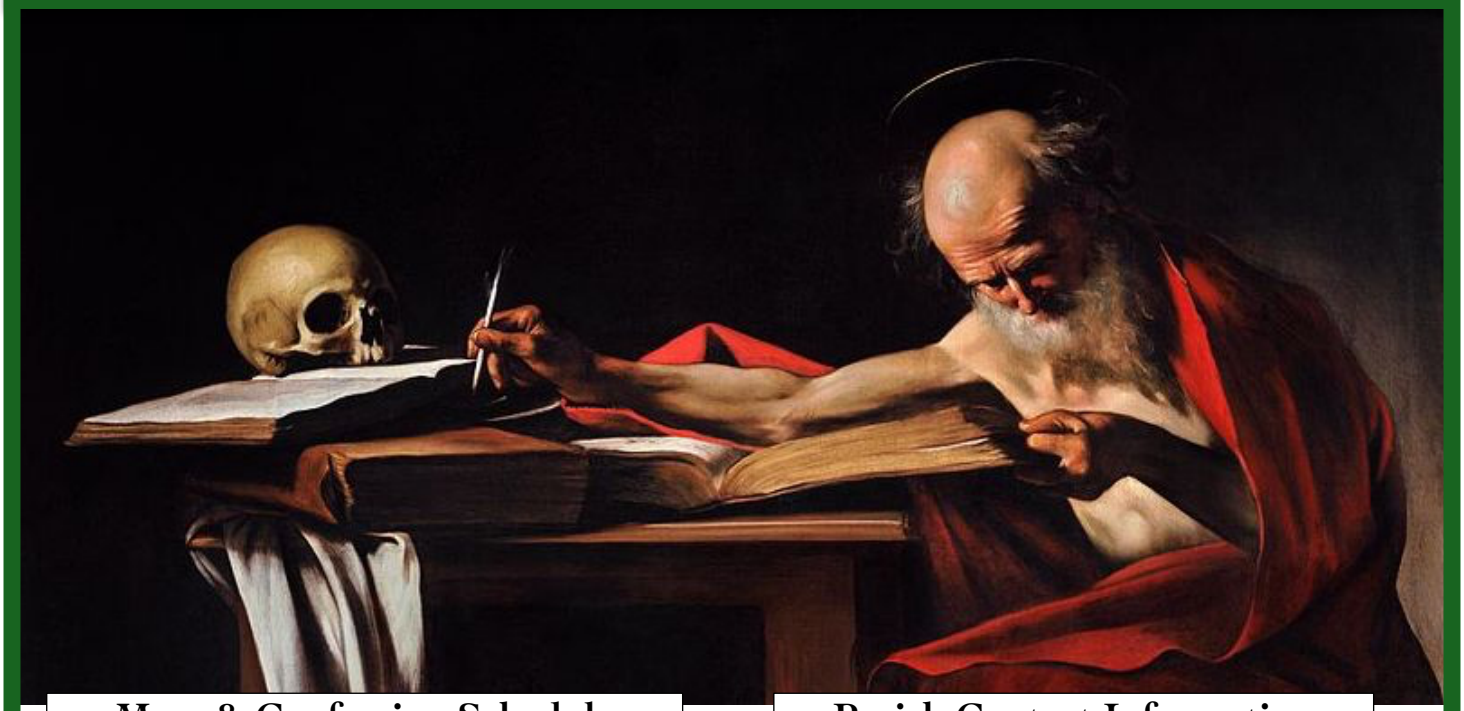
St. Peter Catholic Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 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)	7:30 - 8:30 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.

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Mass Intentions and Feasts

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *(Readings: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 (136) Pss II)*

September 26 5:00 p.m. Rev. Vincent C. Heald+

September 27 8:15 a.m Daisy Bachi+
9:45 a.m. Suzanne Cunningham+
11:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday— Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

September 28 8:30 a.m Antanas Seibutis Oh Vyto+
11:15 a.m. Eileen Flanagan+

Tuesday— Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

September 29 Private Mass George Borman+

Wednesday— Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

September 30 8:30 a.m Paul Bachi+
11:15 a.m. Gabriella Bukowski

Thursday— Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

October 1 7:00 p.m. Andrew Szabo+

Friday— The Holy Guardian Angels

October 2 8:30 a.m. Rev. Jerome R. Daly+
11:15 a.m. Martha Gillis+

Saturday— Weekday in Ordinary Time

October 3 8:30 a.m. Monsignor Arthur J. Taylor+
4 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Genevieve R. Paterno+

