



Mass Intentions for the Week

8-21	Mon	9:00 AM	Alice Holzel By Carol Jensen
8-22	Tues	9:00 AM	Healing Mass for Carl Griffith By Pete & Ellie Robinson
8-23	Wed	9:00 AM	Theresa Horton By Ellen Hogan
8-24	Thurs	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-25	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8-26	Sat	4:00 PM	Al Marusewski By Val Marusewski
8-27	Sun	10:30 AM	Richard Ciborowski By Paula Ciborowski

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today nearly 40% of diocese in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Church Picnic

Please join your parish family after the 10:30 AM Mass this weekend for a church picnic. We will gather in/by the parish center. 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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Press on and never give up

The readings for this Sunday highlight the importance of humility, patience, perseverance and persistence in our relationship with God and others. The readings talk about the need for us to exhibit these virtues in our prayer life.

In the gospel, a Canaanite woman demonstrated great faith, humility, patience and persistence in her request to Jesus. She called out to Jesus to heal her daughter who was tormented by a demon. The woman's humble request was met with total silence. Jesus did not say a word in answer to her plea, an action which some people interpret to mean that he ignored or snubbed the woman. But it is believed that Jesus delayed a response to the woman's request in order to test her faith.

The woman was determined and she kept calling out to Jesus to heal her daughter.

This prompted the disciples to ask Jesus to send her away because she was a nuisance and an embarrassment to them. He broke his silence by saying, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mathew 15:24). This statement did not put the woman off. Jesus pushed her a little further by reminding her of the historic barrier that exists between the Jews and the Canaanites. The two groups hated each other.

He said to the woman "It is not right to take the food of the sons and daughters and throw it to the dogs" (Mathew 15:26). These words were cynical enough to provoke the woman to anger. Jesus appeared to demean her by calling her a dog but she did not take any offense. She replied, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters" (Mathew 15:27).

Jesus was amazed at the woman for her undying and unshakable faith, humility, patience and persistence. He said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (Mathew 15:28). And her daughter was healed instantly.

You and I have a lot to learn from the humility and unwavering faith of the Canaanite woman. Her great faith persisted above her feelings. She teaches us that it takes strong faith, humility, perseverance and persistence to ask, seek, and find help from God and others.

All of us pray to God for our needs but we are not persistent enough in our petitions. There have been times when you and I gave up in our prayers because we felt like nothing was happening, that God was silent and not answering us. The Canaanite woman challenges us to trust in God's power and goodness to give us what we truly need in his own good time.

She teaches us to have a gentle attitude toward life. Some of us are too quick to take offense at people especially those who press our button or irritate us. We fail to keep our composure or calm ourselves when pushed to the wall. We allow pride and arrogance to get in our way.

The encounter between Jesus and the Canaanite woman opened a door to the gift of universal salvation. This encounter fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah as presented in the first reading. The prophet Isaiah foresaw an era when God's house will be a place of welcome for all people and nations; when all people will observe what is right and just and offer sacrifices acceptable to the Lord.

We are the people the Lord has called to himself, to break down barriers, to eschew human prejudice and indifference. We need to pull down the walls that separate us from those we consider different from us. Let us look around us to see those people, to accept them and acknowledge them as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let us all ask the Lord to heal our brokenness and our indifference and keep us in his loving and merciful heart.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of August 26th & 27th, 2023

First Reading- Isaiah 22:19-23

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Ginni Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers:

Carole Ostrander

Altar Servers:

Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- Romans 11:33-36

21st Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Pat Tartaglia

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of August 12th & 13th, 2023 Regular, \$2,436.00; Fuel, \$6.00; Repairs, \$85.00; Evangelist, \$23.00; Feast of the Assumption, \$15.00; Peter's Pence, \$45.00; Catholic Home Mission, \$10.00; FORMED, \$38.00

The weekend of August 12th & 13th, 2023 the regular collection and Feast of the Assumption was \$2,451.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$17,551.00 which is \$730.00 above budget.

Upcoming August Meetings & Events

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

21st- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
31st- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

August Birthdays

22nd- Lorraine Keckeisen



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 (size 30-32) 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.



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.

There is an overview of the 2022-2023 Diocesan Appeal for your information posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

51st Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will hold this annual event on Saturday, September 23rd at 4:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

August Bulletin Quotes

"God's love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"How to Build a Culture of Life"

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 Faith, Family and the Need for Healing

A special weekend August 25-27 with Father Peter Murray, S.J. at St. John the Evangelist, Bainbridge. Father served for a time at the National Shrine of the North American martyrs in Auriesville.
---**Friday, August 25, 6:30-8:00pm** Father Murray will make a presentation on St. Kateri. Adoration will follow with an opportunity for confession as well.
---**Saturday, August 26, 10:00am-1:30pm** Begins with Mass at 10:00am. Our Faith Journey. How does church help my faith grow? How do we help our church grow? (Please bring your own lunch, beverage will be provided.)
----**Sunday, August 27 at Mass** at St. Agnes in Afton (8:30am) and St. John's in Bainbridge (11:00am), Father Murray will conclude the weekend.

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.

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, Marlena 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, 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., Asia Dema, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Tom Ruff, Joan Rice

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