

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- 8/11 Mon 9:00 AM Repose of the Soul of  
Rosalie Gatto  
By Monica Gatto
- 8/12 Tues 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners
- 8/13 Wed 9:00 AM John Elbrecht  
By Pat Elbrecht
- 8/14 Thurs 9:00 AM No Mass  
**Feast of the Assumption Vigil**  
5:30 PM All Deceased Parishioners  
**Feast of the Assumption**
- 8/15 Fri 9:00 AM James & Lillian Rogers  
By Fran Groshans
- 8/16 Sat 4:00 PM John Elbrecht  
By Rosary Society
- 8/17 Sun 10:30 AM Dale Reisenger  
By Paula Ciborowski

### 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.

### Share the Bounty ~ July

Kudos, Sacred Heart, your help with Share the Bounty was fantastic! Thank you for being there and stepping up to carry the meal. We are very grateful for your help!

~The Bounty Board

### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday August 14 at 5:30pm and Friday at 9:00am.

### Wisdom of the Saints

"All battles are first won or lost, in the mind."

~ St. Joan of Arc

### 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Be Ready: Keep Your Lamp Lit and Burning Brightly

Bishop Anthony Borwah has asked me to convey his heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the warm welcome and generous hospitality you extended to him during his visit to our two parishes (Saint Paul's and Sacred Heart) last weekend for the mission appeals. He was deeply touched by your kindness and the generous support you offered to his diocese in Liberia. Thank you for embodying the spirit of Christian love and for beautifully demonstrating the strength and unity of our parish family.

Today's liturgical readings call us to cultivate a spirit of hopeful readiness. They remind us that each day is a sacred opportunity to walk in purpose, honesty, integrity, and grace. This readiness is not passive waiting, but rather, an active trust in God's promises, expressed through love and spiritual attentiveness. In the first reading, we recall the Israelites' faith as they prepared to leave the chains of slavery in Egypt behind, celebrating the first Passover in trust and hope. Their belief in God's saving power led to liberation and a new identity as His chosen people.

The responsorial psalm proclaims, "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own." We are reminded that we belong to God, awaiting His coming, not in fear but in confident hope.

The second reading presents Abraham as a model of unwavering faith. Abraham left the familiar behind, guided by God's promise. His faith was active and obedient, rooted in hope even when the promise seemed impossible. In the Gospel, Jesus calls us to be vigilant and prepared, like servants eagerly awaiting their master's return. Our readiness is not to be driven by fear, but by joyful and faithful service, lived daily in mercy, love, and spiritual attentiveness. We are to be like servants, dressed for action, ready to open the door the moment the Master knocks.

Because we do not know the Hour of the Lord's return, we must live with hearts awake and hands engaged in love each day. Each day is an invitation to reexamine our lives, keep our lamps burning, and remain faithful in all things. As we journey through this week, let us pray for the grace to serve with joy, the strength to remain faithful, and the wisdom to stay watchful. May the Lord find us ready, not with fear, but with love, and may our lives shine as beacons of hope, drawing others to trust in the promises of God.

God bless, Fr. Dr. Ben

### July Financial Statement

Last month's collections amounted to \$ 21053.26. For the month of July operating expenses, salaries and health insurance total \$22,725.06. For the month of July expenses exceeded by \$1,671.80. Please prayerfully consider how you can help meet our expenses through your weekly contributions. Thank you for your generous consideration.

### The Prophetic Path

Learn practical ways to pray, grow in discipleship and spiritual authority, and receive both personal and spiritual growth. Please see flyer in vestibule or call Janine at 607-206-2523 for more information.

### Weekend of August 16 & 17, 2025

First Reading-Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Second Reading- Hebrews 12: 1-4

### Saturday 4:00 PM

Father Ben

Jane Artis

Pat Tartaglia, Mary Early, Dorothy Yaiser

Jack & Ella Grigoli

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

Gospel- Luke 12:49-53

### Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Nancy Kahane

Lorraine Keckeisen, Kathy Saludo, Kristin Reuter

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings from Aug 2 & 3, 2025: Regular \$2,678.00; Evangelist \$40.00; Repairs, \$90.00; Holy Father Pence \$30.00; Assumption \$5.00; Propagation of Faith \$1527.00

### Prayer Shawls

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

### Share the Bounty Dinner

August 28, 2025  
4:30 – 6:30 pm.  
All are welcome!!

### St. Paul's Church - Summer Movies Night 2025

The Old Hancock Cinemas/Now the Bridgewater Church  
Aug. 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".

### Rosary Society Group

We meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.  
We will be having brunch after Mass. All are welcome to attend!  
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### Diocesan Appeal 2026

The new fiscal year has begun on July 1<sup>st</sup>!  
Your support helps many services we provide.  
For pledges made now; payment in full due by 6/30/26.  
You can spread out your payments for up to 12 months!  
Please apportion your gift to one or more areas of focus: \*SEMINARIAN  
FORMATION\*CAMPUS MINISTRY\*CATHOLIC CHARITIES\* PARISH  
OPERATIONAL SUPPORT \* PARISH MISSION SUPPORT \*  
VOCATIONS\* GENERAL BUDGET SUPPORT  
Our goal for this year is \$19,152.00.  
We prayerfully thank you for all your support!

### Virtual Book Club

Featuring: Between Heaven & Mirth  
Thursdays: Sept. 11, 18, 25  
Noon to 1:30PM  
This will be held by Zoom

Please register with the Faith Formation Office/ Paula by Sept 7, if you  
would like to attend. Please see flyer in vestibule for more information.

### 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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### Question of the Week

#### *Running the Race of Faith*

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of  
witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings  
so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set  
before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our  
faith.

*Adults:* Other than Jesus, which of the ancestors of Christian  
faith has served as the greatest example to you? Why?

*Kids:* Which person of the has been a good example to you of  
how to live?

### 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 flyer and signup sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

### Bishop Reception

Many thanks to all of you who helped in any way with the  
reception for Bishop Tony. We are grateful for your generosity  
in sharing. May you be blessed for your contributions.

### Harvest Festival 2025

We have begun planning for the Harvest Festival that will be  
held on October 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to join us on  
August 19 at 6:15 PM to share your thoughts and ideas to help  
us to have a successful and profitable event.



**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 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, 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 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**

