# Prince Of Peace

## Roman Catholic Church & Chapel

811 Chestnut Avenue
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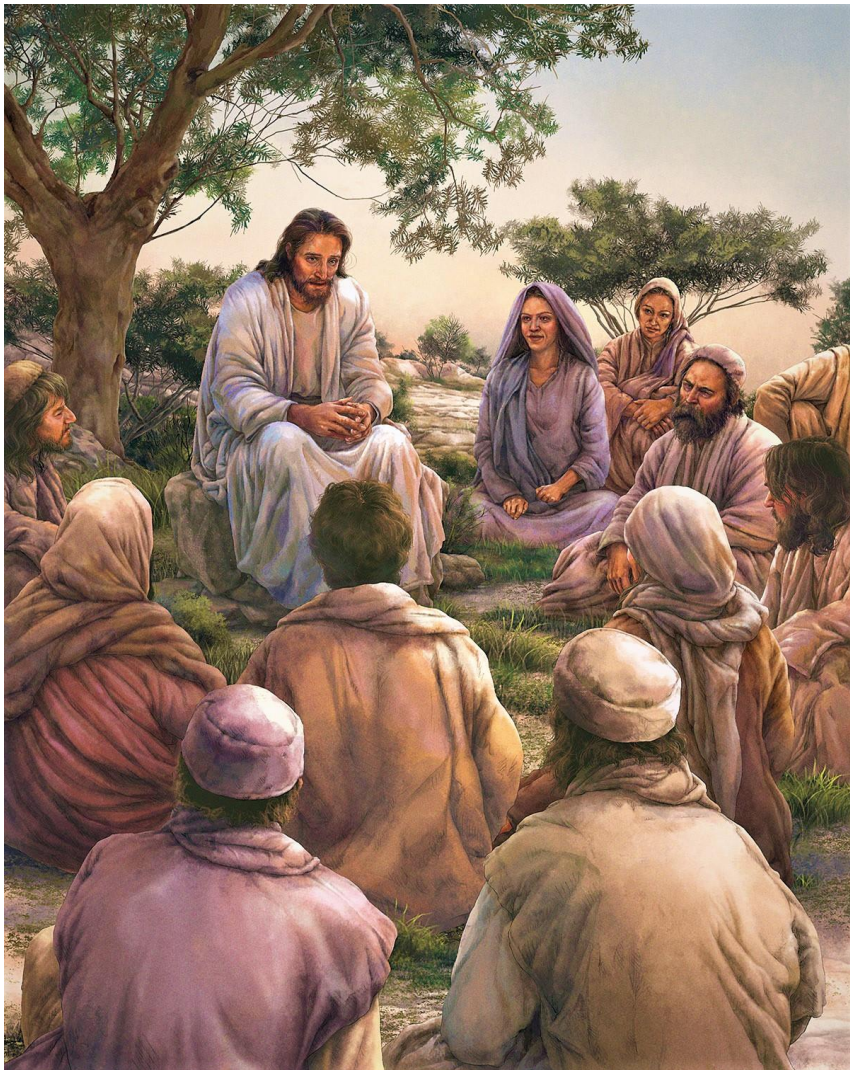
## September 6th, 2026



## 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### This Week's Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

### Parish Administration

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### Office Hours:

**8:30am-2:00pm**
**Monday-Thursday**
(Closed Fridays and on National Holidays)

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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 12th**
4 PM -

**Sunday, September 13th**
8 AM -
10:30 AM - Ben Shutty

## LECTORS

**Saturday, September 12th**
4 PM – Jeanette or Denny

**Sunday, September 13th**
8 AM - David Kudlawiec
10:30 AM - John Weiland, III

## Beat the Heat, Cancel the Cold

**WE REMEMBER IN A SPECIAL WAY IN OUR PRAYERS:**

***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

**September 2026:**

**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

**Monday, 7th:**
8:00am † Elsie Hamady, By: Daughter Georgette

**Tuesday, 8th: No Mass**

**Wednesday, 9th:**
8:00am † Francis Coover, By: Wife Sally

**Thursday, 10th:**
8:00am † Tom Skupaka, By: Wife Kathy & Family

**Friday, 11th:**
8:00am † Stanley & Victoria Wojno, By: Don Bernrd & Diane McMullen

**Saturday, 12th:**
4:00pm (Church) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

**Sunday, 13th:**
8:00am (Chapel) † Regina Vodzak, By: Daniel & Beth Vodzak

10:30am (Church) † Peter & Margaret Ondecko, By: Paul & Julianna Ondecko

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

## Memorial Candles September 13th:

**Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .**

*Church: Peter & Margaret Ondecko, By: Paul & Julianna Ondecko*

*Chapel: Mary Kupetz, By: Patti Kollar & Family*

**Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .**

*Church: Michael & Sarah Klapak, By: Larry & Monica*

## Weekly Giving: Sunday, August 23rd

**Weekly:** Envelopes: $3,488.00 - Online: $90.00;
**Monthly:** Envelopes: $220.00 - Online: $60.00;
**Candles:** $49.00;
**Assumption:** $50.00; **Catholic University:** $15.00; **Cemetery:** $45.00; **Loose Cash:** $164.00; **Maintenance:** $364.00; **Retired Priests Medical:** $45.00; **St. Vincent DePaul:** $313.00; **Utility & Energy:** $5.00…
**Total $4,908.00**

# 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.

## Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day.

**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.

**Franciscan Friars, T.O.R. (Loretto):**
**Fatima Devotions:** The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on **Sunday, September 13th at 6:30 PM** in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather it will be at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Fr. William Shee, T.O.R. will be the homilist. **We encourage you to Bring a Friend!**

**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.**

**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.

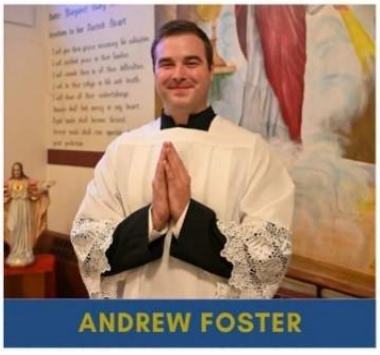
## Cemetery Policy - Decorations

- 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

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned as a result of the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, neighbors, our friends, and our parish family need us and we need them – not just for survival, but to be our best selves, and to help each other on the path to heaven.

Our readings today show us how we can be good stewards of these vital relationships, beginning with the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says to Ezekiel, "I have appointed watchmen for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." Because of our Baptism, we are all "watchmen" for one another. We have been given the gift of our Catholic faith, and we have a responsibility to lovingly and generously share that gift. As Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.



## Meet our 2026-2027 Diocesan Seminarians

**Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.**