



## ST. PETER'S PARISH

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

# THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17





Original St. Peter's Seal

## St. Peter's Parish

In Our 192<sup>nd</sup> Year - October 14, 1832

Poughkeepsie, New York \* Mother Church of the Hudson Valley

Parish Office: 171 Salt Point Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

**Mailing address:** 6 Fr. Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

**Parish Website:** [www.StPetersParishNY.com](http://www.StPetersParishNY.com)

**Parish email:** [stpppoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stpppoffice@gmail.com) **Phone:** 845-452-8580



Traditional Papal Seal

### Served by

Father Daniel D'Alliessi  
Pastor

### Clergy Associates

Father Zeverin Emagalit  
Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital Chaplain

Father Mario Julian, OFM  
Mount Alvernia Director

### St. Peter's Convent, 1860

16 Fr. Cody Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

### The Chapels of St. Peter's Parish

Our Lady of the Rosary, 1906  
185 Hudson View Drive, Poughkeepsie

Our Lady of the Way, 1903  
at the Culinary Institute

Our Lady of the Holy Souls, 1995  
at St. Peter's Cemetery

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, 1965  
at St. Peter's School

### Administration Building, 1995

**Business Hours & Mass Cards**  
9:00 am-2:00 pm Monday-Friday  
171 Salt Point Turnpike  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603  
(845) 452-8580

### Parish Secretary

10:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday-Friday

Parish Bookkeepers  
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Envelopes & Sponsor Certificates

### St. Peter's Cemetery, 1853

171 Salt Point Turnpike  
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

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(845) 452-8580 ext. 2

Gates close at 4:30 pm

### Religious Education/CCD for Public School Students

1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Wed. 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm  
Coordinator: (845) 452-8580 ext. 7

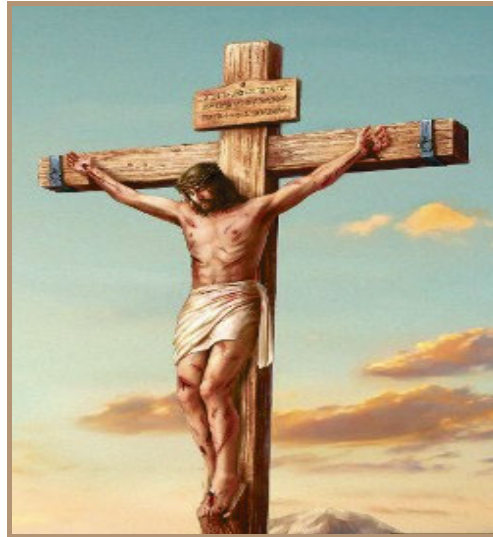
### The Catholic Schools of Dutchess County

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*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

- John 3:16-17



## Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

### SACRAMENTS

**Confession:** Saturdays 3:00 - 3:45 pm at School Chapel & by Appointment

**Baptism:** Most Saturdays 12:30 pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

**First Holy Communion & Confirmation:** Scheduled through CCD Office

**Marriage:** Most Saturdays at 12:00 pm or Weekdays, call at least six months before

**Anointing of the Sick:** In danger of death - anytime, otherwise by Appointment

**Quinceañera Mass:** Most Saturdays at 12:00 pm or Weekdays, at least six months before

Call (845) 452-8580 to inquire about the above

## Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday)

Parish Auditorium

4:00 pm

## Sunday

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

## Weekday

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Tuesday 8:30 am

Wednesday 8:30 am

Thursday 8:30 am

Non-First Friday 8:30 am

First Friday 12:00 pm

First Saturday 12:00 pm

## Devotions

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Tuesday - after Mass

St. Anthony of Padua Novena

Wednesday - after Mass

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena

## First Friday

Eucharistic Exposition & Benediction

11:30 am-12:00 pm

6:00 pm-7:00 pm (October-June)

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

First Saturday Mass

of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

12:00 pm

## Holy Day Schedule

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

Check parish website

## The Six Holy Days of Obligation

January 1<sup>st</sup>- The Motherhood of the BVM

40 Days After Easter- Ascension Thursday

August 15<sup>th</sup>- The Assumption of the BVM

November 1<sup>st</sup>- All Saints

December 8<sup>th</sup>- The Immaculate Conception of the BVM

December 25<sup>th</sup>- The Nativity of Our Lord

## Emergency Weather Masses

For any questions regarding Mass schedule during hazardous weather conditions please check the parish website:  
[www.StPetersParishNY.com](http://www.StPetersParishNY.com)

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### **Saturday, September 13 - Vigil Mass - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

3:40 pm Holy Rosary  
4:00 pm Judith Kowalski by Sharon & Thomas Kowalski

### **Sunday, September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9:00 am Sylvia Cavallaro-Culhane by Vince & Rose Murphy  
10:30 am Joan Van Vlack by the Family  
12:00 pm People of the Parish

