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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

The Lord's Day

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon. -Wed. 8:00 a.m. * Friday Noon

(See inside for occasional changes.)

Masses are live-streamed on our website and at https://www.facebook.com/stpeterloudonville

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

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Please contact the parish office to attend classes and schedule a Baptism.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

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Contact the parish at least 6 months before the wedding for required pre-marriage preparation.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are in the hospital, contact the hospital Chaplain.

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Call the parish office for programs and details.

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Are you thinking of becoming Catholic? Contact Father Hawk at the parish office for further information.



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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.



lesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "Peace be with you John 20:19

FAITH

What a difference faith makes! The faith of the early community of believers led them to rise beyond the selfishness that so many of us struggle with as they grew in communion with Christ and one another. Their selflessness was a living sign of the impact of their faith in Jesus Christ. They did not find the commandments burdensome, but rather centered their lives on the love of God and neighbor that Jesus taught through his life, death, and resurrection. It is good for us to remember that faith is a gift. The journey of faith is not always straightforward and is often marked by doubt and moments of weakness. The apostles' faith grew as they experienced the risen Jesus. Jesus surely knew they needed the peace he offered and the presence of the Holy Spirit, as do we who have not seen the Lord and yet have come to believe in him.

FROM DOUBT TO BELIEF

The apostle Thomas will forever be remembered as the one who doubted. It is good that his experience is recorded in the Gospel of John. We all doubt sometimes, and "Doubting Thomas" shows us how to move from doubt to belief, knowing that the risen Jesus will be with us through it all. Thomas did not keep his doubts to himself, but instead voiced them aloud to his trusted companions. We can only imagine the conversations that took place between Thomas and the other disciples as they described the peace that they felt following Jesus' time with them. Thomas' doubts were put to rest once and for all when Jesus offered him physical proof of the Resurrection. We do not have the sort of physical evidence that was shown to Thomas, but we can perceive Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in the words of sacred scripture, and in the presence and actions of others.

LIVING FAITH

The journey of faith often ebbs and flows, with times when our relationship with the Lord is the guiding force in our lives, and times when we are tempted to turn away from all we know to be true, good, and beautiful. In those moments when we find ourselves struggling with doubt or temptation, we can follow Thomas' lead and turn to trusted companions, faithful and faith-filled family and friends, who will support us and show us the way from doubt to living faith. Like the disciples who were in the room when Jesus came among them, we too have

received the Holy Spirit. Today, let us consider where we are on the journey of faith, turn to trusted companions and the Holy Spirit to strengthen us on the way, and know that the Lord is with us as we live and grow in relationship with Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

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April 11, 2021



THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IS BEING OFFERED FOR...



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Day	Date		Feast/Holiday			Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	April	10	Vigil	5:00 pm	†	Ed & Delores Baum	Toni Dunmire
Sunday	April	11	Sunday of Divine Mercy	8:00 am 10:00 am	†	Darlene & Pat O'Sullivan People of St. Peter	Mary Davis & Susie Piskur
Monday	April	12	Easter weekday	8:00 am	†	Deceased of the Steffen, Tanner and Smith Families	Ruth Steffen
Tuesday	April	13	Easter weekday	8:00 am	†	Bernadine Gosche	Ken & Sharon Gosche
Wednesday	April	14	Easter weekday	8:00 am	†	Deceased of the Blumenschein Family	Lou & Margie Krieg
Thursday	April	15	Easter weekday			No Mass	
Friday	April	16	Easter weekday	Noon	†	All Souls	
Saturday	April	17	Vigil	5:00 pm	†	Deceased of the Grosswiller Family	Katie & Joe Evans
Sunday	April	18	Third Sunday of Easter	8:00 am 10:00 am	†	People of St. Peter Gloria Stoker	Toni Dunmire

TODAY'S READINGS

First reading — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35). Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

Gospel — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31)

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Join Us for Mass Online

Liturgies will continue to be live-streamed on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/stpeterloudonville) and through a link on our website (loudonvillecatholic.org).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21 Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

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March 30-	Thank You!						
	This Week	Total YTD	Saint Peter parishioners are remarkably generous. Sharing a				
Offertory	\$4,535.00	\$113,928.41	portion of our income with the Church is a sign everything be-				
General Fund Envelope	390.00	13,635.00	longs to God and we dedicate our "first fruits" to the work of				
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	500.00	3,716.29	the kingdom of Christ. Thank you so much for your faith and generosity.				
Holy Land Collection \$395.00							

Divine Mercy Sunday



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex Let us never tire of seeking the risen Christ who gives life in abundance to those who meet him. To find Christ means to discover

peace in our hearts.

