

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

7-22	Mon	9:00 AM	Linda Northrup By Robert & Rita Rogers
7-23	Tues	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-24	Wed	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-25	Thurs	9:00 AM	All deceased parishioners
7-26	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7/27	Sat	4:00 PM	Mary Alice Bagley By Ellen Hogan
7-28	Sun	10:30 AM	Theresa Horton By Joe & Terry Maggio

**Step Up Men's Conference 2024**

This year's conference is being held at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 AM-3:30 PM. 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.

**Saint Mary Recycle Mission**

We received a mailing from Saint Mary Recycle Mission in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to participate in this worthy undertaking. St. Mary Recycle is a Catholic mission group that began in 1998 to help rescue and preserve used and unwanted religious items. They help to keep them from being disposed of when they can be used by others who cannot afford new. There is a list of items that St. Mary recycle accepts posted on the bulletin board on bright orange paper in the vestibule as well as a receptacle for your donations. St. Mary recycle will be here to pick up the donations the week of July 29<sup>th</sup>. You can learn more about this organization by going to [www.St.MaryRecycleMissionGroup.com](http://www.St.MaryRecycleMissionGroup.com).

**Upcoming Meetings and Events in July**

25<sup>th</sup> – Share the Bounty 4:30-6:30 PM  
28<sup>th</sup> – Anointing of the Sick Mass at 2:00 PM followed by Golden Age Party for registered parishioners 75+ years of age

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Come away by yourselves to a place of solitude and rest a while (Mark 6:31)**

This weekend we welcome Rev. Joseph McLaughlin among us. Fr. Joseph is a member of the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers). He is visiting our parish community to speak about their missionary work in many countries. I ask you to please be generous in the second collection to support their life-long commitment and work in the Lord's vineyard. Thank you for your prayers and generous gift for their important ministry.

We are very much into the summer break and I am sure many of you are making the most of it, taking time off from your routine duties to rest, relax and refresh.

Jesus valued the importance of rest, relaxation, and refreshment in human life. He cherished the need for one to retreat to a lonely place to rest.

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus invited his twelve disciples to come away by themselves to a deserted place and rest a while. The disciples had returned from their first mission trip. They reported to Jesus what they had done and taught in his name. They were tired and exhausted so Jesus invited them to come to a place of solitude and rest for a while but unfortunately, their planned rest and relaxation were cut short. The vast crowd got wind of where they were going and they pursued them on foot. Interestingly, they arrived at the place first.

When Jesus disembarked from the boat and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Jesus showed himself as a true shepherd who cares for his sheep. He and his disciples set aside their leisure time to be with the people. Jesus taught the crowd many things. He was a shepherd of a different kind, not like the rulers and leaders of ancient Israel who scattered God's flock and drove them away from the right path. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah chastised such leaders for their evil doings, such as neglecting the needs of their people and allowing abuses to thrive. The poor leadership of the kings and rulers resulted to Israel's captivity and deportation to a foreign land. Around the year 587 BC, the Babylonians defeated the kingdom of Judah and carried the people into exile.

But God did not allow his people to languish in pain. He spoke through the prophet Jeremiah and promised to raise a good shepherd from the line of David to lead his people with integrity, honesty and truth. Jeremiah announced that the new ruler will restore and protect God's flock with just and wise leadership and ensure their safety and growth.

Jesus is this ideal shepherd who leads us to the verdant pastures of his father's kingdom. His care guides us on our pilgrimage of life. He is the one we can always trust to bring us to the right place where we can find comfort, solace, and peace in his presence.

Let us respond to the Lord's invitation to come with him to the place of solitude and rest a while. This week, let us find time to step into his presence in the Blessed Sacrament and to hear him speak quietly to our weary souls.

God bless

Rev. Dr. Ben

**Weekend of July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024****Time**

First Reading-2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading- Ephesians 4:1-6

**Saturday 4:00 PM****Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Regina Mathewson

**Altar Servers**

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary**

Gospel- John 6:1-15

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Kristin Reuter

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings July 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024-Weekly, \$2,128.00; Fuel, \$20.00; Peter's Pence, \$10.00

Faith Formation News  
Save the Date: July 31<sup>st</sup>-



Sky Zone Park Trip- for youth of the parish  
Letters have been sent out with information about the event.

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

#### July Birthdays

23<sup>rd</sup> - Jason Woodyshak



#### July Anniversaries

25<sup>th</sup>- Jamie & Jenna Roberts



#### FORMED

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#### Share the Bounty

Dear Parishioners- we need your help with Share the Bounty on July 25<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 7 PM. Saint Paul's Church is hosting and they are a very small group. If you are able to serve, bus tables and/or help with clean-up for a few hours we would appreciate your help. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin boards at each of the exits.  
~Share the Bounty Committee

#### July Bulletin Quotes

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."  
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
"Married Love and the Gift of Life"

#### 2024 Men in Black Softball Game

Next Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM priests and seminarians will take on youth from around the Southern Tier at Mirabito Stadium in Binghamton. See the posting on the Green paper on the bulletin board in the vestibule for more information.

#### Peter's Pence Collection

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy SEE, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit, [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

#### Mission Appeal July 20 & 21, 2024

Since its official recognition by the Church in 1836, the society of Mary (Marist Fathers and Brothers) has committed itself to the missions in the southwestern Pacific. Since that time, the Marists have expanded into areas in Africa, Asia, and South America. Today there are nearly 230 priests and brothers working in "bush stations," teaching in schools and seminaries, ministering in training institutions, providing direct service to the poor, oppressed and marginalized, and contributing to the development of people for a better society and a strong local church. Contributions to the Marists will help them in their mission of witness to the Gospel, service to the needy and helping the local Church to build a strong base for its promising future. Thank you for whatever you can do to help them in their life-long commitment and work.

**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, 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, 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, Tony & Lila Donnolo, 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, 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.*

