

Mass Intentions for the Week

6-2	Mon	9:00 AM	Clare Sterchak By Ellen Hogan
6-3	Tues	9:00 AM	Theresa Zieno By Harry & Gloria Papastrat
6-4	Wed	9:00 AM	Ray Keckeisen By Harry & Gloria Papastrat
6-5	Thurs	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
6-6	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
6-7	Sat	4:00 PM	Jim Ives By Nancy Ives
6-8	Sun	10:30 AM	Torollo Family By Tom & Vicki Card

Last Chance! This is the last weekend to sign up for your photos. It would be wonderful to have all our families included in our new Parish Directory. You can choose a time that is convenient for you on Thursday, June 5, Friday, June 6 or Saturday, June 7 at ucdir.com, church code: NY128; password: photos or in the vestibule before or after this weekend's Masses or call Bill Babbage at 607-386-5880 or Pat Smith at 607-563-3118.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Sacred Heart Church to fund local communications efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad. Your support spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Attention Single Women: Could God be calling you?

Do you think God may be calling you to the religious life—a life of love and service through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience? Would you like to learn more about such a life? If you would like to learn more about the religious life, please contact Sister Laurie-Marie, C.R. at lauriemarie.parisi@rcda.org or call 518-453-6690 for more information.

7th Sunday of Easter

This past Thursday, we celebrated the glorious **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**, a moment of profound mystery and promise. Jesus did not ascend into heaven to leave us as orphans. Rather, like the disciples and His mother Mary, He invites us into a sacred time of waiting, a time to prepare our hearts with hope and expectation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. These days between Ascension and Pentecost, form a novena of prayer. We do not wait passively, but with faith, ready to be renewed, strengthened, and clothed with the power and grace of the Spirit.

Today, we observe **World Communications Sunday**, a time to reflect on how we share the truth of the Gospel and foster unity in our families and communities. The theme for this year is "Share with gentleness, the hope that is in your hearts." In his message for this occasion, our late Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, reminded us that true communication must be rooted in compassion and clarity-free from aggression, and hostility. He urged us to reject violence and division, instead choose dialogue and peace.

The readings of this Seventh Sunday of Easter center on unity, love, and steadfast faith. The readings call us to remain faithful and forgiving, even in the face of trials and adversity.

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus' High Priestly prayer, spoken at the Last Supper. Jesus prayed to the Father for His disciples and for all believers, for protection, sanctification, unity, and growth in grace. This powerful prayer reminds us that we are never alone, but that Jesus intercedes for us, calling us into unity and holiness. His words reveal the depth of God's love and our destiny to share in His glory. Though we face struggles in this life, Jesus assures us that our faithfulness will lead to eternal joy in God's presence.

In the meantime, we are called to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and to nurture unity within our communities. As the old adage wisely declares, "*United we stand, divided we fall.*" This enduring truth serves as a solemn reminder that our strength is found not in isolation, but in our shared commitment to one another. Indeed, the rhythms of daily life bears witness to this: where love is present, unity takes root and thrives. We are not called to sow discord or harbor resentment, but to be agents of reconciliation, extending grace and kindness in all our dealings.

In doing so, we become living answers to Christ's high priestly prayer, witnesses to the divine love that unites, sanctifies, and transforms both individuals and communities.

The first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recounts the story of Saint Stephen, a man filled with deep faith and the Holy Spirit. Chosen to serve the poor, Stephen boldly proclaimed the Gospel, even in the face of false accusations and violence. As he was being stoned, he forgave his persecutors and was granted a vision of Christ in glory. His courage and mercy mirror that of Jesus and inspire us to stand firm in our faith.

The second reading from Revelation offers a vision of hope and justice, assuring us that God's promises will be fulfilled. This vision strengthens our hope that our struggles will never be in vain.

As Pentecost draws near, let us open our hearts to the Spirit's grace and so live with courage, love with compassion, and witness with conviction. And may our lives echo Christ's prayer for unity and truth.

God bless, Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of June 7th & 8th, 2025

First Saturday & Pentecost Sunday

First Reading-Acts of Apostles 7:55-60

Second Reading-Revelation 22:12-14,16-17, 20

Celebrant:

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30AM

Lector:

Fr. Ben

Fr. Ben

Eucharistic Ministers

Ginni Brandt

Kerri Green

Altar Servers

Mary Early, Dorothy Yaiser, Jan Artis

Pat Smith, Terry Maggio, Bill Babbage

Jack & Henry Grigoli

Brock Porter & Gabriel Harris

Offerings from May 24th & 25th, 2025 Regular, \$2392.00; Fuel, \$20.00; Ascension Flowers \$26.00; Catholic Communications \$10.00; Eastern Church \$612.00

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gospel- John 17:20 -26

Spa City Catholic, one of our regional young adult groups, in collaboration with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany is planning to launch the Alpha program this summer.

Alpha is a great tool to be used as an entrance ramp into the Christian faith and opportunity to reconnect with those that have fallen away to reignite their faith. Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life, and God. Alpha is about making connections around great content and conversation.

Details:

When: Saturday mornings: 10 AM to 11:30 AM, June 21 – August 30

Where: St. Peter's Parish Center -- 62 Hamilton Street in Saratoga Springs (behind St. Peter's Church)

Alpha can be for all ages, but our group is geared towards young adult's ages 19 – 39 years old.

More information about Alpha: <https://alphausa.org/catholic-context/>

Questions or more information about Spa City

Catholic: SpaCityCatholic@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart & St Paul the Apostle Church Picnic

Sunday August 17 2 PM to ?

Oquaga Creek State Park

Come join us for food & fellowship

More details to come in the following weeks.

Questions of the Week

What are some of the most important things to ask God?

Adults: What gift of service have you received from the Holy Spirit and how well are you using it right now?

Kids: What gift do you hope to receive from the Holy Spirit? How could you use it to serve others?

Help to care for God's creation. Volunteers are needed to help maintain our church gardens. Please call Pat Smith at 607-563-3118 if you like to dig in the dirt and help flowers grow.

Community Food Bank

Next week is our monthly collection for the food bank.

There has been a great need and the shelves are in need of replenishing. Any canned or boxed food item would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



Collection for the Church

In Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe last week! As a parish, we collected \$631.00 to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org. #GiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

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

Sacred Heart Parish Center

10:00 am – Noon

First Saturday Rosary

We will pray the rosary next Saturday June 7th after 4:00PM Mass.

UPDATE: Graduation Recognition- Change of Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Graduate recognition has been moved to June 22. Congratulations to all of this year's graduates!!!



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, Jazmers 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, Marlana Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, 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, Danielle & Phil Guglielmo, Jaxson Beadle, Francis & Alfredine Duguay, Joan Rice,

Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Austin Kilmer, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber,

Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Max & Kyle Cochrane, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Ray Keckeisen, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler,

Bobbie August, Chris West, Fred Mertz, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Michael and Christopher Doi, Barb & Jerry Patrick

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