



St. Peter

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Wednesday 4:00 pm

Friday noon

The Lord's Day

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WELCOME

On behalf of the entire St. Peter Catholic Parish Community, we welcome you! Whether you are a parishioner, vacationer, or seeking a parish to call home, we hope that we can provide you with any desired information and spiritual support while you are here.

SACRAMENTS OF

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office for sacramental preparation for Baptism and Marriage.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are hospitalized and would like the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the hospital chaplain. If you are at home and would like to receive this anointing before surgery or in case of a serious illness, please contact the parish office.

FUNERALS

To make arrangements, please contact the funeral director of your choice who will coordinate with the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Call the parish office for programs and details.

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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Peter Church are a community built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, rooted in the Gospel, and distinguished by a spirit of welcome and belonging. Therefore, we strive to worship joyfully, serve gladly, and be stewards of God's gifts. We nurture spiritual growth through faith formation and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

* Parish Council * Finance Council * Choir
* Servers * Lectors * Ushers * Greeters
* Eucharistic Ministers * Mission Society
* Grief Ministry * Gabriel Project * Art & Environment * Youth Group * St. Peter Prayer Group * Divine Mercy * Men's Group
* Women's Group

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EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it's only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably "mythical" in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus' disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm — Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

Second Reading — Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Beta

Our next Beta meeting is this Tuesday, April 25 at 10:00am in the Meeting Room behind the sanctuary. Please come with your questions and spend an hour discussing some of the less frequently explored areas of our faith. There is no set agenda, so any question related to the Church, our Catholic faith or religion in general is welcome.



Spring Cleanup

Are you or someone you know in need of some light yardwork, such as picking up branches that have come down over the winter, raking up those dead leaves that haven't blown away, or just cleaning up the yard a bit? The Men's Group is hosting a Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 29 from 8am – Noon. Please contact the parish office in advance so that we can get you on the list.

Save the Date

While we are only in early Spring, we are already planning for our annual Parish Picnic. This summer it will be held at Riverside Park in Loudonville on the afternoon of Sunday, July 30. More details will follow as the date approaches, but we wanted to make sure everyone has this parish event on their calendars.

Trimming at the Cemetery

We are seeking a few volunteers (men or women) to trim around the grave stones and the wall at the cemetery. We have divided the cemetery into six sections so that it is not overwhelming for any one person to try to do all of the trimming. Typically, the trimming needs done every other week, but during peak growing season, it may need it weekly. If you would be interested in volunteering for this ministry, please contact Linda (419-994-4396) at the parish office.

Cemetery Garden Help

Do you like to garden—or maintain gardens? If so, I have a great volunteer opportunity for you!! I am looking for a few wonderful volunteers to take care of the large flowerbed against the wall at the cemetery, as well as the garden by Fr. Ed's memorial stone. It would mostly involve getting the beds ready for mulch this year and then keeping the them weeded during the growing season. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry, please call Linda in the parish office (419-994-4396) and let her know.

Mission Buy Me Now Auction

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 28th from 1:00 to 5:00 and Saturday, April 29th from 9:00 to 12:00 for the Buy Me Now Auction sponsored by St Peter Mission Society. For best selection come these days, but of course we will be open for 45 minutes before and after Masses that weekend. You can purchase the item at the Buy Me Now price and take it home with you or put in a bid. Over 150 items, including gift certificates, will be displayed in the Church Social Hall. Auction benefits local charities which includes our parish. Thank you for your support.

Pastoral Council Elections

According to our guidelines, three at-large members are elected to the Pastoral Council every three years. As the existing members have been serving since pre-COVID, it is time to allow them to step down. Each adult parish member will be asked to nominate three (3) candidates. You may nominate yourself. Nominations will take place via paper ballots at the weekend Masses on April 29-30. The votes will be tallied, and the candidates will be contacted to confirm that they would be willing to serve. Elections will take place at the weekend Masses on May 20-21. The Pastoral Council promotes the spiritual growth of the parish community and plans ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church. It is a consultative body which makes recommendations to the Parish Life Coordinator on major matters concerning the life and pastoral ministry of the parish. Pastoral Council members are to communicate with the parish community and provide feedback in both directions. Meetings are held every two months (6x per year).

Do you receive our email updates?

