Prince Of Peace

811 Chestnut Avenue
N. Cambria, PA 15714

Roman Catholic Church & Chapel

2410 Campbell Avenue
N. Cambria, PA 15714

September 27th, 2026

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Parish Administration

Rev. Mark E. Groeger
Pastor
mgroeger@dioceseaj.org

Deacon Gary Gill
ggill@dioceseaj.org

Marissa Lashley
Administrative Assistant
mlashley@dioceseaj.org

Janet Barnosky
Religious Ed. Coordinator
jbarnosky@dioceseaj.org

Deacon Gary
Director of RCIA, Adult Faith, Marriage Prep and Family Life
ggill@dioceseaj.org

Office Hours:

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

(814) 948-6842
www.popnc.net

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, October 3rd
4 PM -

Sunday, October 4th
8 AM -
10:30 AM - Ben Shutty

LECTORS

Saturday, October 3rd
4 PM – Jeanette or Denny

Sunday, October 4th
8 AM - Lois Weakland
10:30 AM - Michelle McCall

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, 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

Monday, 28th:
8:00am † Mr. & Mrs. Emil Stivanelli, By: Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Stivanelli

Tuesday, 29th: No Mass

Wednesday, 30th:
8:00am † Rose Ann Buterbaugh, By: T.D. Buterbaugh & Family

October 2026:

Thursday, 1st:
8:00am † Joanne Anderson, By: Margie Anderson

Friday, 2nd:
8:00am † Richard Kirsch, By: Family

Saturday, 3rd:
4:00pm (Church) † Rose Ondecko, By: Family

Sunday, 4th:
8:00am (Chapel) † Regina Vodzak, By: Daniel & Beth Vodzak

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 October 4th:

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .

Church: Carl Gray, By: Larry & Monica Wojno

Chapel: Peter & Mary Kudlawiec, By: David & Dianna Kudlawiec

Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .

Church: Vicki Jo Vasile, By: Larry & Monica Wojno

Weekly Giving: Sunday, September 20th

Weekly: Envelopes: $2,496.00- Online: $65.00;
Monthly: Envelopes: $30.00;
Candles: $137.00;
Assumption: $10.00; **Catholic University:** $5.00; **Cemetery:** $539.00; **Loose Cash:** $125.00; **Maintenance:** $246.00; **World Mission Sunday:** $20.00…
Total $3,673.00

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.

Religious Education

Religious Education will begin on Sunday, October 4th at 9:00 AM. Parents must attend the first class with their children. An information packet will be provided with a tentative schedule for the year.

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. At 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.

Young Adult Group (18-39):

Our August Theology on Tap with Bishop Mark was our largest yet with almost 55 in attendance including new members. Our September 30th (6pm) speaker is Fr. Frank Scornaienchi, TOR, Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and Provincial Superior for the TOR Franciscans, who will be speaking on 800 Years of Saint Francis. All young adults are invited to join us for faith and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

Queen of Peace Parish (Patton):

Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and fabulous baskets on **Sunday, October 11**. Social begins at 1:00 PM and drawing begins promptly at 2:00 PM. Tickets are 25 for $5.00. Ticket sales are **Friday, October 9 from 5:30-7:00 PM, Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 AM–1:00 PM and Sunday, October 11 from 9:00 AM–1:30 PM.** Also, available **after the weekend Masses Complimentary Dessert Bar!** Come out and enjoy a wonderful afternoon with our parish community! We hope to see you there!

Bishop Carroll High School (Ebensburg):

Bishop Carroll Catholic High School is seeking a motivated, mission-driven Development Officer to lead donor relations, alumni engagement, and advancement initiatives. The successful candidate will cultivate and steward donors, coordinate annual and capital giving efforts, pursue major gifts, and strengthen relationships with alumni, parents, and community supporters. Preferred qualifications include proven success in major gift fundraising (collegiate advancement experience desirable), experience with planned giving and estate gifts, strong communication and relationship-building skills, commitment to and support of the Catholic faith and mission of Catholic education, experience with Blackbaud Raiser's Edge donor management software. Salary commensurate with experience, with benefits including health insurance, paid time off and 403b. To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, and references to: Lynn Weber, CEO, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Benjamin Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, PA 15931.

Cemetery Policy - Decorations

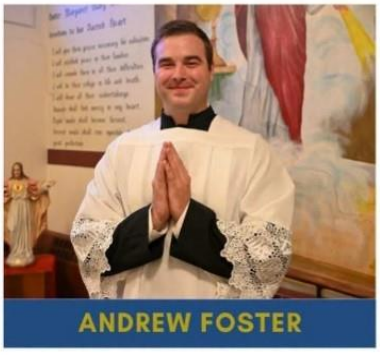
- In the interest of the safety of employees and visitors, ***no glass or ceramic objects are permitted in the Cemetery.***
- No **decorative stone** is permitted. Such ***objects are subject to removal by cemetery personnel.***
- **Fall/Spring cleanup** days will be fixed as a weekend in October/April 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 challenge the modern-day disciple to imitate more fully both the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is, after all, the point of our stewardship way of life.

St Paul encapsulates the actions and attitudes we must strive for in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Philippians. "Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others." In other words, Paul continues, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." Whether we are at work or school or within our own homes, our actions should be focused on others first in imitation of Christ, Who is always perfectly focused on others.

We are called to a high and holy standard – living as Christ's disciples every day and with every person the Lord places in our path. But we can move towards this goal in 'baby steps.' We can even take a step backward from time to time because our Father is merciful and kind. What matters is that we keep baby-stepping along, assured of the grace we need to more closely imitate the actions and attitudes of Christ. This is the beauty of the stewardship way of life.



Meet our 2026-2027 Diocesan Seminarians

Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.