



## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply,  
"Martha, Martha, you are anxious  
and worried about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.  
Mary has chosen the better part  
and it will not be taken from her."

- Lk 10:41-42

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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 and hosts at *Sacred Heart* for the month of *July* have been sponsored in loving memory of *Ann Downs* at the request of *Ron & Cathy Parry*.

† Altar wine and hosts at *Saint Cecilia* for the month of *July* have been sponsored in loving memory of *Karen Ford* at the request of *her husband Joey and family*.



**Sat. July 19, 4:00 pm (SH)-** For the casualties and the missing in the aftermath of the devastating floods across central Texas.

**Sun. July 20, 9:00 am (SC)-** 1.) † In loving memory of *Bailey Alexandria Field*, requested by *Mom, Dad & Sammy*.  
2.) † In loving memory of *Sal Furnare*, 3 yrs passed, requested by his wife, *Michele*.

**Tues. July 22 thru Sun. July 27, 2025**

**Tue. July 22, 8:00 am (SH) -** † For the repose of the soul of *Sam Hildebrandt*, requested by *Ron & Cathy Parry*.

**Wed. July 23, 8:00 am (SC) -** † In loving memory of *Sal Furnare*, on the third year of his passing, requested by his grandchildren.

**Thurs. July 24, 8:00 am (SH) -** 1.) † For the repose of the soul of *Sam Hildebrandt*, requested by *Ron & Cathy Parry*.  
2.) † In memory of *Madeline Rose Deering*, requested by *Katherine Downing*.

**Fri. July 25, 8:00 am (SC) -** † In loving memory of *Sal Furnare*, on the third year of his passing, requested by his sons.

**Sat. July 26, 4:00 pm (SH)-** For those without air conditioning, electricity, or cool water; give them the resources to survive the summer heat.

**Sun. July 27, 9:00 am (SC)-** 1.) † Birthday remembrance for *Karen Ford*, requested by *Joey & family*.  
2.) † In memory of *David Keck*, requested by *Fred & Theresa Hastings*.

**COLLECTIONS TOTALS - JULY 12/13**

COLLECTIONS:	SH	SC
AMOUNT NEEDED	1589.00	1794.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	685.00	540.00
REPAIRS/MAINT	213.00	235.00
OTHER	225.00	71.00
PARISH TOTAL	1123.00	846.00
ATTENDANCE	51	36

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**  
*July 20, 2025 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10: 38-42*

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary

**-Father John Muir**  
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**Lector/Eucharistic Ministers**

<b>July 19 (SH)</b>	Mark Caffrey Chris Caffrey	<b>July 26 (SH)</b>	Chris Caffrey Tony Stellato
<b>July 20 (SC)</b>	Ann Mahon Dave Marcais	<b>July 27 (SC)</b>	Ken Stuff Dianne Kierpiec

**Counters Schedule**

<b>July 21 (SH)</b>	Noreen Brownell Katherine Downing	<b>July 28 (SH)</b>	Wendy Hall Barb Bilins
<b>July 21 (SC)</b>	Linda Coyne Margaret Smith	<b>July 28 (SC)</b>	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais

**Food Pantry**



<b>July 23 (SC)</b>	Andrea Moran Louise Carville Michele Furnare
<b>Aug 6 (SH)</b>	Barbara Bilins Wendy Hall



**July 30 (SC) - Dianne, Kathleen, Ann**

**Saint Cecilia Parking Fundraiser:** Our final parking date this season is Friday, August 29 (fair, all day). Please call Kelly@ 518-774-7250 to volunteer. Thanks so much!

**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.

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**Faith Formation Volunteers Needed :** We need Catechists and helpers for the upcoming school year. As a catechist, you'll plan and teach classes throughout the year. You'll have tremendous amounts of resources (printed, digital and human) at your fingertips to help you along the way. Substitute Catechists need to be available on short notice to fill in for an absent catechist. Lesson plans will be supplied, along with all materials. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Alison or Jamie.

**World Day of Grandparents:** Next weekend (July 26/27) is World Day of Grandparents. We will be offering special prayers & special blessing to all grandparents attending this Holy Mass. We will ask you, Grandparents, to be the **FIRST** to receive the Holy Eucharist during Distribution of Holy Communion.

**Diocese of Albany - Step Up Men's Conference 2025:** Saturday, August 9 at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Clifton Park. For information and to register: [www.rcda.org/StepUp](http://www.rcda.org/StepUp)

**Our Parish Pilgrimage:** We are losing dates for our pilgrimage. We really need input for date preferences, location (Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine or Kateri). Pilgrimages hold a significant place in Catholic tradition as **acts of devotion and spiritual growth**. They involve traveling to sacred sites to honor God, seek forgiveness, or fulfill a vow. The Catholic Church teaches that pilgrimages can deepen one's faith and connection to the communion of saints.

**Camp Esther:** "An important and exciting pro-life opportunity for young people." August 1-3, 2025 at the Good News Center in Utica. A weekend of intensive pro-life training for youth, 14-college. Presentations by experts on abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and more. Call for details 518-434-1293.

*150th Anniversary Commemoration of Sacred Heart Parishioners  
~July 20 thru July 26~*

**Baptisms**

July 25, 1976 Daniel Edward Phillips  
July 22, 1990 Jonathan Peter Bottisti

**Marriages**

July 22, 1967 Jay George Anderson & Judith Quinn  
July 20, 1968 Harrison R. Murphy & Frances C. Clapper  
July 20, 1968 Elbert Kimbrell & Kathleen Sline  
July 26, 1969 Donald McNamara & Doreen Gardner  
July 22, 1969 Paul A. Cotoia & Sheila R. Ryczek  
July 21, Michael D. Hanrahan & Lorraine A. Dunn  
July 26, 1980 Peter Henry Buanno & Cindy Lou Perry (Hanson)  
July 23, 1983 Michael J. Whelley & Rochelle A. Gatto  
July 21, 1990 Michael Wavres & Rosanne Squeglia  
July 22, 1995 Curtis Kretz & Heidi Maynard

**Deaths-Funerals**

July 21, 2003 Julius Alexander  
July 20, 2008 Laurine N. Givis

**Second collections**

July 26/27- Peter's Pence  
August 14/15- Assumption

**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!

**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 NYS, Fonda

*Our Lady of Knock Shrine*  
2052 Route 145,  
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*Rosa Mystica Shrine*  
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