

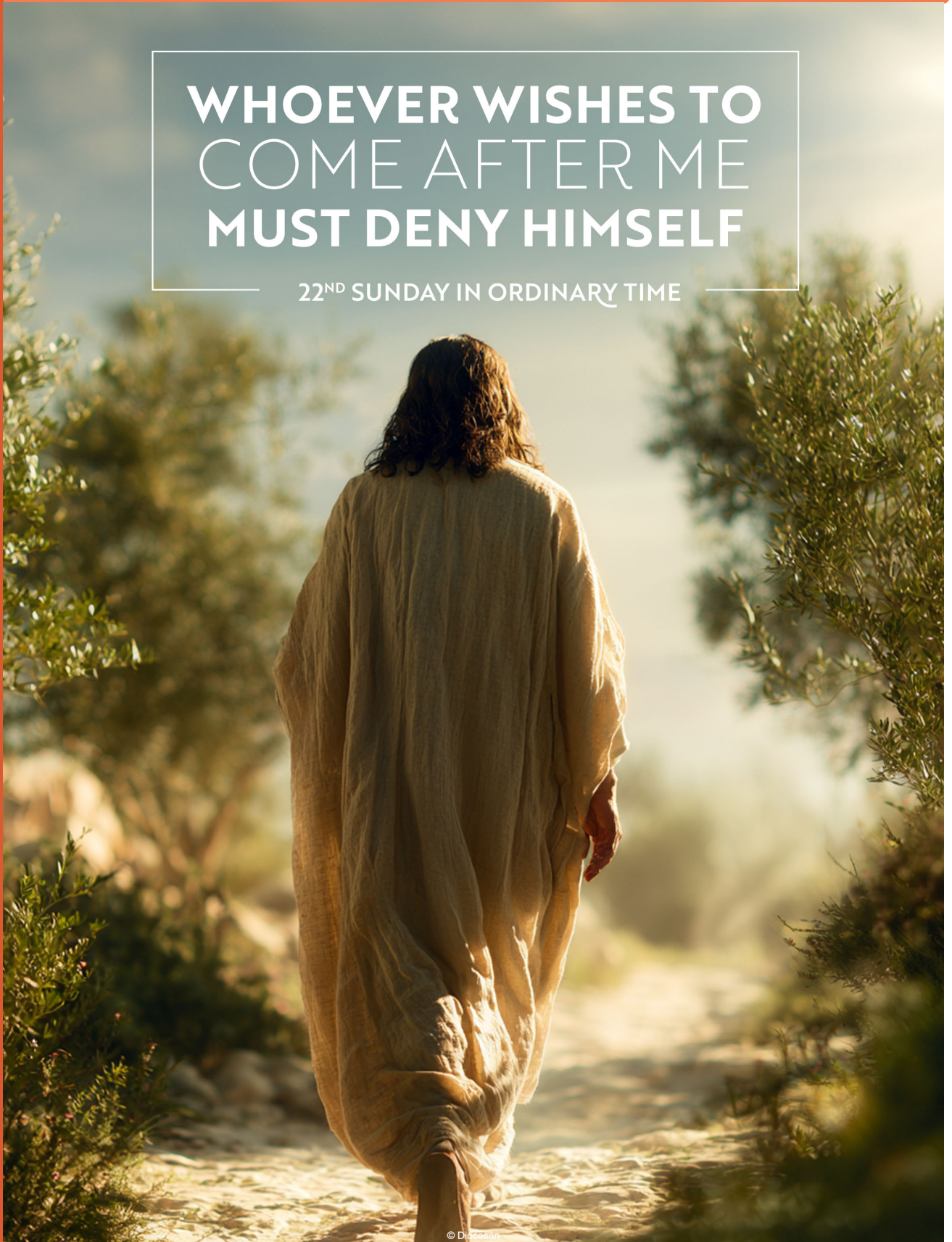


Saint Peter Church

**WHOEVER WISHES TO
COME AFTER ME
MUST DENY HIMSELF**

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, August 30, 2026





PARISH STAFF

PASTOR: Rev. Msgr. David L. James J.C.L.

