



STRIVE TO ENTER THROUGH THE NARROW GATE.

— LUKE 13:24 —

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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*

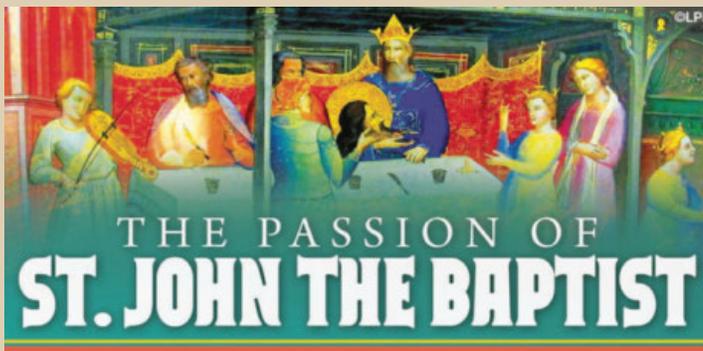
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*Heart of Jesus, hear
O Heart of Love Divine
Listen to our prayer
Make us always Thine*



*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]*



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† 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**.

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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.*

Tues. August 26 thru Sun. August 31, 2025

Tue. Aug 26, 8:00 am (SH) - *Anniversary blessings for Ron & Cathy Parry, requested by the people of the parish.*

Wed. Aug 27, 8:00 am (SC) - *For the people of the parish.*

Thurs. Aug 28, 8:00 am (SH) - *For the people of the parish.*

Fri. Aug 29, 8:00 am (SC) - † *For the repose of the soul of Tony Bruno, requested by Pat Furnare & family.*

Sat. Aug 30, 4:00 pm (SH)- † *Birthday remembrance for Virginia Szykowski, requested by Lorrie & Tony Stellato.*

Sun. Aug 31, 9:00 am (SC) - † *In loving memory of Norbert & Verna Bicheler, requested by John & Sheila Cranker.*

COLLECTIONS TOTALS - AUGUST 16/17

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	535.00	804.00
CDLEX	262.00	346.00
FUNDRAISING	.00	444.00
OTHER	659.50	123.00
PARISH TOTAL	1194.50	1371.00
ATTENDANCE	33	40

Second collections

August 23/24- Home Missions (also CDLEX)

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE August 24, 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many? Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: perseverance (cf. Matt 24:13; hypomone in Greek). Strive! Endure! Keep going! The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!

-Father John Muir

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Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Aug 23 (SH)	Cathy Parry Katherine Downing	Aug 30 (SH)	Theresa Kovian Tony Stellato
Aug 24 (SC)	Ann Mahon Andrea Moran	Aug 31 (SC)	Ken Stuff Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Aug 25 (SH)	Kathy Avery Katherine Downing	Sept 1 (SH)	To be announced
Aug 25 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	Sept 1 (SC)	Linda Coyne Margaret Smith

Food Pantry

Aug 27 (SC)	Florence Stanton Marjorie Savoie Lori Simonds
Sept 3 (SH)	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: Earlier this month, Dcn 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 this last week (3 wks total). Please search your heart and give what you can.

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: This 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.

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 24th thru August 30~**

Baptisms

August 30, 1970 Christopher Patrick Dunlavey
August 30, 1970 Michele Adrea Kochman
August 25, 1974 Kristen Mary Penney
August 28, 1977 Christopher Jay Furnare
August 27, 1978 Angela Katherine Ford
August 27, 1978 Frank John Brooks
August 26, 1979 Erin Elizabeth Ramirez
August 26, 1979 Christopher John Kuddy
August 30, 1987 Travis James Hanrahan
August 29, 2004 Sabrina Rose LaBombard
August 29, 2004 Jenna Rae LaBombard
August 24, 2013 Ava Jean Bills

Marriages

August 24, 1980 David William VanSchaick & Luanne Hassfurter
August 27, 2016 Michael Dominic Neri & Raelyn Nicole Dumar

Deaths-Funerals

August 26, 1967 Marilla Sielle
August 28, 1973 Michael Jarb, Jr.
August 27, 1985 William Keehan, Sr.
August 25, 2005 Barbara Vertucci
August 29, 2012 John S. Farley (Jack)

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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