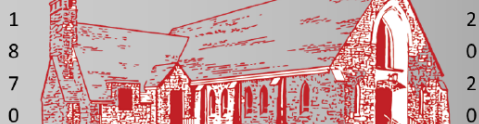


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WELCOME

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.)

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

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 * Divine Mercy Group

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.

July 5, 2020



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



Day	Date	Feast/Holiday	Mass Intention	Requested By
Saturday	July 4	Vigil	5:00 pm † Allison Bucher	Bob & Linda Bucher
Sunday	July 5	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am People of St. Peter	
Monday	July 6	Weekday	8:00 am † Deceased of FOSS	Tom & Toni Klimkewicz
Tuesday	July 7	Weekday	8:00 am † Ray & Dorothy Hohmann	Donna Foote
Wednesday	July 8	Weekday	8:00 am † Abe Kuttothara	Annie Kuttothara
Thursday	July 9	Weekday	No Mass	
Friday	July 10	Weekday	Noon † Ed Runser	Larry & Deb Henley
Saturday	July 11	Vigil	5:00 pm † Marya Rae Cline	Tom & Toni Klimkewicz
Sunday	July 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am † Fr. Ed Dowling	Tom & Kelly Esselburn

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).
 Psalm — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).
 Second Reading — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).
 Gospel — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16;
 Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23;
 Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

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.

Readings Online

There are a few options available to access the daily readings online. The first is the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website www.usccb.org/bible/readings. This site always has the readings available daily.
 Also available during the pandemic, is an offer from The Word Among Us (www.wau.org) for free access to their site including daily readings and reflections.

Stewardship Report June 23-30, 2020

	This Week	Total YTD
Offertory	\$1,988.00	\$153,606.78
General Fund Envelope	0.00	17,757.00
Unrestricted Donations and Bequests	0.00	4,265.13

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.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Follow Pope Francis on Twitter @Pontifex
Just as the Lord transformed Simon into Peter, so He calls each one of us, to make us living stones with which to build a renewed Church and a renewed humanity.

Community Nurses Rummage Sale

Due to the coronavirus, the Loudonville Community Parish Nurses have decided it would be prudent to cancel the annual rummage sale this year.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Looking for a way to interact with other members of the parish while still social distancing? Looking to continue to learn about your faith and the bible? Tuesday evenings at 7:30, follow the link on our webpage under the COVID-19 page labeled Virtual Meeting Links to join in the bible study group learning about Isaiah. It doesn't matter if you have never attended before, all are welcome to join at any time!

Prayer Requests Online

We have recently added a new Prayer Request page to our website (www.loudonvillecatholic.org) under the Community tab. On this page, you are able to enter your information, your request, and you decide how much information is made public. You can also view prayer requests that others have posted and click on the praying hands to let them know that you are praying for their request.

Join Us for Mass Online

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

Stay updated on parish news by checking the parish webpage at www.loudonvillecatholic.org.

You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stpeterloudonville.

If you do not currently receive our email updates, please contact the parish office to have your email added to our list.



SHARE THE BURDEN

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we

do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

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Help Us To Celebrate 150 Years!!

Last weekend we kicked off our parish sesquicentennial. That is 150 years. Many of our plans have been sidelined because of the COVID 19, but we still want everyone to have a chance to say a word of congratulations or share some moments from the past that have been meaningful. Stories from families or stories of events that have been meaningful for you, stories that have been handed down over the years. Please go to the website listed below and make a video on your phone, tablet, or laptop. There is nothing to download. Have some fun and be creative. <https://share.vidday.com/o-xi0qt9>

Home Improvement!

Join us on Sunday, August 9, 2020 for The FEST@Home. You'll get to hear 9 national Christian artist bands, along with inspiring presentations, crafts for the kids, and opportunities for prayer and reflection all from the safety and comfort of your home. It's a great way to invite Christ into your heart and into your home. The FEST, like always, concludes with an inspiring outdoor Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks display. The FEST is a great day of faith, family and fun – this year – at home. Invite everyone you know to join you on Sunday, August 9, 2020. For all the details, and to see how easy it will be to have an inspiring day for you and your family, go to: www.theFEST.us.



PRAY FOR...

