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Roman Catholic Church & Chapel

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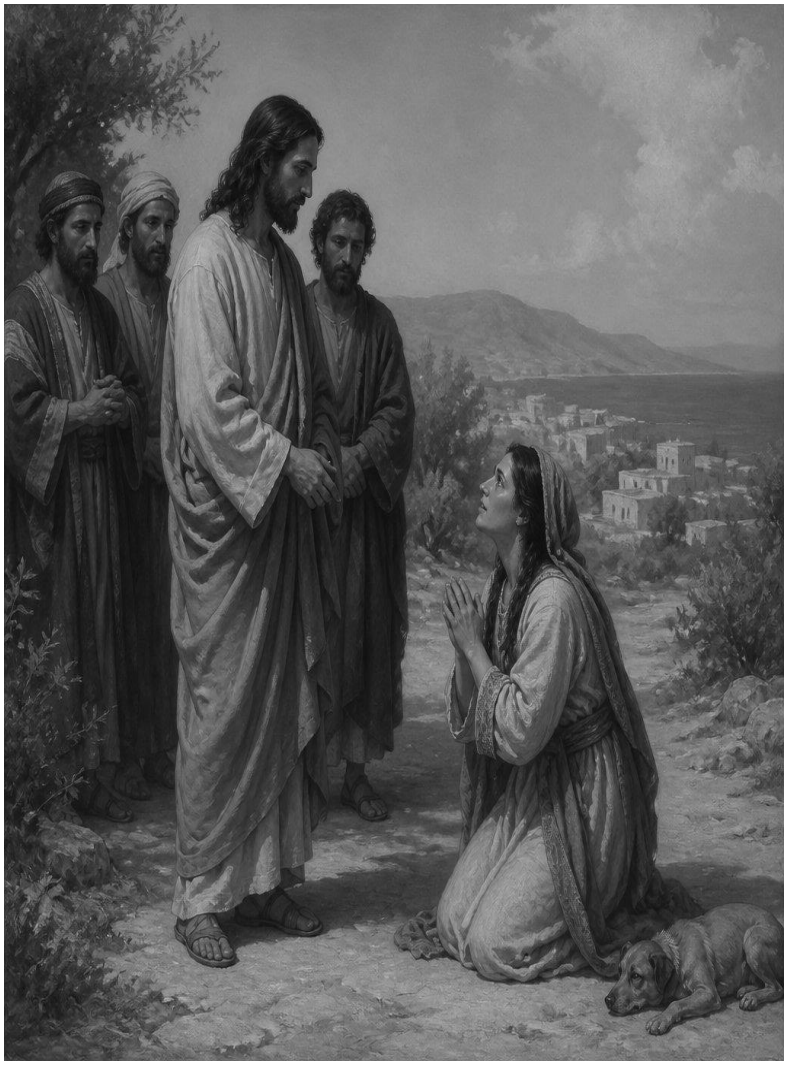
August 16th, 2026



20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:00pm (Church)
Sunday: 8:00am (Chapel)
Sunday: 10:30am (Church)

Weekday Masses
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
8:00am (Church)

Eucharistic Adoration
First Fridays: 7:00am-8:00am (Church)

Confessions
Friday at 7:30 (during adoration), Saturday & Sunday 1/2 hour prior to Mass

ALTER SERVERS

Saturday, August 22nd
4 PM -

Sunday, August 23rd
8 AM - Tyler McCreery
10:30 AM - Ben Shutty

LECTORS

Saturday, August 22nd
4 PM – Valerie Hamryszak

Sunday, August 23rd
8 AM - Lois Weakland
10:30 AM - John Weiland, III

Beat the Heat, Cancel the Cold

WE REMEMBER IN A SPECIAL WAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

Blair & June Govel
Walter Swaynos
Stanley Trybus

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

May the Divine Physician send healing grace for those for whom we pray. Please remember in a special way the following who have requested your prayers:

Theresa Bauer, Mary Bolette, Phil Bolyn, Marjorie Boring *Dorothy Dercotch, Alexis Frank, *Judy Hilliard, Julia Kuzzia, A.M Litdin *John Lee, *William Lee, Zander Marshall, Robin Pike, James Scott, Hailey Seigh, *Yvonne Stivanelli, Frances Weakland, Sandra Weymer, and Jeff Widdson.

** Homebound or Parishioners living in an Assisted Living Facility*

Please Pray for the Men and Women Who Are Proudly Serving in our Armed Forces

Family members and friends of our parishioners who are currently in active service are as follows:

SGT Thomas Bowser
SSGT Gregory Chuhran
Master SGT Ryan Cox
USN Garrett Dixon
PVT Kevin Everly
Robert Goody
LCDR Thomas D. Hunter
SSGT Matthew Kendall
SPEC Shawn Kent
MAJ John M. Kiraly
CH Nicholas S. Klamar
SGT Michael A. Kordish
SSGT Brittany McConnell
ARMY SPEC Bryan Nealen
PVT Josh Nelen
AMN Lauren C. Penksa
USN LCDR Nicole Peterson
USN, SSGT Todd Rito
PVT Jacob Schlereth
SSGT Jason Tyson
ENFR Ted Vermeulin
MAJ Christine Zimmerman
MAJ Robert Zimmerman

Mass Intentions

August 2026:

Saturday, 15th:
4:00pm (Church) † 50th Wedding Anniversary of Paul & Julianna Ondecko, By: Family

Sunday, 16th:
8:00am (Chapel) † George Samuel Chuhran, By: Family

10:30am (Church) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

Monday, 17th:
8:00am † Ed Kapeluch, By: Wife Shirely & Family

Tuesday, 18th: No Mass

Wednesday, 19th:
8:00am † Kupetz Family, By: Patti Kollar & Family

Thursday, 20th:
8:00am † Kollar Family, By: Patti Kollar & Family

Friday, 21st:
8:00am † Sophie Ferrari, By: Fr. Mark

Saturday, 22nd:
4:00pm (Church) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

Sunday, 23rd:
8:00am (Chapel) † Tillie Ann Weiland, By: Family

10:30am (Church) † Margaret Elias, By: Grandchildren

The side door church entrance (next to the office) is open for PRIVATE PRAYER Monday thru Friday between 7am-2pm.

