

## Mass Intentions for the Week

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| 7/20 Mon   | 9:00 AM  | All Deceased Parishioners       |
| 7/21 Tues  | 9:00 AM  | All Deceased Parishioners       |
| 7/22 Wed   | 9:00 AM  | All Deceased Parishioners       |
| 7/23 Thurs | 9:00 AM  | All Deceased Parishioners       |
| 7/24 Fri   | 9:00 AM  | Communion Service               |
| 7/25 Sat   | 4:00 PM  | Anthony Barber<br>By Jane Artis |
| 7/26 Sun   | 10:30 AM | Gabriel Rivera<br>By The Family |

### Dinner with Bishop Mark O'Connell

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

### Joint Parish Picnic

 Sacred Heart & St. Paul the Apostle Church  
Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 2PM – 7PM  
Oquaga Creek State Park

### Peter Pence Collection for the Holy Father

Our second collection next weekend 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. More information is available on the flyer in the vestibule.

### Father Ben Reception/Coffee Hour~ July 26<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Parish Coffee Hour on July 26<sup>th</sup> with Fr. Ben on the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. Please join us after 10:30am Mass.

### Wisdom of the Saints

Put yourself in God's hands: He abandons no one.  
~St. Andre Bessette

### **Weekend of July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading- 1Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Fr. Ben

**Lector:**

Bill Babbage

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gene Walsh, Ginni Brandt, Pat Tartaglia

**Altar Servers:** Anderson & Garret Callendar

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Paula Ciborowski, Pat Smith, Kathy Saludo

Jack, Henry, Ella Grigoli

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time-The Wheat and Weeds Within Us**

We are honored to welcome Very Rev. Robert Longobocco, Vicar General of the Albany Diocese, who joins us this weekend as the celebrant at our Masses while Fr. Ben is away preaching missionary appeals on behalf of the church in Ghana. We express our sincere gratitude to Fr. Longobocco for his presence and pastoral ministry among us.

We also extend heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Ben on the 29<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priestly ordination. We ask the Lord to bless and grant him many more years of fruitful ministry.

The readings for this 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time invite us to embrace patience, avoid hasty judgment, and trust in God's providence. They reveal a God who is both just and merciful, majestic in power yet gentle in compassion, constantly offering us opportunities for repentance, growth, and renewal.

In the first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we encounter a God whose patient mercy gives sinners time to turn back to Him and grow in holiness.

In the second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit comes to our aid in our weakness and intercedes for us according to God's will.

In the Gospel, Jesus uses the parables of the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed, and the yeast to reveal the mystery of God's Kingdom. He says the Kingdom grows according to God's plan and timing, often in hidden and unexpected ways. What begins small and seemingly insignificant is transformed by God's grace into something great, fruitful and life-giving.

The farmer's decision to allow the wheat and weeds to grow together until the harvest, reflects God's patience, mercy, and wisdom. Rather than judging hastily or condemning prematurely, God gives each person the time and opportunity to repent, grow, and become the person He created them to be.

As Christian disciples, we must never take God's patience for granted. Instead, let us gratefully receive His grace each day and strive to grow in faith and holiness.

May we mirror His presence through acts of compassion, patience, forgiveness, and love. Trusting in God's timing and cooperating with His grace, may we bear abundant fruit and become living signs of His Kingdom in our world. Amen. God bless you all.

Fr. Dr. Ben Ampong

### 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

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. (Romans 8:26)

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Adults: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Kids: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

### 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!

### Share the Bounty Dinner ~ August

The group doing August Bounty is unable to cook – Please help out. We need your help with:

- 1) Desserts ~ needed by Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>
  - 2) Need helpers to prepare the food, we have a menu.
- Please contact Paula at 607-563-7066 to sign up.

### 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.

### 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*

### Lay Carmelite Community Forming

We invite you to explore the developing Third Order Carmelite Community of St. Elias Province at St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake Church, Cooperstown. We will be having a Come and See informational meeting **Saturday, August 22 at noon in St. Mary's Parish Hall in Cooperstown**. Join us and see the beauty of the 800 year old Carmelite tradition. For more information and to register for the meeting, please contact Diane Butz at 607-643-3796 or [dbutztoc@gmail.com](mailto:dbutztoc@gmail.com). Please

### Diocesan Appeal 2027

The New Year has begun on July 1st!

As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the appeal.

### Rosary Meeting

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month.

Our next meeting is August 11, 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

### Envelopes

We are in the prep stage for next year. If anyone received envelopes and are not using them please contact the office

### Share the Bounty Dinner ~ July

7/30/26 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Assorted Salads, Corn on the Cob, Desserts

**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, 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, 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, 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, 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.**