



*Mass Intentions for the Week*

- 8-14 Mon 9:00 AM Theresa Horton  
By Paula Ciborowski  
**Feast of the Assumption Vigil**  
Mon 5:30 PM All deceased parishioners  
**Feast of the Assumption**
- 8-15 Tues 9:00 AM James & Lillian Rogers  
By the family
- 8-16 Wed 9:00 AM Theresa Horton  
By Rick & Theresa Boyle
- 8-17 Thurs 9:00 AM Theresa Horton  
By Beth Stacey
- 8-18 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 8-19 Sat 4:00 PM Joan Kaiser  
By Val Marusewski
- 8-20 Sun 10:30 AM Theresa Pickens  
By her daughter, Donna

**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>.

 **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.

**Religious Education 2023-2024**  
Registration paperwork has been mailed to all families who had children in the program in 2022-23. Please return your registration for 2023-2024 to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible so that textbooks can be ordered in time for the start of classes in September.

**19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Be strong and fear not!**

Fear is a powerful emotion that grips all of us. We all feel this human emotion to some extent. We experience fear when stormy waters such as temptations, trials, and hardships befall us. Sometimes chaotic situations threaten to sink our faith and lead us to despair and be anxious.

While fear is natural we cannot allow it to dominate our lives. We all need to stay on top of this human emotion.

The readings for this Sunday tell us to be strong and fear not. The readings urge us to trust in God's saving power to calm the storms of our life and bring comfort and peace to our troubled hearts.

In the gospel, Jesus calmed the fears of his disciples who were caught in the fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee. The disciples were in a boat and hindered by strong winds and high waves. Their situation was worsened when they saw someone walking on the Sea toward them. They became more frightened because they thought that they were seeing a ghost.

Jesus addressed the fears, worry, and anxiety of his disciples. He told them "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Mathew 14:13).

Peter's impulsive character got the better of him. He said to Jesus, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water" (Mathew 14:28).

He took a leap of faith and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But in the process, Peter was overcome by fear and he began to sink. He cried out for help.

Jesus stretched out his hands to save him. He got into the boat and immediately there was calm. The disciples experienced Jesus' presence and the gift of peace and serenity.

In the first reading, the prophet Elijah was overcome by fear because Queen Jezebel sought to kill him. Jezebel was a pagan woman married to King Ahab of Israel. She introduced idol worship into Israel. This pagan practice was an abomination to God's people but no one had the courage to confront Jezebel except the prophet Elijah. He mounted a crusade against Baal worship and eliminated the 450 false prophets who were influencing the Jewish people to abandon their true faith. This infuriated Jezebel and she sent soldiers to kill the prophet Elijah.

When the prophet Elijah became aware of this evil plot he fled into the desert and took shelter in a cave. He was depressed and desired to die rather than to live.

The prophet Elijah looked for a sign of God's presence in the wind, earthquake and fire but he did not find him in any of these. Finally, God appeared to the despondent Elijah in a tiny whispering sound to calm his fears. He sustained him with food and drink to continue his prophetic mission.

The experiences of the prophet Elijah and the disciples are ours as well. Like them, the wind and waves of life buffet our face and threaten to devour us. The storms of life draw us to tears but God never deserts us in our predicaments. He is there by our side in the boat of life, always ready to stretch out his hands to hold us and lead us to safety.

Let us continue to trust in God's saving power and allow him to calm the storms of our life and dispel our fears and anxieties.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of August 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

First Reading- Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Pat Elbrecht

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Yvonne Sliney

**Altar Servers:**

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Second Reading- Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time**

Gospel- Matthew 15: 21-28

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Lorraine Keckeisen

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings of July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$3,103.00; Fuel, \$5.00; Repairs, \$140.00; Evangelist, \$10.00; Feast of the Assumption, \$15.00; Peter's Pence, \$20.00

The weekend of August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection and Feast of the Assumption was \$3,118.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$15,100.00 which is \$730.00 above budget.

### Upcoming August Meetings & Events

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

17<sup>th</sup>- Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 PM Old Church  
 21<sup>st</sup>- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM  
 31<sup>st</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

### August Birthdays

14<sup>th</sup>- Paul Bargher  
 Marty Peloso



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> there will be another blood drive on August 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM until 6 PM at the Sidney Elks Lodge.



It is time to renew our subscription to FORMED for 2024. 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, to help defray the cost 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.

### August Bulletin Quotes

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."  
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"

### 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!

### Upcoming Event at Saint John's in Bainbridge, NY

A program on Saint Kateri and Saint Marianne Cope and others will be presented on August 25-27 by Father Murray. Father Murray served at the North American Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY. Call Saint John's Church in Bainbridge, 607-967-4481, for more information.

### The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

An exhibit created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial to be beatified in the Catholic Church in 2020, will be on display at Saint Bartholomew's Parish Center, 81 East Main Street, Norwich, NY for 6 weeks starting August 15<sup>th</sup>. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 211 in Norwich, is free and open to the public on Sunday 10AM-2PM, Tuesdays - Fridays from 9:30 AM-2PM, and Wednesdays evenings from 5-8PM.

**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 Kolermous, 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 LoCasci, 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 Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Vicki Czapnik, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, 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, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Evelyn Hitch, Asia Dema, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Gugliermo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine 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.*

