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

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

He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” - Mt 22:20-21
St. Peter Parish

Saturday October 17, 2020
4:00 p.m. Germaine Peron
Req. by Frank & Peg Biscotti

Sunday October 18, 2020
10:30 a.m. Philip Clossey 25th Anniversary
Req. by Dan & Carol Bersaw

Monday October 19, 2020
7:00 a.m. James & Ellen (Feeley) Ellery
Req. by family

Thursday October 22, 2020
7:00 pm Misa en Español

Friday October 23, 2020
7:00 a.m. Theresa G. Murphy
Req. by family

Saturday October 24, 2020
4:00 p.m. Carmela Scigliano
Req. by Vito & Maria Vitrano

Sunday October 25, 2020
10:30 a.m. Dr. Janina Starczewska
Req. by the Starczewski family

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Peter Chapel will burn the week of October 18th
For all of our service men & women from St. Peter Parish

Parish Support
~ We rely on your commitment to weekly stewardship ~
Weekly Collection October 10 & 11
Weekly: $3,492.96 ~ Budgeted: $5,000.00 ~ Deficit: $1,507.04
Latino: $586.00 ~ Heat & Utility: $1,008.00
Second Collection: Propagation of the Faith

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.

Please keep all of our service men and women in your prayers, especially the sons and daughters of our parishioners.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish

Saturday October 17, 2020
5:30 p.m. The Markham Family
Req. by Katy Louison

Sunday October 18, 2020
9:00 a.m. Alice & William Lovato
Req. by family

Tuesday October 20, 2020
8:00 a.m. Armond Houle
Req. by family

Thursday October 22, 2020
8:00 a.m. The Regalbuti, Peredo & Palivoda Families L/D
Req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Regalbuti

Saturday October 24, 2020
5:30 p.m. Dee Aberdale Anniversary Remembrance
Req. by family

Sunday October 25, 2020
9:00 a.m. Julia Groise 35th Anniversary
Req. by family

The Sanctuary Candle in Corpus Christi Chapel will burn the week of October 18th
In memory of Ronald H. Race Birthday Remembrance
Req. by family

Parish Support
~ We rely on your commitment to weekly stewardship ~
Weekly Collection October 10 & 11
Weekly: $1,517.00 ~ Budgeted: $3,000.00 ~ Deficit: $1,483.00
Heat & Utility: $707.50
Second Collection: Propagation of the Faith

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

Mass & Sanctuary Candle Intentions for 2020 & 2021
We have openings for Mass (weekends & days) & Sanctuary Candle intentions in both parishes for 2020 & 2021 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 Kay Ellen Lord, Thomas Sullivan 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 Samia Betrots**
Kay T. Maurice, Marie F. Richardson
Thomas & Madeleine Curtiss
Matthew & Kathleen Sinico
Linda Lavoie, Michele Gilligan
Edward & Elizabeth Domaney
Juanita O’Rourke & Shana Deveaux
Scott & Jan Maddern, Elizabeth Boddie Kinne
Howard & Ann Cohen, John B. Hull III
Najm Choveiky
Anne L. Mullany & Michel Alan Argento

**Food Pantry**

Donations may be brought to the St. Peter Parish Center only at 16 Russell St the days we are open (no donations may be left at the churches or rectories). The next October date is the 27th.

Due to Covid 19, the following protocols will be in effect:
1) Masks must be worn and social distancing practiced.
2) Hand sanitizer will be provided and must be applied before entering.
3) Only 3 people (aside from volunteers) may be inside at a time for 20 minutes. **No children allowed at this time.**
4) People coming to the closet must wait outside in their cars.
5) Please bring your own bags.

Donations of winter clothes are accepted October - February, and summer clothes from April - August. Thank you and welcome back!

**March for Life**

The March for Life committee is going forward with plans for the March on Friday, January 29th, to stand up for the right to life of unborn children. The North Adams Chapter of Mass Citizens for Life has been sponsoring a bus to the March for many years. Due to the many uncertainties surrounding the covid situation, we need to know soon how much interest there is for us to sponsor a bus this year. **If you are interested in going to the March for Life, call Robin at 743-1329 ASAP.** If there is enough interest, we will consider it.

**Pro-Life Reflection**

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.” - Prov 31:8

**Reflection.** The ministry of Jesus shows a preferential option for the poor and weak, and the Church therefore inherits this as her own priority. The work of peace, justice, and life gives preference to those whom society has marginalized, and those who cannot defend themselves.

These ministries are, essentially, a voice for the voiceless - whether those voiceless are oppressed nations, the poor, the terminally ill, or the unborn.

