



Presentation-Sacred Heart Parish, Port Ewen-Esopus, N.Y.

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XIV Week of Ordinary Time

Intentions of Holy Mass

Let P = Presentation, S = Sacred Heart

Sun., July 7th (XIV Sunday of Ordinary Time, Ord. Form/ VII Sunday after Pentecost, Ext. Form)
P 9 a.m. Birthday blessings for Meloria Meas
S 11:30 a.m. Doris A. Murphy †

Mon., July 8th (No public Mass today. Parish offices are CLOSED.)

Tuesday, July 9th (S: Office open 10-4)
S 8 a.m. Recovery of Robert Geedman

Wed., July 10th (S: Office open 10-4)
S 8 a.m. Sanctification of Angelica Schaafstall

Thurs., July 11th (Parish offices are closed.)
P 8 a.m. Pro populo

Fri., July 12th (P – Office only by appt.)
P 8 a.m. Sharon Barnes †

Saturday, July 13th
P 8 a.m. Special intention of Mona Neubert
S 5 p.m. Mary Beth Norton †

Sun., July 14th (XV Sunday of Ordinary Time, Ord. Form/VIII Sunday after Pentecost, Ext. Form)
P 9 a.m. Glenn Newell †
S 11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving for the Mass and the sacraments in the Extraordinary Form

Who won this week's drawing of the 20 Week Club? TARA CAPECCI

The Tabernacle Lamp

burns for:

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P & S: In atonement for the sin of presumption
Tabernacle lamps at one or both churches may be reserved ahead of time for intentions for **one week at a time** (Sunday to Saturday). An offering is requested of **\$25 per lamp per week**. Please contact Fr. Arthur Rojas or Ms. Zina Matera to make reservations.

Weekly \$upport of Our Parish

<u>1st Collection:</u>	\$2,710.00
<u>We Share:</u>	\$35.00
<u>2nd Collection (M & R):</u>	\$698.00
<u>Candles:</u>	\$75.00
<u>Ss. Peter & Paul (Ext. Form):</u>	\$118.00

Cardinal's Appeal Drive 2024

<u>Goal:</u>	\$28,400
<u>Pledged:</u>	\$19,417
<u>Paid:</u>	\$18,397
<u>Number of Participants to date:</u>	45

Please keep in your prayers:

These are living persons: Fr. Joseph Nahas, Fr. Jozef Ukaj, Aubrey Dean, Frances Lewis, Dae Vega & her preborn child, Lorian Silva & her preborn child, Madeline Joy, Barbara Wismont, Michael Molinaro, Paul Jankiewicz, Barbara Pons, Ranny Randazzo, Michael Parrinello, Jean Ackerson, Anastasia Manomi.

From the Desk of Fr. Rojas

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Earlier this week, Americans from sea to shining sea celebrated the **248th** anniversary of the *Declaration of Independence* of the incipient United States from the British Empire. With love for our homeland, many of us held cookouts and parties or even attended events held communally such as fireworks or parades to celebrate **the Fourth of July**. Perhaps some of us sang **patriotic hymns** and taught them to those younger than us. Maybe a few of us **went to Mass or gave prayerful thanks for God's blessings to our country** before the barbequed lunch or grilled dinner. If so, for those of us who went to Mass or at least gave prayerful thanks to God before a meal, truly *"our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy."* Cf. Psalm 123, the responsorial psalm for today's Mass in the Ordinary Form.

The readings of the XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time demand **our humility before God** and simultaneously **prophetic boldness from us Catholics in God's name** to our beloved America. The first reading from *Ezekiel* 2:2-5 narrates the moment of God's sending St. Ezekiel the prophet to his fellow Israelites, *"a rebellious house."* Ez 2:5. Our responsorial psalm, Psalm 123, expresses the **honesty of a chastened Israel** turning to God for deliverance and admitting Israel's fault for its dire straits. Writing to the Corinthians, St. Paul the Apostle perceives God's curious plan to ensure the **humility** of St. Paul while **glorifying God's power made manifest in St. Paul's weakness**. 2 Cor 12:7-10 (our second reading). Finally, a **curious limit** seems to be placed on the power of Our Lord Jesus in the Gospel today (Mk 6:1-6) not so much for a deficiency of Jesus in His humanity but due to the *"lack of faith"* (Mk 6:6), namely, the **closed minds and hearts**, of Jesus's neighbors in Nazareth. These Nazarenes thought that they had Jesus **all figured out** and probably the *Torah* and Judaism all figured out, thus **they thought they had nothing to learn from anyone else**. Ironically, these people **closed themselves** from Jesus's **life-changing power** in body and soul, with only a few exceptions. *Are you or am I any better than they?*

