



Mass Intentions for the Week

9-18	Mon	9:00 AM	Donald Jensen By Carol Jensen
9-19	Tues	9:00 AM	Theresa Horton By Ann Marie Boyle
9-20	Wed	9:00 AM	Lance Jensen By Carol Jensen
9-21	Thurs	9:00 AM	Carol Graham By Barbara & Alex
9-22	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
9-23	Sat	4:00 PM	Tom & Tina Mirabito By Tom & Vicki Cardi
9-24	Sun	10:30 AM	Linda Harper By Paula Ciborowski

Harvest Festival 2023



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 6th & 7th! We need crafts for the Craft Booth, items for the Farmer's Market, Treasure Chest, soups and baked

goods. Please bring your donations for the Treasure Chest and Craft booth to the Parish Center **before October 6th** so the items can be priced.

NO books, CD's, DVD's, and VHS (can be donated to the Nex-to-New)

No stuffed animals (donate to local ambulance squads)

No clothing (can be donated to the Nex-to-New)

No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)

Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free. Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items must be clean and in working order. Holiday decorations especially; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter would be most appreciated.

Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours. Please contact the Parish Office, 607-563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations. *To be in compliance with fire and safety codes please do not leave items outside or inside in the doorways or hallways.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church until September 23rd and 24th.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Each year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops designates the third Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday". On this day we celebrate and pray for the church's mission to continue to teach the gospel to all people. The theme for this year's Catechetical Sunday is "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). The theme focuses our attention on the important invitation that the Lord constantly offers us to follow him and the promise of his loving care to lighten our burdens and give rest to our souls.

On Catechetical Sunday, we recognize all those who teach the Catholic faith and share the church's teachings with others. We thank our Catechists and all who volunteer their time to teach our children, teens and adults and invite them to a deeper bond with the Church. We bless them and commission them to continue their role in catechetical ministry.

We also reflect on the role that each one plays in living and teaching the beauty of our Catholic faith as well as inspire and lead others to Christ.

The readings for today's liturgy talk about God's infinite mercy and forgiveness for us. The readings call us to extend this virtue to others.

Many of us are used to financial debt. We receive statements to remind us to pay our debts. Yours and mine might be the mortgage, car payment or student loans that paid our education.

Imagine going to the mailbox and getting a note telling you that all your debts have been paid in full. I guess your first reaction would be, "Wow!" This is great news! It will be a great sigh of relief for you.

Think about this in the light of today's gospel where a servant who owed a huge debt to a king was kindly and fully forgiven. The king showed compassion to his servant but this same servant failed to be gracious to his fellow servant. He went out and refused forgiveness to his fellow servant who owed him a much smaller amount. He failed to show compassion on another person who needed his love and care. The king heard of the bad behavior of the unforgiving servant. He summoned him to his presence and he punished him severely.

All of us have the attitude of the unforgiving servant in us. We receive forgiveness from God but fail to show this same gift to others. We need to overcome this human weakness and forgive one another just as God forgives our sins.

In the first reading, Ben Sirach urges us to eschew human vices because they are destructive.

He calls us to overcome grudges, anger, and revenge against those who offend or hurt us.

The responsorial psalm echoes the words of Ben Sirach by highlighting God's infinite goodness for us. It reminds us that the Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

St. Paul exhorts us in the second reading to live for Christ instead of ourselves. He tells us that none of us lives and dies for ourselves but for the Lord.

In the Eucharist Christ unites himself to us so we can remain with him. As we encounter him today in his word and the bread of life let us do so with gratitude for his forgiving love and become instruments and bearers of him to one another.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of September 23rd & 24th, 2023

First Reading- Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading- Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Nancy Kahane

Eucharistic Ministers:

Pat Elbrecht

Altar Servers:

Brock & Easton Porter

25th Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 20:1-16

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Ada Rice

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of September 9th & 10th, 2023 Regular, \$2,254.00; Fuel, \$80.00; Repairs, \$25.00; FORMED, \$75.00; Religious Education, \$20.00



Religious Education

September 17th- 9:00-10:15 AM Pre-K -10th Grade classes begin
Catechetical Sunday-commissioning of Catechists at
Masses
September 21st- Confirmation 6:30 PM

The weekend of September 2nd & 3rd, 2023 the regular collection was \$2,254.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$24,530.00 which is \$524.00 above budget.



Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic Leaders, both religious and lay who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more and give easily online.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS



You have been gifted with a talent and now is your chance to share your talent with others. We are in need of modern day crafts for our upcoming Harvest Festival. Any and all crafts are welcome! If you do woodworking, sewing, scrapbooking, card making, farmhouse home decor, photography, holiday ornaments and more, please donate to the success of our Harvest Festival. Items may be delivered to the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. If these times are not convenient for you, call Pat Smith at 607-563-3118 or Pat Tartaglia at 607-563-3920 to make arrangements for delivery.



Please call Chris Granan 607-563-1503 for the next few weeks with requests for the prayer chain. Also, please notify the Parish Office if you are aware of a name on the prayer list that can be removed.



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 Kolermous, 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 Marais, 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

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

September Bulletin Quotes

“Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: ‘there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance’ (Lk15:7)*”

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion”

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. 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

Mental Health First Aid

Rural Health Network is providing a course to learn how to respond to the signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. It is being held on September 27th & 28th at Sidney Memorial Public Library. Registration is required by September 20th. To register contact Mary Maruscak at mmaruscak@rhnsctny.org or 607-692-7669x209. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.



Celebrate Fall

The Center of Renewal at Stella Niagara in Stella Niagara, NY is offering an evening of prayer mini-retreat on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information.