PASTOR EMERITI: Rev. Msgr. John J. Martin

Rev. Msgr. William E. Handges

DEACON: Mr. Michael Kudla

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: Mrs. Lina Abi-Samra

FINANCE MANAGER: Mrs. Michelle Ahern

DIRECTOR OF REL. ED.: Mrs. Ginny Downey

MASS SCHEDULE: 8 A.M Wednesdays and Fridays

Saturday Evening: 4:30 P.M. Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days: 8:00 A.M.

PENANCE: Saturday: 3:45 to 4:15 P.M. and by appointment

During Advent and Lent, Communal Penance Services are celebrated.

BAPTISM: Contact the rectory for an appointment.

Baptism is scheduled on Sunday following the 10:30 A.M. Mass

Parents may be required to attend a preparatory instruction in the rectory.

MARRIAGE: Couples should contact the parish priest at least 1 year but no later than 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. Weddings are on Saturday between 10A.M. and 1P.M.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify the rectory when someone becomes seriously ill, or weak due to old age, so that the person might receive this Sacrament.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: The Pastor & Deacon perform this visit monthly on the 1st Friday of the month. Notify us when someone wishes to be visited.

HOSPITALIZED: Alert us whenever someone has to be hospitalized, especially when their admission is an emergency. The parish identification number is #171.

PARISH REGISTRATION: New members should make an appointment with the pastor.

HIGH SCHOOL: Allentown Central Catholic, 4th & Chew Sts., Allentown 18102; Phone 610-437-4601

ELEMENTARY: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Ave., Northampton, PA 18067

phone: 610-262-9171 Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed. Principal

PREP PROGRAM: Classes conducted at the Saint Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Center, 3008 Ruch St., Whitehall, PA 18052

The program is from September to the end of April.

These classes are necessary for eligibility to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation. Contact Mrs. Ginny Downey at 610-261-0144

BEQUESTS: Please remember St. Peter Church in your Last Will & Testament.

IN MEMORIAM FUND: After the death of a family member you are invited to have that person's name commemorated on the Church Plaque by suggesting that memorial offerings be donated to the Church in memory of the deceased person.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE Wendy Krisak, Telephone 1-800-791-9209 Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT Pamela Russo, MSW, MS 610-871-5200, Ext. 2204 Email: prusso@allentowndiocese.org

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please

contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.



www.stpeterchurchcoplay.com



info@stpetersrccoplay.com



610.262.2417



610.262.0211

Mission Statement

We, as a Catholic parish under the patronage of Saint Peter, are a Eucharistic family, centered in prayer and worship, dedicated to self-sacrificing stewardship, and journeying together, Spirit-inspired, to the heavenly Kingdom.

*Mass Intentions for the week of
August 30- September 6*

Sunday August 30th Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16-21

10:30AM Dorothy Klucharich

Monday August 31st Weekday

1Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

No Morning Mass

Wednesday September 2nd Weekday

1Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

8:00AM Mel and Ann Procanyn

Friday September 4th First Friday

1Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5: 1-11

8:00AM Theresa Koren

Saturday September 5th Weekday, First Saturday

Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13: 8-10; Mt 28:15-20

4:30PM Helen Bischof

Sunday September 6th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30AM Allyn Elise Trask

Masses Said by Retired Priests

Health: Anne Marie Schanta

Deceased: Dorothy Trinkle, Theresa Sinkovits, Paul Turk Sr., Matthew Besz, Fr. Drouncheck, Fr. Joseph Ostheimer

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Week of Sunday 8/23/2026

Basket collection \$11763.00 plus online \$736.00

Please continue your weekly or monthly giving to our parish. Your contributions are vital in order for us to meet our obligations. If unable to attend Mass, kindly send your envelopes through the mail or drop them in the rectory mail slot.

Your **support** to your parish is critical.

I thank you for your kind and generous response.

