Prince Of Peace

811 Chestnut Avenue
N. Cambria, PA 15714

Roman Catholic Church & Chapel

2410 Campbell Avenue
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August 30th, 2026

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

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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, September 5th
4 PM -

Sunday, September 6th
8 AM -
10:30 AM - Ben Shutty

LECTORS

Saturday, September 5th
4 PM – David Pawlikowski

Sunday, September 6th
8 AM - Lois Weakland
10:30 AM - Michelle McCall

Beat the Heat, Cancel the Cold

WE REMEMBER IN A SPECIAL WAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

Edgar Anna
Lucy Brooks
Angie Crane
Grace Eckenrode
Blair & June Govel

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, 29th:
4:00pm (Church) † David Matko, By: Terry Bonatesta

Sunday, 30th:
8:00am (Chapel) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

10:30am (Church) † Edward & Joanne Sedlock, By: Family

Monday, 31st:
8:00am † Jim Hromulak, By: Patti Kollar & Family

September 2026:

Tuesday, 1st: No Mass

Wednesday, 2nd:
8:00am † Mary Beganyi, By: Robin & Joanne Nelson

Thursday, 3rd:
8:00am † Elsie Hamady, By: Daughter Georgette

Friday, 4th:
8:00am † Richard Kirsch, By: Family

Saturday, 5th:
4:00pm (Church) † The John & Hedwig Pawlikowski Family, By: Family

Sunday, 6th:
8:00am (Chapel) † Millard Hansen, By: Family

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

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

Memorial Candles September 6th:

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .

Church: Francis Coover, By: Wife Sally

Chapel: Mary Luchs, By: Fr. Mark

Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .

Church: Tom Skupaka, By: Wife Kathy & Family

Weekly Giving: Sunday, August 23rd

Weekly: Envelopes: $3,799.00 - Online: $94.00;
Monthly: Envelopes: $435.00;
Candles: $63.00;
Assumption: $100.00; **Cemetery:** $40.00;
Loose Cash: $148.00; **Maintenance:** $398.00;
Retired Priests Medical: $20.00;
St. Vincent DePaul: $95.00;
World Mission Sunday: $4.00…
Total $5.196.00

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.

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 (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.

Holy Name Parish (Ebensburg):
On **Monday, September 21st at 7:00 PM** in collaboration with the **Catholic Speakers organization, Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, Holy Name Parish** is sponsoring from the **Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafel Capo.** He is known as the "bodybuilding priest" and has connected with countless young people through speaking engagements across the U.S. and around the world. Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

Cemetery Policy - Decorations

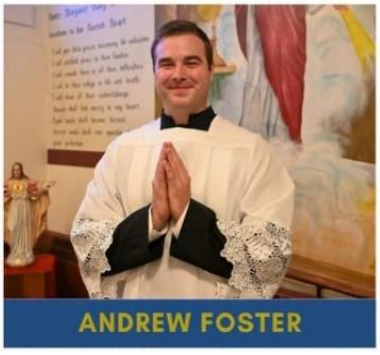
- In the interest of the safety of employees and visitors, ***no glass or ceramic objects are permitted in the Cemetery.***
- No **decorative stone** is permitted. Such ***objects are subject to removal by cemetery personnel.***
- **Fall/Spring cleanup** days will be fixed as a weekend in October/April respectively. All decorations must be removed prior to the first day of October/April. Decorating may resume the first day of November/May.
- **Permanent Decorations**: Statues, flower pots, and plastic vigil lights are permitted ***only if they are part of the stone.***
- **Flush flowerpots** are permitted next to the stone ***only with permission of the Management.***
- ***No fences, corner posts, or other border arrangements are permitted.***
- ***Anything that violates these policies can be removed without prior notification.***
- No raised mounds are permitted on cemetery lots.
- Graves must be level with the contour of the cemetery ground.
- Up to three arrangements of flowers are permitted on the grave at the time of burial.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, we must be honest with ourselves and admit it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our readings today reflect this challenging reality.

It's all about love. Jesus loved us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so, we must choose: love of self, or love of God and other which is tough but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then He will repay all according to his conduct."

Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?



Meet our 2026-2027 Diocesan Seminarians

Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.