



7-24	Mon	9:00 AM	Maria Vasquez By Daily Mass Coffee Group
7-25	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-26	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-27	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alicia Consuelo By Alex
7-28	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7-29	Sat	4:00 PM	Tom & Millie Cardi By Tom & Vicky Cardi
7-30	Sun	10:30 AM	Frank, Rosalie, & Donna DeLorenzo By Joan Hale

**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>

**Peter's Pence Collection**  
Next week we will take up the Pater's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.hyml](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.hyml).

The insert this week is a letter from Bishop Scharfenberger in regards to the Peter's Pence Collection that will be taken up next week. On the back side of the letter is a prayer request for priests from the Albany Diocese for the month of August. Please consider offering a prayer each day for the priests listed on this calendar.

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Let them grow together until harvest time (Mathew 13:30)**

As we journey through life we try to seek answers to some fundamental questions such as why there is evil and suffering in the world. We try to know the origin of evil. We ask why God doesn't get rid of evil and wickedness in the world. Sometimes we wonder if God is asleep or still in control of human affairs. We ask why virtuous people and evildoers need to co-exist or live side by side. We doubt if evil will ever disappear in human lives.

The readings for today's liturgy bring us to address the above critical questions. The readings help us to learn about how God deals with evil with patience and forbearance. They assure us that the darkness of evil or wickedness will eventually be banished from human life at the end of the harvest.

In the first reading, the author of the book of Wisdom tells us that God governs the world with clemency. The author says that the Lord is kind and merciful and he gives sinners the chance to turn away from their evil ways so that they can live and receive the gift of salvation.

The gospel text contains three parables: the parable of the wheat and weeds and the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven. These three parables teach us a great lesson to show patience and benevolent tolerance towards others. They also speak about the mysterious ways in which God's kingdom begins and grows within our hearts and manifest its presence visibly in our words, thoughts, and actions.

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, we learn about the tension between good and evil that we often feel within us. Jesus says that a landowner sowed good seed in his field but an enemy came by night to sow weeds among them. With time, the plant sprung up and bore grain, and the weeds also appeared. The servants of the landowner asked him for permission to go and pull up the weeds but he rejected their advice. The landowner rather instructed his servants to allow the weeds and the wheat to grow together until harvest time when they will separate the weeds from the wheat.

Was the landowner smart? Did he make a good decision? I think he should have given his servants the go ahead to remove the weeds. This could have prevented the weeds from competing with the plants for space and nutrients in the soil. Jesus wanted to prove an important point here that God is not too quick to judge us or render final judgment upon us. God is kind and patient with us. He gives us a chance to change for the better, to become healthy wheat in his kingdom on earth. In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, we learn about the mysterious ways in God's kingdom works in our lives. Both parables reveal the transformative power of God's kingdom.

In the kingdom of God, we are like the mustard seed that grows slowly to become a large tree for others to rest in the branches of our goodness. We are also like the yeast that gradually leavens the bread dough.

God offers us spiritual nutrients through his living word and the sacraments to help us to grow and produce good fruit. He encourages and also challenges us to persevere in doing good and avoiding evil. As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us ask the Lord to purify our hearts of every evil desire and strengthen us to bear witness to his eternal kingdom by word and example. This week let us do our best to show love, patience, mercy, and kindness towards one another. And may the grace of the Lord be abundant on us as we strive to face the tension between good and evil within ourselves and the world around us.

God bless.  
Rev. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
First Reading- 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben  
**Lector:** Phyllis Blincoe  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gene Walsh  
**Altar Servers:** Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading- Romans 8:28-30

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Gospel- Matthew 13:44-52

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben  
Judy Roldan  
Kathy Saludo  
Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of July 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$1,895.00; Fuel, \$30.00; Repairs, \$30.00; Catholic Communications, \$25.00

The weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection was \$1,895.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. To date we have collected \$6,488.00 which is \$1,196.00 below budget.

### Upcoming July Meetings & Events

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

July 27<sup>th</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30 -6:30 PM  
Desserts and volunteers are needed to help serve, and clean-up are needed

### July Birthdays

23<sup>rd</sup>- Jason Woodyshek



### July Anniversaries

23<sup>rd</sup>- Jamie & Jenna Roberts



### Save the Date

A church picnic will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:30 AM Mass. More information will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks

### 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.

### 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](http://www.rcda.org/StepUp)

### Gates are now locked

We regret that the gates behind the church must once again be kept locked. We have had numerous occasions in the past few months of trash being dumped behind the church as well as on top of the air conditioning units.

### July Bulletin Quotes

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together. ... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Married Love and the Gift of Life"

### Calling all single Catholics

August 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 join 400+ singles coming from all parts of the US (and beyond) at the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Have faith and you can make your relationship strong. Come and rest in its branches. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where the faith of a mustard seed will grow. 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. 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/>.

### Share the Bounty

Due to the hospitalization of a member of Saint Paul's Share the Bounty team they are unable to prepare the meal for this week's dinner. Arrangements have been made for a substitute "chef". We still need desserts for this meal. If you can prepare a batch of cookies, cupcakes or any other simple dessert please bring them to the Parish Center before 4:00 PM on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also need workers to help serve the meal and clean up afterwards. Please call 607-563-7066 to let Paula know if you are able to help.

**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, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, 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, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Anielle (AK), Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Evelyn Hitch, Asia Dema, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Theo Williams

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

