

## Mass Intentions for the Week

8/4	Mon	9:00 AM	Jim Suriano By LaFave Family
8/5	Tues	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
8/6	Wed	9:00 AM	Tom Lakin By Rae Ann Lakin
8/7	Thurs	9:00 AM	Rev. Richard Mietzelfeld By Matthias Metzfeld
8/8	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8/9	Sat	4:00 PM	All Deceased Parishioners
8/10	Sun	10:30 AM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo

### Joint Parish Picnic

Sacred Heart & St Paul 's will hold a joint picnic

Sunday August 17th 2 PM to?

Oquaga Creek State Park

*Come join us for food, fun & fellowship!*

Bring your own meat, place setting, and a dish to pass (grill & charcoal provided). While there are benches, feel free to bring a chair if needed. We also have the ability to go fishing and the use of the beach for swimming and/or kayaking or canoeing.

### Missionary Cooperation Program

This weekend Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 we welcome most Reverend Anthony Borwah bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Gbarnga. Bishop Anthony will speak to us about the mission of his diocese. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be for the Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia, West-Africa.

### Coffee Hour

We will be having coffee after the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, in honor of Bishop Anthony Borwah. All are welcome!

### SAUCE-N-CROSS

Sidney United Methodist Church – Aug. 7, 2025

Dinner 5:15 – 6:15pm

Music and presentation/discussion will begin 6:30pm

Special Guest~ Anna Migera

Founder of Living for Others, a non-profit organization based in Tanzania

### 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Guard Against All Greed

This weekend, we are honored to welcome **Most Rev. Anthony Borwah**, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Gbarnga in **Liberia, West Africa**. Bishop Anthony will share with us the needs and mission of his diocese. I invite you to be **generous in the second collection** which will go directly to support the vital work of his mission diocese. Your kindness and support will make a meaningful difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Liberia. As I am away this weekend preaching mission appeals for Ghana, I humbly ask for your prayers for a fruitful and successful mission, and for those who will be touched by these efforts. Thank you for your continued generosity and prayerful support.

The readings for this Sunday invite us to reorient our hearts, to shift our focus from material wealth to spiritual richness. They challenge us to become rich in what matters to God, rather than in what the world considers valuable.

In the first reading, the author of the book of Ecclesiastes offers a sobering meditation on the vanity of human toil. He reminds us that all our labor and achievements, no matter how impressive they may appear, are ultimately meaningless if they are not rooted in God.

The responsorial psalm echoes this truth, comparing life to grass that flourishes in the morning and withers by evening. It calls us to live with wisdom and purpose, making the most of our time by doing good and walking faithfully in the ways of the Lord.

Jesus offers a sobering warning in the Gospel: "Take care to guard against all greed, for one's life does not consist of possession" (Luke 12: 15). He tells the parable of the rich fool, who, after a bountiful harvest, chose to hoard his wealth and place his trust in material comfort. That very night, God demanded his life and all his plans vanished. The man's error was not his success, but his attitude. He was consumed by greed, failed to acknowledge God as the source of his blessings, and ignored the needs of others. He trusted in the harvest, not in the Lord of the harvest.

In the second reading, Saint Paul exhorts us to seek what is above, not what is on earth. He calls us to put to death greed, boldly naming it as idolatry. Our identity and treasure lie not in what we possess, but in who we are in Christ. We are called to live as renewed people, clothed in His grace and truth.

In a world driven by materialism, and self-interest, today's readings offer a timely invitation to reorient our lives. They challenge us to resist the illusions of wealth and place our trust in God. With the psalmist, we pray: "Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart." May God always be our true treasure.

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

### 2025 Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter Pence Collection! Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Leo in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give, visit [www.usccb.org/petere-pence](http://www.usccb.org/petere-pence).

### Weekend of August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

First Reading-Wisdom 18:6-9

**Celebrant:**

**Lector:**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Altar Servers**

Second Reading- Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

Father Ben

Carole Ostrander

Bill Babbage, Gene Wash, Ginni Brandt

Anderson & Garret Callender

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

Gospel- Luke 12:32-48

**Sunday 10:30AM**

Father Ben

Judy Roland

Ada Rice, Terry Maggio, Pat Smith

Offerings from July 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Regular \$2738.00; Fuel, \$20.00; Repairs, \$20.00; Holy Father Pence \$834.00

### Question of the Week

#### *Seeking Balance*

And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."  
( Luke 12:15)

Adults When have you felt that possessions we becoming too important in your life?

Kids: Have you ever received a gift you wanted a lot and then found it didn't make you as happy as you thought it would?

### Prayer Shawls

We have available prayer shawls for all ages. Please see Faith Formation;  
~ Paula for more information.

### Diocesan Appeal 2026

The new fiscal year has began on July 1<sup>st</sup>!  
As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the Appeal..

### Life Quote

When life gives you more than you can stand, kneel.  
~ Julia McCann

### St. Pauls Church - Summer Movies Night 2025

The Old Hancock Cinemas/Now the Bridgewater Church  
Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, & Sept. 9 at 6PM  
Movie – "The Chosen " Season 5  
Movie, popcorn & soda – free!  
All are welcome!!!

### Mass for Grieving Parents

September 15, 2025 at 9:00am  
Please join us to in honor of our Lady of Sorrows,  
our patron saint, for the intentions of "All Grieving Parents".

### Pilgrims of Hope – Disciples on Mission: A Diocesan Jubilee Gathering

Saturday, September 20th, 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM  
at St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, NY.

~ There is no cost for the day ~ Coffee Service and Box Lunches provided.  
To register: <https://webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/> Or call  
the Office for Discipleship Formation: 518– 453-6670

### August Bulletin Quotes

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love!  
We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his  
love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (EV 86).  
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### 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.

### Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass

Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 flier on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

### Community Food Bank

This week is our monthly collection for our local food bank.  
Donations of canned and boxed food items, as well as boxed  
cereal are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued  
support and generosity.

### This week's Birthday

Aug. 3 - Michael Reif & Karleigh Roberts



### This week's Anniversary

Aug. 8 – Marty & Linda Pelosi



### Generosity

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. We must  
not fail to help our neighbors because in them we serve Jesus.  
~ St. Rose of Lima

**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 Moratwe, 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 Starzinger, 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 Granen, 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, Patricia Houghton

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