Pat & Kathy Grego, Al Steffen, Patrick Cook, Alan Ohler, Debbi Smith, Tim Sage, Carter James Owings, Heather Sage, Roger LaBelle, Joe Karabinus, Bob & Susie Lenardt, Doug and Connie Voss, Melissa Sturdivan, Cathy Hier, Roger & Eleanor Chapman, Chuck Henley, Jr., Rose Gillette, Dan Sved, Becky Stanley, Vince Graham, Kaden Allarding, Mrs. Bainer, John Kick, Rich & Gloria Stoker, Scott Roberts, Runyan Family, Midge McKinley, Michael Brinkman, George Miller, Lisa Weslock, Paula Schmid, Dorothy Louthian, Jamie Parker, Anne Kochera, Mary Moses, Eddie Murphy, Bruce Bible, Tripp Heffelfinger, Marilyn & 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.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Benedict of Nursia

Born to a wealthy Italian family, St. Benedict was educated in Rome during the barbarian invasions – a time of division, chaos, and failing morals. Dismayed at the rampant immorality of his peers, he fled Rome and lived as a hermit in the mountains. Attracted by his holiness, many people sought him out. St. Benedict went on to found twelve monasteries in Subiaco and the famous Monte Cassino, which became a center of holiness, learning, and culture.

Keep parish lights on

Whether or not your parish has gone back to public Mass, please make your weekly donation by mail before you leave. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not home.

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Share your faith

In this time of uncertainty, followers of Jesus know that worry is unnecessary. We know God wants us to experience his peace and share it with others. Try these tips to help others lean on God:

Go deep into God's love. It is ours today, tomorrow, and forever. *"... Good indeed is the Lord, His mercy endures forever, his faithfulness lasts through every generation"* (Psalm 100:5).

Experiencing Sacraments, reading Scripture, and spending time in prayer are keys to growing in God's love and sharing it.

Share your confidence in God's care. Jesus promised that God will give us

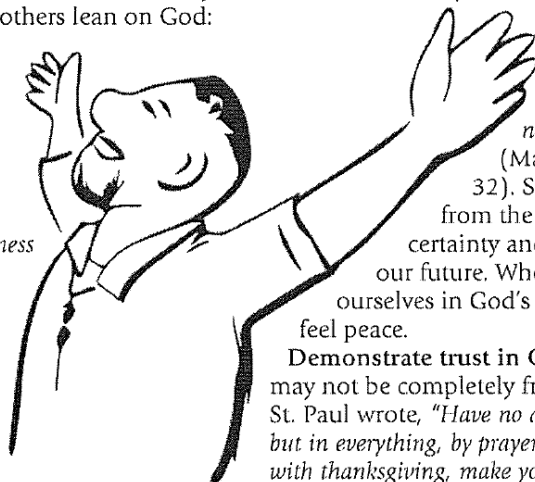
all we need, *"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about*

your body, what you shall put on ... your heavenly Father knows that you need them all"

(Matthew 6:25, 32).

Stress stems from the absence of certainty and control over our future. When we put ourselves in God's care, we can feel peace.

Demonstrate trust in God. While we may not be completely free from worry, St. Paul wrote, *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:6-7).



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics need bishops?

In the Catholic Church, a bishop is an ordained minister who holds the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Bishops teach doctrine, govern Catholics in their jurisdictions, and represent the Church.

In addition to filling the need for leadership in a family as big as the Church, bishops link us to



the Apostles. The Apostles chose disciples to fill their office after them, and passed on to them the authority and faith they had received from Christ. This spiritual treasure was passed from bishop to bishop by consecration in an unbroken line up to today.

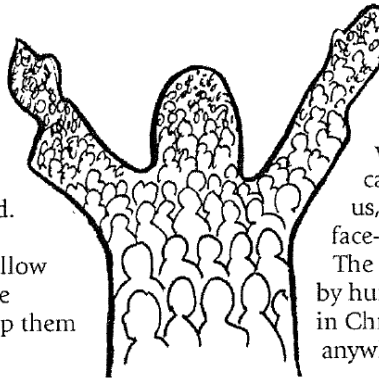
This way, the faith will be available in every age to the rest of the Church.