Cemetery Spring Clean Up

Linda is looking for a helper or two that would be interested in volunteering a few hours to help get the cemetery cleaned up for mowing and the gardens cleaned up and mulched for spring. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda at the office at 419-994-4396 Ext. 2.

St Francis Xavier Mission Society

We are in the final stage of our 20/20 Vision Project. The **St Peter Parish Cook Book – Commemorating 150 years** is being finalized before print. We currently have 250 recipes. If you would like to contribute recipes, you may place them in the Mission Basket in the entry of the church. Recipes will be accepted through until **April 12.**

Cost will be **\$5 / Cook Book** To order copies notify: Barbara Swingle, bswingle46@gmail.com OR text 330-416-6016

Renata Lunt, <u>rlunt@neo.rr.com</u> OR text 419-571-3402

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Our bible study featuring the Gospel of Matthew will continue with Chapter 13 this Tuesday, April 13 from 6:30 to 7:45pm. Please note that we are now offering BOTH an IN-PERSON session to be held in the church meeting room behind the sanctuary AND a VIRTUAL option as we have had over the last several months. The meeting link can be found on the parish website under covid-19-info/virtual-meeting-links. You are welcome to attend even if you have not participated in prior sessions.

Sunday Mass Schedule Change

The temporary Mass schedule beginning after Easter will be Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am. (This is a trial period and will be evaluated periodically)

DOUBT



The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from

sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are "proof that there is a God." We get so caught up in the story of "doubting Thomas" that we fail to notice that today's Gospel gives us John's account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas' disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as "God"—more remarkable.
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FEAST OF FAITH The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God's people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

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PRAY FOR... JaNice Hohmann, Pat & Kathy Grego, Patrick Cook, Alan Ohler, Debbi Smith, Tim Sage, Carter James Owings, Heather Sage, Doug and Connie Voss, Melissa Sturdivan, Cathy Hier, Roger & Eleanor Chapman, Chuck Henley, Jr., Rose Gillette, Dan Sved, Becky Stanley, Vince Graham, Kaden Allerding, Mrs. Bainer, John Kick, Rich Stoker, Scott Roberts, Runyan Family, Midge McKinley, George Miller, Lisa Weslock, Paula Schmid, Dorothy Louthian, Jamie Parker, Anne Kochera, Mary Moses, Eddie Murphy, Bruce Bible, Tripp Heffelfinger, Raymond Keck, Jane Bible, Betty Ginnetti, Micki Gaines, Clara Jane Conrad, Mrs. Jackson, Eileen Esselburn, Fr. Elmer Marquard, Pope Francis, and for peace throughout the world.



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2021

St. Peter Church

Fr. Hawk

One Minute Meditations

For His love

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

Choose companions well

Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. "And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death" (Judges 16:16). He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone friend or family - pressure you into violating God's commandments.

Hold hope

"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come" Job 14:14. Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.

Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a "little Easter." We can live the gifts of the

Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

Death doesn't have the last word. Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

Jesus offers peace the world can't give. Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God's

will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

We place our faith in the Holy

Spirit. "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him" (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holv Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through

words, actions, and compassion. Forgiveness is ours for the asking. Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. That means no matter what we

have done, Jesus is ready to forgive. All we have to do is ask.

Why Do Catholics Do That

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith. In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.

Cast looks toward Heaven throughout the day

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our daily activities can help us glance toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day.

"Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my



God." Say this when beginning a chore, task, or project.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory.

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help.

"Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

from Scripture

John 10:11-18, Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

This Gospel tells of our relationship with God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His flock.

