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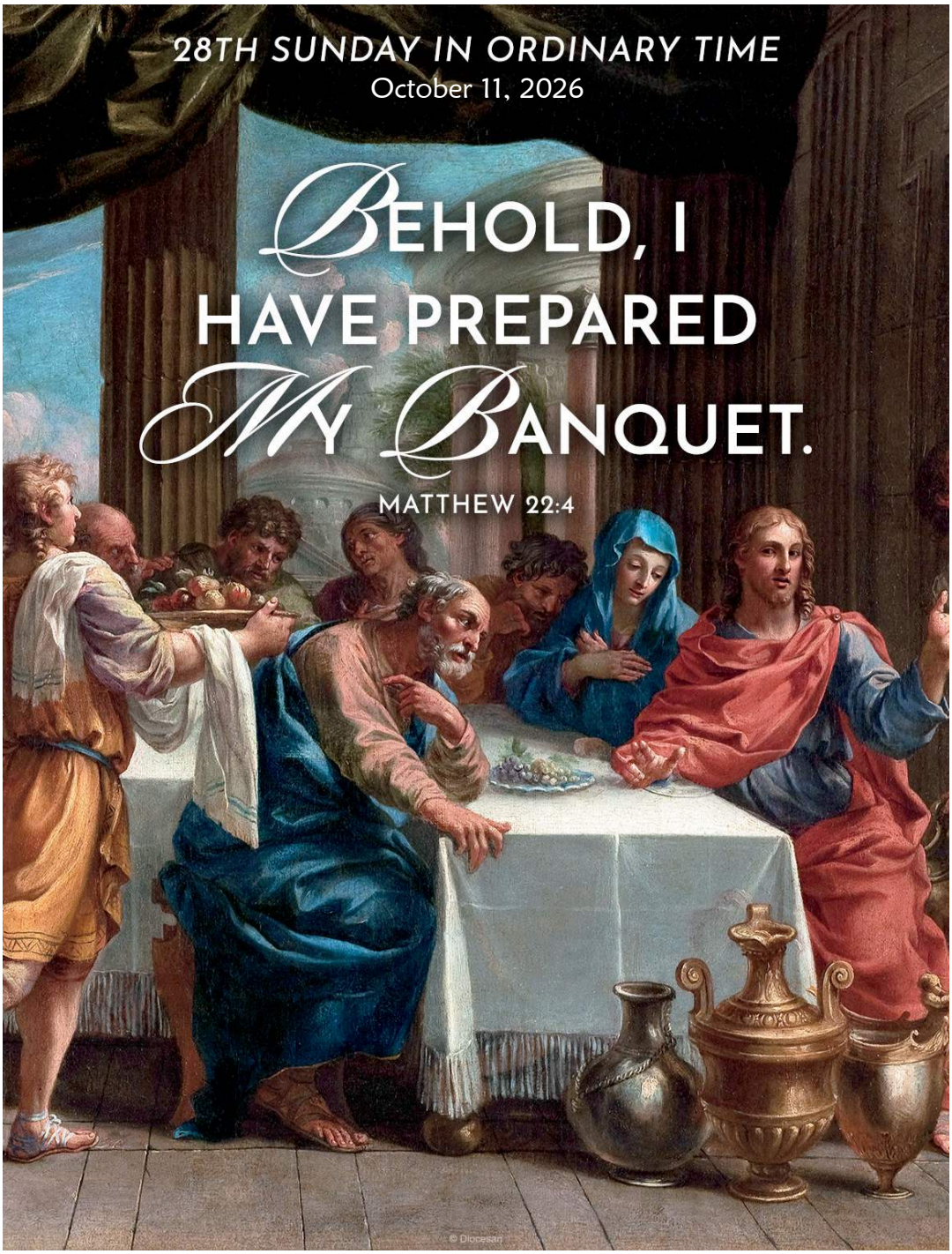

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm
By Appointment

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil - 4:30 pm - Church
Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 am - Church

DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH & CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am HC
Thursday 6:00pm Church 5:30 pm Rosary C

Beloved in Christ,

The King invites you to a wedding banquet, but please respond and come in the proper wedding garment! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us a parable about a king who throws a wedding banquet and invites privileged guests to attend. But the invited guests turned down the invitation, giving all kinds of excuses (Matthew 22:5). The banquet is not an ordinary one; it is a messianic, heavenly banquet prophesied by the prophets, especially the prophet Isaiah, who said: "On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines" (Is 25:6).

