



7-31	Mon	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-1	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-2	Wed	9:00 AM	Joseph Pete III By Bettye Pete
8-3	Thurs	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-4	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8-5	Sat	4:00 PM	Edna Ludwig By Pat Elbrecht
8-6	Sun	10:30 AM	Gabriel & Hilda Rivera By the 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>.

**Peter's Pence Collection**  
 Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.hym1](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.hym1).

**Church Picnic**  
  
 Sacred Heart's parish picnic will be held on Sunday, August 20th, after the 10:30 AM Mass. It will be held in/by the parish hall. For those who plan to attend, please bring a dish to pass, your own place settings, and lawn chairs if you choose to sit outside. The parish will provide grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks.

**Weekend of August 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
 First Reading- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:** Fr. Ben  
**Lector:** Ginni Brandt  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Early  
**Altar Servers:** Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading- 2 Peter 1:16-19

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
 Gospel- Matthew 17:1-9

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben  
 Jose Estevez  
 Terry Maggio  
 Liam, Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Finding a precious treasure**

At this time last year, I was in Ghana collecting data for my doctoral dissertation research. I spent most of my time in the rural areas interviewing junior high school students, their parents, teachers, and some educational leaders. One of the issues I identified which concerns me most and many others is the wide spread of illegal small-scale gold mining activities that are influencing some students to discontinue their education. A number of young people I interacted with told me that they dropped out of school to engage in gold mining because it is the quickest way to make money and to be rich. These young people value gold mining more than their education. For them gold mining is a great treasure. They have chosen a short-term asset over a long-term treasure. Do you think these young ones are prudent enough in their decision?

The readings for this Sunday's liturgy bring us to reflect on what really matters in life. The readings lead us to ponder on what is worth pursuing in life. They challenge us to think about what we are searching for in life; whether it is something of great value or if we are chasing false treasures. In the first reading, Solomon sought what is valuable in life. God appeared to him in a dream and told him to ask for anything he wanted and it would be granted. Solomon asked for divine wisdom and a grace of discernment so that he can rule his people according to the will of God. He needed a treasure of great price, an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong. God was pleased with Solomon's request and he granted him far more than he asked. He blessed Solomon with much wisdom, riches, prosperity, and a long life.

In the gospel, Jesus advises us to seek the great pearl of the kingdom of heaven. He uses three parables to teach us about the value of the kingdom of God. In the first parable, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a great treasure buried in a field. Someone found this treasure and buried it again. He happily went home, sold all his possessions and bought that field from its owner.

Second, Jesus likens the kingdom of heaven to a merchant searching for fine pearls to buy. He discovered one of great value and sold everything he has to buy it.

Third, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that fishermen threw into the lake and collected all kinds of fish. When the net was full, the fishermen dragged it on the shore and sat down to separate the good from the bad. They kept the good and threw out the bad ones.

Jesus makes it clear that at the end of time, God's Angels will come and separate the evil ones from the righteous. The Angels will throw the evil ones into the fiery furnace where they will weep and gnash their teeth. Our Lord Jesus has revealed the mysteries and the riches of the kingdom of God to us. He calls us to seek this great treasure and trust in his father's goodness to add all things unto us.

Let us ask God to bless us with his unfailing wisdom to discern his holy will and treasure his eternal kingdom above all things.

God bless.  
 Rev. Dr. Ben

The weekend of July 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 the regular collection was \$3,394.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. To date we have collected \$9,882.00 which is \$538.00 below budget.

### Upcoming August Meetings & Events

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

5<sup>th</sup>- First Saturday Rosary 5:00 PM in church  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>- Monthly Food Bank and Birthright collection  
9<sup>th</sup>- Rosary Society meeting after 9:00 AM Mass  
10<sup>th</sup>- Finance Council Meeting 6:30 PM Old Church  
17<sup>th</sup>- Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 PM Old Church  
21<sup>st</sup>- Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM  
31<sup>st</sup>- Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM

### August Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup>- Michael Reif  
Karleigh Roberts



### August Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup>- Fran & Alfredine Duguay  
2<sup>nd</sup>- David & Paula Dewey



### July Bulletin Quotes

“A woman with an unexpected pregnancy may have any number of fears and challenges: facing judgment from her friends and family, losing her job or housing, or being abandoned by the father of her child. Following Mary’s example, we can ask ourselves how to better know these mothers, listen to them, seek understanding, and help them obtain the necessities of life for themselves and their children.”  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Called to Serve Moms in Need”

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Romans 8:28-30: “We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” Trust in God. God calls you. He can help make your relationship strong, thriving, and loving. Come experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience where God will work all things out for the good.

The dates are:

August 11-13, 2023 in Storrs, CT

August 25-27, 2023 in Vermont

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://wwmectw.org/>.

### 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)

See the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information. There is also a flyer detailing the need for volunteers for this event. If you are able to help please contact Tom Cronin at the email on the flyer.

### 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.

It has been brought to our attention that several parishioners are now in nursing homes. Our list needs to be updated. If you have an address for a parishioner currently in a nursing home or that is home bound and they would like to receive an occasional card please contact the parish office and provide a current mailing address for the parishioner.

### 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.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

If you missed your opportunity to donate blood on July 18<sup>th</sup> there will be another blood drive on August 29, 2023 from 12:30 PM until 6 PM at the Sidney Elks Lodge.



**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, 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 Maraia, Leon Matthews, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Vicki Czapnik, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolino, 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 Gugliemo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Theo Williams, Chelsi Byrne

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

