St. Peter Catholic Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026

Mass & Confession Schedule

SUNDAY Masses (The Lord's Day)

Saturday	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15
	9:45(Latin)
	11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 a.m. & 11:15 am
Tuesday	No Public Mass
Thursday	7 p.m.
Exposition (Thursday)	7 - 8 p.m.
Exposition (Friday)	9 - 11 a.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Holy Day of Obligation	Varies

Confessions Schedule

Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat.	After Morning Masses
Thursday	7:45 – 8:20 p.m.
Saturday	4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Art Credit: *Calling of Saint Matthew,* Caravaggio, c. 1600

Parish Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Richard Carr (540) 675-3432
frcarrpastoratstpeters@gmail.com

Office Manager: Rachel Bejarano-Brooks
stpeterschurch@comcast.net (540) 675-3432

Graveyard: Rachel Bejarano-Brooks (540) 675-3432
stpetergraveyard@gmail.com

Bulletin: frcarrpastoratstpeters@gmail.com
Deadline for bulletin submissions: noon Monday

Epiphany Catholic School (PK–8) (540) 825-9017
epiphanycatholicschool.org

Religious Education: Mary Wingate
stpeterschurchRE@gmail.com

Parish Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday
9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Graveyard Business by Appointment

12762 Lee Highway, Washington, Virginia 22747
(540) 675-3432
www.stpeterparishva.org

Mass Intentions and Feasts

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Readings: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133) Pss I)
September 19 5:00 p.m. Theodore "Theo" Warzinski+
September 20 8:15 a.m Bernadette O'Heir and Family
9:45 a.m. Neil O'Heir+
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday— Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
September 21 8:30 a.m Winnie Bukowski
11:15 a.m. Donald Henry+

Tuesday— Weekday in Ordinary Time
September 22 Private Mass Richard+ & Marilyn LeClair+

Wednesday— Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
September 23 8:30 a.m Elmo Lucas+
11:15 a.m. Helen Cunninghan+

Thursday— Weekday in Ordinary Time
September 24 7:00 p.m. Richard "Rick" Nolen+

Friday— Weekday in Ordinary Time
September 25 8:30 a.m. Terrence "Terry" Hannam+
11:15 a.m. Audrey Kole+

Saturday— Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
September 26 8:30 a.m. Kim McWhirter+
4 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Rev. Vincent C. Heald+

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

Jim Haley
Lindy Klaus
Kathy Eggers
O'Neill Family
Bernadette O'Heir
Ray Mifflin
Tara Cintorino
Stephanie DiNapoli
Shirley Franey
Robert B. Beattie
Mike Cioffi
Jerry Bowerman
Joanne Sellors

Serving at Holy Mass

Attention to parents of boys who are 8-17 years old. If you have a son who would like to learn how to serve at Mass, please send me an email (frcarrpastoratstpeters@gmail.com) with the name of your son (s) who would like to be trained. Soon, I will contact all who are interested to find a date and time for the training that works for all. -Father Carr

Parish Rosary and Wine

Join us at the Quièvremont Winery on the 3rd Sunday of the month for fellowship and the rosary. We begin at 7 PM with wine and snacks and then pray the rosary at 7:30 PM.

Upcoming Second Collections

September 20: Catholic University

September 27: St. Peter's Local Outreach

October 11: Building Fund and Maintenance

Ministry of Mercy

"Growing in our Catholic Faith through the Works of Mercy"

Front Royal Pregnancy Center Walk for Life, October 17: This year's annual Walk for Life, organized by FRPC, will take place on Saturday, October 17, starting at 9:00 AM behind their center. You may have heard from Nanette Hogan or Marie Riedel, the team leaders from St. Peter's, inviting us to support this important fundraiser. To register for the walk or to donate, please visit https://charity.pledgeit.org/FRPCWalkForLife.

Ministry of Mercy Meetings – September 28: Our next Ministry of Mercy meeting will take place on Monday, September 28, after the 8:30 AM Mass and rosary for the needs of our parish. For more information about the Ministry of Mercy, you can be put on our mailing list at julia.neely@verizon.net.

