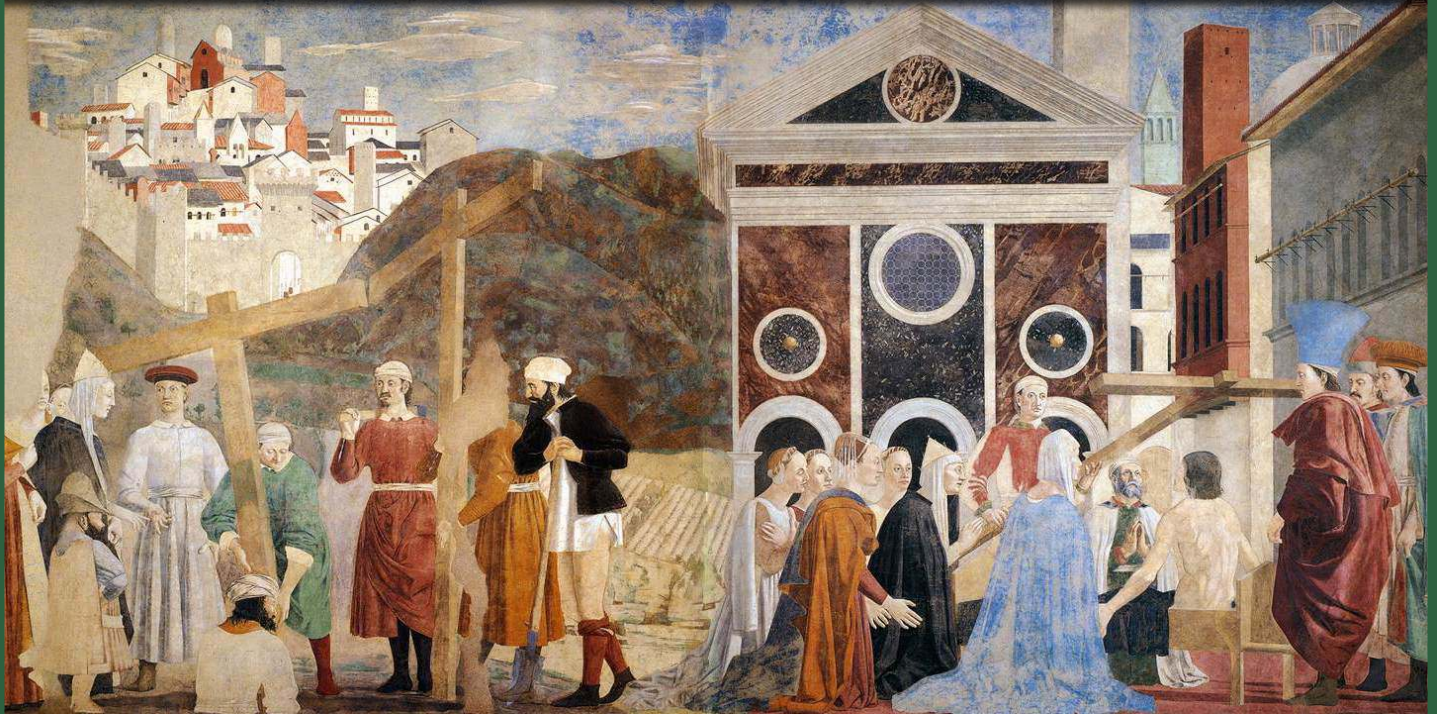


# St. Peter Catholic Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 08, 2019



## Mass & Confession Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	8:30 & 11 a.m.
<b>Mon., Wed., Fri., &amp; Sat.</b>	8:30 a.m.
<b>Mon., Wed., &amp; Fri.</b> Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)	11:15 a.m.
<b>Tuesday (TLM)</b>	6:45 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	7 p.m.
<b>Holy Hour (Thursday)</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	8:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (TLM), & 7 p.m.

### Confessions

Mon, Wed., Fri., Sat.	10 minutes after morning Masses
Thursday	7:30–8:30 p.m.
Saturday	4–4:45 p.m.

*Art credit: Piero della Francesca. Finding and Recognition  
of the True Cross. 1458–1466.*

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Readings: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33)

**Sept. 07** 5 p.m. Edward Trainor +  
**Sept. 08** 8:30 a.m. Frances Butters +  
11 a.m. For all parishioners

**Monday—St. Peter Claver, priest**

**Sept. 09** 8:30 a.m. Robert Ballace  
11:15 a.m. TLM May Flower Homeschoolers

**Tuesday**

**Sept. 10** 6:45 a.m. Eloise Andrus +

**Wednesday**

**Sept. 11** 8:30 a.m. Mary Bowes  
11:15 a.m. TLM Sally Barry +

**Thursday—The Most Holy Name of Mary**

**Sept. 12** 7 p.m. Katie Fischer  
7:30–8:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions

**Friday—St. John Chrysostom, bishop & Doctor of the Church**

**Sept. 13** 8:30 a.m. Fr. Stewart Culkin +  
11:15 a.m. TLM Jane Benging

**Saturday—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

**Sept. 14** 8:30 a.m. Sarah Rose Genari +

## Prayers for the Sick

*Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:*

Gerald Hoffman  
Elaine Viguerie  
Christopher John Field  
Nicholas Hovey  
Walt Cybrowski  
Joan Gannon  
Michael and Eileen Hawkins  
Bob Ward  
Theresa Carney  
Joe Miller  
Edna Albaneze  
Daisy Bachi



## State of the Cemetery Meeting

**September 23 at 7 p.m.** in the parish hall we will be **having a meeting** to present information on the current state of our parish cemetery and to announce updated rules and regulations. Those considering buying a plot will be given an opportunity for a discount for attending.

