



Saint Peter

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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Weekday Mass:

Tue 8:00am
Fri 12:00noon

Weekend Mass:

Saturday Vigil
5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am

Confession:

Saturday 4-4:30pm

Adoration:

2nd Monday of
Month 7-8:00pm

Morning Prayer:

Mon, Wed 8:00am

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.

Deadline for bulletin submissions is Tuesday at noon.



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Parish Organizations:

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

To register with our parish or to schedule the Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, or Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

If you are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact Ken Kuruc at the parish office.

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 formations and education. We support one another, reach out to all, spread the Gospel, and practice our faith in our daily lives.

Our Family of Ministry

St. Edward Ashland stedwardashland.org	St. Stephen West Salem ststephen.ws	Ashland University Newman Center ashlandcatholic.org
Weekday Mass: Mon, Tue, Thu, & Fri 8:00am Wed 1:15pm	Weekday Mass: Mon & Thu 8:00am Wed 4:00pm	** Located in the Lower Chapel on campus, only when college is in session.
Weekend Mass: Saturday Vigil 4:30pm Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am	Saturday Vigil 4:00pm Sunday 10:30am	Weekend Mass: Sunday 4:30
Confession: Sat 3-4:00pm	Confession: Sat 3-3:45pm	Confession: Sun 4-4:30pm
Adoration: Thurs 8:30am- Sun 8:00am	Adoration: Wed 1-8:00pm	Newman Nights Adoration: Wed 8:30-9:30pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



Take a break from your busy schedule to spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, September 8 from 7 – 8 pm.

Do you have unanswered questions about our Faith or the Church? Bring them to this lively discussion to learn more and uncover the real meaning of what we do and why we do it this Tuesday morning, September 9 at 10:00am in the meeting room at church.

BETA



Grandparent's Day September 7th

Street Fair Parking



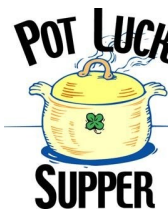
Once again, we will be parking cars at church during the Street Fair as a fundraiser to support parish activities throughout the coming year. If you can help for a couple of hours, please sign up at the entrance to the church.

This is a great way to get to know others better and build community.



"Equipped for Every Good Work"

Ever wonder how the earliest Christians understood the Bible? Join us on Tuesday, September 16 at 9:00 AM in the Meeting Room as we explore how the Church Fathers read and interpreted the Scriptures. See how their ancient wisdom can deepen our own understanding and help us read the Bible not just with our minds, but with our hearts.



Join us for our Saturday evening parish pot luck on September 27th at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Bring a dish to share if you are able and join us for some relaxing fellowship time. If this is something that you would like to help monthly with set up or clean up, please contact Linda.



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Masses for
the Week



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday			Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Sept 6	Vigil	5:00 pm	✚	Robin & Niles Strouse	Rita & Chuck Henley
Sunday	Sept 7	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	✚	Raymond & Alexia Williams	Pat & Amanda Lipps
Tuesday	Sept 9	St. Peter Claver	8:00 am	✚	Paul & Mary Henley	Paula Bush Adam
Friday	Sept 12	Weekday	Noon	✚	Yisha & Bilick Families	Mary Ann Bilick
Saturday	Sept 13	Vigil	5:00 pm	✚	Deceased of the Vernon & Marian Randall Family	Mary Jo Metz
Sunday	Sept 14	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:00 am	✚	Al Steffen	Roxanne Baumgartner

upcoming events

Mon. Sept. 8 @ 7:00pm – Holy Hour
 Tues. Sept. 9 @ 10:00am – Beta
 Mon. Sept. 15 @ 9:00am – Mission
 Tues. Sept. 16 @ 9:00am – Bible Study
 Sun. Sept. 21 @ 10:15am – PSR Begins/Breakfast
 Mon. Sept. 22 @ 5:30pm – Pastoral Council
 Tues. Sept. 23 @ 10:00am – Beta
 Sat. Sept. 27 @ 6:00pm – Potluck Dinner
 Sun. Sept. 28 @ 10:00am – Parish Breakfast
 Tues. Sept. 30 – Loudonville Street Fair opens



Sunday Breakfast While our PSR program will be going to a hybrid model that includes both group and family sessions, we will continue to have weekly breakfast after Mass on Sunday mornings beginning September 21. Breakfasts will be provided by Finance & Parish Councils (1st Sundays), Men's Group (2nd Sundays), Mission (3rd Sundays) and Parish (4th Sundays).

2025 Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection

The 2025 Cleveland Catholic Women's Day of Reflection is Saturday, October 11, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Road, in Independence. Join us for a day of spiritual renewal. Register at tobcle.org. Cost: \$45 (Students \$25, Religious free)



PSR Class will kick off on Sunday September 21. Registration is available on the website, at the entrance to the church, and from the home mailing.



In this week's Gospel we are asked to consider the cost for any task we take up. Jesus makes it clear that being a follower is not without cost and sacrifice, and if we truly want to follow the way of Christ, it will inevitably involve some sacrifice. He does not want us to literally hate our families; however, he does not want us to use family as an excuse for not being a disciple. For some this is easier than others. We have all been given crosses to bear, and comparing ours to others is off limits. If we consider our crosses too difficult to bear at times, those of others may be heavier yet. Jesus is not trying to sugar coat our mission on earth. Yet he reminds us that the reward for doing so is "out of this world". We need to stand firm and press forward.



