

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

7-10	Mon	9:00 AM	Soddy & Carmie Mirabito By Dan & Ginni Brandt
7-11	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-12	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-13	Thurs	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-14	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7-15	Sat	4:00 PM	Al Zach By Terri Cristofaro
7-16	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!**

Golden Age Party



The Golden Age Party will be held for parishioners 75 years of age 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.

Mark Your Calendars

This coming Saturday, July 15th, 2023 Bishop Scharfenberger will be at Rosa Mystica House of Prayer in Edmeston, New York to celebrate her feast day. There is no fee for this event but to register contact Janine at 607-206-2523 or email at RosaMysticaJanine@gmail.com. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest”
(Mathew 11:28).**

It is relieving when someone lifts a heavy burden or a load off of your shoulders. I remember growing up in rural Ghana when we used to walk quite a long distance, (a quarter of a mile) to a river to fetch water home. This was one of our daily chores before and after school. We used to fetch water in a silver or rubber bucket and carry it home on our heads. It was always a great relief for me when I arrived home and someone helped to take the load off my head. I felt at ease and rested my muscles. In today's gospel, Jesus invites all of us who are heavy laden from the demands of life to come to him and he will give us rest. Jesus promises to free us from the burdens that drain our energy or suck the life out of us. He tells us to take his yoke upon our shoulders and learn from him for he is meek and humble of heart.

What is a yoke? You may ask. A yoke is a wooden crossbeam that farmers lay on the shoulders of two oxen to plow or haul a wagon. The yoke binds the two animals together so they can share the burden of the task and make the workload easier for each of them.

As humans we all carry the burdens of life. We bear both physical and spiritual burdens which come in different shapes and sizes. We face physical burdens such as ill health, chronic pain, financial challenges, disappointments, family crisis, death and grief. At times our burdens make us feel as if we are carrying the weight of the whole world on our head. They overwhelm us or consume us.

On the spiritual front we suffer from the burden of sin and guilt. Our own human weaknesses or failings weigh us down. Until we go to confession and receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness, we remain under the burden of guilt. Our conscience judges us for deviating from God's path. You and I know this experience very well.

Another burden that we also carry around and inside us is the hurt others cause us. Too often we punish ourselves by holding on to the harm and pain others cause us. We become resentful and deny ourselves of inner peace.

Jesus does not want us to be heavy laden with the burden of sin and guilt. He loves us as his little ones and promises to give rest to our souls. He seeks to replace the yoke and the burden that oppress us with his own. It is up to us to respond to his invitation and receive the gift of his freedom and peace.

Saint Paul admonishes us in the second reading to live by God's Spirit and put to death the desires or deeds of the flesh. He exhorts us to do away with our sinful habits and inclinations so we can grow in holiness and grace.

The Lord has invited us to partake of his word and the Eucharist. Let us approach him with childlike simplicity and humility. Let us cast our burdens unto him and allow him to bring rest to our weary souls.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben



Weekend of July 15th & 16th, 2023

First Reading- Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading- Romans 8: 18-23

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 13:1-23

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers:

Anderson & Garret Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Nancy Kahane

Pat Smith

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of July 1st & 2nd, 2023 Regular, \$2,273.00; Fuel, \$120.00; Repairs, \$10.00; Evangelist, \$15.00; Catholic Communications Campaign, \$10.00

The weekend of July 1st & 2nd, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,273.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend was the first collection for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

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

11th- Harry Papastrat
12th- Ginni Brandt



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.



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.

Thank you to everyone who once again helped with the Share the Bounty Community dinner. A special thanks to Gateway Alliance Church for preparing and serving the dinner. See their thank you on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

July Bulletin Quotes

“Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God’s power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.” Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“An Adoption Love Story”

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.

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.

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 flyer in the vestibule with photos of suggested types of clothing needed. Please bring your donations to the parish office during office hours or call 607-563-1591 to make arrangements to bring in your donations.

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, 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, Marlina 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 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, Marlina, 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.

