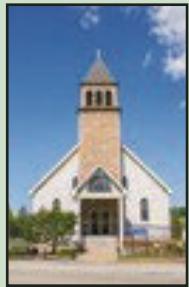


# CHURCHES OF ST. PETER AND ST. CECILIA

*All are Welcome!*



300 Shaffner Ave.  
Brownsville, PA 15417

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1571 Grindstone Rd.  
Grindstone, PA 15442



## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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### MASS SCHEDULE

C = St. Cecilia P = St. Peter

#### MONDAY, WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM - (C)

#### 3RD WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM-(C)

#### TUESDAY, THURSDAY

8:00 AM - (P)

#### 1ST FRIDAY

8:00 AM (P)

#### SATURDAY

4:00 PM - (P)

#### SUNDAY

8:00 AM - (P)

9:30 AM - (C)

11:00 AM - (P)

### HOLY DAY

As announced in bulletin

#### RECONCILIATION

#### 1st & 3rd SATURDAY - St. Cecilia

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

#### 2nd & 4th SATURDAY - St. Peter

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### HOLY HOUR

#### 1st FRIDAY - St. Peter

#### 3rd WEDNESDAY - St. Cecilia

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

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Fr. Efren C. Ambre

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Mrs. Janet Komacko



## Mass Intentions

### **31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Saturday, November 4**

4:00 PM (P) † Lisa Chancey  
Anniversary of Death  
Parents Dorothy &  
Chuck & Brother Ray

#### **Sunday, November 5**

8:00 am (P) † Pro Populo  
9:30 am (C) † Deceased of Brady Family  
Daughter Rosalie &  
Granddaughter Jamie Lynn  
11:00 am (P) † Ed Britt  
Birthday Remembrance  
Wife Helen

#### **Monday, November 6**

8:00 AM (C) † Raymond Mrozek  
Cathy Duhn

#### **Tuesday, November 7**

8:00 AM (P) † Frank Horka  
Larry & Eileen Houska

#### **Wednesday, November 8**

8:00 AM (C) † Ted DeVincenzo  
Steven Horka

#### **Thursday, November 9**

6:00 PM (P) † Patricia "Patsy" Merryman  
Friends Margaret & Ed  
Peters

### **32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

#### **Saturday, November 11**

4:00 PM (P) † Albert & Patricia Lynne  
Zidek  
Sons & Daughters-in-law  
& Grandchildren

#### **Sunday, November 12**

8:00 am (P) † James & Ann Brady  
Birthday Remembrance  
Daughter Rosalie &  
Granddaughter Jamie Lynn  
9:30 am (C) † Elisabeth Konter  
Mark & Tina Konter  
11:00 am (P) † Pro Populo

**TODAY - Annual Appeal for Retired  
Religious and Diocesan Retired Priests  
Collection**

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023 4:00 pm St. Peter**  
**EM:** Susan Nesto  
**LECTOR:** Jen Prostredny  
**ORGANIST/CANTOR:** Dr. Jane Koresco

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 8:00 am St. Peter**  
**EM:** Kim Gaydos  
**LECTOR:** Cory Dolan  
**ORGANIST/CANTOR:** Beth Casteel/  
Rita Koffler

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 9:30 am St. Cecilia**  
**EM:** Nettie DellaPenna  
**LECTOR:** Karen Angelilli  
**ORGANIST/CANTOR:** Marilyn Smargie/  
Bernadette Behary

**Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023 11:00 am St. Peter**  
**EM:** Tracy Eadie  
**LECTOR:** Patty Columbia  
**ORGANIST/CANTOR:** Marilyn Smargie/  
Kimberly Michalsky

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

United as the parish family, The Historic Church of St. Peter and St. Cecilia Catholic Church of the Diocese of Greensburg come together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to promote the mission of Jesus Christ and to live out our faith as Christians. Centered in the Eucharist, we are a welcoming community that exists to love, serve, and grow in our relationship with our Lord through prayer, worship and ministry. We strive to strengthen and inspire our parish family by understanding and passing on our faith.

