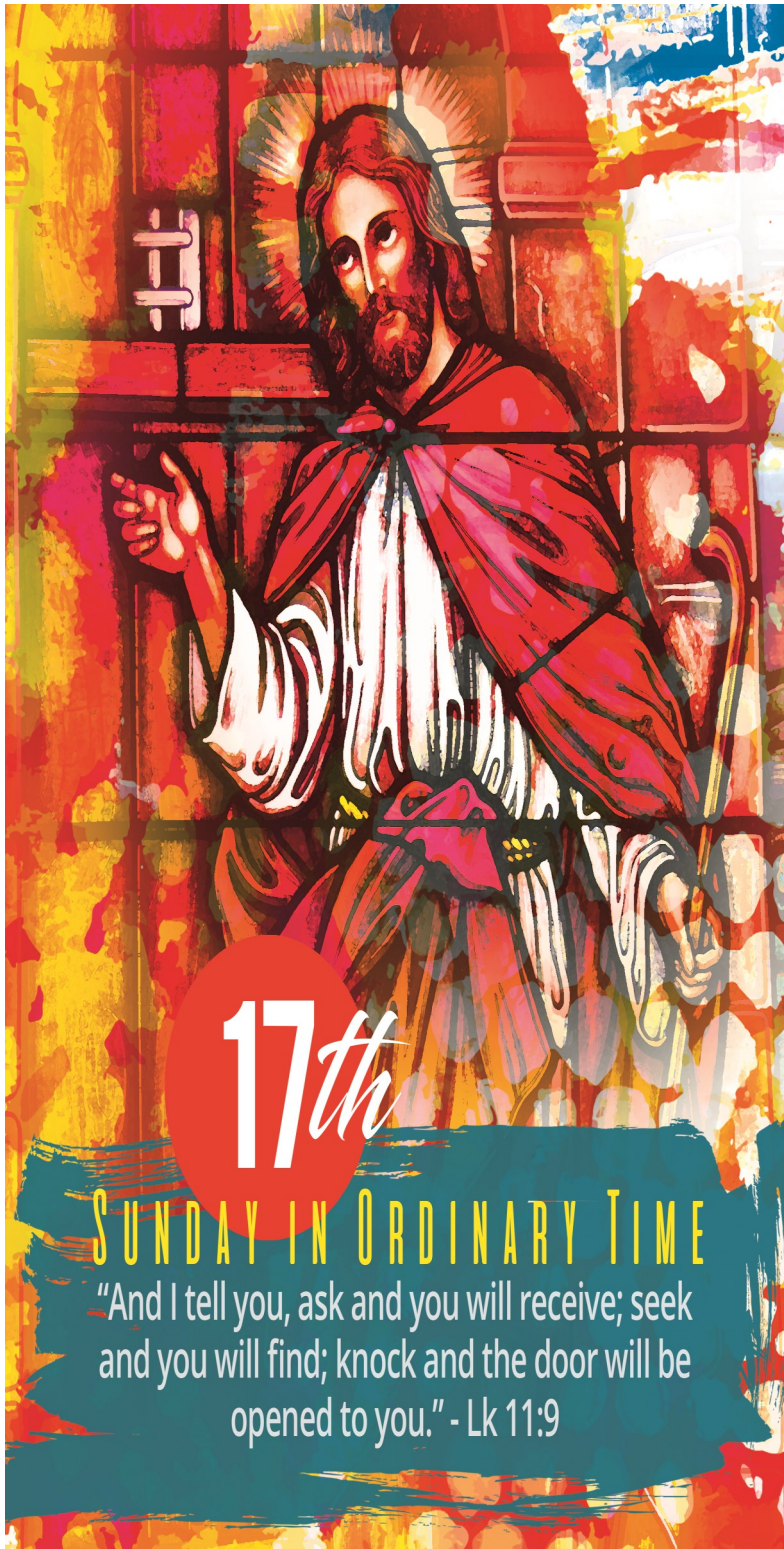


# July 28, 2019 ~ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## *St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake Church*

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**Anointing of the Sick**  
Call the Parish Office, or if at the hospital,  
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547-3626

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Frank Liberati

**Cemetery Sexton**  
John Sansevere  
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Summer Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 27: 4:30 PM

Sunday, July 28: 7:30 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

## Second Collection ~ Peter's Pence

This week's second collection will support Peter's Pence. The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Pope Francis calls each of us to witness to charity and to show God's mercy to one another. He encourages us to **"open our eyes and see the misery of the world, the wounds of our brothers and sisters who are denied their dignity, and let us recognize that we are compelled to heed their cry for help!"** (Misericordiae Vultus [MV], no. 15). The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Weekend of July 20 & 21: 556  
Attendance

Sunday collection: \$3,569

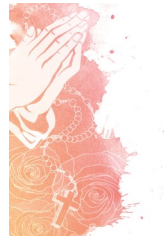
2nd collection for the Cemeteries: \$1,163

### 2019 Bishop's Appeal Update:

As of 17 July 2019 104 donors have pledged \$39,012 toward our goal of \$47,625; we are at 82.9%! Just \$8,613 to go – if 20 people gave \$430.65 each we can finish this now!!! Please and thank you Please prayerfully consider sup-ported the work of our diocese.

### CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU MAUREEN BRENNAN!

For the past 17 years, Maureen has been a dedicated VOLUNTEER, working in our Parish Office every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Maureen was instrumental in taking care of many of our Parish's administrative responsibilities. Maureen is now retiring! We will celebrate Maureen's significant contributions at our Parish Picnic on September 15th. If you would like to send a card—or express your own appreciation to Maureen, cards may be mailed to Maureen or dropped off at the rectory or church. THANK YOU MAUREEN!



## What is a novena?

A Novena is a prayer and meditation that is said for a specific intention for nine days. Why pray a novena? Novenas are an ancient tradition that goes back to the days of the Apostles. Jesus told His disciples to pray together after His ascension into heaven, so they went to an upper room along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Acts 1:14) and joined constantly in prayer for nine days. These nine days of constant prayer by the Apostles at the direction of Jesus led up to Pentecost. This is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples as "tongues of fire" (Acts 2:1-4). This pattern of 9 days of prayer is the basis the novenas we pray today. Thus, the novena is an imitation of the Lord's command to the Apostles when they prayed for 9 days in anticipation of the coming of the Holy Spirit. How do I pray a novena? Begin by quieting yourself. After a moment of silence, begin your prayer with the sign of the cross. Pray the words of the Novena with reverence and intention. Follow the prayer with the Lord's Prayer, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be.

### Senior Social

All senior parishioners and community friends are invited to get together in the parish hall on Wednesday, August 14th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., for fellowship, coffee, cards, and a short presentation by Carole LaChance about the possibility of opening a community center for seniors in Cooperstown. Come on out and meet other seniors and help plan the next senior get-together! Please bring a snack if you are able to. Spread the word!

### Feast of St. Martha

On July 29th, we celebrate the feast of St. Martha, unofficial patron of workaholics and busybodies everywhere. Martha appears several times in Scripture. One passage we heard in our recent Sunday Gospel. Jesus has visited the home of Martha and Mary. Mary sits at the feet of our Lord, soaking in his teaching. In the meantime, Martha is washing dishes, preparing hors d'oeuvres, and playing the hostess. Sound familiar? John's Gospel doesn't shy away from Martha's active nature either. After the death of their brother Lazarus, Martha is the first to greet Jesus, and while she's quite confident in Jesus' power to heal, she's the first to warn him of the possible smell should the tomb be opened. While Mary often gets the credit for contemplative holiness, we can't forget that pragmatic is a saint, too! As we strive to place Jesus in the right perspective, making him king of our hearts and over all our daily tasks, we can know that we're in good company. St. Martha, pray for us!



Congratulations to our newest Altar Servers ~  
Elijah McCaffrey and Owen Nolan.

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish including:

**Maureen Brennan  
Betsy Jay  
Bradley Smith**

Please call the Parish Office to add any names. Normally we will keep them on for 4 weeks, unless asked to keep them on.

### Protecting God's Children<sup>®</sup> for Adults

**Protecting God's Children<sup>®</sup> for Adults** is training conducted by VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training makes participants aware of the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and five easy steps one can use to prevent child sexual abuse. Two videos are the centerpiece of the training: **A Time to Protect God's Children<sup>™</sup>** and **A Plan to Protect God's Children<sup>™</sup>**. The facilitators incorporate policies and procedures into the training defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, the screening and selection of employees and volunteers, and victim advocacy.

VIRTUS training is required for all church employees and any volunteers who will be working with or chaperoning children at our Parish. Training sessions are scheduled for **Monday, August 5** and **Wednesday, August 7** at 6:00 pm. The training generally last less than two hours. To obtain directions for on-line VIRTUS registration please contact Mary Margaret Kuhn, 607-547-6181 or [kuhnpaulormary@aol.com](mailto:kuhnpaulormary@aol.com)

#### Mass Intentions

##### Saturday, July 27

4:30pm: For the People

##### Sunday, July 28

7:30am: Special Intention

Req by the Kennedy family

9:30am: William and Patricia Dornburgh

11:30am: For the people

##### Saturday, August 3

4:30pm: For the People

##### Sunday, August 4

7:30am: Special Intention

Req by the Kennedy family

9:30am: For the people

11:30am: For the people

2019 Sunday & Holy Day Mass remembrances or tabernacle candle remembrances are arranged through the parish office. Masses are \$10 donation and candles \$5 donation

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE IT TO MASS DUE TO ILLNESS OR OTHER SERIOUS REASON, DID YOU KNOW THE DIOCESE OF ALBANY HAS MASSES LIVE AND ARCHIVED ON LINE? GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.RCDA.ORG/LIVEMASS](https://www.rcda.org/livemass)**

### St. Mary's Annual Parish Picnic ~ September 15th ~ 11:00AM ~ Rain or Shine

St. Mary's Annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, September 15th at the Glimmerglass State Park Pavilion. Entrance to the Park will be free. The Pavilion is wheelchair accessible and indoor seating is available. Mass will be followed by a picnic buffet prepared by Chef Brian Wrubleski.

This will also be the first Faith Formation Class and the Confirmation Pinning.

If you are able to volunteer, give a ride to someone—or if you need a ride, please call Maureen Davidson at 607-293-7901.

Edna Chase has proposed a Ministry Fair at the fall picnic. Would each ministry put together a flyer about the work they do so we can hand it out to interested persons? Drop info off at the parish office or email it to [office@stmaryscoop.org](mailto:office@stmaryscoop.org). Thank you.