

SEPTEMBER 15, 2024



BUT WHO DO
YOU SAY THAT
I AM?

MARK 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany
Called by Name Vocations Promotion 2024

Week 3: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, I am asking you to share the next step in your "initial call" of: What uncertainties did you face? How did you overcome them? How did you turn to Christ, family, friends or clergy/religious to help you overcome or settle these within you? When was the moment you decided and knew it was Jesus who I needed to lead me where He wanted me to go? The moment you knew my worries, concerns and understanding needed to be placed in His hands, not my own?

Readings Connection: "But who do you say that I am?"... "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (Mark 8). "I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living" (Ps 116). Jesus solidifies the disciples understanding of 'who he really is.' To follow Him, we know, is not to go about the easy path in life. Yet amongst the uncertainty, we like Peter, believed there was no better one to follow or more desirable path to venture on. Uncertainty and doubt play a significant part throughout one's discernment, but especially in the beginning. How can you share your overcome uncertainties so that the faithful can put their own hearts and those they feel are called to rest?

Community Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Sacred Heart / St Cecilia by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord. Amen

*O Sacred Heart, O Love Divine
Do keep us near to Thee
And make our love so like to Thine
That we may holy be*

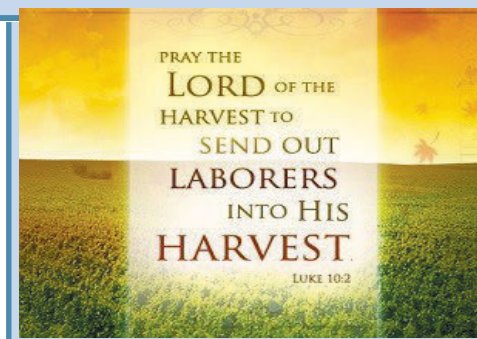
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*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*

*O Temple pure, O House of gold
Our Heaven here below
What sweet delights, what wealth untold
From Thee do ever flow [REF]*

*Ungrateful hearts, forgetful hearts
The hearts of men have been
To wound Thy side with cruel darts
Which they have made by sin [REF]*

As Catholics, our mission is clear—we are called upon to share our faith as disciples ourselves and disciple-makers as Jesus preached: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded of you." (Matthew 28:19-20) Since each parish and the Diocese are partners in this work, robust support of parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal ensures the Church has the resources it needs to carry out its mission.





† Altar wine at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *September* has been sponsored *in loving memory of Lena & Frank DeRosa* at the request of *their children Esther, Beth & Tony.*

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept 14, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † *In loving memory of Robert Lemiszki Jr, 13 yrs passed , requested by his sister Jamie.*

2.) † *In loving memory of Joseph & Maria Hladik, requested by Steve & Pat.*

Sun. Sept 15, 9:00 am (SC)- † *In loving memory of Alex & Betty Adesse, requested by their daughters.*

Tue. Sept 17 thru Sun. Sept 22, 2024

Tue. Sept 17, 8:00 am (SH) - *No intention requested.*

Wed. Sept 18, 8:00 am (SC) - † *For the repose of the soul of Lewis "Lukie" Klim, requested by Ann & John Mahon.*

Thurs. Sept 19, 8:00 am (SH) - *For the people of the parish.*

Fri. Sept 20, 8:00 am (SC) - *For the people of the parish.*

Sat. Sept 21, 4:00 pm (SH) - 1.) † *In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field , 4yrs passed , requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.*

2.) † *For the repose of the soul of Lewis "Lukie" Klim Jr., requested by the parishioners of Sacred Heart.*

Sun. Sept 22, 9:00 am (SC)- † *In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, 4 yrs. passed, requested by Mom, Dad and Sammy.*

COLLECTIONS TOTALS AUG 31/SEPT 1

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1299.00	1006.00
FUNDRAISING	621.40	1056.00
OTHER	160.00	75.00
PARISH TOTAL	2080.40	2137.00

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - SEPT 7/8

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1245.00	765.00
FUEL/HEAT	312.00	447.00
OTHER	342.00	165.00
PARISH TOTAL	1899.00	1377.00

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 14 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Cathy Parry	Sept 21 (SH)	Cathy Parry Mark Caffrey
Sept 15 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Kathy Marcais	Sept 22 (SC)	Ann Mahon Ken Stuff

Counters Schedule

Sept 16 (SH)	Katherine Downing Noreen Brownell	Sept 23 (SH)	Kathy Avery Barb Bilins
Sept 16 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Ann Mahon	Sept 23 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

Sept 25 (SC)	Lori Simonds Marjorie Savoie Florence Stanton
Oct 2 (SH)	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation : Registration Day and Parent Meeting *after 9:00am Mass this weekend (Sept. 15)* at St. Cecilia. *September 22* -Altar Server Meeting after 9 am Mass. All current and new Altar Servers should attend. Anyone who has received their 1st Holy Communion (child or adult) is welcome to join the Altar Server Ministry.
October 6 - Faith Formation begins for the 2024-2025 year.

Sacred Heart Pie Raffle : Our delicious fundraiser has begun. We need volunteers for pies and appetites from the parish. The pie raffle funds raised will be used to lend some much needed redecorating to the parish office. \$1 tickets will be sold in the vestibule before Mass and Father will draw the winner after.

Diocesan Marriage Jubilee: The 52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held on Sunday September 29th at 3:00pm at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, located at 1 Maria Drive in Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 3:00pm and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Hall at Christ Our Light immediately following Mass. Please register through your parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org

St. Cecilia's Annual Rummage Sale: The St. Cecilia rummage sale will take place this year on Oct. 18 (8-3) and Oct. 19 (8-11). All proceeds will go to the church restoration fund. We are again asking for donations of gently used clothing, baby items, linens, household goods, knick-knacks, holiday decorations, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, and small furniture. Please no tires, TVs, computers, large furniture, broken or dirty items. Items may be dropped off at St. Cecilia's detached garage starting now through October 14. The right-hand door will be left unlocked. Help setting up is needed Oct. 14, 15 and 16 starting at 8:30 and the days of the sale starting at 7:45. Thank you for your generosity. Please contact Lorna Quinn at winalo@frontiernet.net or call 518-853-4864 with any questions.

Advent Christmas Cantata: Singers of all ages from the parishes of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sacred Heart, St. Cecilia's, St. Mary's, St. Stanislaus and St. Stephen's are invited to participate in "We Shall Prepare" -an Advent Christmas Cantata. This is a program of music and readings for the Advent Christmas Season under the direction of Rachelle Cotugno. Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 15 following the 10:30 am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 39 St. John St.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 15, 2024—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

-Father John Muir

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*Faith formation will begin on October 6, 2024.
Our program works with amazing volunteers from our parishes! There are class vacancies for all grades. Volunteers are always needed. Volunteers only need to have an interest in helping! Full lesson plans are provided with optional activities and support. This is a blessed way to encourage and support the parish youth and refresh our catechism of the Catholic Church!!*

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