



Mass Intentions for the Week

8-28	Mon	9:00 AM	Andrew Sebeck By Charlie & Jean McKilligan
8-29	Tues	9:00 AM	Father Gordon By Carol Jensen
8-30	Wed	9:00 AM	Theresa Horton By Daily Mass Group
8-31	Thurs	9:00 AM	Jeremy Matviak By Marge LaFave
9-1	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
9-2	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph H. Pete III By Bettye Pete
9-3	Sun	10:30 AM	Father Gordon By Dan & Ginni Brandt

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

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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.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Please consider donating blood this Tuesday, August 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM until 6 PM at the Sidney Elks Lodge.



“When life gets more than you can stand...kneel.”

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Who do you say that I am?” (Mathew 16:15)

Most of us care about what people think of us or how others perceive us. This is a natural thing. It is good to a certain extent. Sometimes the opinions of other people about us serve as a mirror for us to see ourselves. They help guide us in our growth.

But the question is can others really know us better than ourselves? It is important that we each discover who we are and show that incredible person within us to the world.

Jesus cared about what people thought of him and how they perceived him. He knew his true self, yet he gave others the opportunity to discover for themselves his real identity and mission in the world.

In this Sunday’s gospel, Jesus posed two critical questions to his disciples. He asked them, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” (Mathew 16:13). The disciples replied that some people saw him as John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

The public opinion about Jesus was a good one. They equated him with prominent personalities who stood for truth and the demands of moral law but he was none of those great characters.

Jesus quizzed his closest followers, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mathew 16:15). Peter spoke on behalf of his companions. He declared his belief, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mathew 16:16). Peter provided the right answer. Jesus is the Messiah, the Anointed One of God. Jesus affirmed Peter’s profession of faith. He said to him, “You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church... and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it” (Mathew 16:18). He conferred upon Peter the supreme shepherding responsibility to lead his flock. He also gave him the keys to the kingdom of heaven. As Catholics we acknowledge the indispensable position that Jesus gave to Peter and his Successors in our lives. We believe that the Bishops are the direct Successors of the Twelve Apostles. That is why at every Mass, we mention the name of the Holy Father, the Pope and pray for him and the bishops.

The keys that Jesus gave to Peter symbolize the divine authority that God entrusts to ordinary people to exercise in his name. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah foretold that God will remove Shebna from his stewardship position and give the keys of the house of David to Eliakim to be a leader and a father to all in Jerusalem and Judah. Shebna was the governor, the second in command to King Hezekiah. He failed to recognize God as the source of all power and authority. He supported Israel’s alliance with a foreign power other than God. The alliance failed and it was disastrous for the people of Israel.

In the second reading, Saint Paul extolled the richness of the depths and wisdom and knowledge of God. He stressed that God’s judgments are inscrutable and his ways are unsearchable.

Each day our gift of faith brings us to recognize God’s presence in our lives. It helps us to run the glorious race that lies ahead of us. As we gather today for the Eucharist, let us with the Psalmist praise God for his eternal love and ask him to forsake not the works of his hands.

Let us like Peter, acknowledge Jesus as the Anointed One of God and reflect his image to the little world around us in word and deed. And may the Lord continue to impart his heavenly light to our mind and heart.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of September 2nd & 3rd, 2023

First Reading- Jeremiah 20:7-9

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jane Artis

Altar Servers:

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading- Romans 12:1-2

22nd Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 16:21-27

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Marianne Johansen

Kristin Reuter

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Offerings of August 19th & 20th, 2023 Regular, \$2,159.00; Repairs, \$100.00; Feast of the Assumption, \$654.00; FORMED, \$50.00

The weekend of August 19th & 20th, 2023 the regular collection and Feast of the Assumption was \$2,813.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$20,364.00 which is \$1,148.00 above budget.

Upcoming August Meetings & Events

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

31st- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for upcoming meetings and events in September

August Birthdays

31st- Josette Wood



Harvest Festival 2023



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 6th & 7th! We need crafts for the Craft Booth, items for the Farmer's Market, Treasure Chest, soups and baked

goods. Please bring your donations for the Treasure Chest and Craft booth to the Parish Center before October 6th so the items can be priced.

NO books, CD's, DVD's, and VHS (can be donated to the Nex-to-New)

No stuffed animals (donate to local ambulance squads)

No clothing (can be donated to the Nex-to-New)

No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)

Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free. Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items must be clean and in working order. Holiday decorations especially; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter would be most appreciated.

Donations of uniquely crafted handmade items are needed for the Craft Booth.

Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours. Please contact the Parish Office, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations. *To be in compliance with fire and safety codes please do not leave items outside or inside in the doorways or hallways.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church on September 23rd and 24th.

August Bulletin Quotes

"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"

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!

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 or contact the Parish Office, 607-563-1591.

Caring Connections-Catholic Charities

Caring Connections is a part of Catholic Charities that provides emergency assistance to local families or individuals in need. They are looking for the following personal care items to restock their cupboards.

shampoo soap toothpaste
deodorant hair brushes

Donations can be brought to the Parish Office or taken to Catholic Charities in the Civic Center. Thank you in advance for your generous help!

Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Christ Our Light RC Church, 1 Maria Dr., Loudonville, NY

Date: Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm Prayer & Praise Music by Joyful Heart

7:30 pm Liturgy, Healing Prayer to follow

Presider: Rev. Michael Melanson, Parochial Vicar, Athens

There will be individual prayer teams available after Mass.

For more information about the Charismatic Renewal

Check out the website: AlbanyCCR.Org

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 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 Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Marais, 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, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson

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

