

Mass Intentions for the Week

7/21	Mon	9:00 AM	Eileen DeMulder By Ada Rice
7/22	Tues	9:00 AM	Clare Sterchak By Bob VanVoriss
7/23	Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/24	Thurs	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/25	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7/26	Sat	4:00 PM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/27	Sun	10:30 AM	Ray Keckeisen By Joan Hale

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 2nd & 3rd.

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 after the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday July 20 to celebrate with Fr. Ben on the 28th anniversary of his ordination. Everyone is invited to join us.

Catholic Charities Dispute Resolution Program

This program offers mediation, arbitration, and conciliation. There is no fee for most services. For more information see flyer or call Angela Smith 518-234-3581 Ext. 312.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The Balance between Action and Contemplation.

I am deeply moved to share with you a moment of profound significance in my priestly journey. On **Saturday, July 19, 1997**, I was ordained to the Holy Priesthood, a day that remains sacred and unforgettable in my heart. Now, by divine providence, the **28th anniversary** of my priestly ordination also falls on **Saturday, July 19, 2025**. This is no mere coincidence, but a powerful sign of God's enduring faithfulness and abiding presence throughout these years of ministry. With a joyful and humble heart, I give thanks to the Lord for the grace that has sustained me through every step of this sacred calling. I remain ever grateful for your loving prayers, your generous support, and companionship on this journey. May the Lord bless and guide us all in His mercy and peace. This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on hospitality, service, contemplation and unwavering trust in God's promises.

In the first reading from Genesis, Abraham and Sarah welcomed three mysterious visitors with open hearts and generous hospitality. These strangers, messengers of God brought with them a divine promise; the gift of a son to Abraham and Sarah in their old age.

This sacred encounter reminds us that God often enters our lives in unexpected ways, through strangers, interruptions, and seemingly ordinary moments. When we respond with love and openness in our homes, we make room for His grace to transform our lives. Hospitality, then, is not just a social courtesy, but a spiritual practice that opens us to divine encounters.

The responsorial psalm proclaims that those who live with integrity, who speak truth, act justly, avoid harm, and avoid wrongdoing will dwell in the presence of the Lord. In a world often marked by compromise and self-interest, the psalmist challenges us to be people of character, rooted in truth, and compassion.

In the Gospel, Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary, and both sisters welcomed Him with love, but in different ways. Martha served with diligence, while Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, listening. Jesus affirmed that while serving is good, attentive presence, and listening to His Word are even more essential. We are called to have the hands of Martha and the heart of Mary to serve with love and to listen with faith.

In the second reading, Saint Paul spoke of his mission to proclaim Christ. He endured suffering for the sake of others and labored tirelessly to help all grow in faith. Saint Paul's words remind us that we are stewards of God's mysteries, entrusted with the responsibility to live and share the Gospel.

As we reflect on today's readings and give thanks for the journey of my priesthood, I invite you to join me in prayer:

That we recognize Christ in those we encounter,

Offer hospitality with joy,

And be fully present to God's voice in our lives.

May we find peace in His presence, strength in His love, and purpose in His call.

God bless,

Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of July 26 & 27, 2025

First Reading-Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading- Colossians 2:12-14

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 11:1-13

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

Eucharistic Ministers

Ginni Brandt, Pat Tartaglia, Mary Early

Altar Servers

Garret & Anderson Callender

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Matthias Mietzelfeld

Kristin Reuter, Paula Ciborowski, Nancy Kahane

Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from July 12th & 13th, 2025: Regular \$2351.00; Fuel, \$50.00; Repairs, \$15.00, Evangelist \$18.00



First Ever Joint Picnic

Sacred Heart & St Paul the Apostle Church Picnic
 Sunday August 17th 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 24 & 31 ~ 10:00 am – Noon
 Sacred Heart Parish Center
 See Paula for registration.

Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass

Sunday, September 14th, 2025
 3PM Liturgy with Reception
 Christ Our Light Catholic Church
 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY

If you are unable to attend and would like a certificate for 40 or more years of marriage please advise the office so we may submit your name for a certificate. For more information please see flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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 Anniversary

July 20 - Pete & Ellie Robinson
 July 25 - Jamie & Jeana Roberts

This week's Birthday

July 20 – Jason Woodyshek

Diocesan Appeal 2026

The new year has begun on July 1st!
 As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the Appeal.
 For more information please see flyer.

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”

Texas Flood

As all in our Diocese consider how we can be “Remade for Mission”, please prayerfully consider making a donation to www.catholiccharities.org. Thank you for any help you can offer to flood victims, you are also encouraged to pray for the families impacted.

Question of the Week

Holy Visitors

Jesus said to Martha, “There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.” (Lk.10:42)

Adults: Which response to God’s call is more natural to you – prayer or action? Why?

Kids: In the past week, what have you prayed and when have you done good things for others? Which could you do better?

Young Adult BBQ & Corn Hole Tournament

The 4th Annual Young Adult Adoration, BBQ and Corn Hole Tournament will be held on Thursday, July 24th 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>

2025 Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father –

Next week, July 26 and July 27, we will take up the Peter Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable work of Pope Leo. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margin of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.oboldisanpietro.va/en.html.

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 Keckseisen, 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 Mietzfeld 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