Frequently, the parish office sends out emails to the entire parish to alert of prayer requests, last minute cancellation of daily Mass or programs, or just to share some general information. If you are not receiving our emails, please call the parish office to provide your email, or email Linda at linda@loudonvillecatholic.org to alert us to add you to the list.



Masses for
the Week



Day	Date		Feast/Holiday			Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	April	22	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Deceased of the Blumenschein Family	Lou & Margie Krieg
Sunday	April	23	3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	✙	Allison Bucher	Linda Bucher
Wednesday	April	26	Easter Weekday	4:00 pm	✙	Deceased of the Steffen, Tanner, & Smith Families and the People of St. Peter	Ruth Steffen
Friday	April	28	Easter Weekday	noon	✙	Dick Porter & Linda Sage	Toni Dunmire
Saturday	April	29	Vigil	5:00 pm	✙	Helen & Floyd Powell	Chuck Henley Sr.
Sunday	April	30	4th Sunday of Easter	9:00 am	✙	Bob Moses & Mary Kay Ellis	Toni Dunmire

Good Grief : Learning to remember with more joy and laughter than sadness and tears

Are you or someone that you know dealing with the loss of a loved one and you are feeling at a loss for adjusting to the changes in your life? Are you feeling the need to share and connect with others that are experiencing a loss? Are you searching for healthy habits and goals to help you? Are you looking to be able to remember your person with more love and joy than sorrow and pain? If you have answered any of these questions "YES," then join our new grief support group starting Tuesday, May 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the lower portion of the rectory. This group will last 8 weeks with one meeting per week. Please contact Linda at the parish office (419-994-4396) if you would like to join us, or sign up on the sheet at the entry to the church.

Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief

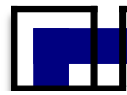
O God of compassion, your people are in pain. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel the fear that accompanies grief. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Morning Prayer & Chaplet

Join us each Monday and Tuesday morning at 8:00am to pray Morning Prayer and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Fr. Kevin Conroy Visit

This Wednesday at 4:00pm Fr. Kevin Conroy will be back in town to celebrate Mass with us. All are welcome. A light reception will follow afterwards.



Ken's

As we continue with our celebration of Easter through Pentecost and start to experience more signs of Spring around us, we want to continue opportunities for us to gather as community and celebrate. Our PSR classes, along with Sunday morning breakfasts, will end in a couple more weeks. We have considered the possibility of having gatherings after our Saturday Vigil Masses or outside after Masses on Sunday morning. These would not be weekly events, but an opportunity for us to gather occasionally through the summer months. This would allow us to share with our seasonal visitors who will begin returning to the Mohican area campgrounds. Do you enjoy helping with these types of events? They can only happen with coordination, planning, and a few helping hands. Let us know if you would like to see more of these social events, and in what way you might be able to assist. Let's continue to keep our community strong and to share what we have with our visitors this Summer.



PRAY FOR...

Vee Whims,
Bob Huy,
Barbara Nickels,
Jeanne Petersen,
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Josephine Grega,
Barb Young,
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Carol Gaines,
Christa Snyder,
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Connie Voss,
Melissa Sturdivan,
Cathy Hier,
Eleanor Chapman,
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John Kick,
Runyan Family,
Midge McKinley,
Jamie Parker,
Anne Kochera,
Mary Moses,
Bruce Bible,
Tripp Heffelfinger,
Jane Bible,
Micki Gaines,
Fr. Elmer Marquard,
Pope Francis,
and for peace
throughout the world.

Stewardship Report



	4/11/23-4/17/23	FYTD
Offertory	\$3,372.00	\$140,088.22
General Fund Envelope	80.20	20,484.20
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Thank You!

Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything belongs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.

When Jesus broke a piece of bread,
the disciples who were with him recognized him!
Count the loaves of bread on each tabletop.
Then draw a line from each group
to the same number of shapes.

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Third Sunday of Easter

Follow the directions that will get
the disciples and Jesus to the town of Emmaus.
Look at the arrows for help.

A. Go 3 dots down. E. Go 3 dots down.
B. Go 4 dots right. F. Go 2 dots left.
C. Go 2 dots up. G. Go 3 dots down.
D. Go 4 dots right.

Start → Up ↓ Down ← Left → Right

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