Please be assured that you and your family are always in my prayers

Monsignor James



FLAME OF LOVE

September 1, 2026

At 6:00PM



HOLY HOUR

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD

September 2, 2026

at 7pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you would like your name or the name of a family member to be added to the list please call the office at 610.262.2417



Go to:

**ONLINE GIVING
OUR PROVIDER HAS A
NEW MOBILE APP**



Search for: Church by Ministry One

- Download App now
- Type: St Peter (no period after St) and click find my church
- Scroll down and click St Peter Coplay
- Click on select this church on bottom of screen
- Click allow
- Follow instructions on screen to open app and make your donations.



**DEVOTIONAL LAMPS WEEK OF AUGUST 30TH
SANCTUARY LIGHT**

*In loving memory of the Deceased Members of the
Szerencits and Sauerzopf Families*

Offered by John Szerencits

SAINT JOSEPH VIGIL LIGHTS

in loving memory of Antoinette Devigili

Offered by Carlotta Makovetz

BLESSED MOTHER VIGIL LIGHT

*in loving memory of Edward and Theresa Mayer and
Ed Jr.*

Offered by Mike and Beverly Sobchak



OFFICE CLOSING
In observance of Labor
Day Holiday, the office
will be closed Monday,
September 7, 2026,



CHURCH PICNIC

SAINT PETER SETS ANOTHER RECORD

The results of this year's parish festival are in

\$62,000.00

Thanks to Allen Edelman, the committee, our sponsors, and the hard work and generosity of our parishioners, volunteers, and supporters, we exceeded last year's record by \$3000.00.

PARISH MEETING SPACE

As we all know, parish meeting space is limited. Before a parish committee or organization schedules a meeting or event for the parish hall, church, or the rectory meeting room, the space must be reserved. Please contact Lina, our parish secretary, at least two weeks in advance so that we can schedule the event and place it on the parish calendar. This policy is designed to maintain safety on the parish grounds (so we know who is around) and avoid scheduling conflicts. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN!



Once again Monsignor James will represent Saint Peter and Saint John the Baptist Parishes in the COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online platform, to raise funds for our parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown.

Every dollar of your votes will go to our churches. You may pay and vote as often as you like.

Voting begins **Tuesday, September 1, 2026**. Please visit www.CooksWithCollars.com, and vote often. or drop them off at the rectory.

This year's delicacy is Sauerkraut

Let's make Msgr. James and Saint Peter winners!

Stay Tuned!



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

1300 Newport Ave, Northampton, PA
610-262-9171
e-mail: altngs@ptd.net

<https://www.goodshepherd-catholic.com>

School Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30am-3pm

For more info regarding enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year, please call Erica Nochtan,

Advancement Director, or email her at

msnochtongscs@goodshepherd-catholic.com.

Visit our website: GoodShepherd-Catholic.com

SAINT CARLO ACUTIS REGIONAL PREP

Mrs. Ginny Downey, DRE

Email—dre@carloacutisprep.org

website: www.carloacutisprep.org

Phone 610-261-0144

Please refer to the above website for ALL PREP information.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



St. Carlo Acutis Regional PREP

Connected to Christ.

Wired for Heaven.

1ST-8TH GRADE

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

TO LEARN MORE VISIT CARLOACUTISPREP.ORG.

REGISTER HERE



QUESTIONS? EMAIL DRE@CARLOACUTISPREP.ORG

MASS BOOK

The 2027 Mass Book will open on Tuesday, September 8, and Wednesday, September 9. We will be in the **CHURCH HALL** between 9:00am and 12 noon. We will schedule 3 Mass intentions per family, one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses. The stipend for each Mass intention is \$10. Requests will be honored on a first come first serve basis, and will be granted as close to the requested date as possible, if the requested day is not available. We will accept cash or check (made payable to St. Peter Parish).

The Sanctuary Light, the Blessed Mother, and Saint Joseph's Vigil Lights will be available for a donation of \$10.00 each.

NEW: If you are paying by check please have two separate checks ready, one designated for your Mass intentions, and the other for the candles. Thank you for your help and understanding.



PIEROGIES

We will be making Pierogies on Thursday, September 10 around 10AM to help with the cheese and onions, Monday, September 14, and Tuesday, September 15. Volunteers are needed both days. Pick-up is on Tuesday after 1pm.

