Prince Of Peace

Roman Catholic Church & Chapel

811 Chestnut Avenue
N. Cambria, PA 15714

2410 Campbell Avenue
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September 20th, 2026

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

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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 26th
4 PM -

Sunday, September 27th
8 AM -
10:30 AM - Ben Shutty

LECTORS

Saturday, September 26th
4 PM – Valerie Hamryszak

Sunday, September 27th
8 AM -
10:30 AM - Jennifer Work

Beat the Heat, Cancel the Cold

WE REMEMBER IN A SPECIAL WAY IN OUR PRAYERS:

Sam & Mary Amendola
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, 19th:
4:00pm (Church) † Arnold & Pearl Smorto, By: Family

Sunday, 20th:
8:00am (Chapel) † Edwin Hoover, By: Family

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

Monday, 21st: No Mass

Tuesday, 22nd: No Mass

Wednesday, 23rd: No Mass

Thursday, 24th: No Mass

Friday, 25th: No Mass

Saturday, 26th:
4:00pm (Church) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

Sunday, 27th:
8:00am (Chapel) † Living & Deceased Members of St. Vincent DePaul Society

10:30am (Church) † Marianna & Maria Ondeckova, By: Alexis Waksmunski

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

Memorial Candles September 27th:

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .

Church: Mary Kupetz, By: Patti Kollar

Chapel: Julia & Joanne Anderson, By: Marge Anderson

Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .

Church: Joe Kollar, By: Patti & Family

Weekly Giving: Sunday, September 13th

Weekly: Envelopes: $3,618.00- Online: $154.00;
Monthly: Envelopes: $336.00;
Candles: $109.00;
Assumption: $5.00; **Catholic University:** $273.00;
Cemetery: $65.00; **Loose Cash:** $148.00;
Maintenance: $333.00; **Retired Priest Medical:** $10.00;
St. Vincent DePaul: $10.00…
Total $5,061.00

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.

Thank you!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

You may have noticed a lot of activity in the upper parking lot at the Church over the summer. The storm sewers were collapsing and posing a danger to those utilizing the lot.
Thanks to a group of parishioners, and friends, the situation has been resolved. Two new storm drains have been installed with new connecting pipe in place as well. The auxiliary entrance to the lost has been repaired. This was all done by these men generously volunteering their time and talents. Their efforts and contributions enabled the work to be completed at a fraction of the cost of hiring contractors to do work.

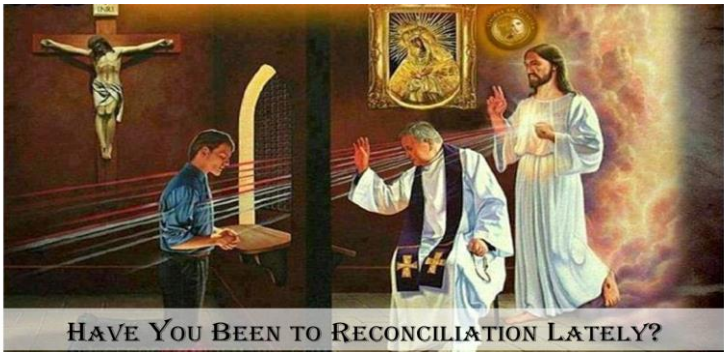
Please be sure to thank and remember each of them in your prayers: **Pat Kelly, Ron Smego, Tom Scott, Brock McMullen, Jim Scott and his crew.**

Thank you and may God bless each of you for your kind heart, generosity, and service to our parish and His Church.

Father Mark

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.

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church (Northern Cambria):
St. John's Fall Spaghetti Dinner/Basket auction will take place **Saturday, October 10, 2026 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM and Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** The drawing for basket winners will begin at 3:00 PM on Sunday in the Church Hall. Along with the baskets, there will be a 50/50 Raffle, Pull Tickets, and $1000 Cash Raffle with 2 drawings of $500 each. Basket tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. We will announce all winners at the end of the Basket Auction. We will also be serving a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday. The ticket for the Spaghetti Dinner is $10. Aat the end of the Basket Raffle we will have the drawings for the $1000 Cash Raffle. The basket auction will benefit the Church Development Fund.



Cemetery Policy - Decorations

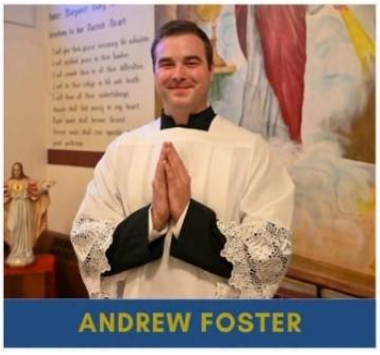
- In the interest of the safety of employees and visitors, ***no glass or ceramic objects are permitted in the Cemetery.***
- No **decorative stone** is permitted. Such ***objects are subject to removal by cemetery personnel.***
- **Fall/Spring cleanup** days will be fixed as a weekend in October/April 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

Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic and priorities often differ from worldly logic and priorities. What does this mean for us who call ourselves His disciples and stewards? It means that our way of life should look decidedly different from a "worldly" way of life.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. The landowner finds workers throughout the day but pays them all the same at the end. This angered the laborers who had worked longest and they grumbled against the landowner. But those laborers were relying on human logic, and not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family, at work, and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. The more time we are given to do His work, the greater the gift.



Meet our 2026-2027 Diocesan Seminarians

Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.