

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

8-19	Mon	9:00 AM	Maggie Garret By Charlie & Jean McKilligan
8-20	Tues	9:00 AM	James Householder By Mom and Tim
8-21	Wed	9:00 AM	Lisa Smith By Guy & Joyce Smith
8-22	Thurs	9:00 AM	George Mertz, Sr. By Ada Rice and family
8-23	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8-24	Sat	4:00 PM	Mike Anderson By the Barber family
8-25	Sun	10:30 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo

**Upcoming Meetings and Events in August**

19 <sup>th</sup>	Knights of Columbus	6:30 PM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pastoral Council	6:30 PM
29 <sup>th</sup>	Share the Bounty	4:30-6:30 PM

**SAVE THE DATE**

Our **Parish Picnic** will be held on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11:30 AM. The parish will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, rolls and drinks. Please bring your own place settings and a dish to share. If you choose to sit outside please bring a lawn chair.

**Religious Education 2024-2025**

Registration paperwork has been mailed to all families who had children in the program in 2023-24. Please return your registration for 2024-2025 to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible so that textbooks can be ordered in time for the start of classes in September.

Posted on the bulletin boards in the vestibule as well as at each of the exits is an analysis of the 2023-2024 Diocesan Appeal from the Diocese.

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Seek God's wisdom and live by it**

Our readings for this Sunday highlight the need for divine wisdom in our lives. The readings teach us to seek God's wisdom and allow this valuable gift to guide us in our daily choices and decisions.

In the first reading, the author of the book of Proverbs personifies wisdom as a strong woman who is resplendent, unfading, and available to those who seek her. The author depicts lady wisdom as a generous and gracious person. The lady wisdom has built her home and furnished it with rooms for all her guests including each of us. She has prepared a delicious banquet where rich food and fine wine are provided for all her guests to come and enjoy.

The invitation to the rich banquet is very tantalizing and open to all of us. It calls us to forsake foolishness and seek God's wisdom and understanding in our daily lives. But where can you and I find lady wisdom in our lives? Do we find this valuable gift in sacred scripture, in Christ's teaching, in the lives of the saints, in the church's social and moral teachings, and in the good example of others?

In the gospel, Jesus tells us to seek genuine nourishment in him. He declared himself as the living bread that came down from heaven. He made an incredible promise by saying that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life. This was a hard teaching for the people who followed Jesus from the time of the miracle of the multiplication of the five loaves and two fish. Jesus' statement sparked a wave of argument and disgust among the followers. Their human wisdom clouded their minds from Jesus's teaching. They asked themselves "How can this man give us his flesh to eat and blood to drink?" The people turned away from Jesus and no longer followed him.

The rejection of Jesus' teaching on his true presence in the Eucharist continues. Many of our Christian brothers and sisters still have trouble accepting and believing the true and real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Thanks to our Catholic faith and the gift of the wisdom from on high, we have stayed faithful to the teaching of Jesus on the Eucharist. We appreciate this sacred meal that God gives to us in Christ. We are here today because we want to be nourished and strengthened by God's word and the Eucharist. We come to give thanks to God for his graciousness to us in offering us every spiritual blessing from the heavens.

St. Paul cautions us in the second reading to make the most of our time and live wisely. He admonishes us to avoid immoral thoughts, bodily desires and pleasures including gluttony, sloth, drunkenness and wickedness of every kind.

God has prepared good things for us which no eye can see. As Christians, let us strive to live by God's wisdom and discern his will for us. Let us live wisely so we too can help others to escape the folly of the world and to see the beauty of embracing a life of divine wisdom.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

First Reading-Joshua 21:1-2, 15-17, 18

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Ginni Brandt

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Mary Early

**Altar Servers**

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Second Reading- Ephesians 5:21-32

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gospel- John 6:60-69

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Terry Maggio

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings August 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024-Weekly\$2,244 .00; Fuel, \$20.00; Repairs, \$236.00; FORMED, \$50.00; Evangelist, \$73.00; Ascension, \$5.00; Assumption, \$15.00



### Harvest Festival 2024

We have begun planning for the Harvest Festival that will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to join us on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to share your thoughts and ideas to help us have a successful and profitable event.

The **52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration.

\*Please register through your parish office or by email to [Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org](mailto:Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org).

**If you are unable to attend but would like a certificate commemorating your special anniversary please contact the Parish Office by August 31, 2024.**

### Knights of Columbus Future Event

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a food drive at Hannaford in Oneonta on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> to benefit our local food bank. Please stop by Hannaford and support the food drive that will benefit our local food bank.

### August Birthdays

19<sup>th</sup> Joe Rico  
Lorraine Keckeisen



### Pastoral Associate for Leadership Program

The Offices for Discipleship Formation and Evangelization and Strategic Planning are pleased to announce that they are currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 program. The application deadline is October 8, 2024. For more information and application materials, please visit [Pastoral Associate for Leadership Formation Webpage](#), send query to [PAFormation@rcda.org](mailto:PAFormation@rcda.org) or call Erin Muir. (518) 453-6670. For more information and a calendar of events please stop by the Parish Office.



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### August Bulletin Quotes

“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
“How to Build a Culture of Life”

### Catholic Home Mission Appeal

Our second collection next week will be for the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Live in love in your marriage. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience today. The call of marriage is to love, to be at peace with one another, to live according to God's will. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

September 20-22 in Huntington, NY  
October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH

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/>.

### Chosen & Appointed Retreat

Discover your spiritual gifts at a retreat on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM -3:30 PM at the Immaculate Conception Church in Greene, NY. Meg Castellini, a spiritual director and trained hospital chaplain, will take you on a journey to discover your own unique mission. Register by contacting Mary Wentlent at [mwentlent@syrdio.org](mailto:mwentlent@syrdio.org) or call 607-656-9546. Cost is \$35.00 per person

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, 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, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Catherine Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolerמוש, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Grank, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, 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, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, 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, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Kyle Roy, Phyllis Blincoe, Bill Babbage, Michael Gregory, Maggie Hoffman

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

