### St. Peter Catholic Church

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL - CHURCH
5pm - April thru October

4pm - November thru March

Sunday - 8:30am & 10:30am - Church

#### DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am Thursday 6:00pm Church Confession 5:00 pm & Rosary 5:30pm

HOLY DAYS

Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm Church

Holy Day - 7:00am Historic Church / 7:00pm C

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:30pm - April thru October Saturday 3-3:30pm - November thru March

#### **BAPTISM**

Second Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office to set a date and to register for a Baptism class.

#### **MARRIAGE**

Couples contemplating marriage are reminded not to set a wedding date before arranging an appointment with the Parish Priest. Please schedule this at least **one** year before the intended marriage.

SICK CALLS

Please notify the Parish Office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins and those hospitalized.

#### **SPONSOR CERTIFICATES**

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to parishioners who are registered, active, and fulfill the requirements of Church law.

#### **SCRIP**

Gift certificates are available in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Proceeds from the sales benefit our Guardian Angel program.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are the church of St. Peter committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ through prayer, service, scripture and sacrament in the living Catholic and apostolic tradition. We welcome all to walk with us on this journey of faith.

#### December Special Intentions of Pope Francis

This Advent we pray for all people with disabilities. May every person living with a disability be at the center of attention in society. May more institutions offer inclusive programs which value their active participation in society.



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#### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

According to Luke's Gospel, after their purification, the parents of Jesus "brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord" (2:22). After offering all the required sacrifices, they gave Jesus to Simeon and "he took him up in his arms and blessed God" (2:28). The blessing also extended to Jesus and his parents, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family is a model for all Christian families. To thrive and play their Godappointed role in the world, families need graces of blessings, and families should seek blessings from God. We need blessings imparted on them so that they may receive special graces to live a life dedicated to Christ and his Gospel. Also, our families need blessings to ward off the influence of the evil one. In the birth of Jesus, God sets in motion the victory over death, sin, and the devil. Our families must respond to God's invitation to receive from Him blessings that support and protect our families.



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, falls on the octave of Christmas. Ordinarily, it is a holy day of obligation, but we will NOT observe it as a day of obligation this year because it falls on a Monday (you are highly encouraged to attend mass nevertheless). We will, however, honor our Mother with a recitation of the Holy Rosary before mass. We will offer our rosary intentions for God's manifold blessings on our family. On New Year's Eve or New Year, it is customary for families to gather at "the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene for a Blessing of the New Year" (Ordo 25). We will carry out these blessings at masses this weekend and on Monday. Please find time as a family to offer these blessings together at home. Please do the blessings around your Christmas tree or nativity set.

Traditionally, at mass, the priest offers the family's blessing at the Feast of the Holy Family. Thus, it shall be for our parish. However, I have adapted and elongated this pious act by scheduling an Eucharistic adoration for the Evening of Epiphany when, in a more significant and solemn way, the Eucharistic Jesus Himself would impart solemn blessings on all families in our parish and beyond as we wrap up the Christmas season, which ends officially on the Baptism of the Lord, the following day. There will be an Epiphany of Blessing on January 7 at 7 pm. You would want to take advantage of this opportune moment of grace. So, save the date.

We have come to the end of 2023 and look forward to the beginning of 2024, the year of Grace. We must approach it with faith, hope and love. May God bless us with all the necessary graces to live for Him continually. I am thankful for all you have done to support me and the parish this year. My gratitude goes to everyone and church societies who gave gifts of money, talent, and time in the service of our beloved parish. May God reward you generously.

I again renew my blessings upon you; may you continue to have a Merry Christmas season and a grace-filled New Year!

In His Grace,

Fr. Alayode Bernard Oniwe, OP

#### Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 31, 2023

"I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great." If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or consecrated virgin, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

# SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR: ~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~



In Loving Memory of the All Deceased Parish Members

~ CHURCH ~
For the Living Intentions of
Our Parish Family



#### **SAT DECEMBER 30**

4:00 PM Our Parish Family

SUN DECEMBER 31 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS

8:30 AM + Maureen Ludwig (C) Desjardins Family 10:30 AM + Mark Uehlein (C) Mary & Cindy Barr

MON JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 AM + Flossie McKnight (C) McKnight Family