Today society tells us that it is good be independent and answer to no one. We are encouraged to please ourselves and follow our own desires. However, there is no one to turn to for guidance and comfort when circumstances go bad. There is no shepherd.

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with the sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He tended them in a flock for safety, to protect them from predators. The shepherd was trusted and familiar, so that the sheep knew His voice and

followed him but no other.

Jesus is the Good
Shepherd for all of
humanity. In this Gospel
Jesus defined the role of a
shepherd. He predicted how
he would fill that role by
giving His life for His sheep.
But he looked beyond the
sheepfold of Israel. His hope is

to have one flock and one shepherd for the whole world. That flock is the Church which he founded.



April 4 – Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important feast in the Church year.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina

and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a luxurius life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of

Canterbury,
England. He was
exiled for
rebuffing the king's
interference in
Church matters.



Q & A

Why should I participate in Mass if it's not required?

In many dioceses around the country, the obligation to attend Mass in person remains lifted while the pandemic lasts. Still, finding ways to celebrate the Eucharist – in person, if it

can be done safely, or online – has spiritual benefits during difficult times.

"Do this in memory
of me" is the only
direct order Jesus gave to
His followers. That means

God is the one who initiates this encounter with us. And when God asks us to do something, it is smart to do it.

Sanctify the day. Participating in Mass on Sunday still helps to fulfill the Third Commandment obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day and sanctify the day.

You're a baptized person needed by your community. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). We help worship God just by being there.

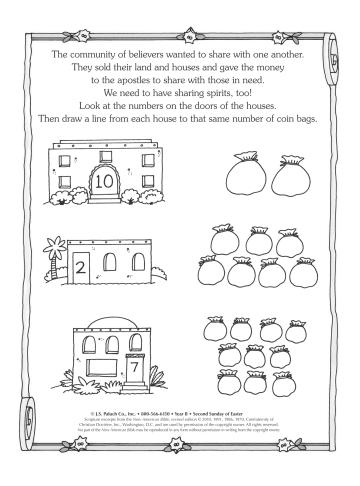
You get "take out." The homily gives the Gospel relevance to our lives. Then we have something to act on in the coming week.

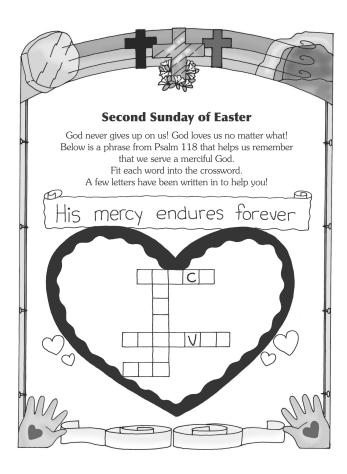
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God's Word for Children







There was no needy person among them.

Acts 4:34



MANY OTHER SIGNS

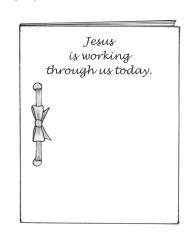
At the end of today's Gospel John writes, "Jesus did many other signs. . . that are not written in this book" (John 20:30).

Jesus did do many signs before and after his death when he spent time with his friends, the disciples. A "sign" in the Bible means someone of importance is present. Can you think of some signs? For example, miracles are signs.

Jesus continues to work many signs today. One important sign is the act of mercy. Jesus is the model of forgiveness. On the cross Jesus forgave those who crucified him. We know that God is merciful and forgives our sins if we are truly sorry.

Can you think of other signs that show that Jesus is still working in our world today? Doctors and nurses help heal people. Hungry people are fed by others who donate food. People who are different or shunned by some are welcomed by those who reach out to them in love. Kind people comfort others who are sad. These are all signs that the work of Jesus continues with us today.

Find pictures of these actions in magazines or in the paper or on the Internet, or draw some yourself. Make a little booklet of the works of Jesus that people continue to do today. Add some blank pages to your book. Whenever you do or say something that is like the work of Jesus, include that in your book.



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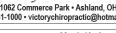
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