

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

9-4	Mon	9:00 AM	Healing for Joe Santorelli By Barb Smith
9-5	Tues	9:00 AM	Ken Rose By Charlie & Jean McKilligan
9-6	Wed	9:00 AM	James Householder By Mom & Tim
9-7	Thurs	9:00 AM	Alicia Consuelo By Alex
9-8	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
9-9	Sat	4:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of death of Al Zach By Terri Cristofaro
9-10	Sun	10:30 AM	James Clum By Mike & Virginia Tiska & family

**Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$639.00 to strengthen the Church at home and spread the Gospel across the United States. If you missed the appeal it is not too late to give! Just visit [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).



Please call Chris Granan 607-563-1503 for the next few weeks with requests for the prayer chain. Also, please notify the Parish Office if you are aware of a name on the prayer list that can be removed.



The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**GRIEF SHARE**

A new session of Grief Share will be starting on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church. See the flyers in the vestibule for more information on this program.

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The cost of Discipleship**

The readings for this Sunday highlight the call to discipleship and its demands. They talk about the need for us to deny ourselves and take up our cross to follow Jesus each and every day.

In the gospel, Jesus disclosed to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem to suffer and die on the cross and on the third day be raised. He revealed this message to them immediately after Peter confessed his faith in him as the Son of the Living God. The disciples were appalled by the shocking news. Peter voiced his feelings. He took Jesus aside and said to him; "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you" (Mathew 16:22). Peter had the purest intention for objecting to Jesus's impending passion and death. He did not want anything bad to happen to his beloved master and friend.

Like his fellow Jews, Peter saw Jesus as an earthly Messiah, a political and economic liberator who would fight to free his people from the oppressive rule of the Roman government.

Little did he know that he was playing the role of Satan. Jesus scolded Peter. He called him Satan. He told Peter to get behind him.

It is surprising that the one who Jesus called the rock upon which he would build his church was now Satan to him. Jesus was tough on Peter because he saw him as a hindrance to his mission on earth. He challenged him and all of us to think as God does and commit ourselves fully and wholeheartedly to the Lord. Jesus challenged our assumptions about what is most profitable and worthwhile in life. What is worthwhile is the life spent in faithfulness to God.

The prophet Jeremiah committed himself to the work of the Lord. He proclaimed God's message to the people of his time. He denounced their sinful ways and his message brought him derision and reproach. His own people hated him and threatened to kill him.

In the first reading, Jeremiah expressed his pain and frustration towards God. He lamented bitterly that God duped and seduced him. He felt alone and wanted to throw in the towel. Jeremiah did not want to speak anymore in God's name but he could not run away from his prophetic vocation. The word of God burned within him like a fire. He had no choice than to continue to proclaim God's message to his people.

Saint Paul cautions us in the second reading to not conform ourselves to the present age but rather be transformed by the renewal of our mind so that we can discern what is good and pleasing to God. He urges us to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable to the Lord.

Our Lord Jesus has set an example for all of us to follow. He offered himself in sacrifice for our sins. He suffered death on the cross in order to bring us new life.

As his disciples, he calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him. Let us in today's Eucharistic celebration ask the Lord to bless us and bring us closer to him. Let us ask him to grant us the grace to live as his true disciples and strive each day to please him by our works of holiness, sacrifice, and loving service.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

First Reading- Ezekiel 33:7-9

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Gene Walsh

**Altar Servers:**

Anderson & Garret Callender

Second Reading- Romans 13:8-10

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday on Ordinary Time**

Gospel- Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Ray Keckeisen

Paula Ciborowski

Brock & Easton Porter

Offerings of August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular, \$1,892.00; Fuel, \$65.00; Feast of the Assumption, \$20.00; Evangelist, \$5.00



- September 10<sup>th</sup>- Registration for Faith Formation if not pre-registered- 10:30 AM Mass only
- September 13<sup>th</sup>- 7:00 PM Catechists meeting
- September 17<sup>th</sup>- 9:00-10:15 AM Pre-K -10<sup>th</sup> Grade classes begin  
Catechetical Sunday-commissioning of Catechists at Masses
- September 21<sup>st</sup>- Confirmation 6:30 PM

The weekend of August 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 the regular collection and Feast of the Assumption was \$1,912.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,395.00. To date we have collected \$22,276.00 which is \$665.00 above budget.

### Harvest Festival 2023



The Harvest Festival this year is on October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>! We need crafts for the Craft Booth, items for the Farmer's Market, Treasure Chest, soups and baked

goods. Please bring your donations for the Treasure Chest and Craft booth to the Parish Center **before October 6<sup>th</sup>** so the items can be priced.

**NO books, CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (can be donated to the Nex-to-New)

**No stuffed animals** (donate to local ambulance squads)

**No clothing** (can be donated to the Nex-to-New)

**No electronics (computers, printers, tape players, etc.)**

Donations of glassware, ceramics, and dishes must be **CLEAN** and should be chip free. Small kitchen appliances and all electrical items must be clean and in working order. Holiday decorations especially; Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter would be most appreciated.

Donations of unique handmade home décor and craft items are needed for the Craft Booth.

Treasure Chest and Craft Booth **donations should be brought inside** the Parish Center during office hours. Please contact the Parish Office, 607-563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations. *To be in compliance with fire and safety codes please do not leave items outside or inside in the doorways or hallways.*

**Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### September Bulletin Quotes

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Abortion"  
[respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion](http://respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion)

### 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee

Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will hold this annual event on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information or contact the Parish Office, 607-563-1591.

### Register now for the NYS Eucharistic Congress

Catholics from across New York State are planning to come together at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22, 2023 to celebrate the real presence of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The Congress will feature inspiring talks, Mass, Eucharistic adoration, opportunities for confessions, inspiring music and more. For details and to register (**EVERYONE ATTENDING MUST REGISTER**), log onto <https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>. There is also a pilgrimage being planned, a walk from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception to Auriesville along the Empire Trail. You can walk all or part of the 4 day pilgrimage. To find out more information on this event go to [www.wayofmartyrs.org](http://www.wayofmartyrs.org)

Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved in abortion. The tagline of Project Rachel is *No matter what you are feeling, you are not alone*. It is the hope of Project Rachel that a healing approach of options and resources can help each person know that God loves them, forgives them and wants to be in their life. Project Rachel is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering, both women and men. Call our confidential helpline 518-312-3825.

There will be a "Healing Weekend" October 20-22, 2023 at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. Also, on Saturday, September 23, 2023 there will also be a zoom program entitled "In the beginning... Coping with Life Alone". See the flyers in the vestibule for more information

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete, George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe,

Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Kathryn Wickham, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, John Alksnis, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Renee Joseph, Susan Pandolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlana, Pat Elbrecht, Dorothy Cronin, Anthony Barber, Jr., Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Chelsi Byrne, Jaxson Beadle, Tom Ruff, Joan Rice, Joe Santorelli, Jaime Mathewson, Theo Williams, Joan Barber

*Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.*

