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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 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon. –Wed. 8:00 a.m. * Friday Noon (See inside for occasional changes.)

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

Councils, Ministries & Groups

Parish Council * Finance Council * Choir * Servers * Lectors * Ushers * Greeters * Eucharistic Ministers * Mission Society * Knights of Columbus * Grief Ministry * Gabriel Project * Art & Environment * St. Peter KEYS Youth Group * St. Peter Prayer Group * After Alpha

Social Concerns

Community Help Mission, Helping Hands & Support of Community Projects

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

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.

Sacrament of Marriage

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Call the parish office for programs and details.

RCIA/ Inquiry Class

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday noon. Please read inside bulletin for any changes from above.

January 6, 2019



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



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Mass Time	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	Jan 5	Vigil	5:00 pm	† John Schultz	Shirley Weibl
Sunday	Jan 6	Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 am	People of St. Peter	
Monday	Jan 7	Christmas Weekday	8:00 am	† Paul B. & Mary D. Henley	Paula Bush
Tuesday	Jan 8	Christmas Weekday	9:00 am	† Megan Smith	Pat Studer
Wednesday	Jan 9	Christmas Weekday	8:00 am	† Renee Burnison	Tom & Kelly Esselburn
Thursday	Jan 10	Christmas Weekday		No Mass	
Friday	Jan 11	Christmas Weekday	Noon	† Abe Kuttothara	Larry & Deb Henley
Saturday	Jan 12	Vigil	5:00 pm	People of St. Peter	
Sunday	Jan 13	Baptism of the Lord	9:00 am	† Andy Esselburn	Tom & Kelly Esselburn

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 12 & 13

Mass Time	Greeter	Lector	Server	Server	Eucharistic Minister	Cup Ministers
Jan 12 5:00 pm	Karen Henley	Patrick Snyder	Alesha Felix	X	Rob Turk	Please sign up
Jan 13 9:00 am	Bob & Norma Huy	Rita Henley	Joe Henley	James Henley	Ken Kuruc	Please sign up

COUNTING 01-07-19 TEAM 1

1-13-19 TEAM 2

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the new-born king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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Stewardship Report
Dec 18 -Dec 30, 2018

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.

	Weekly Budget	This Week	YTD Budget	Total YTD
Offertory	\$3,139.00	10,572.20	\$84,753.00	\$82,056.13
General Fund Envelope	363.00	1,050.00	9,801.00	11,136.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	289.00	2,600.00	7,803.00	14,650.00

Epiphany of the Lord



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex
To make peace is to imitate God, who wants to make peace with us: He sent us his Son, and He has forgiven us.

Parish Calendar of Events

Jan	6	PSR	10:15 am
	9	Divine Mercy Cenacle	8:30 am
	9	Knights of Columbus Meeting	7:30 pm
	10	Bible Study	6:30 pm
	11	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00 pm
	12	Parish Council Meeting	9:00 am
	13	PSR	10:15 am
	15	Loudonville Church Women Mtg.	6:30 pm
	16	Divine Mercy Cenacle	8:30 am
	18	Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:00 pm
	20	PSR	10:15 am

Adult Education Opportunities

Bible Study – We will continue the Revelation Scripture study and video series with Jeff Cavins this Thursday, January 10 from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the meeting room behind the sanctuary.

Sunday Social

Jan	6	Parish Council
	13	Knights of Columbus
	20	Mission Society



Memorial Tree Ornaments

Ornaments on the memorial remembrance tree at the cemetery during the Christmas season will be available for pick up January 8-31. Although we hope to make this an annual event, we will not be keeping unclaimed ornaments year to year. Thank you to all who participated in the lighting, placing of ornaments, and visiting the tree to remember our loved ones.

Part-time Accompanist Position Open

Details: The position of accompanist will plan music and provide piano accompaniment mainly for a small unison choir (4-8 members) at the Parish 5:00PM Vigil Mass on Saturday. Various Holy Days, special services (funerals, weddings, etc.) and other weekend Masses are also possible as available. Practice time for the choir is usually prior to Mass. The accompanist will plan the music and work with the pastor and other music ministers. The accompanist should have excellent keyboard skills and have a good understanding of the Catholic liturgy. It would be helpful if candidate can play the keyboard, and/or can cantor for themselves.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to Fr Vincent Hawk, Pastor pastor@loudonvillecatholic.org



FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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Reflections on Today's Readings