## **MAILING ADDRESS**

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**WEBSITES:** [www.stpeterstcecilia.org](http://www.stpeterstcecilia.org) and [www.historicchurchofstpeter.org](http://www.historicchurchofstpeter.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/HistoricChurchofStPeter/> <https://www.facebook.com/stceciliagrindstone/>

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday through Thursday  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

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## Dearly beloved parishioners,

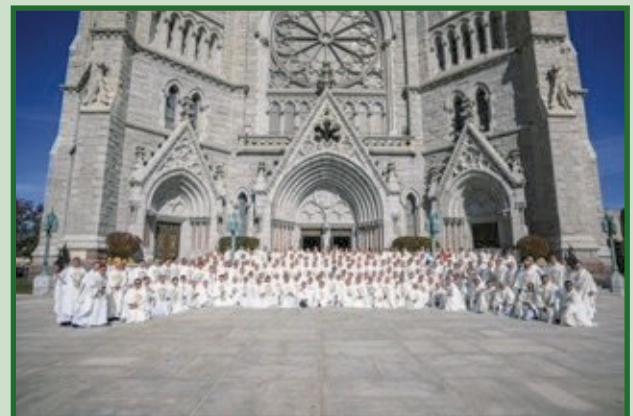
One of my childhood heroes was Superman, the guy who was faster than a speeding bullet and able to leap tall buildings in a single bound. What I especially admired and longed to imitate was his X-ray vision. Nothing was hidden from Superman. He could see right through solid walls and spot a criminal or someone in distress. Criminals hated that X-ray vision, but innocent people thought it was great. What a guy with an incredible gift. Jesus has a kind of X-ray vision all his own and it was certainly a lot more powerful than Superman's. Way beyond just seeing through solid walls, Jesus could look all the way into the hidden places of a human heart. In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus looking into the hearts of some pious Pharisees, who made such an outward display of their obedience to the Jewish law, and discovering not holiness but hypocrisy. It's obvious from his reaction that he was alarmed in what he saw. Listen again to his remarks, "they preach but they do not practice, all their works are performed to be seen." Let us remember that Jesus, too, loved those Pharisees; so, we can be sure that he pointed out their faults not to condemn but to encourage their conversion. Surely he would much rather have liked to say of them what St. Paul said of his Thessalonians followers, "We give thanks that in hearing us you received not a human word but the word of God which is now at work in you."

Dear friends, this is a caution for all of us. We are gathered here today in an outward display of our religious piety. Nevertheless, what if Jesus were to turn his X-ray vision on us? Well, if we really mean what we sing in our responsorial Psalm, "In you, Lord, I have found my peace," we would expect that he would find holiness in us because holiness is the road to peace; but, if we are honest, we have to admit that holiness is not all that Jesus would find when he looks into the recesses of our hearts. There is no denying that there is a whole lot of hypocrisy also. Looking back a few years, it is sad to note that the whole church is still staggering under the scandal caused by several priests and a few bishops found to be living hypocritical lives – acting like wolves while posing as shepherds. Let's also consider how hypocritical it is for a parishioner to approach the altar Sunday after Sunday to take a share of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, while also eager to cast a vote for politicians who support and promote abortion. How hypocritical it is for married couples to go to almost any length, using pills and any other kind of scientific devices so they can abandon the promise they made on their wedding day to accept children lovingly from God. How hypocritical it is to challenge the young to just say no to drug overdose while adults casually indulge and overindulge themselves on alcohol at church-sponsored events. How hypocritical it is to beg God to bless America while filling our minds with the filth that pours out of our television, laptop or smartphone screens. The list could go on and on. Despite the dichotomy of what we say and do, Jesus loves us no less than he loved those Pharisees so that, if we hear him speaking challenging words in the recesses of our conscience, words like he addressed to the Pharisees, we must believe that he is simply calling us to a change of heart. The Pharisees hated his words and finally begged for his death on the cross. For us, what will our reaction be? I hope that the warning of Jesus will give us the chance to go back to our real selves, initiate conversion and move forward closer to the heart of God.

Sincerely yours,  
**Father Efren Ambre**



The Lay Ministers of the Eucharist gathered this week for a meeting and it was planned that we meet as a group every 3rd Wednesday of March and September. These ministers are ex-officio members of the Worship Commission of the Church. We pray for each other so that the religious piety we show in public worship finds its completion in the holiness of life that we live.



About 380 Filipino priests serving in the USA gathered in New Jersey for a once in three years get together. The photo is taken in front of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Like the Psalm, may these priests sincerely echo the hymn, "In you, Lord, I have found my peace."