The message wakes us to a profound truth: God invites; we must freely choose to respond. Ignoring and rejecting the invitation is detrimental—whether for good reasons or excuses (lies or not a priority). God calls. Sending his servants, God assembled all who were found, both bad (*ponerous*) and good (*agathous*), and the wedding chamber was filled to the brim, with all reclining at the feast. But the invitation does not stop at acceptance; it also calls for coming to the banquet in proper wedding attire. The king came to the banquet chamber and saw a man "not having been dressed in a dress of wedding," and he had him bound and thrown into the darkness.

We must attend the eternal banquet in the required garments. The garment may refer to our baptismal gown and life of grace. Clothe yourself so you can move with ease around his house; this calls us to respond fully to his grace (his invitation). Be a participant, not a spectator—no room for indifference or complacency. Invitation comes with expectations or requirements- the need to respond to grace and be productive through a life of prayer and virtues. Ignoring this requirement will be to one's own ruin. Many are called, but few are chosen. Will you and I be part of the chosen?

Have we RSVPed to the Sacred Banquet? Do we respond by the deadline to God's (King's) invitations to his eternal wedding banquet? What excuses can we possibly have for not attending and participating in such a wonderful taste of divine food on earth- the Mass? Please, let's respond to God's invitation today and always!

In Christ,
Fr. Alayode, OP

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 11, 2026

Deacon Sunday

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."
(Matthew 22:14)

On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate.

Sanctuary Candles Illuminate This Week:

~ Historic Church ~
Special Intentions of Father Bernard
From Ann Shank

~ Church ~
Special Intentions of Darlene Monahan
From Mary Ellen Tarman

St. Peter Catholic Church Pilgrimage

to Fatima & Lourdes Discovery with Barcelona
Special Travel Presentation on Thursday, October 15
at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Mass Intentions

SAT OCTOBER 10
4:30 PM Our Parish Family (C)

SUN OCTOBER 11
8:30 AM + Father Samuel Oyetoro (C)
10:30 AM + Lisa Soflarsky (C)
1:00 PM + Ginny Schoenberger (College Mass HC)

MON OCTOBER 12
8:00 AM + Queenie Kratzer (HC)

TUE OCTOBER 13
8:00 AM Special Intentions of Sr. Ann Wierman (HC)

WED OCTOBER 14
8:00 AM Special Intentions of Mary Hoffken (HC)

THU OCTOBER 15
6:00 PM + Charles Weymer (C)

FRI OCTOBER 16
8:00 AM + William Bekelja (HC)

SAT OCTOBER 17
4:30 PM + Donald Pfautz (C)

SUN OCTOBER 18
8:30 AM + Rick Morton (C)
10:30 AM Our Parish Family (C)
1:00 PM + Joseph Seibert (College Mass HC)

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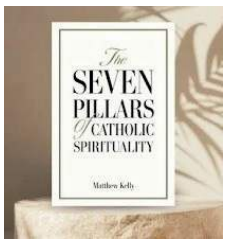

For our final look at Matthew Kelly's
The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality

Thursday, November 5th
at 7PM in the Parish Hall

We will look closer at Fasting, Spiritual Reading, & The Rosary.

~ In Memoriam ~

~ James Bonner ~
Brother-in-Law of Bob Schlosser

~ Joey Gotowski ~
Son of Matt and Cindy

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May All of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen."

~ Altar Flowers ~

The Front Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of Ralph & Mary Lou Crispino
From The Crispino Family

The Main Altar Flowers
In Loving Memory of David & Mae Woodside
From John and Mary Ann Penatzer

The Blessed Mother Flowers
In Loving Memory of Margaret Schmitt
From Frank Schmitt and Family

The Saint Joseph Flowers
In Loving Memory of William Schmitt
From Frank Schmitt and Family

Scripture Readings

For the week of October 11, 2026

Sunday	**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or Mt 22:1-10
Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	**Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	**Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Stewardship

October 3/4, 2026

SUNDAY ONLINE	**$3,019.00**
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	**$5,901.00**
YOUTH	**$51.00**
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING	**$8,971.00**
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	**$225.00**

