

# 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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*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]*



† Altar wine at **Sacred Heart** for the month of **August** has been sponsored in loving memory of the deceased **Stellato** family members at the request of **Tony & Lorrie Stellato**.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sat. Aug 16, 4:00 pm (SH)**- † For the repose of the soul of Larry McCloskey, requested by Beth DeRosa.

**Sun. Aug 17, 9:00 am (SC)**- † In memory of John Carl, requested by Jim Wray & family.

### **Tues. August 19 thru Sun. August 24, 2025**

**Tue. Aug 19, 8:00 am (SH)** - † 75th wedding anniversary remembrance for Ann & Louis Stellato.

**Wed. Aug 20, 8:00 am (SC)** - † For the repose of the soul of Martha Wray, requested by Jim Wray & family.

**Thurs. Aug 21, 8:00 am (SH)** - For the people of the parish.

**Fri. Aug 22, 8:00 am (SC)** - † For the repose of the soul of Tony Bruno, requested by Michele Furnare.

**Sat. Aug 23, 4:00 pm (SH)**- To deepen our gratitude for creation and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other.

**Sun. Aug 24, 9:00 am (SC)** - † In loving memory of Bailey Alexandria Field, requested by Mom, Dad & Sammy.

### **COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUGUST 9/10**

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	1337.00	1920.00
OTHER	135.00	1059.00
MISSIONARY	178.00	241.00
PARISH TOTAL	1472.00	2979.00
ATTENDANCE	37	42

### **Second collections**

August 16/17 - CDLEX mission

August 23/24- Home Missions (also CDLEX)

## **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE** *August 17, 2025 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 12:49-53*

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, “You shouldn’t be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don’t. If I stop pushing you, it means I don’t think you have any more potential.” He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. “Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?” he asks, “No, tell you, but rather division” (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the luminous glory of God. That’s why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents’ wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let’s thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

-Father John Muir

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### **Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>Aug 16 (SH)</b>	Chris Caffrey volunteer	<b>Aug 23 (SH)</b>	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing
<b>Aug 17 (SC)</b>	Kathy Marcais Michele Furnare	<b>Aug 24 (SC)</b>	Ann Mahon Andrea Moran

### **Counters Schedule**

<b>Aug 18 (SH)</b>	Noreen Brownell Deb Swarczewski	<b>Aug 25 (SH)</b>	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing
<b>Aug 18 (SC)</b>	Linda Coyne Margaret Smith	<b>Aug 25 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

### **Food Pantry**

<b>Aug 27 (SC)</b>	Florence Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
<b>Sept 3 (SH)</b>	Jamie Lemiszki John Nigro



**Our Parish Pilgrimage:** Our combined parish pilgrimage will be at Kateri in Fonda on Sunday, September 7. Mass will be celebrated at noon. Bring a bagged lunch. We will have lunch on the grounds, visit the museum and enjoy some great fellowship.

**Our Missionary from Lexington:** Last week, Den Stephen Hester from the Diocese of Lexington, KY, paid a visit to our parishes as part of the Mission Cooperative Program. He told us of the poverty that exists in this area....the lack of work, low education rates and rampant addiction. The visit came at a season of lower attendance in our parishes. Therefore, we are extending our collection campaign for 2 more weeks.

**ST CECILIA PARKING UPDATE:** Our final parking date this season is **Friday, August 29** (fair, all day). This is a very busy fair day and we need help! **There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule.** Please call Kelly@ 518-774-7250 with any questions. Thanks so much!

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal:** Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

**2025 Summer Connections:** Please remember to send your summer fun pics to your parish, via Facebook or email. We want to include you in our bulletin and/or Facebook. If you prefer not to have your pictures shared, please let us know.

**Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary :** There will be a celebration held at *St. Cecilia* on **Monday, September 8th at 6:15pm** to honor Our Blessed Mother Mary. There will be a recitation of the Holy Rosary & singing of Marian Hymns, also the offering of any freshly picked flowers from your garden. There will be a potluck refreshment to follow in the hall. **We will need five (5) volunteers for the Joyful Mystery of the Rosary.**

**Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites In Our Diocese:**

*Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception* - 125 Eagle St, Albany

*Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine* -136 Shrine Rd, Fultonville

*Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine* -3636 NY5, Fonda

*Our Lady of Knock Shrine* -2052 Route 145, East Durham

*Rosa Mystica Shrine* -484 Angel Hill Rd, Edmeston

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**150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners  
~August 17thru August 23~**

**Baptisms**

August 18, 1967 Kristine Elizabeth Vanderbeck  
August 20, 1967 Joseph Carpenter  
August 23, 1970 James Edward Barber  
August 18, 1974 Eric James Brownell  
August 22, 1976 Melissa Lorraine Dwyer  
August 20, 1978 Kimberly May Morreale  
August 20, 1978 Dawn Raylene Page  
August 17, 1980 Cindy Diana Hassfurter  
August 18, 1980 Keelan Edward Zyzyes  
August 20, 1983 Vincent Paul Giglio  
August 21, 1983 David Steven Brooks  
August 19, 1984 Jessica Lee Whelby  
August 18, 1985 Naomi Lawton  
August 8, 1985 Andrew Joseph Lawton  
August 21, 1988 Katlyn Shelly VanDerVerr  
August 21, 1988 James Michael Zurlo III  
August 18, 1996 Alesha Louanne Sahler  
August 17, 1997 Emily Lynn Parslow  
August 23, 1997 Courtney Elizabeth Heinze

**Marriages**

August 21, 1971 Gregory Becker & Bonnie Foster  
August 18, 1973 Stanley Paul Rajter & Kathleen Joddy Manelius  
August 17, 1974 David John Vertucci & Barbara J. Rajter  
August 17, 1975 Richard J. Morreale & Donna Pasquarelli  
August 18, 1979 Robin Keith Adams & Barbara Jean Parry  
August 18, 1984 Ronald H Harrison & Jacalyn Squeglia  
August 21, 1988 Andrew Benson & Janet Dempster  
August 22, 1992 Timothy Hanson & Anne Campbell  
August 20, 2005 Paul Morone & Taryn Boschelli4

**Deaths-Funerals**

August 23, 1969 Stella Giamichele  
August 21, 1982 Olive Dawes  
August 21, 1993 Eleanor Argersinger  
August 23, 2001 Catherine Babravich  
August 22, 2003 Mary Smitka  
August 17, 2015 John J. Chicoski

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest. You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask you to inspire young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your will. Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments. We ask through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL:** Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.

**ALL:** Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!



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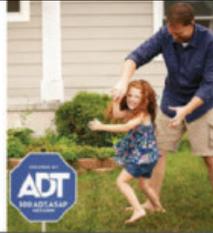
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