Sandwich Fundraiser

St. John Fisher Church is having Sandwich Sale. The sandwiches will be made by Kornfiend's Market in Egypt. The choices are: Roast Beef, Ham and Turkey. All sandwiches are on kaiser rolls and come with white American cheese and with a packet of mustard or mayonnaise. The price is just \$6.00 per sandwich. Please fill out the order form and along with your payment please mail to St. John Fisher Church, 1229 Third Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032, by Friday, September 4th. Pick-up will be Wednesday, September 16th, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the church hall.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Turkey: _____ Ham: _____ Roast Beef: _____

Total Sandwiches: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH PICNIC

St. John the Baptist RC Church, 3024 S Ruch St. Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 6th from 1PM to 9PM on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers 1-4PM and Joyous 5-9PM.

All are invited to join us for delicious foods, including homemade pierogies, children's games, raffles, refreshments, Basket/gift card raffle stand and Bake Sale. Bring your lawn chair or use our tables and chairs under the tents. Free Parking. Rain or Shine



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bright Hope's (Pregnancy Support) Divine Resale is in need of volunteers to sort donations. If you are interested please contact Tara at Bright Hope 610-821-4000. For additional information please contact Elizabeth Duncan at 610-297-6490



10	25	40	51	70
9	12	★	44	64
1	22	37	56	68
7	15	30	50	75

CASH BINGO

Proceeds to benefit
Whitehall-Coplay
Hunger Initiative
SUNDAY September
13th

St Peter's Church Social Hall

4 South 5th St, Coplay

\$15 admission gets 2 boards (4 Faces) \$5 book specials

Chips and daubers available for purchase
Doors open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm.

Food available for purchase

Items for the food pantry greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, you can email or call Liz at 484-274-6687



SAVING LIVES WITH

Saint Januarius
Patron Saint of Blood Banks

Donate blood September 19th - December 16th and receive a St. Januarius medallion.



Once again, Miller-Keystone Blood Center and the Diocese of Allentown are teaming up to host a diocese-wide blood drive in honor of Saint Januarius, the patron saint of blood banks.

Parishioners are encouraged to donate blood at one of MKBC's donor centers beginning on the Feast Day of Saint Januarius, September 19th, through December 16th, one of the miracle dates of his blood liquefaction.

All donors who provide their parish's Sponsor Code at the time of their appointment will receive a Saint Januarius medallion, blessed by Bishop Schlert. Donors who already have a medallion may choose a Saint Januarius prayer card or magnet instead.

To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or call 800-223-6667 ext. 2.

1-800-8-A-DONOR GIVEAPOINT.org



MKBC DONOR CENTERS

BETHLEHEM
1465 Valley Center Parkway

ALLENTOWN CEDAR CREST
1255 S. Cedar Crest Blvd, Suite 1300

ALLENTOWN HAMILTON
Five City Center, 740 Hamilton St, Suite 120

EASTON
3765 Nicholas St, Suite B

READING
2745A Leisler's Bridge Road
(For GPS: 1047 Old Bernville Road)

PITTSBURGH
400 Route 315, Suite E



SAINT PETER PARISH

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP GATHERING,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,
FOLLOWING THE 10:30AM MASS. COME AND ENJOY
COFFEE AND TREATS

OUR PARISH FELLOWSHIP

WHEN

FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH
FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS

WHERE

CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

WHAT

COFFEE AND SWEETS
AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO
CONNECT WITH FELLOW
PARISHIONERS

WHO

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

COME AND MEET
MRS. GINNY DOWNEY DIRECTOR
OF SAINT CARLO ACUTIS PREP.



ONLY 1 MONTH

until our retreat!

Our Lady of Peace
40th Annual Women's Retreat

September 25-27, 2026
Malvern Retreat House

Have you registered yet? Spaces are filling up!
Join us for a faith-filled weekend of renewal,
prayer, and sisterhood.
Register at: malvernretreat.com/events/our-lady-of-peace-2026
or call: 610.644.0400
Cost: \$290 (includes accommodations & meals)
\$75 deposit to secure your spot

REGISTER TODAY!