Where is the real Catholic Church

The Catholic Church is not just a building or a group of people. Rather, the real Church is a family begun by Jesus, extending all over the world, stretching through time and space.

In **Heaven** live those members who completed their earthly lives as God intended. They watch over us when we ask.

Members in **Purgatory** did their best to follow Jesus but died without having made adequate penance for their venial sins. Our prayers help them get to Heaven.



And those of us who are members on **Earth** are still living within the family, trying to make it to Heaven.

All three groups make up the Church and we are all connected forever. So not only can we ask our friends on Earth to pray for us, we can appeal for prayers to those who are face-to-face with God.

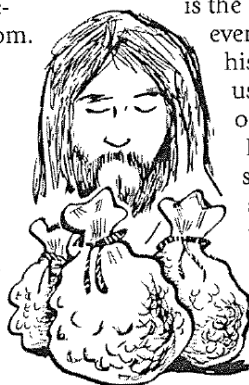
The Church began with Christ but is populated by humans. Still, we are all called to live fully in Christ's image. That means the Church is anywhere we are.

from **Scripture**

Matthew 13:44-52, The kingdom is worth everything

Jesus used the parables in this Gospel passage to emphasize the life-changing value of the Kingdom. In the first parable, a man discovers – seemingly by accident – a treasure buried in a field. He sells everything he has to purchase the field. In the second scenario, a merchant finds a valuable pearl after diligent searching. He also sells everything he has to possess the pearl.

By these parables, Jesus taught that being part of God's Kingdom – accepting his love for us and loving others as he loves – is the only thing that really feeds



our souls. God's unconditional love is the only thing that is worthy of everything we have. If we accept his invitation (he won't force us), our lives may change as our hearts change.

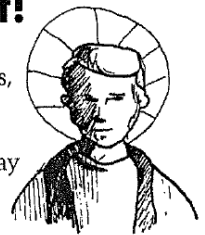
Finally, Jesus compared the separation between the evil and righteous to the sifting that happens when a large catch is brought ashore.

Similarly, when we put our whole life in service to our love for God, then the individual pieces fall into place around that love.

Whatever is contrary to this love falls away.

Q & A

There's a saint for that!



Down through the ages, Catholics have invoked the saints for their prayers, even for everyday things. It was a way of offering everything to God, through the saints' prayers, even little things like losing your keys! Here are some "holy helpers":

Airplane travelers, astronauts: St. Joseph of Cupertino miraculously levitated while at prayer.

Accountants, bankers: St. Matthew the Apostle was a dishonest tax collector until Christ called him to be an Apostle (Matthew 9:9).

Battle, soldiers, doctors, police: St. Michael the Archangel led the angels to victory against the Devil and his forces (Revelation 12:7-9).

Finding lost things: St. Anthony of Padua prayed and recovered his stolen prayer book.

Plagues, pestilence, sick people: St. Roch cared for victims of the plague in Italy.

Students, teachers, schools: St. Thomas Aquinas, once teased as "the Dumb Ox," was actually one of the most brilliant scholars in the Church.

Feasts & Celebrations

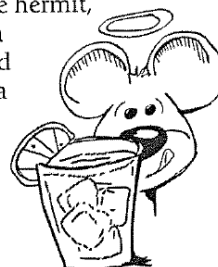
July 3 – St. Thomas (1st Century). Known as "doubting Thomas" for requesting proof of the Resurrection, he made a beautiful profession of faith when he received proof, "My Lord and My God" (John 20:28). Tradition says that Thomas traveled to India and was martyred near Mylapore.

July 14 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1680). A smallpox epidemic in her Native American village left Kateri orphaned, disfigured, and half-blind. Introduced to Catholicism by missionaries, she was baptized at the age of 19 and moved to a Christian

village where she lived in holiness.

July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene (1st century). Mary Magdalene, from whom Jesus expelled seven demons, helped to financially support Jesus' ministry (Luke 8:2) and stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother (John 19:25). She first informed the Apostles of Jesus' Resurrection.

July 24 – St. Charbel Makhlouf (d. 1898). A Maronite hermit, St. Charbel lived a life of solitude and holiness. He had a reputation as a wonder worker, even among his Muslim neighbors.



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