"Catholics Vote No" Wine and Cheese Event

Please join us at 6pm on Saturday, Sep. 26 in the Parish Hall as we come together to write postcards to fellow parishioners to urge them to protect unborn babies and marriage by voting "NO" on Ballot questions #1 and #2 in this Fall's Virginia elections.

Vote "No" November 3

This fall, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, two proposed amendments are on the ballot. They are threats to the human right to life and the truth of marriage.

These proposed amendments are called the "Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and the "Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment."

As faithful Catholics, we must vote "No" on these proposed amendments.

Holy Mass Intentions

Mass Intention Calendar is closed, please do not send in requests via collection basket. Books will open 1- October/2026 for the months of Jan, Feb, & Mar. only. Please come to the office to request Masses.

Mark Your Calendars

Walk for Life Fundraiser for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center, Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Please help by signing up at frpcwalkforlife.com!

Pastor's Piece

Beloved,

The Lord's Day - Part II

This week I continue reflecting on how the Lord's Day ought to be central to our lives as Catholics. Last week, I considered what to avoid on Sundays. Now I want to examine what we are to do positively to make the Lord's Day a joyous, unique and refreshing part of every week!

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 2174, "Jesus rose from the dead on the first day of the week ... For Christians it has become the first of all days, the first of all feasts, the Lord's Day." Then in para. 2177 – 2181, we read "The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life … On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass … unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) … Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin."

Coming to Mass is a positive precept required by the Third Commandment. As we just read, it is a mortal sin to intentionally miss Mass without a serious reason, and thus must be absolved in the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion. Please note that if you do miss Mass without a serious reason, make that clear when confessing it and also the number of times it occurred. For example, "I missed Mass without a serious reason two times since my last confession." If you had a serious reason but still want to confess it, you may, so e.g., "I missed Mass due to illness or caring for my sick infant."

If we come to Mass on Sunday (or Saturday Evening) is that all we should do to keep holy the Lord's Day? Even though, as I stated last week, I have been vigilant about avoiding unnecessary shopping on Sunday, I must admit that I would often spend a good portion of the rest of the day watching sports, such as the NFL. This is ok in moderation but as we read in para. 2184 of the Catechism, "The institution of the Lord's Day helps everyone enjoy adequate rest and leisure to cultivate their familial, cultural, social, and religious lives." Thus, if you have children living at home with you, it should also be a family day, including such activities as visiting a park, going on a hike, playing games together, especially those which engage the mind, watching a good Catholic video or a classic movie. In recent years, my favorite activity on Sunday afternoons or evenings is to visit with a family to enjoy part of the Lord's Day with them. While visiting with these families, I offer to bless their homes, sacramentals, and their cars. I have already been blessed to do so many times since arriving here at St. Peter, and hope that it will be a regular observance in the future.

Moreover, in para 2186 we read, "Sunday is traditionally consecrated by Christian piety to good works and humble service of the sick, the infirm, and the elderly. Christians will also sanctify Sunday by devoting time and care to their families and relatives..." If we live too far away to visit such persons, a phone/video call is a good alternative.

Lastly, in para. 2186, we read, "Sunday is a time for reflection, silence, cultivation of the mind, and meditation which furthers the growth of the Christian interior life." Apart from Mass, it should also include other prayer; such as making little pilgrimages to a shrine or another church, praying a family Rosary, doing extra spiritual reading by yourself or out loud as a family, or singing or listening to beautiful hymns.

I encourage you to read the entire section on the Lord's Day in the Catechism (para 2174 – 2188). Let us give thanks for the gift of the Lord's Day! May we be refreshed every Sunday by the joy of the Resurrection of Christ, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, other prayer, and leisure activities with family and friends. In so doing, we can especially live out Sunday in the spirit of the Psalm 118/117:24: "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."

In Our Mother of Sorrows,
Father Carr