



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 10-9 Mon 9:00 AM Healing Mass for Eric Patterson
By Marge LaFave, Marge Suriano and the Tartaglia's
- 10-10 Tues 9:00 AM Theresa Horton
By Rosary Society
- 10-11 Wed 9:00 AM Karen Warner
By Ellen Hogan & Family
- 10-12 Thurs 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 10-13 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 10-14 Sat 4:00 PM Joseph Schalk
By Lucy Hindle & family
- 10-15 Sun 10:30 AM Tommy Zieno
By Tom Zieno & Maria Aebi

Harvest Festival 2023



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to contribute to the success of the Harvest Festival. A financial report will be available in the coming weeks.



Thank you Thank you, Thank you! To all our generous parishioners who have donated to FORMED for all of us to use, your overwhelming support is most

appreciated. I am so grateful to you all. What amazing things we do when we all help even a little!

Sincerely,
The Faith Formation program



Reminder

The Parish Offices will be closed Monday October 9th in observance of Columbus Day.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings for this Sunday talk about the need to produce a rich harvest in God's vineyard. The readings teach us to live in a manner worthy of our calling or bear fruit for our stewardship.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes a landowner who showed great love and care for his vineyard. The landowner cultivated his vineyard, cleared all the stones, built a watchtower around it and planted the choicest vines. After all the good work, the landowner expected a fruitful harvest but his precious vineyard failed him. The vineyard produced wild and sour grapes.

This imagery refers to God's relationship with the house of Israel. God chose the people of Israel as his own. He nurtured them, protected and provided for their physical and spiritual wellbeing but they turned their back on him. The house of Israel rejected God's ways and as a result they produced bad fruits such as injustices, oppression and acts of violence and bloodshed. As a good landowner, God did not allow his vineyard to turn into a wasteland. He continued to nurture, and sustain his people through his divine word.

In the gospel, Jesus talks about the parable of the wicked tenants. He tells us that a landowner leased his vineyard out to tenants to take care of it for him. When it was harvest time, the landowner sent his servants to collect his share of the produce but the tenants maltreated them. One they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. At last, he sent his son thinking that the tenants will respect him but they killed him.

The landowner took a decisive action on the wicked tenants. He kicked them out of his vineyard and entrusted it to other tenants who will give the produce at the proper times.

Jesus directed this parable at the Jewish leaders because they failed in their task. The chief priests and elders rejected God's messengers or prophets. They were stubborn, greedy, and selfish tenants. Jesus warned them that the kingdom of God will be taken away from them and given to those who will bear good fruit.

The parable is also about all of us. The vineyard represents the kingdom of God and the opportunities which God offers us to be stewards or tenants in his creation. Sometimes we behave like the wicked tenants. We behave as if we own God's creation or that we are our own masters. We fail to produce sweet and juicy grapes of faith, love, and obedience in God's vineyard. Our words and actions do not bring the rich harvest of mercy, forgiveness, justice and peace to others.

St. Paul admonishes us in the second reading to do what is just, pure, lovely, and gracious. He tells us to place our trust in God, put away all anxiety and always make our needs known to God through prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving.

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us pray for the grace to be faithful tenants in God's vineyard and strive always to produce sweet and juicy grapes in our lives. Let us allow Jesus Christ to be the cornerstone of our lives and make a difference in the world through our words and deeds. God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of October 14th & 15th, 2023

First Reading- Isaiah 25: 6-10

Second Reading- Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

28th Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 22: 1-14

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Jane Artis

Eucharistic Ministers:

Ginni Brandt

Altar Servers:

Anderson & Garret Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Lorraine Keckeisen

Dolores Starzinger

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of September 30th & October 1st, 2023; Regular, \$2,710.00; Fuel, \$395.00; Repairs, \$205.00; FORMED, \$50.00; Religious Education, \$70.00; Evangelist, \$20.00; Catholic University, \$45.00



October 8th- **No Classes**
 October 15th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 Mandatory 9th grade parent/student meeting

The weekend of September 30th & October 1st, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,710.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$29,123.00 which is \$317.00 above budget.

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. The Diocese of Albany urges all who suspect abuse of a minor by a member of the clergy, church employee or volunteer, to report this to a local law enforcement agency or District Attorney's office. Additional information for reporting may be found at <https://www.rcda.org/offices/protecting-children-young-people>. You may also contact the Diocesan Assistance Coordinator, Frederick Jones, at 518-453-6646 or assistance.coordinator@rcda.org.



Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

Beginning later this month mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal will be sent to all parishioners. The Diocesan offices provide support to Fr. Dr. Ben when he submits paperwork to the Tribunal to assist parishioners with rules for Catholics for their baptisms and marriages. At this time we have not been notified of our assessment for 2023-2024. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the Diocesan Appeal.



Knights of Columbus Food Drive

Please support the food drive being held on October 21st at the Hannaford in Oneonta. The Knights will be collecting food for our community food bank from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Any donation large or small will support families in need.

Meeting Reminders

Tuesday, October 10th Rosary Society after the 9:00 AM Mass
 Thursday, October 12th Finance Council 6:30 PM

October Bulletin Quotes

“An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: usccb.org/end-of-life-care.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

Register now for the NYS Eucharistic Congress



The Eucharistic Congress at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 will celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>.

There is also a pilgrimage being planned, a walk from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to Auriesville along the Empire Trail. You can walk all or part of the 4 day pilgrimage. To find out more information on this event go to www.wayofmartyrs.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time- "Make your requests known to God."

Phillipians 4:8-9 "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received from me, put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." Ask the Lord to make your marriage be filled with peace and love. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: October 16-November 6, 2023, Virtual 3RE (M/W evenings) Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. 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://wwmectw.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, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolerמוש, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, 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, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, 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, Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Tom Ruff, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson, Theo Williams, Joan Barber, Michael Blincoe

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

