Prince Of Peace

Roman Catholic Church & Chapel

811 Chestnut Avenue
N. Cambria, PA 15714

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October 4th, 2026

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

This Week's Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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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, October 10th
4 PM -

Sunday, October 11th
8 AM - Tyler McCreery
10:30 AM - Ben Shutty

LECTORS

Saturday, October 10th
4 PM – Jeanette or Denny

Sunday, October 11th
8 AM -
10:30 AM - Michelle McCall

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

October 2026:

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

Monday, 5th:
8:00am † Matthew Weber, By: Loving Family

Tuesday, 6th: No Mass

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

Thursday, 8th:
8:00am † Patti Gill, By: Joe Tenerowicz

Friday, 9th:
8:00am † Julia & Joanne Anderson, By: Margie Anderson

Saturday, 10th:
4:00pm (Church) † Ed, Pauline & Joey Kerfonta, By: Family

Sunday, 11th:
8:00am (Chapel) † Living & Deceased Members of Prince of Peace Parish, By: Fr. Mark

10:30am (Church) † Gary & Mary Lou Elias, By: Diane & Larry Waksmunski & Family

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

Memorial Candles October 11th:

Sanctuary Candles in Loving Memory of . . .

Church: Ann Ondecko, By: Paul & Julianna Ondecko

Chapel: Jill Banik, By: Margie Anderson

Pieta Candle in Honor of . . .

Church: Special Intention, By: Julianna Frontino

Weekly Giving: Sunday, September 27th

Weekly: Envelopes: $3,046.00- Online: $94.00;
Monthly: Envelopes: $260.00 – Online: $60.00;
Candles: $38.00;
Assumption: $1.00; **Catholic University:** $20.00;
Cemetery: $185.00; **Loose Cash:** $160.00;
Maintenance: $375.00; **Retired Priests Medical:** $390.00;
St. Vincent DePaul: $1.00; **Utility & Energy:** $10.00;
World Mission Sunday: $10.00…
Total $4,650.00

Roof Project Totals:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT	$60,000.00
TOTAL DONATIONS TO DATE	($40,554.50)
OUTSTANDING BALANCE	**$19,445.50**

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

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.

Pro-Life Chain (Carrolltown):

Carrolltown Life Chain will take place on **Sunday, October 4th from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM.**

Please stand with us at the Life Chain and show your support for the babies! Pick up signs at the table in front of St. Benedict Church by the traffic light on Main Street.

After the Life Chain, light refreshments will be served in the Boniface Wimmer Room. The confirmation class will also host a baby shower, collecting donations for the Gabriel Project, a pro-life Catholic outreach ministry. This ministry offers hope and assistance to women experiencing crisis pregnancies in Cambria County, helping them care for and keep their babies.

Donations of diapers, wipes, baby clothes, blankets, and financial contributions are appreciated!

Please join us at the Life Chain! Sacrifice your time to come and spend this time in Silent Prayer and be a witness for our most vulnerable pre-born brothers and sisters! All of us need to be a visible sign that ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN!!!

Questions, please contact Patti and Bill Fredieck (814) 344-6521 or Ann and John Poole (814) 472-8584.

The Annual CCHL Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast will take place on **Saturday, October 24, 2026, at 9:00 AM at the Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Auditorium in Ebensburg, PA.** The keynote speaker, Ryan Bomberger, Founder of the Radiance Foundation, is faith-based, educational, life-affirming organization.

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.

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!

Holy Days of Obligation 2026

January 1, The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

May 14, Ascension Thursday

November 1, All Saints Day

December 8, The Immaculate Conception

December 25, The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Parish Office will be closed on **ALL** Holy Days.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

We have been given so many gifts and blessings by our Heavenly Father. Yet, in our fallen state it is all too easy to take them for granted. Our readings today teach us that we must live with an intentional awareness of our many blessings and use them gratefully to glorify God.

Our Second Reading, from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, is a reminder of one key blessing that is surprisingly easy to take for granted – the gift of our thought life. Our intellect is gift from God and we are called to steward it well. Lack of discipline in our thoughts can easily lead us down a path of discontentment and fear. St. Paul instructs us rather to "have no anxiety at all." How are we to do this? He tells us, "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." And as it turns out, by turning our thoughts towards God with gratitude, we will be blessed immediately.

So let us live each day with a profound awareness of all that we have been given by God. Let us use our intellect to think on these gifts throughout the day and resolve to use all our gifts for God's glory. We will find peace, joy and purpose as we do.

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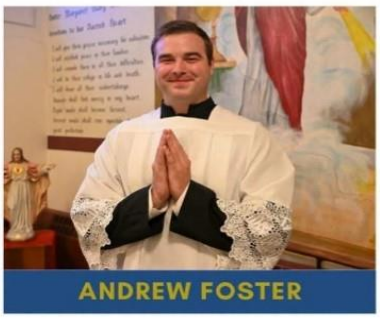
JONATHAN EGER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Meet our 2026-2027 Diocesan Seminarians

Please remember our seminarians in your prayers.