

Mass Intentions for the Week

8/24 Mon	9:00 AM	Margaretta Heeder <i>By Jean McKilligan</i>
8/25 Tues	9:00 AM	Claire Swislowsky <i>Marge LaFave</i>
8/26 Wed	9:00 AM	Claire Swislowsky <i>By Cliff Artis & Family</i>
8/27 Thurs	9:00 AM	Richard Ciborowski <i>By Paula</i>
8/28 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8/29 Sat	4:00 PM	Anthony Barber <i>By Will & Kristin Artis</i>
8/30 Sun	10:30 AM	All Deceased Parishioners

Thank You Note from Bishop Mark

Dear Fr. Ben,
Thank you for my wonderful visit to your parish last weekend. I also want to thank you for your various gifts. I should have opened that wonderful basket with the thoughtful gifts while I was there. I had no idea it was such an interesting mix of things. Thank you to all who contributed.
I look forward to coming again to you in Sidney and getting to Hancock soon.
Yours in Christ,
Bishop Mark

Special Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to Bishop Mark's dinner.
Because of each and every one of you, it was a success!!!
Nothing great is done by one person, but with teamwork and God's guidance: and He did guide us to success. Let this dinner be the beginning of a stronger, more involved Faith Community.
Blessings,
Ellie Robinson for the Pastoral Council

Missionary Cooperation Program

Please welcome Dennis & Sue Petruzzi from the Diocese of Norwich, CT – Outreach to Haiti.
A second collection will be taken this week to support this Missionary Cooperation Program.
Please give as you are able, and keep the people of Haiti and all missionaries in your prayers.
Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time- Entrusted with a Mission

We warmly welcome Dennis & Sue Petruzzi, who are with us today to share about their ministry outreach in Haiti. We thank them for their dedication to God's people and invite you to support their mission generously through today's second collection. Thank you for your prayerful generosity.

This Sunday's readings center on identity, responsibility, and faith. They invite us to reflect not merely on what others think of us but on who we are before God and how faithfully we fulfill the mission He Has entrusted to us.

In the first reading, Shebna lost his office because he failed to carry out his responsibilities faithfully, while Eliakim was entrusted with the authority and key of the house of David. The lesson is clear: authority is a sacred trust, not a personal privilege. God expects faithfulness, integrity, and service from those to whom much has been entrusted.

The responsorial psalm reassures us that God's steadfast love endures forever. In the second reading, Saint Paul marvels at God's wisdom and knowledge, proclaiming that all things come from Him, exist through Him, and are ordered for His glory.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples two profound questions: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is? and who do you say that I am?" These questions go beyond public opinion and touch the heart of discipleship.

While many people admired Jesus, they did not fully understand who He was, seeing Him as John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. Peter, however, speaks with the gift of faith and boldly professes: You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Jesus affirms Peter's confession and chooses to build His Church upon the rock of that faith, entrusting him with the keys of the kingdom, and a unique responsibility in the life of the Church.

Faith calls for both witness and responsibility. It is not enough to know who Christ is; we must reveal Him to others through our love, service, and compassion. May we, like Peter, profess our faith in Christ with conviction and follow Him with fidelity. Let us pray for Pope Leo and all who shepherd the Church, that they may be strengthened with wisdom, courage, and holiness. And may we carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us for the glory of God and the building up of His Church. Amen.
God bless,

Fr. Dr. Ben Ampong

Weekend of August 29th & 30th, 2026 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30AM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

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Lector: Jane Artis

Judy Roldan

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Early, Gene Walsh, Ginni Brandt

Emelinda Gronwall, Josh Gronwall, Ada Rice

Altar Servers: Anderson & Garret Callender

Jack, Henry & Ella Grigoli

Offerings from August 15th & 16th, 2026: Regular \$2679.00; Repairs \$50.00;
Evangelist \$20.00; Assumption \$490.00; Home Mission \$10.00

St. Paul's Church – Summer Movie Night 2026

The Old Hancock Cinemas/Now the Bridgewater Church

Aug. 25, @ 6:30PM

Movie – House of David – Episode 7 & 8

Sept. 1@ 6:30PM

Movie - TBD

Movie, popcorn soda – free!

All are welcome!!!!

For more information see flyer on bulletin board.

KOC Dinner Dance

Fundraiser for St. John's and Sacred Heart

Sat. 9/19/2026, 5:30PM ~ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Dinner, Dessert, and DJ!

For more information please see flyer in vestibule.

Wisdom of the Saints

Put yourself in God's hands; he abandons no one.

Envelopes

We are in the prep stage for next year. If anyone received envelopes and are not using them please contact the office at 607-563-1591.

Home Missions Appeal

Our second collection next week will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Harvest Festival 2026

Will be held Friday, October 9th and Saturday October 10th.

There is a flyer in the bulletin on how you can help with the success of this important parish function. There will be more information in next week's bulletin. Contact Carole Ostrander 607-265-3755 with any questions you may have.

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.

~ Pope Saint John Paul II

Question of the Week

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Adults: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him?

Kids: Who do you tell Jesus is?

Diocesan Appeal 2026-2027

Your support helps many services we provide. For pledges made now; payment in full is due by 6/30/ 27. You can spread out your payments for up to 12 months! Please apportion your gift to one or more areas of focus:

- *Seminar Formation, *Campus Ministry,
- *Catholic Charities*, Parish Operational, *Parish Mission,
- * Vocations, * General Budget

Share the Bounty Dinner

August 27, 2026

4:30pm – 6:30PM

All are welcome!

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

- 1) Desserts ~ needed by Aug. 27th
- 2) Need helpers to prepare the food, we have a menu.

If you would like to volunteer please reach out to Paula.

Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

Class meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Unadilla on Mondays & Thursdays at 1:00PM.

More information is available in the vestibule.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: 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, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, 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, 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, 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, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naples, 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, Betsy, Bobbie Galchutt

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