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

Parish Schola

The Schola is looking for new voices to assist at the 9:45 AM Mass. No experience is required to take part in this ancient and beautiful tradition - a range of chants are available for all skill levels. Please contact Ben Salmon: besalmon@outlook.com. The Schola is also looking for voices to provide Christmas music for the 7:00 PM Mass on December 24. Commitment to this Mass does not bind one to the schola for the rest of the year. Please prayerfully consider joining so Our Lord's Nativity may be joyfully celebrated with beautiful song and chant!

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

Ministry of Mercy

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

Upcoming Feast Days: Upcoming feast days this week are: Tuesday, September 29 – SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (Archangels), Thursday, October 1 - St Therese of the Child Jesus, and Friday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels.

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: 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 added to our mailing list at julia.neely@verizon.net.

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-Oct./2026 for the months of Jan, Feb, & Mar. only. Please come to the office to request Masses.

First Saturday Rosary

All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus every first Saturday of the month to pray the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, about 9 a.m. Special graces are attached to this!

Upcoming Second Collections

September 27: St. Peter's Local Outreach
October 11: Building Fund and Maintenance

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 to support your St. Peter Team.

Pastor's Piece

Beloved,

This week I return to my reflection on the duties of a pastor. In Canon 519 of the Code of Canon Law, we read, "The pastor" has the "pastoral care of the community committed to him under the authority of the diocesan bishop in whose ministry of Christ he has been called to share, so that for that same community he carries out the functions of teaching, sanctifying, and governing, also with the … assistance of lay members of the Christian faithful ..."

In paragraph one of Canon 528, the focus is on the first function or office of the pastor of "teaching." As we read in Canon 528.1 "A pastor is obliged to make provision so that the word of God is proclaimed in its entirety to those living in the parish; for this reason, he is to take care that the lay members of the Christian faithful are instructed in the truths of the faith, especially by giving a homily on Sundays and holy days of obligation and by offering catechetical instruction."

First, please note that the pastor has a solemn duty to proclaim the "word of God … in its entirety to those living in the parish." Just as I wrote about a few weeks ago, as pastor of St Peter parish, I have the care over all persons living in the parish boundaries of Rappahannock County; every single person, Catholic or not. The Canon then stresses the importance of the pastor preaching homilies – especially on Sundays and other holy days of obligation. As a general practice, I preach at all public Masses but I spend the most time preparing homilies for Sundays and holy days, as they are central to our Faith as Catholics. The Canon also stresses the importance of "catechetical instruction." I consider this "Pastor Piece" as a central way that I will do so every week.

Canon 528.1 continues, "He is to foster works through which the spirit of the gospel is promoted, even in what pertains to social justice." Currently, with Bishop Burbidge, I am especially focusing on activating our parish family to defend unborn babies and the divine institution of marriage, and so, work zealously to defeat the first two ballot questions in this year's elections in our commonwealth.

Canon 528.1 continues, "He is to have particular care for the Catholic education of children and youth." I am still discerning how to best do this here as your pastor at St. Peter, but I will try to include a specific message for the younger members of our parish during my Sunday homilies. In addition, I hope to establish the Junior Legion of Mary at our parish, which is for children from about age seven to 17. The group provides wonderful formation in our Catholic Faith and is focused on the perfect living out our baptismal promises based on the true devotion as taught by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. Also, I plan to offer a class for high school students weekly or ever two weeks on classic films which relate to living out our Catholic Faith. I hope to offer this beginning in January 2027.

Lastly, Canon 528.1 states, "He is to make every effort, even with the collaboration of the Christian faithful, so that the message of the gospel comes also to those who have ceased the practice of their religion or do not profess the true faith." I plan to re-establish an adult Legion of Mary group to assist me in this great mission to bring our beautiful Catholic Faith to all the people of our county, and especially to bring home our brothers and sisters who have lapsed from the practice of it. The adult Legion of Mary seeks to form Catholics who are 18 years and above to live out their great calls from baptism and confirmation, also based on the total consecration to Jesus through Mary. Please pray that these plans to live out my duties in this canon will bear fruit!

In Our Mother of Sorrows,
Father Carr