**Prayer.** Thank You for the voice You give me, Lord. May I use it for those who have none.

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**Survey on the Response to Sexual Abuse**

The Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield is inviting you to participate in a brief online survey of how you perceive the diocese’s response to allegations of clergy sexual abuse in the past.

**A link to the survey can be found at diospringfield.org and will be available from Thursday, Oct. 8 through Monday Oct. 19.**

Your valuable feedback will be used to help inform the development of a strategic plan with specific steps for improvement in the following areas:

- Acknowledging the trauma of sexual abuse on members of our community and ensuring the allocation of resources needed to promote healing of survivors and the faith community;
- Responding to all allegations of sexual abuse in our church community in a timely, compassionate and fair way;
- Ensuring the diocese has a transparent system of protocols and procedures that guarantee respect and due process for all involved;
- Ensuring that local church leadership is held responsible and accountable for failing to protect children and other vulnerable persons;
- Holding those who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse responsible and accountable; and
- Preventing sexual abuse of anyone in our faith communities in the future.

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance at (413) 452-0624 or at j.trant@diospringfield.org.

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**Christmas Flower Collection 2020**

In your envelope packets you will see that our annual Christmas Flower collection will be on November 14 & 15. In light of the restrictions on the number of parishioners per Mass, this year our collection will go to a small and tasteful selection of flowers, with the bulk of the collection going to altar supplies. The annual Christmas Flower list will still be published at Christmas time.
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

Religious Education & Youth Ministry

Reminder to all families:
It’s time to register for Religious Ed!

Please return your child’s registration form to the parish office to register for the 2020-2021 Religious Ed school year. 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.

GOSPEL

People are required to pay taxes to the city, state, and country: sales tax, income tax, tax on cars, houses, and land. Jesus said that people should pay their taxes, and give to God, too. Give part of your money to God. He will make sure you have enough money to pay your taxes. He will give you everything that you need. He will even give you extra things to share with others.

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1-9
The “spiritual father of Cuba” was a missionary, religious founder, social reformer, queen’s chaplain, writer and publisher, archbishop, and refugee. He was a Spaniard whose work took him to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Madrid, Paris, and to the First Vatican Council.

In his spare time as weaver and designer in the textile mills of Barcelona, Anthony learned Latin and printing: The future priest and publisher was preparing. Ordained at 28, he was prevented by ill health from entering religious life as a Carthusian or as a Jesuit, but went on to become one of Spain’s most popular preachers. Anthony spent 10 years giving popular missions and retreats, always placing great emphasis on the Eucharist and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It was said that his rosary was never out of his hand. At age 42, he founded a religious institute of missionaries beginning with five young priests, known today as the Claretians.

Anthony was appointed to head the much-neglected archdiocese of Santiago in Cuba. He began its reform by almost ceaseless preaching and hearing of confessions, and suffered bitter opposition mainly for opposing concubinage and giving instruction to black slaves. A hired assassin—whose release from prison Anthony had obtained—slashed open his face and wrist. Anthony succeeded in getting the would-be assassin’s death sentence commuted to a prison term. His solution for the misery of Cubans was family-owned farms producing a variety of foods for the family’s own needs and for the market. This invited the enmity of the vested interests who wanted everyone to work on a single cash crop—sugar. Besides all his religious writings are two books he wrote in Cuba: *Reflections on Agriculture* and *Country Delights*.

He was recalled to Spain for a job he did not relish—being chaplain for the queen. Anthony went on three conditions: He would reside away from the palace; he would come only to hear the queen’s confession and instruct the children; and he would be exempt from court functions. In the revolution of 1868, he fled to Paris with the queen’s party, where he preached to the Spanish colony.

All his life Anthony was interested in the Catholic press. He founded the Religious Publishing House, a major Catholic publishing venture in Spain, and wrote or published 200 books and pamphlets.

At Vatican I, where he was a staunch defender of the doctrine of infallibility, Anthony won the admiration of his fellow bishops. Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore remarked of him, “There goes a true saint.” At the age of 63, he died in exile near the border of Spain.

**Reflection**

Jesus foretold that those who are truly his representatives would suffer the same persecution as he did. Besides 14 attempts on his life, Anthony had to undergo such a barrage of the ugliest slander that the very name Claret became a byword for humiliation and misfortune. The powers of evil do not easily give up their prey. No one needs to go looking for persecution. All we need to do is be sure we suffer because of our genuine faith in Christ, not for our own whims and lack of prudence.

https://www.frankiscanmedia.org/saint-anthony-claret/