## STEWARSHIP

October 29, 2023 - St. Peter

ADULT (112) .....	\$3151.00
MONTHLY (10) .....	\$375.00
LOOSE.....	\$471.00
CANDLES .....	\$17.00
RENTALS (HALL) (1) .....	\$275.00
BONANZA.....	\$712.50
MEMORY/JUDITH MARCHANDO .....	\$200.00
PROPAGATION OF FAITH (7) .....	\$65.00
CHRISTMAS ROLLS .....	\$252.00
SVDP.....	\$70.00

October 29, 2023 - St. Cecilia

ADULT (40) .....	\$1433.00
MONTHLY (2) .....	\$290.00
LOOSE.....	\$115.00
CANDLES (8).....	\$31.00
ALL SAINTS (2).....	\$45.00
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (3).....	\$80.00

## THE PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Total this past week—41

Total to date—2,881



St. Peter Bread & Wine for

Ed Britt - Birthday Remembrance

Requested by:  
Wife Helen



St. Peter Sanctuary Lamp for  
Ed Britt - Birthday Remembrance

Requested by:  
Wife Helen



## MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

After meeting with both Parish Councils, Fr. Efren is announcing the new schedule for Masses.

St. Peter

Saturdays - 4:00 pm      Sundays - 11:00 am  
(No 8:00 am Mass)

St. Cecilia

Sundays - 9:00 am

These changes will take place beginning December 3, 2023.

## Open Volleyball Night

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023

5 PM - 6 PM - All Ages

6 PM - 8 PM - Adult Games

St. Mary's Social Hall

118 Church St., Brownsville, PA 15417

Info? - call Larry - 724-322-9597



PRAYER REQUEST

Aglio, Buddy	Compton, Cathy	Lincoski, Brandon	Tomecsko, Nelda
Albert, Donna	Dakota	Log, Harriet	Triffanoff, Colleen
Allamon, Irene	Diamond, Dave	Lopez, Emma	Trynock, Ann
Anderson, Grey- son	& Jo	Louge, Harriet	Turcic, Bobby
Angelilli, Frank	Dowling, Matthew	Mariscotti, Irene	Volek, Jeff
Ann	Duke, Greg	Mary	Volek, Patty
B., Marge	Ferguson, Payton	Mathianas, Jo- anne	Wesolowsky, Jenifer
Bailey, Jim	For a Friend	Mathianas, Kevin	Willeford, Jeff & Nancy
Baker, Colby	Frisco, Richard	Matras, Cara	Williams, Arlene
Barbie	Garofalo, Carl	Maxwell, Dan	Wood, Marcia
Marie	Gigliotti, Petronilla	Maxwell, Laura	Yadamec, Jim
Baker, Maria	Gigliotti, Rita Ann & Francesco	McCourt, Nancy	Zuchelkowski, Bernie
Becky	G., Kinzley	Nemetz, Virginia	Fr. Tim
Bella, Anna	Guty, Amy	Novisel, Mary	Fr. Bill Berkey
Bisch, Amber	Hall, Barbara	Ochkie, Melonie	
Black, David	Helisek, John	P. G.	
Black, Theresa	Hodgson, Kathy	Package, Jimmy	
Brosky, Tom	Jeff & Nancy	Page, Marsha	
Brumley, Emily	Jones, Brent	Papini, Marsha	
Buffer, Rose	K., Tom	Peltz, Michael	
Canigiani, Adam	Kavlic, Johnny	Pichard, Bertha	
Capatosti, Gene- vieve	Kelly, Bill	Popiesh, Shirley	
Charsh, Melonie	Kenny & Steph- anie	Radvansky, John	
Clayton, Dorothy	King, Debby	Redman Jr.,	
Columbia, Bernice	Koban, Sammy	Darrell James	
		Repasy, Karen	

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**The Historic Church of St. Peter  
St. Mary Social Hall  
November 11, 2023**

**9 am - noon**

118 Church St., Brownsville, PA 15417

Featuring

- Video presentation about DaVinci's Last Supper
- Tasting of various breads with explanation of how baking bread & sharing a meal relate to the Eucharist
- Opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Washing of Feet

Keynote Speaker: Vincent Reilly, Director of Faith, Family & Discipleship of Greensburg Diocese  
Event ends with Holy Hour - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**RESERVATIONS ARE SUGGESTED.**

RSVP to [kstartare@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:kstartare@dioceseofgreensburg.org)  
by November 3

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the Registration Form and drop it in the collection basket at Mass or drop at the Parish Office.

-or-

Register online at

[Www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEA728A4FAC16-44643144-know](http://Www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAEA728A4FAC16-44643144-know)

**St. Peter's Church  
Black & Gold Bonanza  
Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
St. Mary's Hall**

This fall, we are trying out a Black and Gold theme...

