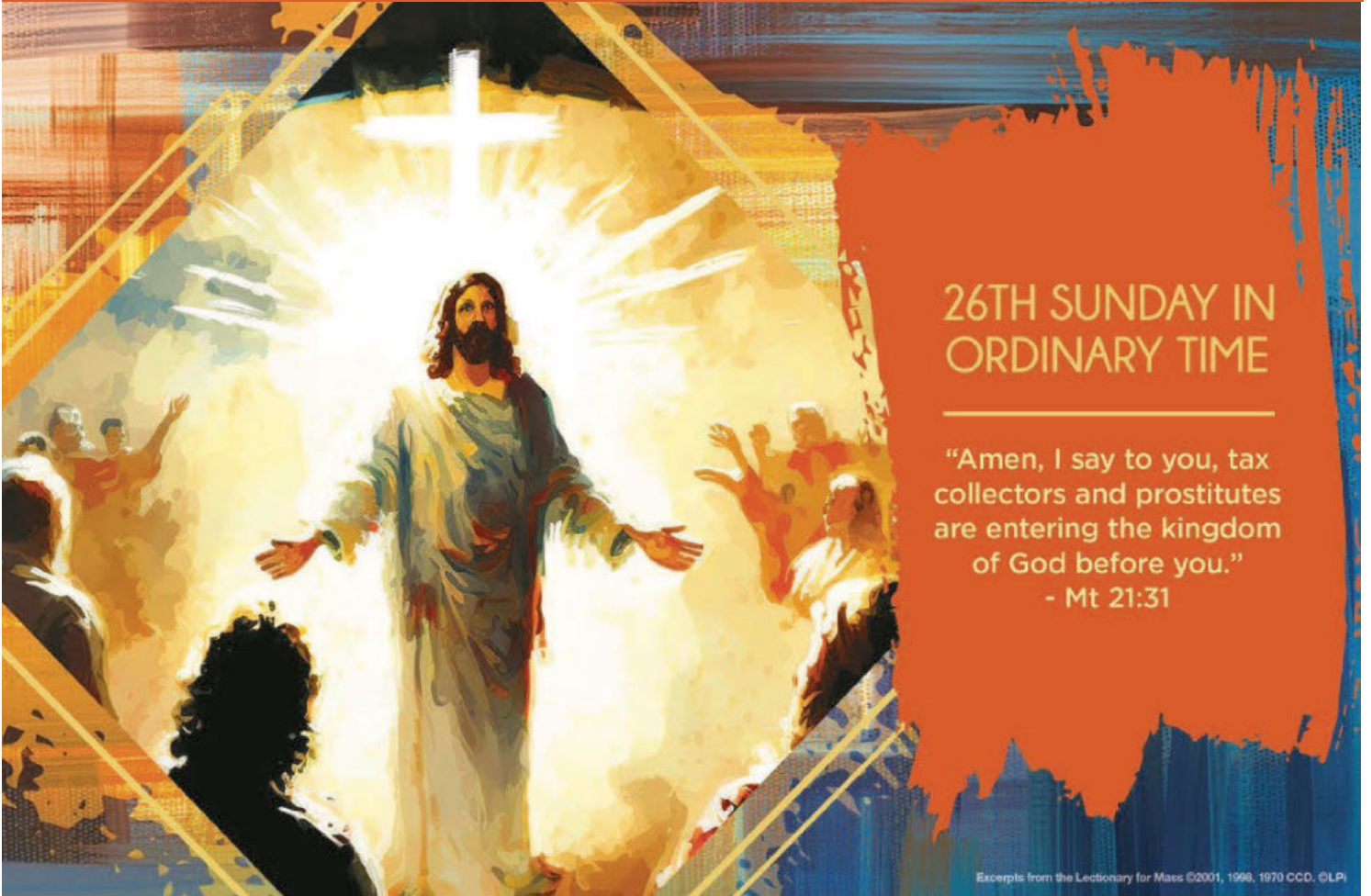
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26TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, tax
collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom
of God before you.”

- Mt 21:31

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COLLECTIONS & ATTENDANCE

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 2023—WEEKEND TOTALS:

| COLLECTIONS: | SH | SC |
|-------------------|--------|--------|
| WEEKLY COLLECTION | 817.00 | 911.00 |
| CATHOLIC UNIV | 81.00 | 192.00 |
| OTHER | 30.00 | 505.00 |

PARISH TOTAL **847.00** **1416.00**
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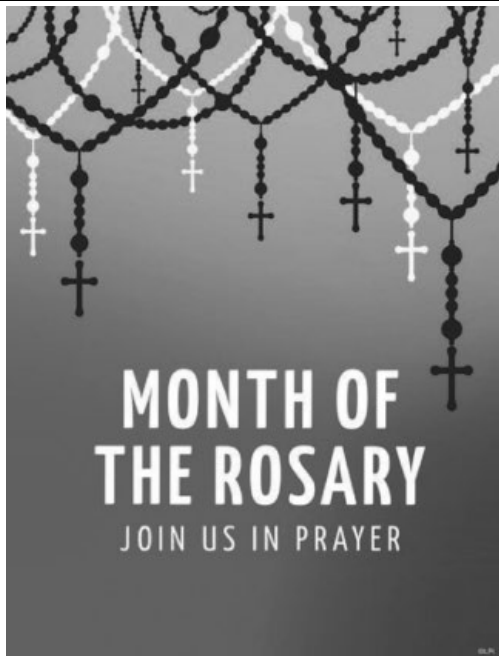
Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sat. Sept. 30, 4:00 pm (SH) - Communion Service

Sun. Oct. 1, 8:30 am (SC) - †In memory of David Kollar, requested by Pat & Gerald Grandy and family.

