

Mass Intentions for the Week

8/10 Mon	9:00 AM	Claire Swislowsky <i>By Jane Artis</i>
8/11 Tues	9:00 AM	Edwin Van Hensbergen <i>Father of Jean McKilligan</i>
8/12 Wed	9:00 AM	Marian Van Hensbergen <i>Mother of Jean McKilligan</i>
8/13 Thurs	9:00 AM	Robert Van Hensbergen <i>Brother of Jean McKilligan</i>
8/14 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8/15 Sat	4:00 PM	Lillian & James Rogers <i>By Fran Groshans</i>
8/16 Sun	10:30 AM	Madeleine DeFalco Franzo <i>By Joseph L. Franzo</i>

Formed – Appreciation

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU
TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED to Formed!
Your generosity is overwhelming & greatly appreciated
to our goal.
~ The Faith Formation Office

Father Ben ~ Coffee Hour

Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way with
the reception for Father Ben. We are very grateful.
~ Terry Maggio

Envelopes

We are in the prep stage for next year. If anyone
received envelopes and are not using them please contact
the office at 607-563-1591.

Dinner with Bishop Mark O'Connell ~ August 15

Salads for the Bishop's Dinner can be delivered to the
Parish Center on Friday, August 14th
Between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M.
Thank you!

Bible Study

Our in person Bible study on the prophet Micah
starts Aug. 13th.
Please let the Faith Formation know if you plan to attend.
Contact Paula for more information.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Be Still and Take Heart

Life is a journey marked by both blessings and challenges. Reflecting on life, Saint Augustine once compared it to a ship crossing a vast and unpredictable sea, exposed to hidden dangers, strong winds, and violent storms. Such is the reality of our earthly pilgrimage, often marked by illness, loss, disappointments, and uncertainties that can test our faith. Yet, amid every storm, God's presence remains constant, guiding and sustaining us when the horizon seems unclear.

This Sunday's readings assure us that the Lord walks beside us and strengthens us in our weakness. In every circumstance, He invites us to be still and take heart, trusting that He will guide us safely through every storm.

In the first reading, Elijah was overwhelmed by fear. Queen Jezebel had threatened to kill him after he confronted the prophets of Baal. Fleeing for his life, Elijah took refuge in a cave, where he expected to encounter God in the mighty wind, the earthquake, and the fire. Instead, God revealed Himself in a gentle whisper reminding Elijah, and teaching us, that His presence is often encountered not in dramatic displays of power, but in the quietness of faith and trust.

In the Gospel, the disciples were caught in a violent storm at the sea and overcome by fear. Their anxiety deepened when they saw someone walking toward them on the water. Jesus immediately reassured them: "Take courage; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:27).

Peter stepped out of the boat in faith and began walking toward Jesus. But he was focused on the wind and waves rather than on the Lord, fear overcame him and he began to sink. In his distress, he cried out, "Lord save me!" Jesus immediately reached out His hand, rescued Peter and calmed the storm. Like Elijah and the disciples, we too experience fear, uncertainty, and discouragement. We often search for God in extraordinary signs, while He comes to us in quiet and unexpected ways, offering us strength, peace, and assurance of His constant presence.

As we journey through the turbulence waters of life, may we keep our eyes fixed on Christ and listen attentively to His voice. With the Psalmist, let us pray that God will show us His mercy and grant us salvation. In this Eucharistic celebration, let place before the Lord our fears, worries, and doubts, confident in His unfailing love and providence. May He deepen our trust in Him, calm the storms of our lives, and help us to be still and take heart. Amen

God bless,
Fr. Dr. Ben Ampong

Weekend of August 15th & 16th, 2026

First Reading:- 1Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Bishop Mark/ Fr. Ben

Lector: Dorothy Yaiser

Eucharistic Ministers: Ginni Brandt, Pat Tartaglia, Carole Ostrander

Altar Servers:

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel: Matthew Luke 1:39-56

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Carole Ostrander

Paula Ciborowski, Pat Smith, Kathy Saludo

Offerings from August 1st & 2nd, 2026: Regular \$2383.00; Repairs \$ 65.00;
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary \$10.00; Holy Father/Peter's Pence \$10.00

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Missionary Cooperation Program

This year Sacred Heart Church will host the Diocese of Norwich, CT.-Outreach for Haiti, August 22nd & 23rd. A second collection will be taken that weekend to support this mission. Please give as you are able, and keep the people of Haiti and all missionaries in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

Save the Date ~ KOC Dinner Dance

Fundraiser for St. John's and Sacred Heart
9/19/2026, 5:30PM ~ Sacred Heart Parish Center
Dinner, Dessert, and DJ.
More information to come!

Share the Bounty Dinner

August 27, 2026
4:30pm – 6:30PM
All are welcome!
*If you would like to volunteer
please reach out to Paula.*

St. Paul's Church – Summer Movie Night 2026

The Old Hancock Cinemas/Now the Bridgewater Church

Aug. 11, @ 6:30PM

Movie – House of David – Episode 3 & 4

Aug. 18, @ 6:30PM

Movie – House of David – Episode 5 & 6

Aug. 25, @ 6:30PM

Movie – House of David – Episode 7 & 8

Sept. 1 @ 6:30PM

Movie - TBD

Movie, popcorn soda – free!

All are welcome!!!!

For more information see flyer on bulletin board.

Wisdom of the Saints

By your prayers you can bring down the rain of mercy.

~ St. Charles Makloutf



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.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

Question of the Week

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”
(Matthew 14:31)

Adult Question: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

Kid Question: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?

Diocesan Appeal 2026-2027

The 1st mailing has gone out already. If you have not received the mailing let us know. Thank you!

Rosary Meeting

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is August 11, 2026 after 9:00AM Mass.

If you do not have a rosary there are ones available in the vestibule for your use.

If you would like to join us or to become a member please contact Terry Maggio at 607-287-7133.

Joint Parish Picnic

Sacred Heart & St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday August 23rd ~ 2PM – 7PM

Oquaga Creek State Park

Come join us for food & fellowship!

More information in flyer in vestibule.

Share the Bounty Dinner ~ August-Need Help

The group doing August Bounty is unable to cook – Please help out. We need your help with:

- 1) Desserts ~ needed by Aug. 27th
- 2) Need helpers to prepare the food, we have a menu.

Please contact Paula at 607-563-7066 to sign up.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Kim Sumski, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Mary Munetz, Jazmers 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, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Dolores Storzinger, 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, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naples, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan, Peter Burghardt Jr., The Family of Mufide, Kathy Saludo, Elizabeth Cline, Robert Ostrander, Kyle Banas, Kristin Barber, Ellen Hogan, Susan Hanaway

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