

## Mass Intentions for the Week

7/14	Mon	9:00 AM	D.J. Rice By Mom & Family
7/15	Tues	9:00 AM	Denise DiNoto By Ada Rice & Family
7/16	Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/17	Thurs	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/18	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7/19	Sat	4:00 PM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/20	Sun	10:30 AM	Ray Keckeisen By Dave, Ellen & Kristin Reuter

### Call for Altar Servers

We have just seven youth of our parish volunteering to be altar servers. In order to not "burn them out" there will be weekends when one of the Masses does not have altar servers. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to become an altar server please speak to Father Ben. Their willingness to serve in this ministry would be appreciated by the Sacred Heart family.

### Missionary Cooperation Program

Pope Leo has called us to be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary that will be coming to your parish this summer. It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support. This year Sacred Heart will host the Diocese of Gbarnga - August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Share the Bounty

Share the Bounty needs your help this month. Our food provider St. Paul's, has very few workers, please consider an hour or two to give us a hand. Sign-up sheets at all exits. Thank you!

### Parish Coffee Hour

There will be a Parish Coffee on July 20 to celebrate with Fr. Ben on the 28th anniversary of his ordination. Please join us after 10:30am mass.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: A call to compassionate action

As I contemplated the readings for this Sunday, I was struck by their powerful invitation to move beyond the comfort of belief into the boldness of compassionate action. The scripture passages call us to live our faith in visible, tangible ways—stepping outside ourselves to embrace those who are suffering, forgotten, or marginalized.

In the first reading, Moses reminded the people of Israel that God's commandments are neither distant nor unreachable. They are already within us, written on our hearts, not to burden us, but to guide us toward lives of justice, mercy, and love.

In the Gospel, a scholar of the law asked Jesus, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?". Jesus responded by affirming the greatest commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Wanting to justify himself, the scholar pressed further, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus answered with the parable of the Good Samaritan:

A traveler was attacked by robbers, beaten, and left half-dead on the roadside. A priest and a Levite passed by, avoiding the man, perhaps out of fear or concern for ritual purity. They prioritized religious duty over human compassion.

Then a Samaritan, someone considered an outsider and even an enemy by the Jews came along. He stopped, tended to the man's wounds, and ensured his recovery. Jesus then asked, "Which of these three was a neighbor to the man. The scholar replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)

This parable is a radical call to action. The Samaritan became a true neighbor by showing mercy. He crossed boundaries of race, religion, and social status to care for someone in need.

In contrast, the priest and Levite, though well-versed in the law, failed to live it out. Jesus used this story to expose the wounds in society—prejudice, indifference, and fear. He invites us not to be passive observers, but active healers. The parable reminds us that eternal life is not just about belief or knowledge of the law but it is about living out love, especially toward those in need.

Let us take a moment to ask ourselves:

**Who are the wounded in my life—those hurting in body, mind or spirit?**

Do I pass them by out of convenience, fear, or prejudice?

Am I willing to cross boundaries to show mercy?

Too often, we limit our compassion to those who look like us, our families, our communities or our race. But Jesus calls us to a love that knows no boundaries. He invites us to be neighbors to all, especially the suffering and the forgotten.

Let us pray for God's grace to live our faith with courage and compassion. May we:

**Open our eyes** to those in need around us.

**Serve with love** in our homes, communities, neighborhoods, and workplaces.

**Tear down walls** of indifference and prejudice.

**Live the law of love** in both word and deed.

This week, may the words of Jesus echo in our hearts: "Go and do likewise."

May we become true neighbors, living reflections of God's mercy in the world.

**God bless, Fr. Dr. Ben**

### Weekend of July 19 & 20, 2025

First Reading-Genesis 18:1-10a

Second Reading- Colossians 1:24-28

### 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 11:1-13

### Saturday 4:00 PM

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Lorraine Keckeisen

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Jane Artis, Nancy Kahane – Bread, Gene Walsh

**Altar Servers**

### Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Paula Ciborowski

Pat Smith, Lorraine Keckeisen, Kathy Saludo

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from July 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Regular \$2,790.00; Fuel, \$245.00; Repairs, \$100.00, Catholic Communications \$25.00



### **First Ever Joint Picnic**

Sacred Heart & St Paul the Apostle Church Picnic  
 Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2 PM to?  
 Oquaga Creek State Park  
 Come join us for food, fun & fellowship!  
 Details to come in the following weeks.

### **Zoom Summer Scripture Study**

Featuring: The Book of Revelation  
 Presented by: Dr. Joy Galarneau  
 through the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center  
 Thursday July 17, 24, 31 ~ 10:00 am – Noon  
 Sacred Heart Parish Center  
 See Paula for registration.

### **2025 Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father – July 26/27** **BE A WITNESS OF CHARITY**

Our second collection at the end of the month will be for Peter's Pence which unites us and Catholics around the world more closely with the Holy Father in two ways: it supports the structures of the Holy See through which the pope governs the Church as well as his charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need. Please be generous with this Collection supporting the Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Thank you so much for your support of the works of the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence collection.

### **Formed**

Do you know about Formed? Get thousands of Catholic movies, programs, kids shows, and audio instantly from Formed. Our subscription renews in August. Please support our efforts to provide this streaming service for our parish and Religious Education program. Every member of this parish can use this enriching service. See Paula for details.

### **This week's Birthday**

July 17 – Brenda Bagley



### **June Financial Statement**

Last week's collection amounted to \$2,790.00. Each week operating expenses, salaries and health insurance total \$3,766.25. Please prayerfully consider how you can help meet our expenses through your weekly contributions. Thank you for your generous consideration.

### **July Bulletin Quotes**

O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society."  
 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Prayer for Religious Liberty"

### **Step Up Men's Conference 2025**

This year's conference is being held at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 AM-3:30 PM. For more information and to register go to:  
<https://www.rcda.org/StepUp>. Additional information is on the flyer posted on the bulletin

### **Question of the Week**

*Acting with Mercy*

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him: and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, And took care of him.

Adults: When have you gone out of your way to help a stranger in need?

Kids: Would you help a new student who needed help? Why or why not?

### **Young Adult BBQ & Corn Hole Tournament**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Adult Adoration, BBQ and Corn Hole Tournament will be held on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 PM in Saratoga Springs. This activity is designed for adult's ages 20-39 years old. To register and to find out more information go to  
<https://forms.gle/EFQ624xK2ndkNnTy8>

### **Lorraine Keckeisen**

***Special thank you to everyone for your heartfelt condolences and unwavering support after the passing of my husband, Ray Keckeisen.***

**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 Bosket, 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 Morotwe, 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 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, Bill, 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, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, **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 & Alfredine 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

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