

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

7-17	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-18	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-19	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-20	Thurs	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-21	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7-22	Sat	4:00 PM	Joan Kaiser By Tony & Joan Barber
7-23	Sun	10:30 AM	Stanislawa Koc By the Kobylarz family

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>

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. Please note that this Mass will be at 2:00 pm. If you have questions or need more information you may contact Pat Smith at 607-563-3118 or email her at quiltedduck@gmail.com.



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God speaks to us in many different ways such as through the sacred scripture, prayer, and the ordinary circumstances and events of life. He talks to us through creation and the events of nature.
On this fifteenth Sunday in ordinary time our readings use images and stories drawn from nature to teach us about the hidden truths of God's kingdom. The readings talk about the power of God's word and its intended purpose to transform our lives and nourish us to bear abundant fruit. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah compares the power of God's Word to rain and snow which fall on the earth to make it fertile and fruitful. Isaiah tells us that just as rain and snow fall from the sky to soak the soil, make it fertile and fruitful so too God pours his word out in our hearts to enrich our lives.
In the gospel, Jesus talks about the parable of the sower and the seed. He says that a farmer went out to sow seeds and scattered them on different types of soil. Some of the seeds fell along the pathway, rocky ground, among thorns and on good soil. While the seed that landed on the fertile soil produced abundant fruit all the rest on the different soil failed to take root and sprout. Birds came to eat the seed that fell along the pathway. The seed that landed on the rocky ground and thorns all withered because they lacked deep soil. Jesus ended the parable with a thought provoking statement: "Whoever has ears ought to hear." The parable of the sower and the seed has meaning for our lives. It invites us to deepen our relationship with the Lord, to grow and mature our Christian faith.
One powerful image that stands out for me in this parable is the method the farmer adopted to sow the seeds. The farmer spread or scattered the seeds everywhere. This shows God's generous love for all his children to come to the knowledge of his truth and be saved. He desires to make His Word reach every human heart and corner of the world. God constantly calls us to a better life through his word. He has given us Jesus Christ, the farmer who comes to sow the seed of truth in our hearts. Through Christ, God brings us his Saving Word, to challenge us, encourage, transform and empower us to bear abundant fruit.
All of us need to examine ourselves to see what kind of spiritual soil we are. Do yours and mine appear like that of the pathway, the rocky, and thorny or are we fertile soil? What is my disposition to God's Word? Am I receptive to God's Word and allow it to challenge and shape my life? Am I apprehensive of the gospel truth? Do I embrace the teaching of Christ and his church?
We all have some obstacles to overcome. We are like the seed that fell on the wayside of our lives. We hear God's Word but it does not take deep root in us. At different times in our lives we choke out God's Word by giving into worldly temptations and distractions. There are other times when we do well to listen to God's voice but setbacks leave us disillusioned or despairing. We become thorns and shallow or rocky soil. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that all of creation is moving toward the great day when the fullness of redemption will be revealed. He considers the sufferings of this present age as nothing compared with the glory that will be revealed for us at the end of time. As people of faith, we need to remain steadfast in the Lord and allow his word to permeate our lives so we can produce abundant fruits. This week let us pray for the grace to be the seed planted firmly in God's truth on the rich soil of our hearts. Let us show ourselves as the seed that fell on the rich soil and produce abundant fruits of love, kindness, and care to those around us and all we may meet.
God bless.
Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of July 22nd & 23rd, 2023
First Reading- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben
Lector: Ginni Brandt
Eucharistic Ministers: Nancy Kahane
Altar Servers: Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Second Reading- Romans 8:26-27

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel- Matthew 13:24-43

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben
Bill Babbage
Ada Rice
Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings of July 8th & 9th, 2023 Regular, \$2,320.00; Fuel, \$60.00; Repairs, \$5.00;

The weekend of July 8th & 9th, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,320.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. To date we have collected \$4,593.00 which is \$879.00 below budget.

Upcoming July Meetings & Events

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

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

17th- Brenda Bagley

July Anniversaries

20th- Pete & Ellie Robinson



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 church 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 this 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Plant seeds in your relationship on rich soil and produce fruit. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where the seeds are planted on rich good soil. The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://www.mectw.org/>.

July Bulletin Quotes

"Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions." Read more at www.respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

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 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.

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 Deekard](#), 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, 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 Czapanik, 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, Francis Duguay

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

