

Mass Intentions for the Week

7/13 Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/14 Tues	9:00 AM	Anthony Barber By The Rosary Society
7/15 Wed	9:00 AM	Anthony Barber By Innes Family
7/16 Thurs	9:00 AM	Anthony Barber By The Reuters
7/17 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
7/18 Sat	4:00 PM	Jim Suriano By The Family
7/19 Sun	10:30 AM	Tony Barber By Knights of Columbus

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle is lit this week in memory of Virginia McPhilly by Marge LaFave.

Summer Soul Check -In

Tuesday July 14, 2026 ~ 10:00 to 3:00PM
Dominican Retreat & Conference Center
Art & Nature, time to breath, explore and be still.
*For more information please see flyer in vestibule.

Dinner with Bishop Mark O'Connell

Tickets are now on sale for the Dinner Saturday, August 15th. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available after Mass in the vestibule. The last day to purchase tickets is August 2nd. We pray everyone will be able to attend.

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.



Parish Coffee Hour

There will be a Parish Coffee Hour on July 27th with Fr. Ben on the 29th anniversary of his ordination. Please join us after 10:30am Mass.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time-God's Word in Fertile Hearts

As previously announced, I will be away for the next two weekends to preach mission appeals on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Obuasi, Ghana. I humbly ask for your prayers that this missionary effort may bear much fruit and help support the Church's mission of evangelization.

To all who are visiting our parish family and worshipping with us today, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome. May your time among us be joyful, refreshing, and filled with God's abundant blessings.

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on how God's kingdom takes root and grows within us. Through the images of rain, seed, and soil, the Scriptures reveal the life-giving and transforming power of God's Word.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah beautifully compares God's Word to the rain and snow that descend from heaven to water the earth. Just as the rain nourishes the soil and enables it to produce a rich harvest, so the Word of God comes forth with power and purpose, never returning empty. It accomplishes what God intends, bringing life, renewal, and transformation to those who receive it with faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. The seed, which is the Word of God, is sown generously on all kinds of ground but only the rich soil bears an abundant harvest. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that the fruitfulness of God's Word depends on the openness of our hearts.

He concludes the parable with a solemn invitation: "Whoever has ears ought to hear." He calls us not merely to listen but to welcome God's Word, allowing it to take root and transform our lives so that we may bear fruit in holiness, compassion, and faithful discipleship.

This parable challenges each of us to examine the soil of our hearts. Are there hardened areas resistant to God's grace, rocks of shallow faith, or thorns of worry and worldly distractions? As Christians, we are called to cultivate hearts that are like rich and fertile soil-hearts that welcome God's Word, cherish it, and allow it to transform our lives.

In the second reading, St. Paul encourages us to persevere through present trials, trusting that the glory God has prepared for us far surpasses any suffering we endure.

This week, let us pray for hearts that are receptive to God's Word, allowing it to take deep root within us and bear an abundant harvest of faith, hope, and love. May His mercy sustain and strengthen us as we strive each day to build His Kingdom on earth.

God bless you all.
Fr. Dr. Ben.

Weekend of July 18th & 19th, 2026

First Reading- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Robert Longobucco
Lector: Nancy Kahane
Eucharistic Ministers: Dorothy Yaiser, Jane Artis, Mary Early
Altar Servers:

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Robert Longobucco
Paula Ciborowski
Josh Gronwall, Emelinda Gronwall, Ada Rice
Anderson & Garret Callendar

Offerings from July 4th, & 5th, 2026: Regular \$2,896.00; Repairs \$545.00; Fuel \$45.00; Evangelist \$5.00; Catholic Communications \$25.00

New Parish Tradition:

Bread & Wine and Sanctuary Lamp Offerings

Parishioners who wish to honor a loved one—living or deceased—may now do so by offering a **\$25.00 donation** toward the **Bread and Wine** used at Mass, or offering a **\$10.00 donation** for the **Sanctuary Lamp** that burns before the Blessed Sacrament. These offerings are a meaningful way to remember someone special, mark an anniversary, or give thanks for blessings received. The name of the person being remembered will be printed in the bulletin for that week. To reserve a week, please contact the parish office at **607-563-1591**. We would also like you to know that Mass intention slots are also still available. The offering is **\$15.00 per Mass**. Thank you for your continued generous support and prayers.

Question of the Week

Jesus said, Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Adults: How do you provide “good soil” for the faith of others to grow?

Kids: What are you doing to help the seeds of your faith grow each day?

Father Ben on a Mission Appeal for Ghana

In the absence of Father Ben preaching missions for Ghana - July 18th & 19th: Our special guest ,Father Robert Longobucco will be celebrating Mass for us.



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!

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 e 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

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@fcda.org or call 518-453-6690 for more information.

Diocesan Appeal 2027

The New Year has begun on July 1st!
As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the appeal.
More information to come.

Rosary

We meet every 2nd Tuesday of every month.
Our next meeting is July 14, 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.

Wisdom of the Saints

Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God.
~St. Mary MacKillop



Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, 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, Debra Barnard, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Mary Munetz, Jazmyn 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, 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, Terry Nicolini, 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, Jaxon 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, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, 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.