

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Parish Bulletin

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MASSES

*All masses will continue to be live streamed.
Masks are optional when attending mass.*

Monday - 9:00 am (English)
Tuesday - 9:00 am (English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)
Wednesday - 9:00 am (English)
First Friday of the Month - 9:00 am (English)
Saturday - 5:00 pm (Bilingual)
Sunday - 7:00 am (Spanish), 9:00 am (English) &
12:00 pm (Spanish)

WELCOME!

What a beautiful place God has provided us here on the shore! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we are happy to have you. We invite you to browse our website and come visit in person as you find your home within our growing community!

MISSION

We, the members of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, experience our faith as a worldwide community. Through our Baptism in Jesus, we are called to be ministers of the gospel, to become Eucharistic people, and to be people of service through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	September 5th	5:00 PM	(Available)
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	September 6th	9:00 AM	(Available)
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	September 7th	9:00 AM	NO MASS
Tuesday	September 8th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	September 9th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Saturday	September 12th	5:00 pm	(Available)
		9:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	September 13th	12:00 PM	(Available)

Please get in touch with the ushers before mass if you have asked for a Mass Intention to offer the offertory gift during the mass.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, September 6th-Eze 33:7-9/Rom 13;8-10/Mttw 18:15-20
Mon, September 7th-1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
Tues, September 8th-Mic 5:1-4/Mttw 1:1-16
Wed, September 9th-1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
Thurs, September 10th-1 Cor 8:11-13/Lk 6:27-38
Fri, September 11th-1 Cor 9:16-19/Lk 6:39-42
Sat, September 12th-1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
Sun, September 13th-Sir 27:30/Rom 14:7-9/Mttw 18:21-35

Save the Date

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, September 12th

5:00 pm - Dawn Erato, Colleen Daley, Vinny Erato

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 am - Delores Thompson, Alva Miquel, Stanley Thompson, Jane Regan, Henry Glowiak

12:00 pm - Enedin, Irene Ambrosio, Benjamin Gutierrez, Lorenzo Alvarado, Elder Isidro, Hugo Velasquez

Lector

Saturday, September 12th

5:00 pm - Paul Miller

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 am - Elaine Brehm and Joanne Boyko

Altar Servers

Saturday, September 12th

5:00 pm - Daniel P, Lilly R, Sulamita G, Benny G, George B, Mason S (MC)

Sunday, September 13th

7:00 am - Amairany SS MC, Jenaro S, Maria IS, Jose B, Natali VEL

9:00 am - Hayle L (MC), RomeoL, Anyeli PR, Vivienne CR, Ailyn L

12:00 pm - Perla V, Arturo MB, Lilian BP, Gabriel G, Miguel G, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, September 15th

6:30 pm - Keylandy C, Jenaro S, Maria IS, Kimbirlym RV, Perla V

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, September 7th

NO MASS

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

6:00 pm - Hisp EM Mtg (Hall)

7:00 pm - Luz Y Vida Ministry Mtg (Narthex)

7:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

Tuesday, September 8th

9:00 am - Mass

NO MASS & HOLY HOUR

6:30 pm - PPC Mtg (Hall)

Wednesday, September 9th

9:00 am - Mass

6:00 pm - "Senaculo" por Hisp Prayer Ministry (Home)

7:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

Thursday, September 10th

6:30 pm - Hisp Youth Group Mtg (Hall)

7:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

Friday, September 11th

7:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

Saturday, September 12th

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatic (Hall)

Sunday, September 13th

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed. In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church. Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

REFLECTIONS ON THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading

- How does God address Ezekiel?
- What exactly does God want this prophet to do?
- How might God have held Ezekiel responsible for not warning people?
- How might Ezekiel have tried warning people?
- What might Ezekiel have felt when people ignored his warning?
- How do you think Ezekiel's life changed after God gave him this role?
- What sins are so serious they should be addressed by a Christian community?
- What effect might a particular sin have on a Christian community?
- What would make the procedure Jesus outlines here effective?
- What would make this procedure ineffective?
- How might a whole community help a sinner?
- What might treat him as you would a Gentile or tax collector look like?
- What do you think are the differences between the authority given to Peter (16:17-19) and the authority given here to the whole church?
- What does this passage reveal about the early church?

Gospel

- Have you ever been an Ezekiel to someone?
- Has someone ever been an Ezekiel to you?
- What do you think is most challenging about being a watchman?
- a. Have you ever seen this procedure used? b. What was the outcome?

BAPTISM

We recommend parents to notify the parish 3 months in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and participate in preparation sessions prior to the celebration of the sacrament. To ensure proper record keeping, our office requires a pre-baptismal form and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Please call the Parish Office to attend the preparation session.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about joining the Catholic Church?
Please contact the parish office.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Preparation sessions for children and parents begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 2nd grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

CONFIRMATION

Preparation sessions for children and sponsors begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 10th grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

MATRIMONY

We recommend couples notify the parish 6 months in advance. Couples must attend preparation sessions. The groom and bride must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, groom and bride must provide a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal, first communion, and confirmation certificates.

SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you know someone who cannot attend mass or desires the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

FUNERAL

We highly encourage the family to follow up with the funeral home, so the parish office and funeral home can coincide with the most suitable date. We also ask the family to complete and deliver the funeral intake form to the parish office.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Fr. Michael Imperial
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Fr. Stephen Ofori Acheampong
Business Manager - Consuelo Gonzalez
Office Secretary - Giselle Reyes Hernandez
Bookkeeper - Lucille Parker

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Every Tuesday: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Spa)

RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday: 4:00 pm
By appointment for other day/time

MEMBERS OF PPC 2025

Fr. Micheal Imperial, Pastor

Joanne Boyko (Chair)	John Morrison
Henry Glowiak (Co-Chair)	Mark Eliot Nuckols
Esther Corpus	Vinicio Diaz
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Ronald L. McCabe	Jeffrey Barton (Bart)
	Weakley

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF September 1, 2026

Collections	August 29-30	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,616.00	\$29,028.00	\$28,800.00
Plate	\$3,245.00	\$28,131.55	\$27,936.00
Total	\$5,861.00	\$57,159.55	\$56,736.00

Thank
You



Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Richmond

August 25, 2026

My dear Brother Priests and Deacons,

I write to you as we face a moment of significant moral consequence for the Commonwealth of Virginia. On the ballot this fall, voters will be asked to approve or reject the "Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment." This proposed constitutional change would declare that every individual possesses a "fundamental right" to abortion. It would eliminate existing safeguards for parental involvement, medical standards, and conscience protections.

This amendment is not a modest clarification of existing law. It seeks to enshrine in our state Constitution a virtually unlimited license to end the life of an innocent human being in the womb. It goes far beyond what even *Roe v. Wade* once permitted.

Sacred Scripture and the unchanging teaching of the Church proclaim that every human life, from the moment of conception, is made in the image and likeness of God and possesses inviolable dignity. No appeal to "autonomy," "privacy," or "reproductive freedom" can justify the taking of an innocent human life.

Moreover, this amendment would place concrete policies in the Constitution that erode the family, parental rights, and the freedom of conscience of medical professionals. It would make it exceedingly difficult for future legislatures to enact reasonable protections for women, children, or for those who refuse to cooperate in the culture of death.

Therefore, I am asking you to join the campaign to Protect Virginia against this amendment, with a particular appeal for a diocesan-wide push at all Masses the weekend of Sept. 12-13, the last weekend before early voting begins on Sept. 18.

Specifically, I urge you to consider taking these actions now through Election Day:

- Preach clearly and charitably from the pulpit about the sacredness of human life and the faithful's duty to the Gospel measure. Form the consciences of the faithful with the truth of the Gospel.
- Catechesis and homily resources are available throughout the Diocese at a link near the end of this letter.
- Educate your parishioners about the actual text and consequences of the amendment so that they may vote with informed and upright consciences.
- Encourage prayer and fasting for the defeat of this amendment and for a conversion of hearts throughout the Commonwealth. Organize Holy Hours, rosaries, and novenas dedicated to the protection of the unborn.
- Mobilize the laity - especially through parish pro-life ministries, Knights of Columbus councils, and respect-life committees - to engage in peaceful, respectful voter education and get-out-the-vote efforts that urge a "No" vote on this ballot question.
- Promote pro-life ministries that accompany women facing difficult pregnancies with concrete support, reminding all that the Church's witness for life must always be matched by generous practical charity.

Resources have been developed by our diocesan offices in conjunction with the Virginia Catholic Conference to assist you in these efforts. We will continue to update and email those resources to you, which can also be found at ProtectVirginia2026.org.

I am confident that, with the help of God's grace and the courageous response of the clergy and faithful of this diocese, the people of Virginia will see the wisdom in rejecting this extreme measure and choose the path of life. Let us work together, pray together, and stand together for the unborn, for women in need, and for a society that recognizes the dignity of every human person. Commending you and our parishioners to the intercession of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States, and of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family, I remain

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout
Bishop of Richmond

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Charles Flynn	Bill Taylor	Perkins Family	Patricia O'Donnell	† Matías Félix Juan
Maricela Carmona	Carolina S Brizuela Pérez	Hernan Enrique	Tom & Jan Perkins	† Richard LaMontagne
Maria Ross	Carolyn Love	Caceres	Dot Reynolds	† Ma Concepcion Soto
Melissa Melody	Barbara Hargis	Veronica Natalia	Stacey Reynolds	Quintero
Karen Paglia	Charles Kyles	Chavez	Gerald Bono	Mary Fabricatore
Andrew Pic	Donagh McDonough	Luz Alejandra Bringas	Peter Manfredonia	Victoria Riggini-Bundick
Troy Reynolds	† Martha Martinez Palacios	† Anthony Palio	Robert Manfredonia	Joan Riggini
Ruth Kiks	Sister Margaret	† C. Shirley Hirsch	Michael Belmorla	
	† Ines and Juan Manalansan	† Judy Maher	† Shirley Cristian	
	† Remy Manalansan	† Steven J. Hughes	† Norma Tolentino	
		† Willie Z. Roces	† Wesley E Hughes, Jr	

If you would like to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please feel free to send us an email at StPeterOnley@gmail.com

In Memory of Brother Knights

Trent Serini	George Faustino	Ron Kromer	Don Williams	Al Grez
Terry Mullins	Steve Beshak	Paul Braunstein	Joseph M. Kelly	James Kimidy
George O'Brien	Frank Conway	Bruce Paone	H Bruce Arnold	John Kauffman
Harry Cockey	Peter Setaro	Charles Moscatello, Sr.	John Remis	Domenic Sollitto
Ted Warczynski	Dennis Caccioppo	Paul Kennedy	John Chrzanowski	Jack Pierson
Tom Hirsch	Bob Storherr	Richard Hugh McCarthy	Gregory Coleman	Tomas Elis Skeel
Joe Paranzino	Paul Sulik	Arthur Matthews, Jr.	Gordon Muise	Henry Willke
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