- Light is a common thread running through today's readings. In Isaiah, Jerusalem becomes a beacon to the rest of the world: "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance" (Isaiah 60:3). For the writer of Ephesians, that light comes as a revelation, that all believers are "members of the same body, and copartners in the promise of Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6). And in the Gospel, of course, we have the star. The star that marked the location of Jesus' birth. The star that indicated the birth of a new ruler. The star that led these wise men from afar to the little child in the manger.
- Isaiah tells of caravans coming from across the desert bearing gold and frankincense. Gold was appropriate for a king, a precious metal used for jewelry and ornamentation. Frankincense was burned as incense or perfume, often used by those offering prayers to God. To these two gifts, the magi add myrrh, an oil used for anointing, particularly for burial. It foreshadows the Passion, for Jesus is not only king and high priest, but also sacrificial victim, anointed with myrrh when buried in the tomb.
- When seeing Jesus for the first time, the magi "prostrated themselves and did him homage" and "offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matthew 2:11). Nowhere in Matthew's account do we see them offering homage or bringing gifts to King Herod. They recognized the difference between the temporal king and the eternal king, between the one worthy of reverence and the one unworthy of the honor.

Mass Intentions for 2019

If you would like to schedule a Mass or Masses for loved ones, living or deceased during 2019, please contact Linda at the parish office.



PRAY FOR...

Joe Evans, Heather Sage, Bruce Davis, Rose Gillette, Dan Sved, Becky Stanley, Vince Graham, Kaden Allerding, Mrs. Bainer, Dewey Jenkins, Terry & Donald Aker, John Kick, Rich & Gloria Stoker, Scott Roberts, Runyan Family, Midge McKinley, Michael Brinkman, George Miller, Lisa Weslock, Paula Schmid, Dorothy Louthian, Jamie Parker, Alfred Stanley, Anne Kochera, Mary Moses, Eddie Murphy, Bruce Bible, Tripp Heffelfinger, Ed & Kae White, Roger & Eleanor Chapman, Marilyn & Raymond Keck, Jane Bible, Betty Ginnetti, Dick Porter, Linda Sage, Micki Gaines, Clara Jane Conrad, Mrs. Jackson, Ginny Dunmire, Eileen Esselburn, Fr. Elmer Marquard, Pope Francis, and for peace throughout the world.

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January 2019

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One Minute Meditations

St. Francis de Sales

Born to a wealthy family in Savoy, near Switzerland, St.

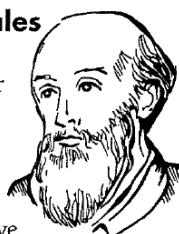
Francis became the Bishop of Geneva and worked to revive Catholicism in Chablais, Switzerland. Controversial for his day, he taught that all Christians in whatever station in life could grow in holiness. He was known for his simple but profound sermons, and kindly spiritual wisdom. His famous work, *Introduction to the Devout Life* is still a popular read today as it was when he wrote it.

God stays the same

Although the world changes constantly, God stays the same. He can be trusted to provide love, support, and strength when we need it. All we have to do is ask him. *"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed"* (Malachi 3:6).

Pass it on

"Evangelization means to set out with Christ in order to pass on the gift we have received" (Pope Benedict XVI).



God watches good efforts with loving eyes

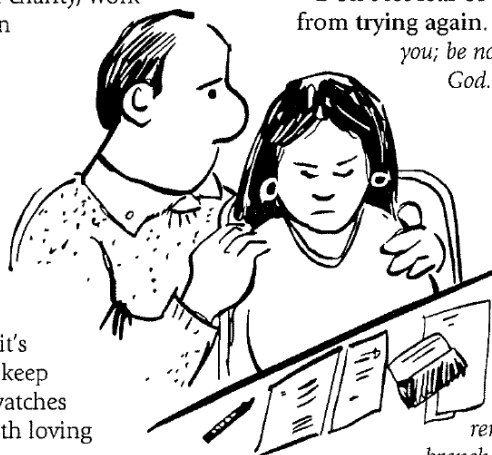
We start the New Year with the best of intentions, but life can get in the way of success. Household expenses leave little for charity, work encroaches on family time, daily tasks distract from prayer time, and healthy habits fall away. It can be discouraging when we stumble, but it's important to keep trying. God watches our efforts with loving eyes.

God knows our limits. Our Father understands that we are weak and that we struggle. Even Peter, Jesus' close friend, promised devotion but later denied knowing him (John 13: 37-38).

Not only did Jesus forgive him, he made Peter the first head of his beloved Church.

Don't let fear of failure keep you from trying again. *"Fear not, I am with you; be not dismayed; I am your God. I will strengthen you, and help you"* (Isaiah 41:10). The key is to get back to the plan. **We aren't meant to do it alone.** Jesus is the source of our true strength and wants to help us get it right. *"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its*

own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me" (John 15:4). *"Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power"* (Ephesians 6:10).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics call Mary the Mother of God?