Memorial Candles August 23rd:

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .

Church: William & Agnes McMullen, By: Family

Chapel: Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Groeger, Sr., By: Fr. Mark

Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .

Church: Karen Wojno, By: Larry & Monica

Weekly Giving: Sunday, August 9th

Weekly: Envelopes: $4,007.00 - Online: $104.00;
Monthly: Envelopes: $320.00 – Monthly: $200.00;
Candles: $55.00;
Assumption: $60.00; **Loose Cash:** $216.00;
Maintenance: $463.00; **Mission Co-Op:** $115.00;
St. Vincent DePaul: $65.00; **Vocations:** $25.00…
Total $5,630.00

Roof Project Totals:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	$60,000.00
TOTAL DONATIONS TO DATE	($35,667.50)
OUTSTANDING BALANCE	**$24,332.50**

Weekly News & Announcements

Reminder

In contemporary Catholicism, it is considered respectful for gentlemen (including children) to remove their hats in church as a sign of reverence. However, if a man is wearing a hat for medical reasons, it is usually acceptable to keep it on. It is important to be mindful of the customs and traditions that are integral part of the worship experience. Gentlemen, please remove your hat when you are in church in the presence of the Lord.

Cell Phones

Reminder: Please leave your cell phone at home or in the car. If you must have your phone in Church, please turn it off or put it on airplane mode.

Marriage Preparation

For a Sacramental Marriage, you must be a registered parishioner and be free to marry. If you or your fiancé are divorced a decree of annulment in most cases will be necessary.

Contact the priest or deacon who will witness your marriage **as soon as you become engaged**, or **at least nine months before your *proposed* wedding date.** You will be meeting with your priest/deacon several times. You **should not** set a date, plan the wedding and contact the church last.

Attendance at Marriage Preparation programs in the Diocese can be done 8 to 12 months before your wedding. You will learn about communication skills, finances, sexuality, Natural Family Planning, spirituality, becoming a "domestic church", and many other helpful and important topics. You will also receive information on planning the wedding ceremony.

The Diocesan marriage directives require a premarital inventory of all couples before marriage. FOCCUS is one particular inventory that is used the most in our diocese, and across the country. This inventory is not a test – it is a discussion tool to help you communicate about the areas of your relationship that are strong and those that need work. A priest, deacon, or someone assigned by either gives instruction on taking this inventory online and schedules a follow-up session.

It is recommended that the FOCCUS inventory and follow-up session be done before you attend a Marriage Preparation Series.

Request for Information to be included in the Parish Bulletin Guidelines

1. The bulletin is a tool used by the parish to assist parishioners in their journey of faith and to help them be aware of parish activities
2. The bulletin is not a free advertising publication.
3. Information must be relevant to parishioners' journey in faith.
4. Information from neighboring Catholic Churches will be given priority as space allows.
5. Information must be submitted in writing (via letter or email) by Tuesday of the requested week of publication.
6. Information will NOT be taken over the phone.
7. The office reserves the right to approve or reject requests for all information submissions.

Religious Education

Just a reminder that registration for Religious Education for the **26-27 Academic Year will begin on August 1st. The last day to register will be Friday, August 28th.** Forms will be available in the back of the Church and Chapel and may be picked up after Mass. Forms will not be mailed or on the website. **Any registration received after this date will incur an increased registration fee**. The parish does NOT set the registration fees. We receive a bulk registration rate. The parish does NOT assess a late fee. Please get your registrations completed and on time.

Diocesan Family Conference

The diocesan family conference will be held on **Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg.** This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders. This day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (**also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates**) and Junior High Youth Day.

The day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register online at: dioceseaj.org or copies of the registration booklet are available in the back of the Church and Chapel or by contacting the parish office. Please also prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day. Information on the day and to be a sponsor are in the registration booklet. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814) 317-2646.

2026 Anniversary Masses:

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couple celebrating **1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026** (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy.** Couples may attend **Sunday, September 13** in **Altoona** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, September 20** in **Johnstown** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2:00PM**. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/ snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.**

St. Catherine Siena Church (Duncansville):

Birth of Mary Celebration: On Tuesday, September 8th, at St. Catherine Siena Church/Shrine, 308 Old Rt. 22, Duncansville. Mass Times: 7:00 AM, 12:05 PM, & 5:30 PM. Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, celebrant. Please bring a lawn chair. If inclement weather, the outdoor mass will be celebrated in the church. Rosary Times: 7:30 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:00 PM, & 4:30 PM. Food, exhibits, and crafts will be in the church hall. Conclude the day with birthday cake for all in the church hall.

Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today remind us that God is ever-faithful, even when we are not. They challenge us as Christian stewards to show our love for this faithful God through actions, and to lean in to our trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother's desperate plea? Nothing. He "did not say a word in answer to her." But she was undeterred and continued to call out to Him. Jesus did not give her what she asked for right away. Instead, He continued to challenge the woman's faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly, there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us. So, we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge, but those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let's embrace the hard days. The deep joy that eventually comes will be so worth it.

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Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.