SECOND COLLECTION

OCTOBER 18 World Mission Sunday

2026 DAC "*Faithful Stewards*"

Goal: $81,743
Total gifts & pledges: $82,908
Over: $1,165.00

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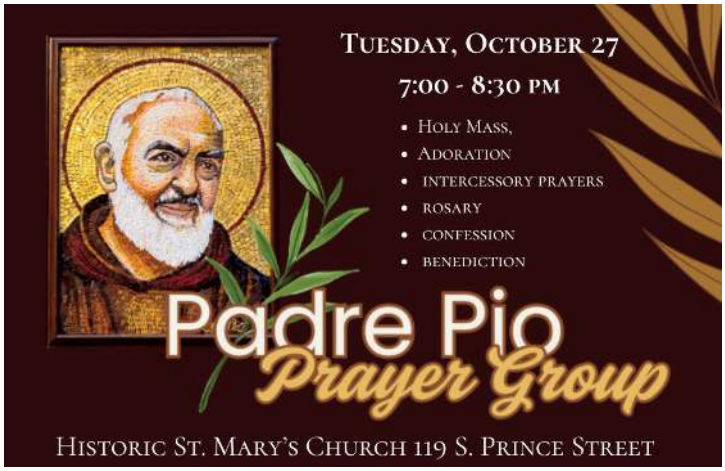

Rachel's Vineyard

Healing the pain of abortion - one **weekend** at a time

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreats

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat provides a safe, confidential, non-judgemental environment in which women and men can experience the forgiveness, mercy and compassion of God and grieve the loss of the child while understanding and releasing feelings of anger, shame and regret that they may have. No matter how much time has past, there is a place for you to heal. For more information contact Susan at 610-716-4795 or Susiemck@comcast.net Retreats are held at the IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern, PA

Next retreat is October 16-18, 2026

Please join CCW for our annual budget meeting on ***Monday, October 12th*** at 7pm in the social hall. Help us decide what projects to support and of course enjoy a few refreshments and fellowship. See you there! Terry Martin terrymartin735@gmail.com

CCW Council of Catholic Women

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St. Teresa of Avila - Episode 1 (subtitled)

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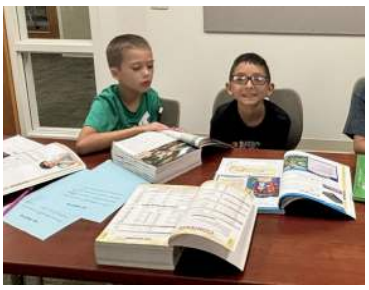
SEPTEMBER

2026 RE



Our Parish Family

Movie Night

Parish Picnic

Coast to Coast Rosary

Blessing of Animals

Parish Calendar

Saturday October 10
6:30 am TMIY (PH)
9:00 am Altar Server Meeting (PH)
10:15 am Usher Meeting (PH)
2:00 pm Handmaids (PH)
3:30 pm Confessions (C)

Sunday October 11
6:30 pm NO RE - Virtual Rosary Assignment
7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting (PH)

Monday, October 12
7:00 pm CCW Meeting (PH)
7:00 pm OCIA (Rooms 1-2)
7:15 pm Contemporary Choir (C)

Tuesday, October 13

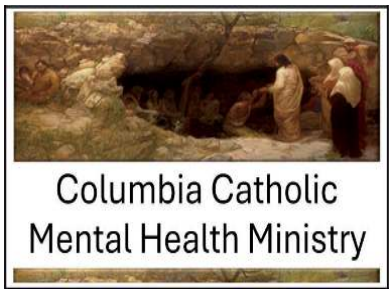
Wednesday, October 14
6:30 pm PreK-6th Grade RE Rosary
7:00 pm Choir (C)

Thursday, October 15
5:15 pm Confessions (C)
5:30 pm Rosary (C)
6:00 pm Mass and Adoration (C)
7:30 pm Pilgrimage Meeting (PH)

Friday, October 16

Saturday October 17
6:30 am TMIY (PH)
3:30 pm Confessions (C)

Sunday October 18
5:15 pm 7th and 8th Grade Fun Formation
6:30 pm 7th and 8th Grade RE



The *Columbia Catholic Mental Health Ministry,* in collaboration with Holy Trinity Catholic Church & St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church of Columbia, will be hosting their monthly workshop on

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Saint Peter Roman Catholic Church
121 S. Second St., Columbia
in the Parish Social Hall.

The topic of this workshop is **Psychological Care: Focus on TEAM CBT & Theraplay** and will feature guest speaker Dan Cane, EdD, NCSP. This event is open to the public, regardless of religious affiliation and is open to everyone in the community at no cost.

2026 MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR WINNERS

Baker Nester, Eileen Rider, Julie Fox, Nathan Smeigh and Karen Haith

This past weekend, we had a wonderful time at our first St. Peter Movie Night! Save the date for our next movie, Saturday, ***NOVEMBER 7***, when we will take a look at the documentary film that explores the lives and sacrifices of unarmed combat chaplains in the U.S. military. More information to come.

Mass Attendance

October 3/4

4:30 PM = 88
8:30 AM = 160
10:30 AM = 185

TOTAL = 433

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Saturday ~ October 17

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