When we refer to Mary as "Mother of God," we are saying that Jesus is God. The Church has always taught that Jesus is both God and sinless man. As the Word of God, he always existed. He took on flesh and "became man" in history



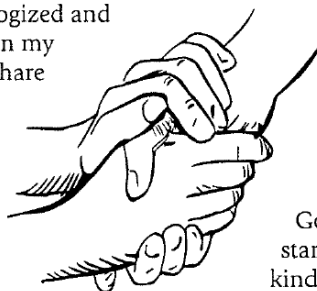
through Mary (John 1:14). Mary is truly his mother: she gave birth to him and raised him. Since Jesus is God, Mary, his mother, is the "Mother of God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #495).

Forgiveness makes good sense

"My best friend hurt me terribly, hasn't apologized and doesn't act sorry. I refuse to forgive her." "When my parents died, my brother took more than his share of their estate. I'll never speak to him again."

Refusing to forgive merely prolongs the hurt feelings and traps us in the past. It forces us to dwell on bad feelings and keep them alive. That feels awful. Forgiving is something we do for ourselves.

But when we forgive, the energy that sustained the anger and hurt is now available



for better purposes. That feels better.

Need another reason? Jesus taught us that to receive forgiveness of our own sins we must forgive those who have hurt us. If we can't or won't – how can we obtain it for ourselves?

Instead, pray for those who hurt you and ask God to bless them. Not only will you find the pain start to lessen, you'll be saying one of God's favorite kinds of prayers. It's exactly how Jesus prayed while on the Cross.

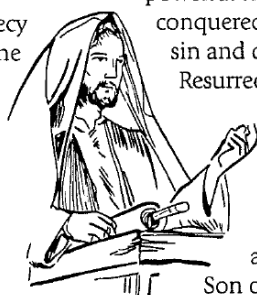
from Scripture

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21; Jesus teaches in the synagogue

In this passage, Jesus returned home to Nazareth to teach in the synagogue. He read the prophecy of Isaiah about the advent of the Messiah, who would come to "bring glad tidings to the poor." Then he said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He confirmed that he was the long-awaited Messiah.

His hearers must have been shocked. They expected the Messiah to be a worldly king from an important city, not a carpenter-turned-preacher from a small town like Nazareth. They expected this Messiah-king to defeat the

oppressive Romans and make Israel a powerful nation. Instead, Jesus conquered the powerful enemies of sin and death by his Death and Resurrection.

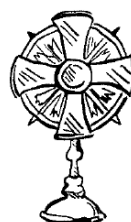


Throughout the Bible, God chose unlikely heroes to carry out his plan: think of Abraham, Moses, David, St. Peter, St. Paul, and many others. Jesus, the

Son of God, came to earth as a newborn infant and lived in humility, poverty, and service. The Good News is that God's love is stronger than sin and death. If he rose to glory, those who follow him will, too.

Q & A What is a "holy hour?"

A "holy hour" is a devotion during which one sets aside an hour for prayer and meditation before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Try these ideas to



make a holy hour:

Find a tabernacle with a lit sanctuary lamp. The lamp signifies the presence of Christ. Silence yourself both interiorly and exteriorly. Clear your mind of daily stresses or

outside distractions.

Start the conversation. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you, then make acts of faith, hope and charity. Tell God how you believe, trust and love him. Ask for more faith, hope and love.

Adore God. Rather than recite prayers, focus on adoration. God is all powerful, all good, more beautiful than we can imagine, and more real than the distractions on which we focus.

Imagine Christ sitting with you. It's not your love for God, but his for you that saves. God delights in the company of his children (Proverbs 8:31). If you can't pray, then just be with him. That itself is a prayer pleasing to God.

Feasts & Celebrations

Jan. 2 – St. Gregory Nazianzen (389). Born in Cappadocia, Turkey, St. Gregory was awarded the title of "The Theologian" for his faithfulness and eloquence. Preferring the quiet life of a monk, he was unwillingly made a bishop of Sasima by his friend, St. Basil the Great. With St. Basil and St. Gregory of Nyssa, St. Gregory helped clarify the Church's teachings about the Holy Trinity.

Jan. 3 – Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. We honor Jesus' name, which means, "God saves," and refers to his mission as Savior (Matthew 1:21). Jesus is

"the name above all names," at which "every knee should bend ..." (Philippians 2:10).

Jan. 5 – St. John Neumann (1860). The first American bishop to be canonized was born in the present-day Czech Republic in 1811. St. John traveled to New York as a missionary before becoming bishop of Philadelphia. He built up the Catholic school system and established diocesan schools. He also built more than 89 churches, several hospitals and orphanages.



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