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Join in wearing Steelers, Penguins, or Pirates fan gear if you wish.

In addition to our regular menu items, we will be serving some tailgate treats!



Please consider donating for our raffles and giveaways:

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- ❖ Monetary Donations
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- ❖ Outdoor Products
- ❖ Fall/Christmas Products
- ❖ Steelers/Penguins/Pirates Tickets or Themed Gifts

Please remember to pay for your Bonanza ticket

Contact Larry or Natalie Franks with any questions or donation pickups

724.322.9597

724.880.1498

**St. Cecilia Church Hall**

1571 GRINDSTONE RD, GRINDSTONE PA 15442

**Sunday, November 5th**

**10:30-4:00**

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On Friday, October 27, 2023, Mark & Tina Konter and Nettie DellaPenna & Carla DellaPenna joined Bishop Kulick in congratulating Fr. Arnel Tadeo upon his installation at St. Patrick's Church in Brady's Bend, PA.



## St. Peter's Kitchen

Please print clearly

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### ***ORDERS & PAYMENT due by December 3***

#### **Pick-Up Date**

**Sunday, December 17** - Saint Mary's Hall downstairs during Pancake Breakfast with Santa. 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Place form and payment in Collection Basket at Mass, place in mail slot at Parish Office, or mail to St. Peter's Church Christmas Rolls, 118 Church St., Brownsville, PA 15417 Payment must be included with order.**



The office printer has died and we are looking for solutions. Do you have a printer in your business that you are no longer using? Would you have a contact with economical options? We are open to suggestions for replacing this highly-utilized machine. Please contact Kelly at the Parish Office. 724-785-7781

### **Social Hall Ramp Project**

After meeting with the Facilities and Maintenance department within the Diocese, the urgency in completing the Ramp installation was conveyed to prevent revocation of our permits. Joe Savage has confidently agreed to spearhead the physical initiative and has enlisted help from friends and family members. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact the Office 724-785-7781. Additionally, we need to paint handicapped spaces in the upper lot near the new ramp to remain ADA compliant. Patton Engineering will provide a stamped layout detailing the number and location of handicapped parking spaces only for \$1,000. If you are or know of a certified engineer that can provide this service to the parish at a lesser cost, please email the Business Manager, Tiffany Zetty: [tzetty@sssbv.org](mailto:tzetty@sssbv.org) Thank You!

QUANTITY	ITEM	TOTAL \$
	Nut Roll @ \$14.00 each	
	Poppyseed Roll @ \$14.00 each	
	Apricot Roll @ \$14.00 each	
	Pineapple Cheese Roll @ \$14.00 each	
	<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED \$</b>	<b>\$</b>

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## November Faithful Challenge: Remember Those Who Have Died

This month's faithful challenge is to remember those who have died. You are invited to join Bishop Kulick during this year of Eucharistic Revival to strengthen our Catholic Community by memorializing our departed loved ones and friends.

### Accept Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge by:

- Lighting a candle
- Offering a Mass
- Visiting a gravesite
- Volunteering at a cemetery
- Donating to a cemetery
- Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist

These rituals of memorial can unite us to our departed loves ones.

This November, we give thanks for the time on Earth we shared with those who have died, and offer our prayers for family and friends in Heaven. The greatest prayer we can offer is Mass. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, contact our parish office or e-mail the Diocesan Mission office at [missions@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:missions@dioceseofgreensburg.org) and someone will help you arrange this. Accept Bishop Kulick's November faithful challenge and remember those who have died.



### Food for Falcons Donations for November and December



Socks, gloves, sandwich crackers, or breakfast bars.  
Drop in the back of the church or bring to the office. Thank you!

## St. Cecilia Church Pumpkin Pie & Pumpkin Roll SALE



**PUMPKIN ROLLS.....\$12  
PUMPKIN PIE..... \$12**

THANKSGIVING ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NOV 13TH

PICK UP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH 10:30-12:30

CHRISTMAS ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY DEC 12TH

PICK UP SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH 10:30-12:30

For orders, call Joanne 724-880-8352

or Karen 724-322-6809

PayPal [stceciliacm@gmail.com](mailto:stceciliacm@gmail.com)

or Venmo Nettie-DellaPenna



## Vigil Mass St. Cecilia Church

Tuesday, November 21st 6 pm

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