### **Monday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows**

No Public Mass

### **Tuesday, September 16 - St. Cornelius, Pope**

No Public Mass

### **Wednesday, September 17 - St. Hildegard of Bingen**

8:30 am Francesco Mastrogiacomio by Connie Mastrogiacomio

### **Thursday, September 18 - St. Joseph of Cupertino**

8:30 am Francesco Mastrogiacomio by Connie Mastrogiacomio

### **Friday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr**

8:30 am George & Mary Lynch Marconette,  
Margaret O'Donnel, Joseph Marconette,  
and Marguerite Marconette by the Marconette Fund

### **Saturday, September 20 - Vigil Mass - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:40 pm Holy Rosary  
4:00 pm Elizabeth & John Lasko Sr. by the Family

### **Sunday, September 21 - The 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Sam Imperati by Marie Imperati  
10:30 am People of the Parish  
12:00 pm Lori Seehase by Maria Lupicuti

### **PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Lord Jesus Christ, we call upon your blessed name and we pray for your merciful heart to surround them with love, strength, and courage. Touch them with your power so they may experience healing, comfort and solace!

#### **Please remember in your prayers:**

All our former Pastors, Administrators, Assisting Priests, Dean Davis, Jasmine Cappillino, Rosa Armenta, Laura Felice, Father Damian O'Connell, S.J., Diana Gautier, Cornelius Martorano, Sam Fasolino, Mary Ellen Davis, Betty Freeborn, Amy Cordero, Anthony Cordero, Carl Renna, Jeff Lucas, Susan Lachausse, Diane Wood, Bonnie Otillo, Theresa Pierson, Catalina Fonts-Masvidal, Colleen McGarry, Paul Mancarella, Philip & Gladys Roberts

### **PRAY FOR OUR DEAR DEPARTED**

Receive in tranquility and peace, O Lord, the souls of your servants who have departed this present life to come to you. Grant them rest and place them in the habitations of light, the abodes of blessed spirits.

#### **Please remember in your prayers:**

Lou Murasso, Gregory Felice, Veronica Antonio, Anna Mae Tkazyik

### **PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES**

Archbishop William Muhm, CAP - Fr. Peter Pomposello, Army, Sgt. Sophia Della Pietra, National Guard, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Jake Della Pietra, Navy, Luke Creeden-Hamilton, Fr. Adolphus Muoghalu, Paul Davis - SSGT US Army Reserve, Joseph H. Colaizzo - Captain US Air Force, Alex Wagner - Security Forces, TSgt Connor Hart - 105<sup>th</sup> MXS NY ANG, Connor Ruhland- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. US Air Force, Garrett C. Thompson (Navy)

### **Prayer of St. Michael**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

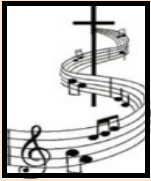


### **Morning Offering**

My God, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favors, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory. Amen.



The first collection (Regular Parish) for Sunday, September 7, 2025: \$5,771.00  
 The second collection (Parish/Emergency Maintenance) for Sunday, September 7, 2025: \$647.00  
 Thank you for your continued support of the works of our parish.



### **HYMNS FOR SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 - EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**

Entrance: #204 - O Cross of Christ, Immortal Tree  
Offertory: #062 - Canta Fuerte, Lengua Mía (SP)  
Communion: #213 - O Sacred Head Surrounded  
Communion: #090 - At the Cross Her Station Keeping  
Recessional: #183 - Lift High the Cross

### **DAILY READINGS**

**September 14** - Exaltation of the Holy Cross - *Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17*  
**September 15** - Our Lady of Sorrows - *1 Tm 2:1-8 (443)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35*  
**September 16** - St. Cornelius, Pope - *1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17*  
**September 17** - St. Hildegard of Bingen - *1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35*  
**September 18** - St. Joseph of Cupertino - *1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50*  
**September 19** - St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr - *1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3*  
**September 20** - St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest & Companions, Martyrs - *1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15*



### **WEDDING BANNES**

*Maryetta Henry & Phillip Gagliardi - I*



## **ST. PETER'S CHURCH MEMORIALS. NEVER FORGOTTEN.**

*In Loving Memory of*

***Austin E. Short***

*August 8, 1935 - August 3, 2022*

*From your loving wife, Linda A. Short  
and your loving family*

*In Loving Memory of*

***Mary Ann DeWitt***

*From Lee J., Kristin & Lee*

*In Loving Memory of*

***Diana Wilson***

*May 8, 1949 - May 10, 2022*

*From your loving husband, Joe*

*Remembering Your Birthday*

***John F. Belch***

*September 29, 1947 - January 5, 2010*

*We love and miss you,  
JoAnne and all your Family*

*In Loving Memory of*

***Donna Knapp***

*Happy Heavenly Birthday*

*September 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Love, your sister Karen*

