

Mass Intentions for the Week

8/17 Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioner
8/18 Tues	9:00 AM	Claire Swislowsky <i>By Jen Barnes & Family</i>
8/19 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
8/20 Thurs	9:00 AM	William Halagarda <i>By Joe & Terry Maggio</i>
8/21 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8/22 Sat	4:00 PM	Alice Holtzel <i>By Carol Jensen</i>
8/23 Sun	10:30 AM	Patricia Houghton <i>By Joe & Terry Maggio</i>

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.

Formed~ Special Appreciation

Thank you so much Sacred Heart Parishioners
with your help and generosity for our FORMED
fund drive. We have reached our Goal.
God Bless you!

Share the Bounty Dinner

August 27, 2026
4:30pm – 6:30PM
All are welcome!

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.

*If you would like to volunteer
please reach out to Paula.*

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Never Give Up, Be Persistent

As we gather around the table of the Lord to celebrate the Eucharist, we warmly welcome Most Rev. Mark O'Connell to Sacred Heart Church on this historic visit. We are grateful for his presence among us, for his pastoral leadership, and for his faithful witness to Christ. We also look forward with great joy to welcoming him to Saint Paul the Apostle Church, Hancock, on November 1, 2026. May his visit strengthen our faith, renew our hope, and deepen our communion in Christ.

Today's readings invite us to reflect on faith, perseverance, and God's universal love. They remind us that God's mercy is offered to all people, regardless of race, culture, status, or background. As disciples of Christ, we are called to reject discrimination and prejudice and to welcome one another as beloved children of God.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah envisioned a time when all nations and peoples will gather in God's house to worship Him. The responsorial psalm echoes this vision by proclaiming: "Let all the peoples praise you, O God."

In the Gospel, Jesus encountered a Canaanite woman whose daughter was being tormented by a demon. Desperate for her child's healing, she approached Jesus with remarkable faith. Even when met with silence and apparent rejection, she refused to give up.

With humility and trust, she persevered in her plea, "Lord, help me!" Her persistence moved the heart of Jesus, who responded: "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." At that moment, her daughter was healed.

This story speaks powerfully to our lives. We all face moments of struggle, disappointment, and unanswered prayer. At times, God may seem distant or silent. The Canaanite woman teaches us never lose heart of give up. Her example calls us to persevere in prayer, trust in God's timing, and remain confident in His boundless love.

In Christ, God reaches beyond every human barrier and invites us to do the same. We are called to overcome prejudice, practice compassion and embrace others with respect and love.

As a Eucharistic people, may we approach the Lord with the faith, humility, and perseverance of the Canaanite woman. Let us continue to pray, trust, and hope, confident that God hears our supplications and always provides what is best for us.

God bless,

Fr. Dr. Ben Ampong

Weekend of August 22nd & 23rd, 2026

First Reading:- Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Nancy Kahane

Eucharistic Ministers:

Bill Babbage, Dorothy Yaiser, Jane Artis

Altar Servers:

Anderson & Garret Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Kerri Green

Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offerings from August 8th & 9th, 2026: Regular \$2421.00; Fuel \$80.00; Repairs \$45.00;
Evangelist \$5.00; Holy Father/Peter's Pence \$50.00

St. Paul's Church – Summer Movie Night 2026

The Old Hancock Cinemas/Now the Bridgewater Church

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!!!!

KOC Dinner Dance

Fundraiser for St. John's and Sacred Heart

Sat. 9/19/2026, 5:30PM ~ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Dinner, Dessert, and DJ.

For more information please see flyer in vestibule.

Wisdom of the Saints

By your prayers you can bring down the rain of Mercy!

~St. Charbel Makhlouf

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 next 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!

Special Thank you

A very special thank you goes to Nikki VanVoris and Carole
Ostrander for cleaning and scrubbing our church in preparation
for the Bishop's visit.

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.

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

For my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all adults. (Isaiah 56:7)

Adults: The woman in this story was persistent in prayer.
For what do you pray insistently?

Kids: For what do you ask God to give you most often?

Diocesan Appeal 2026-2027

The Diocesan Appeal has begun! If you have not
received your mailing at home there are envelopes at
each of the exits for you make your pledge/donation.

Our assessment this year is **\$12,217.00**. Please
prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart
in meeting our assessment. We will provide updates on
pledges/donations made when the information is
available from the Diocese.

**Did you know that August is National Immunization
Awareness Month?**

As we prepare for the upcoming flu season, it is
important that we stay up to date with recommended
vaccinations. Caring for our health is one of the many
ways we demonstrate our commitment to one another
and to the communities we serve. By taking simple
preventive steps, we help protect our co-workers, our
families, and those who are most vulnerable. Also, by
taking preventative steps we can save ourselves from
costly doctor's visits and prescriptions.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

Class meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Unadilla
on Mondays & Thursdays at 1:00PM.

More information is available in the vestibule.

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 LoGasci, 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, Betsy, Bobbie Galchutt

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