Sat. Oct. 7, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) †In memory of John Bartman, requested by Janice DeJulius.
 2.) †In loving memory of Alba Krawiecki, requested by Barbara Krawiecki and family.

Sun. Oct. 8, 8:30 am (SC) - 1.) †In memory of Ralph & Sadie Mancini, requested by their children.
 2.) †Anniversary remembrance for Martin & Julia Bell, requested by Jean Barker.
 3.) †For the repose of the soul of Garrett Hadcock, requested by Michele Furnare.



Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

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| Sept 30 (SH) | No Mass | Oct 7 (SH) | Theresa Kovian Katherine Downing |
| Oct 1 (SC) | Dianne Kierpiec Bill Quinn | Oct 8 (SC) | James Wray Dave Marcais |

Counters Schedule

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|------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Oct 4 (SH) | Katherine Downing Kathy Avery | Oct 11 (SH) | Barbara Bilins Noreen Brownell |
| Oct 2 (SC) | Lorna Quinn Linda Coyne | Oct 10 (SC) | Bette Papa Sandy Hayes |

Food Pantry

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| Oct 4 (SH) | Barb Bilins Wendy Hall |
| Oct 25 (SC) | Bette Papa Florence Stanton Marjorie Savoie |

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 1, 2023 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A life-long Catholic friend of mine recently mumbled to me, “I can’t stand all these converts to the faith. They’re always rocking the boat.” It surprised me because he is dedicated to evangelization, and yet he struggles with openness to new Catholics. It made me realize how easily I close my heart to those whom I perceive to be outsiders who become new members of the Catholic community. Almost unconsciously I reduce the world to the categories of “us” and “them.” The result is that meaningful community silently shrinks in my life. Don’t we all do that to some degree?

This week Jesus’ punchy parable about the two sons blows up that black and white world. One son said he wouldn’t get to work, and then did. The other said he would, and then he did not. “Which did the will of his father?” asks the Lord. Like so many of us, in identifying the first as the answer, the religious authorities manifest hidden hypocrisy in refusing to follow Jesus. They — like us — intuit the correct path but simply won’t do it. The tax collectors and prostitutes are indeed following Jesus and thereby getting to work in the kingdom of God. Everyone is called to do God’s will regardless of the labels we may apply to them.

This week let’s reject the convenient but damaging categories of “insiders” and “outsiders.” Instead, let’s embrace a grateful attitude that Jesus is calling fallen, weak, and broken men and women like you and me. Then we begin to see that the tax collectors and prostitutes aren’t them. They are us. And Jesus wants all of us working in his boat, no matter the rocking.
 ~Father John Muir

National Life Chain Sunday-October 1, 2023-Colonie Center 2:00pm -3:00pm

On Sunday afternoon, October 1st, local Pro-Life individuals will join with those in over 850 cities and towns across the United States and Canada for National Life Chain Sunday. This nationwide event began in 1987 to visually demonstrate the Church's support of life in all its stages, especially the pre-born. Life Chain is not the product of one organization, nor has it a political agenda. Life Chain is the joining of brothers and sisters from all parts of the body of Christ to make a silent, prayerful statement to our communities that life is a precious gift from our Creator. Those attending are requested to bring a baby gifts or contribute \$1, which will be donated to local Crisis Pregnancy Centers for distribution to women in need.

The event will begin at 2pm at the Colonie Center Mall (Central Avenue & Wolf Road).

Participants will line the sidewalk on both sides of the road and pray quietly. Guided by prayer topics on the back of each sign, Life Chainers will pray for personal forgiveness, for the protection of unborn children and their mothers, for abortionists lost in spiritual darkness, for politicians and jurists, for unity and commitment among God's people, for the passing motorists, for family needs in each community, and for revival and evangelism locally and across America, Canada, and the world. Locally, with the recent veto of the Partial Birth Abortion Act and the finding of the remains of aborted babies in Colonie, participation is expected to exceed that of previous years.

Participants will carry a sign which has one of the following messages for the community: Abortion Kills Children; Jesus Forgives and Heals; Adoption: the Loving Option; Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation; Abortion Hurts Women.

Contact: Peter Landauer 518 320 6111



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation Program News: Registration and Meet the Teachers at St. Cecilia's Hall on Sunday, October 1st, directly after the 8:30am Mass. Registration forms are available in the vestibules of both parishes. Forms can be filled and dropped in the mail slot at either parish if you cannot make it on October 1st

NYS Eucharistic Congress: Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music & 21qqqqmore. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>

Communion Service at Sacred Heart in Fr Juanito's Absence: We will be having a Communion Service on Saturdays at 4:00PM (Sept 23 & 30). The Albany Diocese authorizes Sunday (or Saturday anticipated) Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest lead by a Deacon or layperson due to the declining number of priests available. The rite fulfills the Sunday obligation.

Saint Cecilia Rummage Sale: Our rummage sale will take place on Friday October 13 and Saturday October 14 with proceeds going to St. Cecilia's. We are asking for donations of gently used clothing, linens, household goods, knick-knacks, toys, books, CDs, DVDs and small furniture. Please, no tires, TVs, computers, broken or dirty items. Drop items off at the detached garage thru Oct. 9. Help is needed Oct. 10 and 11 starting at 8:30 and the days of the sale starting at 7:45. Any assistance is appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

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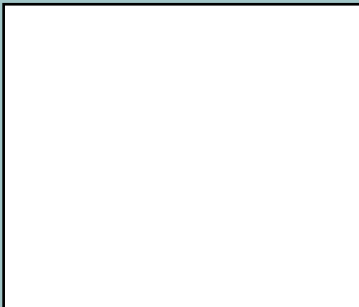
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