

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

8-7	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-8	Tues	9:00 AM	Tom Lakin By Rae Ann Lakin
8-9	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-10	Thurs	9:00 AM	Marge McNally By Small Sunday Prayer Group
8-11	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8-12	Sat	4:00 PM	Inez & Miguel Calderon By Tom & Vicky Cardi
8-13	Sun	10:30 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo


Register now for the 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, 2023 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 and more. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>.

Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish we collected \$1,001.00. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Church Picnic

 Sacred Heart's parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 20th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. It will be held in/by the parish hall. For those who plan to attend, please bring a dish to pass, your own place settings, and lawn chairs if you choose to sit outside. The parish will provide grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord

As Christians we all believe in life beyond the grave. We often talk about heaven or the afterlife. We believe that one day we shall be with God in his heavenly kingdom and rejoice in his presence for all eternity.

Today's feast of the transfiguration of the Lord deepens our hope in this belief. The feast encourages us to continue to set our sights on the glory awaiting us in heaven.

In the first reading, the prophet Daniel had an extraordinary vision in which he saw the heavenly court with the Son of Man coming in his power and glory. He saw thrones set up for the Anointed One who received dominion, glory, and kingship; adoration and worship from nations and peoples of every language. This vision prefigures the transfiguration of the Lord, a significant event which is recorded in all three of the Synoptic Gospel. Today's text comes that of Saint Mathew who recounts how Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves.

And while on the mountaintop, Jesus gave the three disciples the glimpse of heaven. He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

Peter enjoyed the sweetness, quietness and peace of the mountaintop. He exclaimed, "Lord, it is good for us that we are here" (Mathew 17:4). This statement expresses Peter's longing for God's revelation to linger and his desire to stay in his comfort zone. He suggested making three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah.

But this is not the way of Jesus. He and his three disciples needed to descend from the mountain top to face the realities of life.

The voice from heaven came to affirm Jesus' true divinity, as the Beloved Son of God, the One whom we must listen to (Mathew 17:5).

The transfiguration of the Lord opens our eyes to see the beauty of the life awaiting us in heaven. But to enter into the fullness of the kingdom of heaven we need to walk the road of discipleship and witness to Christ. We can draw inspiration from Saint Peter who in the second reading bore witness to the transfiguration of the Lord. For him the transfiguration is a mystical event and the confirmation of the life to come. Saint Peter testifies that he and the other disciples heard the voice that came from heaven when they were with the Lord on the holy mountain. We owe our gratitude to him for giving us firsthand evidence of the transfiguration of the Lord.

The Lord equipped Saint Peter and the other disciples to fulfill his divine mission. He prepared them to bring his love and mercy to the world as well as pass on the faith to the subsequent generations and to our time.

We are called to follow their example to join the Lord to the mountaintop.

We respond to this call when we come to Mass to encounter God in his word and the Eucharist.

Let us ask the Lord to continue to draw us more deeply into the mystery of his life. And may today's feast of the transfiguration of the Lord strengthen our faith and hope in the great reward and glory awaiting us in the heavenly kingdom.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of August 12th & 13th, 2023

First Reading- 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Lorraine Keckeisen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ginni Brandt

Altar Servers:

Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading- Romans 9:1-5

19th Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 14:22-23

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kerri Green

Dolores Storzinger

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of July 22nd & 23rd, 2023 Regular, \$2,100.00; Fuel, \$10.00; Repairs, \$45.00; Peter's Pence, \$981.00

The weekend of July 29th & 30th, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,100.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$11,982.00 which is \$7.00 above budget. The difference in actual collection to budgeted amounts has been corrected to reflect the proposed 2023-2024 budget

Upcoming August Meetings & Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

9th- Rosary Society meeting after 9:00 AM Mass
10th- Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM Old Church
17th- Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 PM Old Church
21st- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
31st- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

August Anniversaries

8th- Marty & Linda Peloso



Step Up 2023 Men's Conference

Date: August 12, 2023
Location: Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY
Register at www.rcda.org/StepUp
See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information. There is also a flyer detailing the need for volunteers for this event. If you are able to help please contact Tom Cronin at the email on the flyer.

Clothing Drive for Ghana

Father Ben is once again collecting clothing for the people of Ghana. All sizes of **summer** clothing for children are needed **but only size small** summer clothing for women and men can be used. There is a poster on each of the bulletin boards by the exits with photos of suggested types of clothing needed. Please do not leave donations in the back of church or in the hallway of the Parish Center. Please bring your donations to the parish office during office hours or call 607-563-1591 to make arrangements to bring in your donations.



Red Cross Blood Drive

If you missed your opportunity to donate blood on July 18th there will be another blood drive on August 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM until 6 PM at the Sidney Elks Lodge.

August Bulletin Quotes

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where God will work all things out for the good.

The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont

Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

Back to School Supply Collection

Catholic Charities is again collecting school supplies for area children. The items needed include paper, crayons, Pencils, glue or glue sticks, thin point markers and folders. They do not need backpacks this year. Please place your donations in the blue barrel in the vestibule. Thank you for once again supporting this collection!

Thank You!

Thank you to all parishioners who helped to make this month's Share the Bounty dinner a success this month! Whether you cooked, baked, served or helped set-up or clean-up your help was greatly appreciated!

FORMED 2024

It is time to renew our subscription to FORMED. We are grateful for the support given in previous years in providing FORMED to our parish. If you can once again donate a gift, whether it is large or small, it will be greatly appreciated. Donations to FORMED can be placed in an envelope marked "FORMED" in the collection basket. If you haven't tried FORMED yet, sign up at "signup.formed.org". Cards are at each of the exits detailing how to log-in.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, [Paul J. Hamilton, Sr.](#), Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, [Matthew Baxter](#), Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermaus, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, [Tammy Byrnes](#), Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Rose LaCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Ferroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraiia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Vicki Czapnik, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Evelyn Hitch, Asia Dema, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Gugliemo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfradine Duguay, Theo Williams, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and all will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.

