

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."
- Mk 9:35b-37a

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany Called by Name Vocations Promotion 2024

Week 4: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. I am asking you to share the next step in your "initial call" of:

What did those around you think and say after you spoke up saying, "I think I am being called." Was there affirmation? Encouragement? Discouragement? Uncertainty? How did their responses influence your next step and feeling called? You had the courage and desire to follow your heart and move forward closer to the Lord...How did you do that? Society today is all landing a career rooted in money, power and influence. How did you wrestle with giving this all up to follow the Lord and your feeling "called?"

Readings Connection: "They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, 'what were you arguing about on the way?' But they remained silent. They had been discussing amongst themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, 'if anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all'" (Mark 9). This weekend is an opportunity for each of us to not only wrap up the beginning of our personal vocation story, but also talk about how this life is so much more than what society alone has to offer. This is our chance to encourage the faithful to see that is their invitation, their encouragement and placing their own desires/uncertainties to rest is how we foster and nourish vocations.

Community Prayer for Vocations

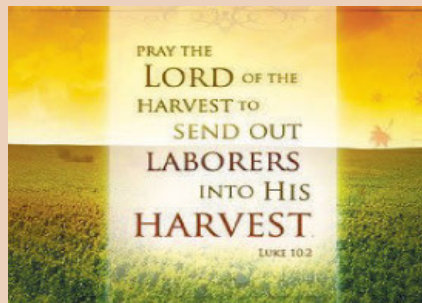
Loving and Generous God, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the Love and Service of our Church as we experience it today. Give us the energy and courage of Your Spirit to shape its future Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and 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*

[REFRAIN]
*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]*



Faith Formation begins
October 6. Please submit your
registrations.

Offering of flowers & votives to the
Blessed Virgin Mary for her birthday.





† 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 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.*

Tue. Sept 24 thru Sun. Sept 29, 2024

Tue. Sept 24, 8:00 am (SH) - *No intention requested.*

Wed. Sept 25, 8:00 am (SC) - † *In loving memory of Katherine Minney, requested by George & Pat Galeazza.*

Thurs. Sept 26, 8:00 am (SH) - † *For the repose of the soul of Theresa Godlewski, requested by Ron & Cathy Parry.*

Fri. Sept 27, 8:00 am (SC) - † *In memory of Edgar Razics, requested by Michele Furnare & family.*

Sat. Sept 28, 4:00 pm (SH) - † *In loving memory of Virginia Szykowski, 1 yr. passed and Peter F. Szykowski, 19 yrs. passed; requested by Lorrie & Tony Stellato and family.*

Sun. Sept 29, 9:00 am (SC)- † *102nd birthday remembrance for Nicholas Galeazza, requested by Pat & George.*

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - SEPT 14/15

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
WEEKLY COLLECTION	728.00	1111.00
OTHER	146.00	1312.00
PARISH TOTAL	874.00	2423.00

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 22, 2024–25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.

-Father John Muir

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Sept 21 (SH)	Cathy Parry Mark Caffrey	Sept 28 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Katherine Downing
Sept 22 (SC)	Ann Mahon Ken Stuff	Sept 29 (SC)	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare

Counters Schedule

Sept 23 (SH)	Kathy Avery Barb Bilins	Sept 30 (SH)	Wendy Hall Katherine Downing
Sept 23 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Sept 30 (SC)	Lorna Quinn Ann Mahon

Food Pantry

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation : *Faith Formation* begins on **October 6**. Please get your children registered. Please contact Wendy Hall or your parish office for a registration form.

Faith Formation : *After 9:00am Mass at St. Cecilia Sunday morning (September 22)* there will be an Altar Server Meeting. 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.

Catholic University : This weekend, the (arch) diocese will take up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, D.C., with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. 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.

Catechist Meeting & Planning for the coming Religious Education of our Children for the 2024-25 year.



*Faith formation will begin on **October 6, 2024.**
TEACHERS ARE NEEDED!!!*

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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