



Mass Intentions for the Week

- 8-5 Mon 9:00 AM William Sterchak
By Clare Sterchak
- 8-6 Tues 9:00 AM Tom Lakin
By RaeAnn Lakin
- 8-7 Wed 9:00 AM All deceased parishioners
- 8-8 Thurs 9:00 AM Alecia Consuelo
By Kowalczyk family
- 8-9 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 8-10 Sat 4:00 PM Martha Smith
By Gary Smith
- 8-11 Sun 10:30 AM Gabriel & Hilda Rivera
By the family

Step Up Men's Conference 2024

This year's conference is being held at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park on **next Saturday, August 10th** from 8:15AM-3:30PM. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>. Additional information is on the flyer posted on the bulletin boards by each exit and in the vestibule.

Upcoming Meetings and Events in August

- 8th Finance Council meeting 6:30 PM
- 15th Pastoral Council 6:30 PM
- 19th Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM
- 29th Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM



Sacred Heart parishioners are awesome! Thank you to everyone who came to work at July's Share the Bounty dinner. We are grateful for all of you!



Thank You

Thank you to everyone that brought in items for Saint Mary Recycle. They were grateful for your gifts. They will return in February if you missed your opportunity to bring in religious items this time. The only items they did not take were the books and pamphlets that had been donated.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Work for food that endures to eternal life (John 6:24)

As humans, we experience two types of hungers: physical and spiritual hungers. But many a time, we focus so much on our physical selves and not on our soul and what it needs. We allow our bodily or physical needs to overshadow our spiritual wants.

The readings for this Sunday teach us to prioritize our spiritual sustenance over our physical needs or material security. The readings challenge and encourage us to be more concerned with spiritual food than with physical food. They urge us to fill up our spiritual hunger with God's presence, his living word and the Holy Eucharist.

In the first reading, the whole Israelite community experienced physical hunger and thirst in the desert. The people of Israel were on their journey to the Promised Land. In their desperation, the pilgrim people murmured against Moses and God for bringing them out of Egypt to suffer in the desert. They complained that their situation was worse off than when they were under bondage in Egypt. They preferred to be slaves in Egypt rather than being brought into the desert to die of famine.

God heard the grumbling of his pilgrim people. He responded to their cry by providing them with manna and quails from heaven to eat. He also gave them plenty of water to drink and to quench their thirst.

The Psalmist invites us to sing God's praises for his goodness, benevolence and divine providence for us. He says that God provides us bread from heaven to satisfy our spiritual hunger and sustain us on our earthly journey to his eternal kingdom.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Saint Paul urges us to turn away from our former way of life and put on the new self that is created in Christ. Saint Paul exhorts us to walk in Christ's ways of love, kindness, and compassion so we can find true nourishment to sustain our life journey.

In the gospel, Jesus challenged the crowd to seek what truly endures. The crowd looked for Jesus because he miraculously fed them with five barley loaves of bread and two fish. He provided them with free lunch and they had their fill. Jesus did not want the people to follow him for wrong reasons. He told them to not work for food that perishes but rather for food that endures to eternal life.

Jesus declared himself as the bread of life. He is the real food for the hungers and thirsts of our souls. He promises that all who believe in him and come to him will never hunger or thirst.

What a great privilege we have as Catholics! At every mass, we receive the opportunity to partake of the heavenly meal to be nourished and sustained on our Christian journey.

Let us be grateful for this profound sacrament and allow this gift to transform us and nurture our relationship with the Lord. Let us pray for the grace to always trust in God's constant provision and recognize his blessings and care for us and all those in our lives.

God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of August 10th & 11th, 2024

First Reading-1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading- Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Bill Babbage

Eucharistic Ministers:

Dorothy Yaiser

Altar Servers

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- John 6:41-51

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Pat Smith

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings July 27th & 28th, 2024-Weekly, \$2,403.00; Fuel, \$75.00; Repairs, \$100.00; Mission Co-Op Appeal, \$20.00; Peter's Pence, \$725.00

Since the beginning of the new fiscal year our collections total \$10,804.00. Last year during the same period we collected \$11,992.00. This is a deficit of \$1,178.00 over the five collections taken during July in 2023.

The **52nd Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration** will be held on Sunday, September 29th, 2024, at 3:00 PM, at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, in Loudonville. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 3:00 PM 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.

If you are unable to attend but would like a certificate commemorating your special anniversary please contact the Parish Office by August 31, 2024.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Young adults 18-30 years of age, Dave Stagliano, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth/Young Adult Ministry is looking to see if there is interest in a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome in July 2025. See the flyer in the vestibule for more information on how to express your interest.

August Anniversaries

1st- Fran & Alfredine Duguay
2nd- David & Paula Dewey



FORMED

Thank you to all who have donated so far to support our FORMED subscription. We are a little more than half-way there! There is still time to help reach our goal. Any donation, large or small, will be appreciated. Please prayerfully consider helping.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2: "The Lord said to Moses, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. God gives us food from heaven that gives life to the whole world. If we believe and take the bread God gives us, we will have new life. Want "new life" in your marriage? You can find a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are: September 20-22 in Huntington, NY
October 18-20 in Sunapee, NH
Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or <https://wwmectw.org/>.

August Bulletin Quotes

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).

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Peter's Pence Collection

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$725.00. Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support from the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Diocesan Gathering

Please see the flyer in the vestibule and at each of the exits or the link below for how to submit your response to the Diocesan Gathering information survey. ANYONE can respond to the survey within the parish/network that might be interested in some form of Diocesan Gathering to further their ministry or for just an interest in a particular ministry. The results of the survey will be used to plan future Diocesan events.

Thank You,

The Office for Discipleship Formation team

Survey direct link -

<https://forms.gle/Nih5FFqG3YrGs92A>

Singing the Liturgy, Renewing the Call

A conference by Albany NPM will be held September 26-28 at St. Edward's Church in Clifton Park for all music directors, pianists, organists, choir members and anyone involved in the sung liturgy are welcome! See the conference brochures hanging by each of the exits for more information and to register. You can also visit www.albanynpm.com for more information.

Knights of Columbus Future Event

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a food drive at Hannaford in Oneonta on Saturday, August 24th to benefit our local food bank. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell,

Grady Charles Weigand, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, 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, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, [George Walters](#), Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Catherine Wickham, [Patrick](#), John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolerמוש, Clare Sterchak, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, [Rev. Steve Deckard](#), Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, [Bob Oliver](#), Rose LaCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Barb Doyle, Tom DeMulder, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Olivia Ross & family, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Marlena, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, James Rattrie, Danielle Guglielmo, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Theresa Zieno, Joan & Tony Barber, parishioners with COVID, Kyle Roy, Phyllis Blincoe, Bill Babbage, Michael Gregory, Finn Hunter

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

