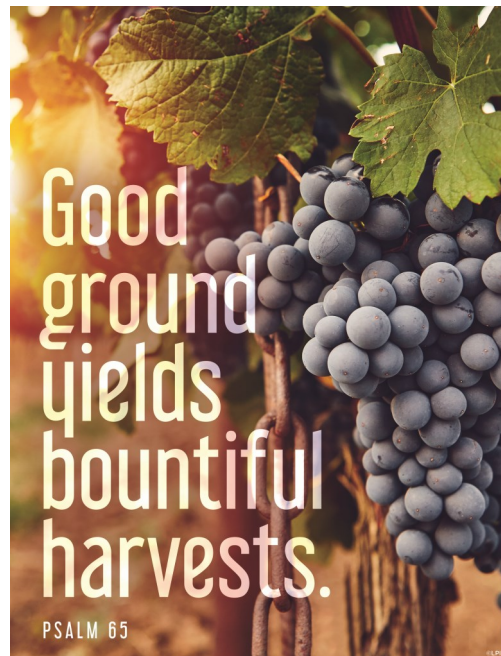


**WE WORSHIP**  
**July 16, 2023**  
**Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**10:00 am Mass**  
 Reconciliation:  
 By Appointment only



**Mass Intentions ..**  
 7-16-23 Fred & Ann Marie Bialas  
*Req by Anne Marie Bialas*  
*60th Wedding Anniversary*  
 7-16-23 Bruce Kilburn *Req by Sadie Kilburn*  
 7-30-23 Corrine DeBlasi *Req by Christine Boremann*  
*Anniversary of her Birthday*

*The July Tabernacle Candle burns in honor of members of the Gray family - Req by Richelene Morey*



*Contact Danielle Robichaud to join the prayer Chain...or request prayers:  
 daniellrobichaud51@gmail.com*



To request a Mass intention, please call 518-623-3021 and leave a message or drop a note in the collection basket. Be sure to include your name and phone # along with the name for the intention and the requested date. The donation is \$15 for each intention. Mass cards are available at the office Mondays or Tuesdays and can either be picked up or mailed.

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**Baptism of Landon Winter**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
 Many blessings to him and his family

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions — at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that *it's all about the soil.*

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

*"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."*  
 — Isaiah 55:11

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**2023 NCM ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**  
 Monday, September 18, 2023  
 Cronin's Golf Resort  
 Golf Course Road  
 Warrensburg, NY 12885  
 Shot Gun Starts at 1pm  
 Register Online!

[www.northcountryministry.org/golf](http://www.northcountryministry.org/golf)

## NYS

### Eucharistic Congress

Catholic's from across New York State are planning on coming 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 to register, log onto:

<https://nyseucharisticcongress.org>



## Step Up 2023 Catholic Men's Conference

The Step Up Men's Conference will give men the tools needed to grow in holiness in their everyday lives.

Cards Available in the Narthex

**2024**  
**150th Anniversary**  
**St. Cecilia's Church**  
 Help us commemorate this huge milestone!

In 2024

We will bring back our  
 Annual Golf Tournament

At Cronins

In Honor of St. Cecilia

Looking for volunteers to plan for this event and others to come!  
 See Richelene

## WE SERVE

"Money has to serve, not to rule."

**Pope Francis**

Donations for 7-09-2023

Offertory	\$2258 Candle	\$36
Fuel	\$428 Parish In Need	\$35
NCM	\$50	

Attendance 110 People TOTAL \$2807

Thank you everyone who continues to support us. Many families mail in their donations weekly or monthly because they do not yet feel comfortable returning to Mass. All contributions are greatly appreciated. Without all of you, we could not continue.

## Our 2nd Collections

There are envelopes available next to the collection bin for our visitors & those who don't use envelopes:

7-16-23 Parishioners In Need

7-23-23 Medical Marijuana

7-30-23 Holy Father

## Daily Mass in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. & Fri. 8:30 am

Annunciation, Queensbury: Mon. & Tues. 7:30 am

St. Isaac Jogues, Chestertown Wed. 9:30 am

(parish center)

Blessed Sacrament, Bolton: Thurs. 9:30 am

## Adoration in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. 9 am to 9 pm

Annunciation, Queensbury: Fri. 8 pm to 9 pm

## Rosary in the Area

Sacred Heart, Lake George: Wed. & Fri. 8:00 am

St. Cecilia's Church

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 E-GIVING PAGE  
 IS LIVE!**

We are switching to a new e-giving platform to make giving easier, more secure, and more convenient for our community! Scan the QR code now to give.

<https://stceciliashurch.com/index.html>

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