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 John Kick,
 Dorothy Thompson,
 Larry Kline,
 Sam & Flora Taghiani
 Elizabeth Ferguson,
 Bruce Bible,
 Erin Smith,
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Stewardship Report

Weekly
Offering



	8/26/25-9/2/25	Fiscal YTD
Offertory	\$3,533.85	\$32,269.19
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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.

Mass Time	Greeter	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Counting Team
Sept 13 5:00 pm	Mary Davis	Michele Crider	Leslie Kamenik	
Sept 14 9:00 am	Jerry & Judy Dudte	Rita Henley	Deb Allerding	2

Make a will. Make an impact rooted in faith.

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and there's no better time to create or update your will. Catholic Community Foundation offers a free resource through FreeWill, a simple online tool that can help you plan ahead in about 20 minutes. Your will reflects your values—caring for your loved ones and strengthening faith-based stewardship for generations to come. Visit FreeWill.com/CatholicCommunity to put your faith into action.




THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over
Join us Monday, Sept. 8
7 – 8:30pm

Our Annual Field Trip Event to:
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/Lorain
418 W. 15th St., Lorain

Join us as we become Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year. We will be treated to a tour of one of the designated Sacred Sites at which a plenary indulgence may be obtained. Rich in history, its Polish-American Heritage and over 70 relics on display; it's an evening you don't want to miss. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers & refreshments included. Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:
www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm.

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September 2025

St. Peter Church

One Minute Meditations

St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

Jesus turns sorrow into joy

Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

Holiness in everyday life

Pier Giorgio Frassati — to be canonized on September 7 — was known for blending intense spirituality with fun—he loved mountain climbing, practical jokes, and friendship. He taught that holiness can be simple, joyful, and practical, woven into daily life. In a 1923 address to young people, he summed up the Christian life: "Our religion is based on charity, which is nothing other than the most perfect Love." He proposed three ways to live that love: by example, through compassion, and by joyful invitation.

By example: Blessed Pier believed that our lives should reflect our faith without needing words. "We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law," he said. That includes building our schedules around the Eucharist, practicing reverence, treating others with dignity, and living generously. These everyday choices silently proclaim who we are—and whose we are.

With compassion: Blessed Pier encouraged personal, thoughtful acts of

love: visiting the lonely, offering a kind word, or putting others first. He reminded us that holiness begins with small, intentional acts of compassion.

By joyful invitation: Blessed Pier's faith was magnetic, marked by laughter,

"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

adventure, and prayer. He urged others to draw people to Christ with warmth and sincerity: "Persuade [those who are far from the Church] to follow the ways of God." A quiet chapel visit or simple prayer can be a powerful invitation to grace.

He urged Catholics to stay rooted in the Eucharist: "Approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible... from which you will draw strength." His life reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, but about choosing love—daily, faithfully, and joyfully.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10,

Why do Catholics believe in angels?

referencing angels who "*behold the face of [His] Father*"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

Hearing God's voice in the everyday

Discernment isn't limited to religious vocations—it's a way of seeking God's will in all areas of life. Whether you're considering a marriage, a job change, or a move to a new city, discernment helps you respond to God's loving plan with clarity and peace. Here are three tips to avoid common pitfalls:

Learn to recognize His voice: It's difficult to discern God's will if we don't know His character. A healthy relationship with God—nurtured through prayer and Scripture, especially the Gospels—helps us become familiar with His voice. The more time we spend with Him, the easier it becomes to distinguish His promptings from fear, pressure, or personal bias.

Take a practical step: Discernment requires action. You can't always think your way to clarity. Take the interview, visit the new city, introduce your intended to your family. These steps don't commit you for life—they give you real-world experience that sharpens your perspective and brings peace to your decision-making.

Narrow your focus: Too many options can paralyze progress. At some point, discernment involves commitment and trust. Begin by eliminating options that clearly don't fit. The path may shift as you go, but each step—taken prayerfully—leads you closer to the right destination. God's guidance is often gradual but unmistakable.

from Scripture

Luke 16:19-31, Doing the good we ought to do

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable aimed at those who are indifferent to the suffering around them. A rich man enjoys daily luxury while Lazarus, a poor and sick man, lies just outside his gate, starving and ignored. Though the rich man likely passed by Lazarus often—and even knew his name—he offered no help.

After death, their roles are reversed. Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, a place of comfort and honor. The rich man finds himself in torment and pleads for relief. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus with water,

and later to warn his brothers. Both requests are denied.

Jesus' parable does not condemn wealth but the failure to love. The rich man's sin was not what he did, but what he refused to do. He saw suffering and remained unmoved.

This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts. Do we see those in need and look away?

True Christian living means turning prayer into mercy, and faith into action. When we love as Christ commands, the reward is eternal joy.

Q & A Why do Catholics display crucifixes instead of crosses?

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: *"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son"* (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is *"a compassionate high priest"* (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

Feasts & Celebrations

September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary. Mary has many titles. Begun in Spain in 1513, this feast celebrates her as the Blessed Virgin and is the counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary's protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c. 326). St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) discovered what is believed to be the True Cross while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. On that site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (c. 253). A renowned theologian and orator, he was ordained a priest and served as the bishop of Carthage. He helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against the Novatian heretics. Pope Cornelius was exiled and died from harsh treatment in 253. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

September 19 – St. Januarius (c. 305). Not much is known about this saint, except that he was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy, and that he was martyred with six companions under the Diocletian persecutions. For reasons unknown, a vial of his blood has miraculously liquified annually, several times a year, since at least 1389.

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