**Attention all parents with children in the religious education program:**  
**Please plan to attend a mandatory meeting this Sunday—September 8**  
**—at 9:35 a.m.** A revised Class Schedule is available online.  
**Thank you!**

## Mark Your Calendars for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center Walk for Life!

Please register to be a Walker to support The Front Royal Pregnancy Center Walk for Life, themed "Now more than Ever." **The Walk is October 5 at 9 a.m.** and begins at the center in Front Royal. All proceeds go to FRPC to help continue their mission of serving women, children, and families of our community. If you raise \$250 in donations, a t-shirt will be yours. Go to [frpcwalkforlife.com](http://frpcwalkforlife.com) for information.

## Share the Faith with Youth in Rappahannock County

**Could you give 50 minutes per week to teach Catholic and non-Catholic children about the Faith?** Wakefield Country Day School offers an optional Roman Catholic Religious Studies Program, open to Catholic and non-Catholic children, during the school day. We have more students than teachers this year! If you can help, please contact Lisa Cieplak at (540) 635-8555, x227.

***"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Are you being called to discipleship as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?***  
***Call Fr. Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write:***  
***michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.***



### More Announcements

**-Our Lady's birthday is on Sunday, September 8!** In celebration, the Legion of Mary is coordinating with Social Sunday after the 8:30 and 11 a.m. Holy Masses for a festive tribute to Mary. Come and join us, and please bring a food item to share.

**-**"Great is the strength of an army that holds in its hands, not the sword, but the ROSARY!" (Ven. Pope Pius IX). **The Legion of Mary begins its meetings with the rosary. All are welcome to join us!** Note that our meetings (in Sept. and thereafter) have changed to Wednesday at noon (after the Latin Mass) in the CCD room off of the parish hall kitchen.

**-Seven Month Developing Baby:** You're in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He/She is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he/she is doing now is gaining weight, and making his/her mother uncomfortable with his/her size. Mom, however, is not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. She has planned to bring him/her home, or to place him/her for adoption. Either way, she knows she can receive the assistance she needs from the Catholic Church and from the crisis pregnancy centers. Your baby's mother appreciates the prayers you have said for her and her baby throughout the pregnancy. It hasn't been easy, but your prayers have helped to give her grace to seek the help she needs.

**-St. Peter's Knit & Crochet Group:** Will be starting again at 10 a.m. on Monday, September 16. Please call Kathy Cebrowski if you interested! (540) 878-9827.

### Saints of the Roman Canon: Sts. Stephen & Matthias

**St. Stephen** heads the brilliant host of Christian Martyrs, who, after the death of the Savior, shed their blood for divine truth. He belongs to those seven wise and pious men who were ordained as the first deacons by the Apostles; but, before all the others, he is praised in Holy Scripture as a man "full of grace and strength," "full of faith and of the Holy Ghost," "who did great signs and miracles among the people." As deacon, he exercised the charge of caring for the poor and the sick; he likewise, with great wisdom and power, preached the doctrine of Christ to the Jews. They obstinately resisted him, and in their fury they stoned to death this courageous preacher of the truth, which they hated. This took place in the Valley of Josaphat at the Brook Cedron. Overwhelmed by the rain of stones and falling on his knees, he exclaimed: "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" and then "he slept in the Lord." Although ordained as deacon by the Apostles, St. Stephen preceded the Apostles by his blessed and victorious death; though inferior in dignity, he became the superior in suffering; and though a scholar in doctrine, he became the master in its profession. The martyr's crown of precious gems now shines gloriously on his head; the celebration of the day of his death (December 26) follows the feast of the Nativity of our Lord.

**St. Matthias**, after the Ascension of the Lord, was by the will of God called to the Apostolate—in place of the traitor Judas. It is said that he was beheaded with an axe, and that St. Helena brought a portion of his relics to Treves. His head is preserved in the Church of S. Maria Maggiore in Rome. His feast occurs on the 24th February.

### Pastor's Piece

**Dear People of God,**

This Sunday our first reading speaks of how God's plans and designs are far greater than our own. With the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary being today we can see how this wonderful plan of God's plays out in history... By His own free will God raised the little girl born this day to be the mother of His only begotten Son. May we rejoice in the wonderful plan of God that raised this lowly handmaid to be the Queen of Heaven and Earth!

God bless!

**-Fr. Beres**