Welcome!
If you are new to the parish, please contact the Parish Office to register. We hope that you will favor our parishes with your prayers, weekly presence, talents, and financial stewardship according to your means. If you would like to volunteer for a particular liturgical ministry or other service opportunity, please contact us.

Parish Staff
Reverend William P. Murphy, Pastor
Deacon Edward Shaw, Permanent Deacon
Ms. Sarah Casey, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Joseph Olds, Organist
Mr. Richard Atwood, Jr., Cemetery Staff
Mr. Christopher Becker, RCIA Coordinator

Parish Office Hours
Monday-Friday, 9 am - 2 pm
Phone: 413-274-3443

Sacraments
Baptism
We are always happy to welcome the newest members of our parish communities. To schedule a Baptism, please call the Parish Office.

Matrimony
Couples need to contact the pastor one year prior to the marriage to begin the Pre-Cana process.

Sacrament of Confession
During this time of health and safety precautions, the Sacrament of Confession will be by appointment only. At this time, confessions are heard in the “drive up” fashion at the St. Peter Rectory at 16 Russell Street in Gt. Barrington. To set up a time for confession please call Rev. William P. Murphy at 413-274-3443.

Visitation of the Sick
Please call office if a loved one is hospitalized, in nursing facility, or confined to home and would like to receive the Sacraments.

St. Peter Parish
St. Peter Church
213 Main Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Parish Center, Rectory & Mailing Address
16 Russell Street
Great Barrington, MA 01230
Email: st.petergb12@gmail.com
St. Peter Cemetery
90 Stockbridge Rd., Great Barrington, MA
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 10:30 AM
Weekday Masses
Monday & Friday: 7:00 AM
Adoration every Friday 7:30 AM - 4 PM
Holy Day
Please see bulletin for date & time

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish
Corpus Christi Church
1085 Main Street
Housatonic, MA 01236
Office, Rectory & Mailing Address
204 High Street
P.O. Box 569
Housatonic, MA 01236
Email: st.teresa9@gmail.com
St. Bridget Cemetery
Van Deusenville Rd., Housatonic, MA
Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 AM
Adoration every 2nd Thurs. 8:30 AM - 4 PM
Holy Day
Please see bulletin for date & time

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”
- Mt 18:15
### St. Peter Parish

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The Sanctuary Candle in St. Peter Chapel will burn the week of September 12th

*In memory of Vincent & Catherine Priore*

*Req. by Marie O’Connor*

### Parish Support

~ We rely on your commitment to weekly stewardship ~

Weekly Collection August 29 & 30

Weekly:$3,126.29 ~ Budgeted: $5,000.00 ~ Deficit: $1,873.71

Latino: $102.00

Second Collection: Catholic University

### Ministerial Roles

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Weekly Collection August 29 & 30

Weekly:$1,243.54 ~ Budgeted: $3,000.00 ~ Deficit: $1,756.46

Second Collection: Catholic University

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### Mass & Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2020

We have openings for Mass (weekends & days) & Sanctuary Candle intentions in both parishes for 2020. Call or email the Parish office to request a Mass or Sanctuary Candle Intention. All Masses & candles are $10.

### Rest in Peace

Please remember in your prayers our beloved dead Joan Madden and all members of St. Teresa of Calcutta & St. Peter Parishes.
2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection
September 13, 2020

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living here in the Land of Jesus. This is why Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole Church to 13th September.

The collection in favor of the Holy Land is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Custody of the Holy Land, the Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

It is thanks to you, Christians throughout the whole world, who give so generously, that we will be able to continue taking care of the Holy Places of Christianity, from the Holy Sepulcher to the Basilica of the Nativity and to the lesser known sanctuaries. We will be able to support the pastoral action of the parishes entrusted to us. We will be able to guarantee quality education and learning to more than 10,000 students attending our schools. We can help young families find a home. We will be able to assist Christian migrant workers to feel welcomed even though they are far from their homeland. We will be able to stay close to the populations affected by the war in Syria and the refugees now scattered in the various countries in which we find ourselves living our missing.

This is what we have tried to do during an eight centuries long history in the Holy Land and this is thanks to the help of Christians from all over the world….

+ Fr. Francesco Patton OFM Custos of the Holy Land

For more information about the works of the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land, visit our website at www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday/

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Holy Land collection being moved to September 13, we will have 3 collections next weekend.**

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
VOCATION MINISTRY

We are blessed to have celebrated the Ordination to the Priesthood of five men for service here in our Diocese. But there are not many more men waiting in the wings. Our seminary enrollment is very low and it means that more time and resources need to be dedicated to help men discover their vocation. Our Diocesan Vocation Directors – Fr. Mike Wood and Fr. Dave Darcy are pastors of large parishes and are also working to give vocation talks around the diocese. They develop resources that can be used in our Catholic schools; meet with men about their interest in the priesthood; and assist the seminary in the formation of our future priests – work that takes time and financial resources. As a way to thank God for sending us the blessings of five newly ordained priests, and to assist in the work of Vocation Discernment for future priests – please consider a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Vocation Ministry of our Diocese is supported greatly by the ACA! If you would like donate to the ACA, go to diospringfield.org/aca/ and click on the link. Thank you.

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Religious Education Update

Last Monday the teachers of the St. Peter, St. Teresa of Calcutta and High School programs met to discuss the upcoming Religious Education school year. The meeting was very positive and full of enthusiasm to educate our young parishioners in our faith. While a lot of progress was made, we want to have all our details in place before we announce the plan for the year. Parents, keep an eye on your inbox in the next week for registration forms! It will be very important to get a head count as early as possible.

The Catholic Life Conference announces
Oct 11-17
At Home Conference

This day is for YOU—and it is now online and free! The Catholic Life Conference, originally scheduled for March 21, 2020, has been rescheduled and reshaped—and is ready to be delivered in a format just for you! Hear our exciting speakers, participate in a live Q&A, receive your Conference To Go Bag, and best of all, come together with other Catholics in our diocese, asking together, “Why Are YOU Catholic?”

You can still register! It’s free! Go to catholiclifeconference.org to 1) register for the first time, 2) request a refund or use your already paid fee for a Conference To Go Bag with great options for extras, and 3) join our Catholic family from your home or parish—all the talks and extras will be a click away. The conference will also be available on DVD, CD, and in Spanish.

Have you been hearing from us? - During this time of separation from one another, it is important for us to find other ways of staying in touch. A weekly email is sent out to parishioners, though we do not have everyone’s email address. If you have not been hearing from us, or know of a fellow parishioner who hasn’t, please contact the parish office to ensure we have your current contact information!

Pro-Life Reflection

“You will show me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence.” - Ps 16:11

Reflection. Many men and women who have lost children to abortion are speaking publicly about their experience through the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (a project of Priests for Life and Anglicans for Life).

This campaign shows the harm abortion does, leads people to healing, and reveals the power and mercy of Christ.

Prayer. Lord, bless all the men and women who are speaking out about their abortion experiences. Thank You for their courage.
Adorations closed
until further notice

In light of slowly reopening in phases through out the state, all extra parish activities will remain cancelled for the time being.

Once it is appropriate to do so, we will return to our extra ministries, activities and events.

Thank you

Congratulations

St. Teresa of Calcutta
First Holy Communion
2020

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
The Catholic Church celebrates today the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The “Protoevangelium of James,” which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. “He called to mind Abraham,” the early Christian writing says, “that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac.”

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: “The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.”

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne “made a sanctuary” in the infant girl's room, and “allowed nothing common or unclean” on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father “made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel.”

“And Joachim brought the child to the priests,” the account continues, “and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'”

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. “She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley,” he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that “through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed.”