*In Loving Memory of*

***Charles M. Darrow***

*Sept. 10, 1944 - Sept. 9, 2024*

*From his loving family*

*Interested in having a memorial for someone special in your life, either living or deceased? St. Peter's Parish is offering memorials to be printed in the bulletin. Please contact the office (845-452-8580 ext. 3) for more details.*





## **WISDOM FROM SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO**

### **Understand what you pray!**

Dear friends, sing the Psalm with human reason, not like birds. Thrushes, parrots, ravens, magpies, and the like are often taught to say what they do not understand. However, to know what we are saying was granted by God's will to human nature. Hence, we who have learned in the Church to sing God's words should be eager to do so. We should know and see with a clear mind what we have all sung together with one voice.

- *Commentary on Psalm 18:2*

## **REVERENCE AND GRATITUDE, LOVE AS GOD'S FIRE**

True love can bloom only from reverence and gratitude. We will close with the observation that only in love does a human being fully awaken, that only in love does he attain that transcendence to which he is called, that - as St. Augustine says - in love a person becomes worthy of love and that, in every category of love, is the distant reflection of a fire, and when it is transformed in Christ, a total fire - that fire concerning which the Lord says, "I have come to bring fire to the earth; what do I wish but that it burn?"

(Excerpt from *The role of human love* by Dietrich Von Hildebrand. Translated by Jan Van Heurck Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago 1977: p. 42.)

## **"SPARE THE ROD, SPOIL THE CHILD"**

### **REFLECTION**

The proverb has been cited in justifying corporal punishment of children through beatings. But, is that what it really means? Of course not!

The proverb is actually based on the Biblical book of Proverbs 13:4 "He who spares the rod hates his son, but one who loves his son will take care to discipline him." The verse does not advocate corporal punishment but rather discipline. Moreover, the focus is on love of one's child, which is certainly more than a shepherd's love for his sheep. It is perhaps because we have forgotten what a rod is that the words can be misunderstood. A shepherd's rod is a sturdy staff to both protect and discipline. It would be used with ferocity to protect the flock from a wild beast intent on ripping the sheep to shreds. The rod is also used for disciplinary purposes to gently guide or redirect sheep, and sometimes to inflict a controlled, but not harmful, tap to deter wandering or other dangerous behavior. No good shepherd beats his sheep. However, a good shepherd uses the rod to guide and warn that certain activities must be avoided as harmful.



Children, moreso, must learn, especially from their parents, right from wrong. Corporal punishment which inculcates fear of punishment rarely, if ever, achieves this in the long run. (Conversely, libertine indulgence in allowing children to do what they want whenever they want, also prevents children from maturing as responsible adults.)

The rod signifies reasonable discipline, administered with love that gives children the moral compass they need to, in time, grow in the virtue of self-discipline, while also learning to trust and love their parents who care for them.

### **PRAYER**

Jesus, Good Shepherd, pour out Your Holy Spirit on us so we may be good parents and teachers to the children you have given to our care.

## **REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE**

"To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator, Mrs. Eileen Mulcahy at 646-794-2949 or [victimsassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimsassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure."

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## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER: ROMAN CANON: PER QUEM

### Official Latin

*Per quem haec omnia, Domine, semper bona creas, sanctificas, vivificas, benedixisti, et praestas nobis.*

### Official English

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

### Literal English

Through whom, Lord, you always create, sanctify, enliven, bless, and supply to us all these good things.

We come to the penultimate part of the Roman Canon in the *Per quem*. The *quem* (“whom”) of the *Per quem* refers, of course, to “Christ our Lord” of the *per Christum Dominum nostrum* of the previous prayer. In the early Middle Ages, this part of the Eucharistic Prayer was when the bishop or priest would bless certain gifts in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. “All these good things” (*haec omnia ... bona*) included wheat, grapes, vegetables, fruits, wine, bread, etc. that had been given to the church as the fruit of the earth or work of human hands during the Offertory, just as today we give donations which can buy such things and support the running of the parish in our modern economy. Dom Prosper Guéranger notes that from the 8<sup>th</sup> century on, this custom gradually declined. Yet even in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, in some places, grapes were still being blessed at this point of the Roman Canon on the feast of the Transfiguration, albeit, with different words. In our day and age, gifts are not blessed at this moment, except at the Chrism Mass, traditionally on the morning of Holy Thursday, when the bishop of each diocese blesses the Holy Oils for sacramental use throughout the year within his diocese.

