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.

Bulletin Online at:
parishesonline.com/find/blessed-teresa-of-calcutta-st-peter-church

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
-Mt 20: 15-16
### St. Peter Parish

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**The Sanctuary Candle in St. Peter Chapel will burn the week of September 20th**

In memory of James J. Comerford 47th Anniversary
Req. by Anne Marie Comerford

### Parish Support

~ We rely on your commitment to weekly stewardship ~

Weekly Collection September 12 & 13
Weekly: $2,249.00 – Budgeted: $3,000.00 – Deficit: $751.00
Latino: $94.00 – Heat & Utilities: $910.00 – Holy Land: $253.00

**Ministerial Roles**

In the interest of social distancing protocols and the health of all our parishioners, Ministerial Roles for St. Peter Parish will be temporarily halted until further notice.

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For the intentions of all of our young parishioners as they begin their school year

**Parish Support**

~ We rely on your commitment to weekly stewardship ~

Weekly Collection September 12 & 13
Weekly: $2,709.50 – Budgeted: $5,000.00 – Deficit: $2,290.50
Latino: $94.00 – Heat & Utilities: $910.00 – Holy Land: $253.00

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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 Richard H. Carlotta and all members of St. Teresa of Calcutta & St. Peter Parishes.
The following individuals have made a donation to the St. Peter Parish Maintenance & Building Fund:

In Memory of Carol Sue Donelan
Brooke Janis

A Catechist’s Prayer

As I begin anew to proclaim your Word, loving God, I marvel at your tender mercy.

You are the Father of the Prodigal Son who forgives everything with unconditional love.

Help me to imitate your mercy and love with the children I teach.
Let my words and actions be signs of your compassionate care.

And should I falter, have mercy on me, too.

From my first class this year to my last may I use the gift of time wisely, proclaiming your Word with joy, and pondering it prayerfully in my heart.

Watch over those I will teach this year. Helm them to grow in faith, love, and generosity, and may they always remember that you are with them.

Thank you, loving God, for my call to be a catechist.

Amen.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL SPOTLIGHT
“AGENCY OF THE WEEK”

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Diocesan Catholic Charities Office serves the needs of disadvantaged individuals and families in Western Mass. The social work staff meets with people in need of housing assistance, furniture, utility assistance, food vouchers, counseling, recommendations for childcare, and employment opportunities. The staff does a comprehensive intake form and interview before any funds are verified or distributed. Catholic Charities is a resource for many parishes to refer people to when the needs of individuals or families exceeds what any one Parish can do. Your support of the ACA allows this Ministry to assist those most in need in our communities. Thank you for your support of the ACA! If you would like donate to the ACA, go to diospringfield.org/aca/ and click on the link.

Chalice of Salvation - WXXA Fox 23
Sundays at 6:00 a.m.

Chalice of Salvation - WWLP 22 News
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Reel to Reel - WWLP 22 News
Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

Live Streamed Mass at www.stagnescc.com
Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. & Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

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 you current contact information!

Pro-Life Reflection

“You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.” - 1 Cor 10:21

Reflection. Some public officials who refuse to oppose child-killing continue to receive Holy Communion. But communion means union.

To desire union with Jesus is to desire union with life, and to be in communion with His teachings means to accept them. When we come to Jesus, we are the ones who have to change to be like Him

Prayer. Lord, give us the strength to be in union with You and therefore to reject evil practices.
September 20, 2020

CALENDAR

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

Registration Forms Have Been Sent!

Families, please check your emails for the registration forms that were sent out last week to you. Please respond either way so we can be sure we’ve reached everyone. We need to have a head count as soon as possible in order to plan the school year ahead.

If you have a first grader, or are new to the area and want to register your child for religious education, or if you have any questions, please contact the parish office at re.sp.st.hs@gmail.com or 413-274-3443.

Tuition is $25 per student, with a maximum of $75 per family.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Whether you work for God your whole life, or whether you just got started, God will reward you in heaven. God doesn't want you to compare yourself with other people. God just wants you to love him with your whole heart.

PRAYER

God, help me to be ready when you ask me to work for you.

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God.

"The word of God nourishes both evangelizers and those who are being evangelized so that each one may continue to grow in his or her Christian life" (National Directory for Catechesis [NDC] [Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005], no. 17).

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday?
In 1935, the Vatican published On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education, a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church’s teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. For the first few years after Catechetical Sunday was established, national catechetical congresses were held in conjunction with the celebration. Beginning in 1971, the USCCB’s Department of Education began producing materials to help parishes celebrate the event at the local level. When the Committee on Catechesis, now named the Committee of Evangelization and Catechesis, was named by the Conference as a standing Committee, it continued to publish Catechetical Sunday materials each year. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated the third Sunday in September as Catechetical Sunday.

What Does the Word “Catechetical” Mean?
The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

Why do we have a special day set aside to commission catechists?
Catechesis is a distinct and special ministry in the Church. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church makes clear, “Catechesis is intimately bound up with the whole of the Church’s life . . . her inner growth and correspondence with God’s plan depend essentially on catechesis” (no. 7). This ministry of teaching in the name of the Church has a profound dignity, which is why catechists are formally commissioned by the Church. It is only fitting that we set aside a day to highlight this ministry and invite the entire church community to think about our responsibility to share our faith with others.

How are parents, the primary catechists of their children, recognized on Catechetical Sunday?
Parents are truly the primary catechists of their children. They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation. This is why the rite of blessing of catechists used on Catechetical Sunday includes an optional blessing of parents and guardians.
