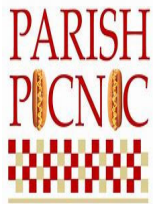




Mass Intentions for the Week

8-26	Mon	9:00 AM	Michael Willsey By Jean McKilligan
8-27	Tues	9:00 AM	Richard Ciborowski By Paula Coborowski
8-28	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
8-29	Thurs	9:00 AM	Soddy & Carmie Mirabito By the family
8-30	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8-31	Sat	4:00 PM	Joseph & Ellen Mertz & All deceased children By Ellen Hogan
9-1	Sun	10:30 AM	Darren Mongardi By Bob & Pat Smith

Upcoming Meetings and Events in August
29th Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM



Please join us at 11:30 this Sunday in the Parish Center for our parish picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs and rolls will be served, please bring your own place setting and a dish to share.

Catholic Home Missions

Support The Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

The Parish Offices will be closed next Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choose whom you will serve (Joshua 24: 15)

Our lives are full of choices and decision makings. Each day we make routine choices regarding what to do and what not to do. We choose what food to eat, what clothes to wear, what place to go and when to get there. Sometimes we make good choices and right decisions. Other times too, we get our choices wrong. We make bad decisions and later regret and learn from our mistakes.

In this Sunday's liturgy our scripture readings admonish us to be prudent in our choices and decisions. The readings urge us to choose the Lord and his ways and forsake the world and its delusions.

In the first reading, Joshua, the successor of Moses challenged the people of Israel to decide whom they will serve. Joshua assembled the leaders of all the twelve tribes of Israel at Shechem and asked them to choose whom they will serve. The leaders and their people were to decide whether to serve the Lord who has remained faithful to them from the time of their ancestor's bondage in Egypt, their journey through the desert and their entry into the Promised Land or to worship the foreign gods of the nations and peoples surrounding them.

As a good leader, Joshua set the tone for the people to follow. He *made a definite choice that he and his household will serve the Lord. On their part, the Israelites declared their loyalty to the God of their fathers. They pledged that they would serve the Lord and forsake the gods of the other nations.*

In the gospel, Jesus asked his twelve disciples to decide whether to follow him or to abandon him. Earlier some of his followers had left him because of his hard teaching on the bread of life discourse. Those followers were scandalized by his statement that unless they eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, they will have no life within them. This was a hard teaching for them, so they left Jesus and returned to their former way of life. The twelve disciples needed to make up their minds whether to walk away from Jesus or follow him.

Simon Peter provided a profound answer, "Lord, to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe that you are the Holy One of God" (John 6:68).

Simon Peter spoke on behalf of all of us. Whom else should we go or turn to? It is only the Lord and him alone. The Lord is the only one who satisfies our deepest longings.

We are here at Mass today because we have made a decisive choice to serve the Lord. Jesus is everything to us. He is our life, our help, our hope, and our refuge. He comes to nourish and sustain our souls with his living word and the bread of life.

Today we declare our loyalty to the Lord for his infinite love and goodness to us. We renew our commitment to him and ask for help to reflect him in our relationships, marriage, or family life.

We take inspiration from the words of Saint Paul in the second reading and strive to live out our faith, to show mutual love and respect for each other. God bless.

Rev. Dr. Ben

Weekend of August 31st & September 1st, 2024

First Reading-Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Second Reading- James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Sheri Youngs

Eucharistic Ministers:

Mary Early

Altar Servers

Ayla & Quinn Gronwall

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Kathy Saludo

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings from August 17th & 18th, 2024 will be reported in next week's bulletin.



Harvest Festival 2023

The Harvest Festival this year is on October 11th & 12th! 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 4th so the items can be priced. All donations must be brought in a week before the festival, donations brought in after the 4th will not be accepted.

- **NO CD's, DVD's, and VHS** (donate to the Nex-to-New)
- **Paperback books only, no cookbooks**
- **No stuffed animals** (donate to local ambulance squads)
- **No clothing** (donate to 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 uniquely crafted handmade 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, 563-1591, if you are unable to come during office hours to arrange for a time to bring in your donations.
- **Donations left outside the Parish Center cannot be accepted per Catholic Mutual guidelines.** *Please do not leave items outside the doorways or inside the hallways. This is so we are in compliance with fire and safety codes.*

Sign-up sheets for volunteers for this year's Harvest Festival will be in the vestibule of the church on September 25th and 26th.

August Birthdays

31st Josette Wood



Religious Education 2024-2025

Registration paperwork has been mailed to all families who had children in the program in 2023-24. Please return your registration for 2024-2025 to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible so that textbooks can be ordered in time for the start of classes in September.

August Bulletin Quotes

“Death is a decisive moment in the human person’s encounter with God the Savior. Helping the Christian to experience this moment with spiritual assistance is a supreme act of charity. It encompasses the patient with the solid support of human relationships to accompany them and open them to hope... While palliative care cannot entirely eradicate suffering from people’s lives, it provides an authentic expression of human and Christian care—allowing us to ‘remain’ at the side of a suffering person, as the Blessed Mother and the beloved disciple remained at the foot of the Cross.”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice”

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.

Chosen & Appointed Retreat

Discover your spiritual gifts at a retreat on September 7th from 9:30 AM -3:30 PM at the Immaculate Conception Church in Greene, NY. Meg Castellini, a spiritual director and trained hospital chaplain, will lead this retreat. Register by contacting Mary Wentlent at mwentlent@syrdio.org or call 607-656-9546. Cost is \$35.00 per person

Caring Connections-Catholic Charities

Caring Connections is a part of Catholic Charities that provides emergency assistance to local families or individuals in need. They can always use donations of the following personal care items to restock their cupboards. Donations of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, hair brushes can be brought to the Parish Office or taken to Catholic Charities in the Civic Center. Thank you in advance for your generous help!

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 Soldingier, 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, Maggie Hoffman

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

