

Mass Intentions for the Week

8/25 Mon 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
 8/26 Tues 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
 8/27 Wed 9:00 AM Richard Ciborowski
 By Paula Ciborowski
 8/28 Thurs 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
 8/29 Fri 9:00 AM Communion
 8/30 Sat 4:00 PM Catherine Winnick
 By Terry & Gene Walsh
 8/31 Sun 10:30 AM All Deceased Parishioners

Formed – Thank you

Jesus tells us to spread the “Good News” and that’s exactly what you have helped to do! Thank you to all who donated. Your support and belief in our mission to provide this enriching program to our parish is greatly appreciated. We couldn’t do it without generous and amazing parishioners like you! *God Bless*

Every parishioner can access and use Formed. Please see Paula in the Faith Formation Office if you need help.

2025 Catholic Home Mission Appeal

August 23/24, 2025

Our second collection will be for the Catholic home Missions Appeal. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle and assists in forming vibrant faith communities.

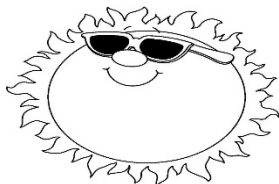
Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Please see flyer in vestibule for additional information.

Diocesan Appeal 2026

Your support helps many services we provide. For pledges made now; payment in full due by 6/30/26. You can spread out your payments for up to 12 months! Please apportion your gift to one or more areas of focus:

SEMINARIAN FORMATION CAMPUS
 MINISTRY* CATHOLIC CHARITIES* PARISH
 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT * PARISH MISSION
 SUPPORT * VOCATIONS* GENERAL BUDGET
 SUPPORT

We prayerfully thank you for all your support!



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Universal Call to Salvation

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who attended our **first-ever joint parish picnic** last Sunday. We are truly grateful to God for blessing us with beautiful weather and a joyful spirit throughout the day. A special word of appreciation goes to Bill Babbage, Kristy White, and everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the event a great success. Your dedication and service are deeply appreciated. May God bless each of you abundantly.

As we gather this Sunday for the Eucharist, the scripture readings invite us to contemplate the boundless and inclusive nature of God’s love and mercy. They affirm a profound truth that salvation is not a privilege reserved for a select few, but a divine gift generously offered to all. God desires that every person be drawn come to into His eternal joy and glory, regardless of race, culture, background or status.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah presents a powerful image of a great assembly of people from distant lands, symbolizing God’s longing for a diverse and united family. This image reminds us that the kingdom of God is open to all who seek Him with sincere hearts. The responsorial psalm reinforces this message by calling all nations to praise the Lord. It proclaims that God’s love knows no borders, and His grace reaches every corner of the earth. The Psalm beautifully emphasizes the enduring nature of God’s kindness, offering a wellspring of hope for all humanity.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks of the narrow door and the universal call to salvation. He reminds us that salvation is not automatic nor is it based on entitlement or status. Rather, it requires intentional effort, a sincere relationship with God, and a heart open to His grace. Jesus urges us to strive to enter through the narrow gate, calling us to a life of authentic discipleship. He challenges our assumptions with the striking words: “The first shall be last and the last shall be first.”

This divine reversal invites us to live in true friendship with Jesus, aligning our hearts with His. True discipleship is revealed in how we live; through humility and meekness, mercy and justice, and a goodness of heart that reflects the love of Christ. God, in His mercy, often sends others to guide us on the path of salvation, just as Jesus came to heal, restore, and lead us to the Father. We are called to follow the Lord’s example, becoming instruments of His love and mercy in a world longing for healing and hope. Let us walk the narrow path not with fear, but with confidence and trust in God’s grace. May we be open and welcoming to others, faithful in our witness, compassionate in our actions, and hopeful in our journey. May our lives reflect God’s light and draw others into His saving love.

God bless. Fr. Dr. Ben

Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Jubilee

Sat. Sept. 20, 2025 – 8:30am to 2pm

Mt. Mathew’s Church - 25 Mountainview Street, Voorheesville, NY 12186
 All will benefit from this day of prayer and inspiration as we embark on this time of visionary discernment for our diocese.

There is no cost to attend. However, advance registration is required. Please register by September 10!

To register go to <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/>. For more information please see flyer in vestibule.

Weekend of August 30 & 31, 2025

First Reading- Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Second Reading- Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 14:1, 7-14

Celebrant:

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers

Altar Servers

Saturday 4:00 PM

Father Ben

Brock Porter

Gene Walsh, Ginny Brandt, Pat Tartaglia

Anderson & Garret Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Bill Babbage

Ada Rice, Terry Maggio, Pat Smith

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from Aug 15th, 2025 – Assumption of Mary: \$1150.00

Offerings from Aug 16th & 17th, 2025: Regular; 2704.00, Evangelist; \$20.00, Repairs; \$35.00

Prayer Shawls

We have available prayer shawls for all ages; infant to adult. Please see Faith Formation; ~ Paula for more information.

Share the Bounty Dinner

Join us Thursday, August 28, 2025
for food and fellowship 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm.
All are welcome!!

St. Paul's Church - Summer Movies Night 2025

The Old Hancock Cinemas/Now the Bridgewater Church
Aug. 26, & Sept. 9 at 6PM
Movie – "The Chosen " Season 5
Movie, popcorn & soda – free!
All are welcome!!!

Mass for Grieving Parents

September 15, 2025 at 9:00am
Prayer cards will be available in the vestibule 9/5 and 9/6
In the vestibule.

Rosary Society Group

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Sept. 9th.
We will be having brunch after Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Virtual Book Club

Featuring: Between Heaven & Mirth
Thursdays: Sept. 11, 18, 25
Noon to 1:30PM
This will be held by Zoom

Please register with the Faith Formation Office/ Paula by Sept 7, if you would like to attend. Please see flyer in vestibule for more information.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, November 14-16, 2025 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, and compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more information or to register contact: Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or Katie Bolibaugh or e-mail: rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com. For a complete listing of retreat dates and locations contact: 1-877-HOPE-4 ME or visit the Rachel's Vineyard website: www.rachelsvineyard.org. Brochure for more information is also in Vestibule.

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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Question of the Week

The Narrow Door

Jesus answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."

Adults: What daily choices are you making that will allow to be recognized at the doorway of the reign of god?

Kids: What good habits are you practicing in order to be a good Christian?

Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass

Sunday, September 14th, 2025
3PM Liturgy with Reception
Christ Our Light Catholic Church
1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY

As was done last year the Parish office will submit the names of couples celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage.

Rosary Prayer

Please join us after the 4:00 PM Mass Saturday, Sept. 6th to pray the rosary. All our welcome to join us in the church. If you do not have a rosary there are ones available in the vestibule for your use.

Wisdom of the Saints

We are each of us Angels with only one wing, unless we embrace each other we cannot fly.

~ St. Anthony of Padua

The Prophetic Path

Learn practical ways to pray, grow in discipleship and spiritual authority, and receive both personal and spiritual growth. Please see flyer in vestibule or call Janine at 607-206-2523 for more information.

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

Grady Charles Weigand, 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., Mary Munetz, Jazmiers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, 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 Starzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlana Keath, Marian Aggemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granen, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfreddine Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Michael and Christopher Doi, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Joan Barnes, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Patricia Houghton, Gloria Parsons

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