

**'You are Peter and on  
this rock I will build my  
Church'**

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**Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – “A”**  
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**August 27, 2023**  
*100<sup>th</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 8/27/23 – XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time – Youth Sunday**  
10:00AM – Holy Mass

➤ *Collection for the Youth Fund.*

**Tue., 8/29/23 – Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist**  
9:00AM – Holy Mass

11:00AM – Practice of songs for the parish anniversary.

**Fri., 9/1/23 – First Sunday of the month**  
5:00PM – Holy Mass and litany to the SHofJ.

**Sat., 9/2/23 – Weekday**  
Holy Mass of 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pastor's wedding.

In today's Gospel Jesus asks His disciples the 64,000 dollar question: "Who do you say I am?" It is a question we all have to answer, not superficially as a knee-jerk response to what we have been taught by others but through our hearts and minds and the way we live our lives.

**I Reading:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**II Reading:** Romans 11:33-36

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:13-30

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi He put this question to His disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' He said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then He gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that He was the Christ.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters. Thank you very much to **Everyone**, who organized and prepared the chicken dinner yesterday – Aug. 26! May God Bless You!

**Next Sunday, September 3: XXII Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for  
+John David's family.

- Confession.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed  
Sacrament and Litany.
- Collection for missions.

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** Sep. 3:  
+John David's family; Sep. 10: +James  
Dean; Sep. 24: PNU Members; Oct. 1:  
+James Dean; Oct. 8: +Patricia Abicunas;  
Oct. 22: +John David's family.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Birthday best wishes are  
extended to: September 2 –  
Michael Stetts.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** –  
especially for - James Panco – Jean Keim  
– Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean –  
Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause –  
Edward Jurewicz. *H & R Center  
Tremont*; Dolores Halaburda. *Luther  
Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski.  
*Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA*  
– Thomas Justen.

**Our parish is looking for a person** who will be responsible for: cleaning the church (including:  
decorating the church for special events and seasons, washing altar clothes), beginning September 1,  
2023. For information, please contact Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck.

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00  
returnable deposit.
- **October 15, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman's restaurant, Frackville, PA.

**“Instruct the wise, and they become still wiser; teach the just, and they  
advance in learning. The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord, and  
knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”.** (*Proverbs 9:9-10*)