

Mass Intentions for the Week

7/28 Mon 9:00 AM Gloria Parsons
~ Healing Mass
By Morning Coffee Group

7/29 Tues 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners

7/30 Wed 9:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners

7/31 Thurs 9:00 AM Kowalczyk Family
By Alex

8/1 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service

8/2 Sat 4:00 PM Communion Service

8/3 Sun 10:30 AM Gabriel & Hilda Rivera
By the Family

Father Ben: On a mission appeals for Ghana

Father will be away August 2nd & 3rd, 2025 visiting the Churches of St. Joseph, St. James Church and St. John the Baptist in Columbia County.

Missionary Cooperation Program

Next weekend Aug. 2nd & 3rd, 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 2nd collection will be for the Diocese of Gbarnga, Liberia, West-Africa.

Community Food Bank

Next 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.

Father Ben – Reception

Thank you to all who attended or helped in any way with the reception for Father Ben. We are very grateful. A special shoutout to our dishwasher Miguel for doing the dirty work.

Share the Bounty Dinner

July 31 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.
All are welcome!!

Wisdom of the Saints

“Love never says: I have done enough!”
~ St. Marie Eugénie de Jesus

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Pray with persistence and confidence.

This Sunday's readings highlight the power of persistent prayer and the peace that comes from trusting in God's providence. They reveal a God who listens attentively, responds with compassion, and acts with justice and mercy. In the first reading, Abraham pleaded with God to spare the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of the righteous. Abraham's persistence was not met with frustration, but with divine patience and mercy. God listened attentively, revealing a heart open to dialogue and rich in compassion. This sacred encounter teaches us that God welcomes our concerns, our questions, and even our daring petitions, so long as they arise from love and a sincere desire for justice. Yet, while the Lord's mercy is boundless, it does not overlook evil. His compassion is not a license for wrongdoing. Rather, it is a call to righteousness, reminding us that mercy and justice walk hand in hand in the heart of God.

In the Gospel, Jesus responded to the disciples' request, “Lord, teach us how to pray”, by giving them the Our Father, a prayer that is both profound and practical. The Our Father models how to approach God with reverence, trust, and humility. Jesus encourages us to be persistent in prayer: to ask, to seek, and to knock with confidence. This persistence is not about convincing God to act but about drawing closer to Him and allowing our hearts to be transformed by His grace. Our heavenly Father knows what we need and delights in giving good gifts to His children.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that through baptism, we have died and risen with Christ. Our sins are forgiven, and we are made new. This new life calls us to live not for ourselves, but as instruments of God's mercy and love in the world. We are to reflect the grace we have received in the way we live each day with compassion, and justice.

As we journey through this week, let us meditate on the Lord's Prayer, not merely as words we recite, but as a spiritual guide that shapes our hearts and directs our actions. May its message inspire us to live with trust, humility, and compassion.

Let us remain steadfast in prayer, even when answers seem delayed, trusting in God's perfect timing and infinite wisdom. May we live as people of mercy, reflecting the love and forgiveness we have received, and letting our lives bear witness to justice and compassion of our heavenly Father. May God continue to watch over us, provide for our needs, and mold our hearts to reflect His divine love.

God bless, Fr. Dr. Ben

A Heartfelt Thank You

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your thoughtfulness and kindness on the occasion of my 28th priestly anniversary. Your beautiful cards, generous gifts, and the warm reception you organized truly touched my heart. I am sincerely grateful for your love, prayers, and unwavering support. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness. With appreciation and prayers,

Fr. Dr. Ben

Weekend of August 2nd & 3rd, 2025

First Reading-Ecclesiastes 1:2:2:21-23

Second Reading- Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Bishop Anthony

Lector:

Ginni Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers

Dorothy Yaiser, Carole Ostrander, Jane Artis

Altar Servers

Ayla Gronwall & Gabriel Harris

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel- Luke 12:13-21

Sunday 10:30AM

Bishop Anthony

Kerri Green

Josh Gronwall, Emelinda Gromwall, Liam Gromwall

Jack & Henry Grigoli

Offerings from July 19th & 20th, 2025: Regular \$2468.00; Fuel, \$20.00; Repairs, \$20.00



First Ever Joint Picnic

Sacred Heart & St Paul the Apostle Church Picnic
Sunday August 17th 2 PM to?
Oquaga Creek State Park
Come join us for food, fun & fellowship!
Details to come in the following weeks.

Zoom Summer Scripture Study

Featuring: The Book of Revelation
Presented by: Dr. Joy Galarneau
through the Dominican Retreat and Conference Center
Thursday July 24 & 31 ~ 10:00 am – Noon
Sacred Heart Parish Center
See Paula for registration.

Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Mass

Sunday, September 14th, 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 on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Formed

Thank you to all who have donated so far to support our FORMED subscription. We are half-way there! There is still time to help reach our goal. Any donation, large or small, will be appreciated. Please prayerfully consider helping. See Paula for details.



This week's Anniversary

Aug. 1 – Fran & Alfredine Duguay
Aug. 2 – Paula & David Dewey

This week's Birthday

Aug. 3 - Michael Reif & Karleigh Roberts



Diocesan Appeal 2026

The new year has begun on July 1st!
As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the Appeal.
For more information please see flyer.

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
- "Prayer for Religious Liberty"

Rosary

Please join us after the 4:00 PM Mass Saturday, August 2nd to pray the rosary. All are welcome to join us in the church. If you do not have a rosary there are ones available in the vestibule for your use.

Question of the Week

Daily Prayer

Jesus said "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." (Lk. 11:9)

Adults: Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition, or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often?

Kids: What are you most thankful for right now?

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.

2025 Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father –

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Leo. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today.

For more information, visit www.oboldisanpietro.va/en.html.

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

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