If there is anything that the last few years have taught us, especially by the **revelations and admissions** of the limits of human science and how *quickly* many Americans gave up supernatural faith or their God-given rights and responsibilities, is that for all our scientific and technological progress, **neither we Americans nor any people on Earth have things all figured out**. Yet with the fullness of Christianity, **we Catholics do have a message from God to the world – Thus says the Lord God** per Ez 2:4 – to be shared not only orally **but also in the very living of our Catholic faith amongst our fellow Americans** in times of plenty and in times of hardship. However, **only** if we Catholic Americans show ourselves to be **more open** to the teachings of Our Lord Jesus than His **self-satisfied** neighbors at Nazareth, **only** if we show fruits from the power of Christ **in and through our lives** individually, as families, as parishes, and as communities, **would our neighbors in Ulster County and throughout America find credible** that in the midst of our human weakness as Catholics, that God's strength is shown **in us and through us**, and that **truly** we Catholics bring *"glad tidings"* of *"the Spirit of the Lord"* (Lk 4:18) to our fellow Americans, who have become confused by so many lies and whose moral vision is clouded by so much (self)deception.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE EVENTS IN JULY!

Upcoming Holy Hour at Sacred Heart Church: **Saturday, July 20th, 3:15-4:15 p.m. Jesus loves it** when you spend time with Him in the Blessed Sacrament!

Prayer Warriors for Life: Our **pro-life prayer group** will meet on **Monday, July 22nd at 10 a.m.** at **Presentation Church**. For more information, kindly call **Barbara McCabe at (845) 338-9306**.

Mass in the Extraordinary Form at Sacred Heart Church on a weekday: **Monday, July 22nd** (St. Mary Magdalene). Mass will start at **11:30 a.m.**, preceded by **confessions** available from **10:45 to 11:15 a.m.**

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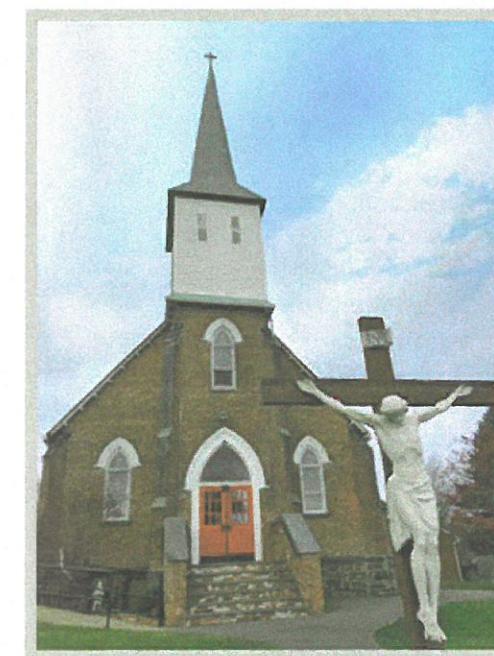
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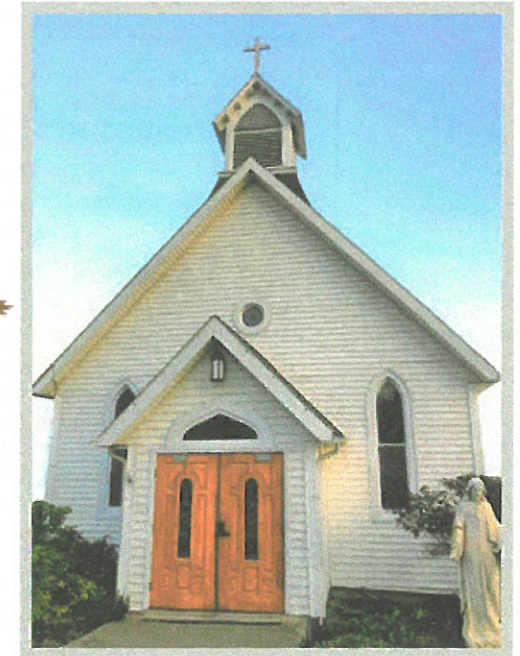
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Sunday Masses
Presentation B.V.M.
Sunday: 9:00 AM

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Saturday: 5:00 PM
Vigil Mass
Sunday: 11:30 AM
Extraordinary Form

Daily Mass
Sacred Heart
Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Presentation
Thursday, Friday &
Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses
See bulletin or Website.

Novena
Our Lady of Perpetual
Help during 8:00 AM
Mass on Wednesday.

Confessions
By Appointment or

At Sacred Heart
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Sunday:
10:45 to 11:15 PM

At Presentation
Sunday:
8:15 to 8:45 AM

Secretary
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