We can't wait to welcome you. ♥

RED, WHITE & BLUE MASS

Friday, September 11, 2026, at *8:46 a.m.



POLICE



FIRE
FIGHTERS



FIRST
RESPONDERS



HEALTH
CARE WORKERS



MILITARY



LEGAL
PROFESSIONALS



ELECTED
OFFICIALS

PLEASE WEAR YOUR UNIFORM



The Cathedral of
St. Catharine of Siena

1825 West Turner Street,
Allentown, Pennsylvania



*8:46 AM MASS
10:00 AM
RECEPTION

THE MOST REVEREND ALFRED A. SCHLERT

Bishop of Allentown

Invites all Police, Firefighters, First Responders, Health Care Workers,
Military, Legal Professionals, Elected Officials,
and their Families to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving.

*Mass begins at 8:46 a.m. in remembrance of the moment the
World Trade Center's North Tower was struck on September 11, 2001.



WITH REMARKS
from Sr. Deirdre (Dede) Byrne, M.D.
U.S. Army Colonel,
Renowned Surgeon, and Consecrated Religious

RSVP to stewardship@allentowndiocese.org



SUNDAYKIDZ

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Suffer Raised God Human Deny
Follow Save Lose Find Glory

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COME HOME
TO MARY,
MOTHER OF
THE CHURCH

 8:00am - 4:00pm

 **DeSales University Center**
2755 Station Avenue
Center Valley, PA 18034



FR. DAVE PIVONKA
*President,
Franciscan University*



NATHAN CRANKFIELD
Author of National Speeches



MARK HOUCK
Apologist & Founder of
The King's Men



HOLY MASS
4PM
W/ BISHOP SCHLERT



**CONFESSION
AVAILABLE**



**BREAKFAST &
LUNCH INCLUDED**

Catholic men, renew and strengthen your faith at our annual Men's Conference at DeSales University.

What does it mean to "come home" to Mary?

In a world that often feels chaotic and uncer-

In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain, we all long for a place of belonging, peace, and hope. As our spiritual mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary leads us to her Son and invites us to find refuge in the heart of the Church.

Join us for a day of inspiring speakers, prayer, fellowship, and spiritual renewal as we discover what it means to come home to Mary.

REGISTER HERE



menaliveinchrist.org/events

A bus is scheduled for the Pennsylvania March for Life taking place at Harrisburg State Capitol Building on Monday, September 21. Before departure, there will be an optional Mass at 7:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church located 1817 1st Street, Bethlehem PA 18020. Bus Departure is at 8:00 a.m. from Sacred Heart Church. Please park 1814 Second Street in Bethlehem, PA across from church parking lot (in school chain linked fence).

Time permitting, we might enter the PA Capitol to visit politicians or grab a bite to eat at cafeteria. Bus will return around 4:00 p.m. to Sacred Heart Church; we will make a gas station stop to grab a bite to eat and use restrooms. You may also bag a lunch.

Email andrewazan3rd@gmail.com to reserve a seat or for additional information. Include rider's names and mobile number. Payment is \$20.00 per rider. Pay in advance with checks made out to Sacred Heart. Mail checks to Andrew Azan: PO Box 3278, Bethlehem, PA 18017. Please bring \$5.00 for bus driver tip, which we will collect on the way home.



September



2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					COMMUNION CALLS	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY	OFFICE CLOSED	2027 MASS BOOK OPENS IN CHURCH HALL PASTORAL COUNCIL MTG 6:30PM FLAME OF LOVE 6PM	HOLY HOUR 7PM	7 AM MASS BEGINS		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
WCHI BINGO	PIEROGIES	PIEROGIES FLAME OF LOVE 6PM	HOLY HOUR NO CONFESSIONS 7PM			ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY DAY OF RECOLLECTION 8-2
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
CHILDREN'S LITURGY						CHICKEN PARM DINNER
ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING		FLAME OF LOVE 6PM	HOLY HOUR 7PM			HOLY NAME SOCIETY HOAGIE SALE BEGINS
27	28	29	30			
HOLY NAME SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING						
PARISH BINGO		FLAME OF LOVE 6PM	HOLY HOUR 7PM			

