



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

- 7-3 Mon 9:00 AM Father Gordon
By Susan Goodrich
- 7-4 Tues 9:00 AM Strength for Father Ben
as he begins his new journey
By Sacred Heart Parishioners
- 7-5 Wed 9:00 AM Theresa Pickens
By her family
- 7-6 Thurs 9:00 AM P.J. Rice
By Ada and family
- 7-7 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 7-8 Sat 4:00 PM Al Zach
By Terri Cristofaro
- 7-9 Sun 10:30 AM Father Gordon
By Ray & Lorraine Keckeisen

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, log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org> See the flyers on the bulletin boards in the vestibule for more information. **Pre-registration is required!**



The Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.

Golden Age Party



The Golden Age Party will be held for parishioners 75 years and up after the Anointing of the Sick Mass on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Invitations have been sent. Please RSVP by July 12th to Pat Smith at 607-563-3118 or email her at quiltedduck@gmail.com.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Does God demand too much of us? Does he ask us more than we can do or give him? Why should we place God first in everything? Do you and I really put him above everyone and all things? These provocative questions came to mind as I pondered on the readings for this 13th Sunday in ordinary time. The readings talk about the demands and the gains of discipleship. The readings call us to show hospitality and generosity towards others.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us to be more attached to him than everything else. He makes it clear that whoever loves father, mother, daughter, son, sister, or brother more than him is not worthy of him. God has given us our family and told us to love each member. What does Jesus mean here? Is he telling us to turn our back on our parents and family or ignore them? Not at all! He is reminding us to pay attention to our relationship with God, to love the Lord above all things.

Jesus wants us to understand what true discipleship entails, the need to surrender our lives to him completely, to take our cross and follow him to the point of death. He challenges us to go beyond our comfort zones, to forgo our self-interest, to welcome him and serve him in strangers and visitors.

We are assured of a great price or reward for accepting the call to discipleship. Jesus promises us that our smallest acts of kindness and service done in his name will be rewarded. Our kind deed such as giving a cup of cold water for others to drink will never go unnoticed.

In the first reading we find an example in a woman from Shumen who showed hospitality and generosity towards the prophet Elisha. The woman provided food for Elisha and talked to her husband to prepare a room for him to spend the night with them. Elisha was grateful for the couple's gracious hospitality and generosity toward him. He noticed their need for a child for the woman was barren. Elisha rewarded the couple's kind gesture to him with God's blessings. He said to the woman that by next year she will hold a child in her arms. This promise was fulfilled by God.

The woman and her husband had a charitable heart for God's prophet. Their charity produced fruits of blessings for them. How about us? Are we charitable to others? God opens opportunities for us to welcome him and serve him in others. He comes to us in those around us, in our neighbors, strangers, and visitors. You and I need to open our hearts to God and welcome him in these different ways and bring his presence to others.

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this weekend, let us do so with gratitude for God's blessings for our great nation and ask for his continual protection and guidance upon us. Our nation was founded on the principles of the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As always, it is important that we pray for God's Spirit to touch our human hearts to learn to exercise our freedom wisely, to do what is right and just and be pleasing in the sight of the Lord.

We need to bring the richness of our Christian faith to others. This week, let us open our eyes to recognize the Lord in all those we may encounter; the stranger, the neighbor, the social outcast, the sick and dying and bring them the love and care they need. Let us respond to Jesus' invitation, deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow him to where he calls us to be.

God bless and have a wonderful Fourth of July weekend.

Rev. Dr. Ben



Weekend of July 8th & 9th, 2023

First Reading- Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading- Romans 8: 9, 11-13

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday 4:00 PM

- Celebrant:** Fr. Ben
- Lector:** Sheri Youngs
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Gene Walsh
- Altar Servers:** Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Sunday 10:30AM

- Fr. Ben
- Marianne Johansen
- Paula Ciborowski
- Liam, Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

Offerings of June 24th & 25th, 2023 Regular, \$2,046.00; Fuel, \$175.00; Repairs, \$40.00

The weekend of June 24th & 25th, 2023 the regular collection and Ascension was \$2,046.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$690.00 below budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$130,836.00, which is \$3,700.00 below budget.

Upcoming July Meetings & Events

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

- July 11th- Rosary Society meeting follows 9:00 AM Mass
- July 13th- Finance Council 6:30 PM
- July 17th- Knight of Columbus 6:30 PM
- July 20th- Pastoral Council 6:30 PM
- July 23rd- Golden Age Party begins with Mass at 2:00 PM
- July 27th- Share the Bounty 4:30 - 6:30 PM

July Birthdays

- 6th- Alfredine Duguay
Raymond Newbauer
- 7th- Tom Hoskins
- 8th- Ken Bagley



July Anniversaries

- 7th- Paul & Jackie Bargher



July Bulletin Quotes

“O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.”
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Prayer for Religious Liberty”

Calling all single Catholics

August 25th-27th, 2023 join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond) at the 22nd National Conference for single Catholics at St. John's Resort in Plymouth, MI or participate virtually and engage with others via online socials and small group discussions. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, fellowship and more. See the flyer in the vestibule or visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register.

A thank you for our collection for the Foundation for Children in Need, from The Pontifical Mission Societies is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Step Up 2023 Men's Conference

Date: August 12, 2023

Location: Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Fultonville, NY

The event starts at 8:30 AM and will include speakers, confessions, Adoration, Rosary and 4PM Mass.

Register at www.rcda.org/StepUp

See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

Healthy Delaware

There will be a walk-in, no-cost medical, dental and vision event at the Walton High School on July 11th- July 19th. See the poster in the vestibule for more information.



Emily Brandt
Daniel Morris
Marek Rajner

Liam Gronwall
Jessica Partridge



Save the Date

A parish picnic will be held on August 20th after the 10:30 am Mass. More information will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks

Red Cross Blood Drive



Please consider donating blood on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Sidney American Legion on 22 Union Street. To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.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 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 LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, 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, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czupnik, 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 Gugliermo, Ellen Reuter

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