It has been suggested by Fr. Milton Walsh that this prayer is a reminder that through the Son of God’s Incarnation, all the world has a new relationship to the Father. Matter is now united to God in the Person of the Son. This is so, especially in the Holy Eucharist, but in an extended way in all material things. Through Christ, our material human bodies which grow and are nourished by our consuming material food can be spiritualized for the resurrection to eternal life by the sacramental grace of the Body and Blood of Christ. This, in turn, is an incentive for us to practice good stewardship of the good things we have personally been blessed with during this earthly life and in a wider sense to care for all of creation so that all can flourish in proper order according to God’s holy will.

We could also see in the verbs the diversity of God’s beneficence to us. Thus, God as Creator creates (*creas*) inanimate matter like elements and minerals. God the Lifegiver enlivens (*vivificas*) of His creation in varying degrees, for example, vegetation or plants, animals, humans, and the purely spiritual creatures called angels. Furthermore, God also blesses (*benedixisti*) some created beings, thereby setting blessed creatures apart from others as sacred. But, even more so, God sanctifies (*sanctificas*) or makes some rational creatures godlike by the unmerited gift of sanctifying grace. For us human creatures this occurs through our proper use of the sacraments established by Jesus Christ in His Catholic Church. The word *praestas* has a number of meanings. In this context it can mean, “to be at hand, to be helpful, to stand out, to be excellent, to provide, to supply, to offer, to bestow, to exhibit, or to show.” In Late Latin, it is used for “to lend or to loan.” Thus, it can indicate a personal giving but not due to an absolute right to receive on the part of the recipient. And how true this is of God’s gifts given to us. Christ warns us not to be possessed by our possessions (Luke 12:33). He reminds us that all things are God’s gifts and we have no absolute right to anything (Job 38:4-11; Romans 9:15). We are supposed to store up treasure in heaven, not on earth (Matthew 6:19-21). Thus, if one has an excess in life’s necessities while another is in dire poverty of such necessities, there is an obligation to redress the other’s lack (Matthew 25:31-46; Luke 16:19-31). But, chief of all gifts which God bestows upon us is Jesus Himself. In reflecting on Holy Communion, Saint Alphonsus Liguori wrote, “In Christ, God gives us everything.” Thus, while God answers our prayers in supplying us with material things, more important are spiritual things such as grace, and especially the source of all grace, Jesus Christ really and truly present in Holy Communion.

Ultimately, this short prayer emphasizes the lavish largess of God the Father through Christ. As St. Paul writes, “[A]ll things were created through Him and for Him.” (Colossians 1:16) Thus, this concise prayer functions as a reminder that all things are from the Father through the co-eternal only-begotten Son, not only creation, but also redemption and salvation. It is our privilege and duty to use God’s gifts to us for God’s glory and our salvation with humility and thanksgiving, but also to be aware of the needs of our neighbors and respond with generosity. We must never be willing to forfeit our soul’s spiritual welfare for our body’s material welfare. As Fr. Brian Johnstone, C.Ss.R. had taught, in our pale imitation of our Good God, God wants us to discern the true value of God’s many gifts and then become “good givers of good gifts” ourselves.

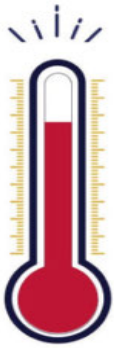
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The Sisters of Life have a new Pro Life website,  
[www.viscenter.org](http://www.viscenter.org)  
offering support and resources for  
women considering abortion

## CATHOLIC WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of Dutchess and Putnam Counties will meet at 7:00 pm, the Third Tuesday of the Month, in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Kateri Church, Route 82, LaGrangeville, NY 12540. (845) 475-4292

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



Through the generous sacrifice of **127** families, St. Peter's Parish has reached **89%** of our Cardinal's Appeal goal and hopes to fulfill it. We are a tremendous community of faith and can achieve great impact if we work together.

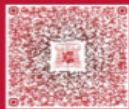
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If you have not yet made your gift, it's not too late to participate. Would you help us raise the remaining **\$6,050**?

To learn more about the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, contact us at 646-794-3300 or visit [cardinalsappeal.org](http://cardinalsappeal.org).



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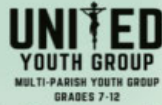
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### Most Holy Stigmata Fraternity Order of Franciscan Secular Information Night

Are you 18 years old or older and want to learn more about Franciscan life? Do you want to grow in your relationship with Jesus?

We cordially invite you to join us!  
**Thursday, September 25, 2025**

6:00 PM - Information/ Orientation  
7:15 PM - Holy Mass in Chapel  
7:50 PM - Fraternity Gathering

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## JUBILEE OF HOPE

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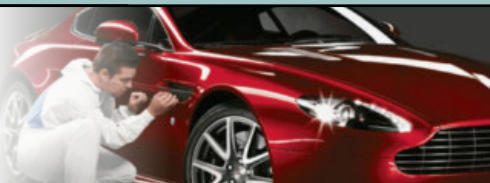
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