



Mass Intentions for the Week

9-25	Mon	9:00 AM	Healing for Joan Barber By her son, David
9-26	Tues	9:00 AM	Carl Griffith By Marge Suriano
9-27	Wed	9:00 AM	All Parishioners
9-28	Thurs	9:00 AM	29 th Anniversary of the death of Frances Gregory By the family
9-29	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
9-30	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph Schalk By Lucy Hindle & family
10-1	Sun	10:30 AM	Joan Kaiser By Charlie & Jean McKilligan

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 **by Thursday, October 5th** 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.

Weekend of September 30th & October 1st, 2023

First Reading- Ezekiel 18:25-28

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Phyllis Blincoe

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bill Babbage

Altar Servers:

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading- Philippians 2:1-11

26th Sunday on Ordinary Time

Gospel- Matthew 21:28-32

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Kathy Saludo

Quinn & Ayla Gronwall

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Seeing things from God's perspective

As humans we have a sense of what is fair and just but ours is narrow, and nowhere near that of the Divine. God's sense of fairness and justice far exceeds our human expectations. God's generosity and unconditional love transcends our human standards of fairness and rational minds. We find an evidence of this reality and truth in today's first reading and the gospel.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds us that God's ways are not our ways, and neither his thoughts our thoughts. The prophet Isaiah urges us to seek the Lord and put aside evil ways so we can experience the richness of God's love, mercy and compassion.

In the gospel, Jesus talks about God's generosity towards all people. He compares the kingdom of God to a landowner who hired laborers at different times to work in his vineyard for a just and fair wage. The landowner went to the market and hired the first group of workers at 6:00 am for an agreed daily wage of a denarius. He also hired additional workers at 9:00 am, noon, 3:00 pm and finally at 5:00pm. At the end of the day, the landowner instructed his business manager to pay the workers, beginning with those who came last. Each of the workers who were hired at the last minute received a full day's wage.

Those who were hired first were also paid the same daily wage. They were unhappy and complained to the landowner for paying them the same wage as those who worked just one hour. The landowner shot back at them and said, "Are you jealous because I am generous? Take what is yours and go" (Mathew 20:15). Jesus concluded the parable with a startling statement: "The last will be first, and the first will be last" (Mathew 20: 16).

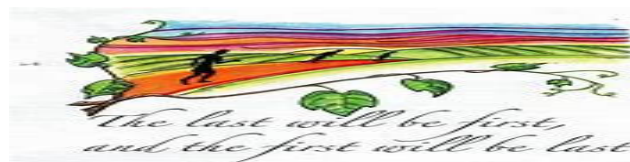
The parable presents questionable business practice. I tried to put myself in the shoes of those workers who toiled all day. It looks like they were given a raw deal. I think the landowner should have given them something extra to boost their morale. But in all fairness, the landowner did not cheat the workers who toiled all day. He paid them the agreed daily wage.

You and I will miss the lesson this parable seeks to teach us if we take it too literally. The parable challenges all of us to turn away from discontentment, selfishness, jealousy and envy. Sometimes we are like those workers who were hired first. We consider ourselves as deserving of better treatment than others. We cast an evil eye on the fortunes of others forgetting our own blessings from God. We look outward at what others have instead of appreciating ours.

God is the landowner who is kind and generous to all his children. He waits for each soul to enter his vineyard with infinite patience. God calls us to become active and dedicated workers in his vineyard. Let us see things from his perspective and strive each day to build a just and compassionate society around us and beyond.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben





September 21st- Confirmation 6:30 PM
 September 24th- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 October 1st- 9:00-10:15 AM PreK-10th grade classes
 1:00 PM Tentative date & time for Blessing of the Animals

The weekend of September 16th & 17th, 2023 the regular collection was \$1,883.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$26,413.00 which is \$12.00 above budget.



This 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.



Community Food Bank

Next week is our monthly collection for the food bank. There has been a great need and the shelves are in need of replenishing. Any canned or boxed food item would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

September Bulletin Quotes

“Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, ‘Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?’”
 USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 “Every Suicide is Tragic”

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

Diocesan Appeal 2023-2024

Beginning later this month mail solicitations from the Diocese for the Diocesan Appeal will be mailed to all parishioners. At Sacred Heart the Office of Faith Formation and Lay Evangelization provides vital services to Paula in our Faith Formation Office. At this time we have not been notified of our assessment for 2023-2024. Please prayerfully consider how you you can support the Diocesan Appeal.

Congratulations to the following parishioners who were confirmed Thursday, September 21, 2023 by Bishop Scharfenberger.

Camille Bagley		Quinn Gronwall
Nevaeh Hutter		Dakota Moore
Emily Morris		Brock Porter
Winnie Shepardson		Clare Sullivan
Erinne Sullivan		Richard Ashmore

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 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

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