\*\* Special Time & Location \*\*

**TUE JANUARY 2** 

8:00 AM For Healing For Deidre Murphy (HC) Joanne Idzik

**WED JANUARY 3** 

8:00 AM + Al Miklos (HC) Miklos Family

**THUR JANUARY 4** 

6:00 PM Living Intentions of the Men's Club (C) Men's Club

FRI JANUARY 5 FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM In Appreciation For Louisa Clark & Family (HC)

SVDP

11:00 AM + Carol Mulleavy (MV) Karen Heisey

SAT JANUARY 6 FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Fr. Michael Grab (C)

Georgann Azzalina

4:00 PM Our Parish Family SUN JANUARY 7 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

8:30 AM In Celebration of Mary & Rob Lopez's Wedding

Anniversary (C) Maryjane & Norman Chartier

10:30 AM Living Intentions of the Schmitt Family (C) Angel

of Hope Team

#### Save the Date

Saturday, January 27, 2024 1:30 – 3:00 pm Diocesan Center, Harrisburg



Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Pro-Life Baby Shower

Mark your calendars, plan to join us.
All donated baby items will be distributed to Pro-Life organizations in our Diocese. Watch the bulletin for more information. A list of request items is on the bulletin board.

#### **Scripture Readings**

#### Week of December 31, 2023

Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40

Monday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother

of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-

21

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Memorial of Saint André Bessette, Religious 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-

11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-

3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Thank you, Karen!!

We had a visit from our Prayer
Shawl Elf and she gifted us
many beautiful prayer shawl.
The shawls are blessed by
Father, and if you or someone
you know needs a comforting
shawl please stop by the
parish office.



#### **AROUND THE DIOCESE**

#### THE EPIPHANY ITALIAN MASS

EPIFANIA DEL NOSTRO SIGNORE

Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 12:15 P.M.

#### SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL

212 State Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Father Joshua Brommer, Celebrant

#### Special thanks to:

Rev. Joshua R. Brommer, Chaplain for the Italian Apostolate Ministry

&

The Italian Apostolate Ministry Committee will provide a reception after Mass

For more information please contact:

MARIELLA AMATO at 717-278-9420

OR

MARIA DiSANTO at 717-554-5698

#### 9 Days for Life - January 16-24

9 Days for Life is the USCCB's annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Visit <a href="respectlife.org/9-days-signup">respectlife.org/9-days-signup</a> to access the resources and to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

#### **Diocesan Catechetical Conference**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened..." (Mt 11:28) All are invited to join Bishop Timothy Senior and catechists from throughout the Diocese on **Saturday**, **February 3**, **2024**, at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg for the annual Catechetical Conference. Keynote speaker Colette Lienhard will address "Care for the Catechist's Soul." Bishop Senior will celebrate Mass to open the conference, which will include additional presentations, lunch and the opportunity for Confession. For more information, or to register, visit <a href="https://www.hbgdiocese.org">www.hbgdiocese.org</a>.

#### **GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS**

Friday~ January 5, 2023

Carole Pickel, Marie Strait, Ann Shank, Sue Anstead & Nancy Ritz

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Stewardship numbers for December 23 & 24th and Christmas will be published next week.

**DAC 2023** 

WE DID IT!! \$102,851

God Bless and THANK YOU to everyone who heard His call and gave to the Campaign. Not only did we hit our goal, but we surpassed it! Every dollar over our goal of \$96,011 will be rebated to our parish. I promise that the rebate will be used to strengthen our parish ministries.

May God continue to bless our parish family!

Father Bernard

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE DEC 23/24**

4:00 PM = 206

8:30 AM = 98

10:30 AM = 76

TOTAL = 380

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE CHRISTMAS**

4:00 PM = 391

6:00 PM = 163

10:00 PM = 86

10:00AM = 135

**TOTAL = 775** 

#### **2024 AVAILABLE FLOWER & CANDLE DATES**

MARY	JOSEPH	<b>HC-CANDLE</b>	C-CANDLE
6/9/2024	1/21/2024	2/18/2024	1/14/2024
6/16/2024	2/5/2024	3/17/2024	3/10/2024
8/4/2024	5/19/2024	4/14/2024	10/13/2024
10/29/2024	6/30/2024	6/16/2024	10/20/2024
11/17/2024	10/8/2024	9/29/2024	10/27/2024
_	10/15/2024	10/27/2024	12/8/2024
	10/22/2024	11/17/2024	
	11/3/2024	12/8/2024	
	11/10/2024		
	11/24/2024		
	12/1/2024		

# **BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, January 14th - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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In the Social Hall

## **Everyone will receive:**

- •2 FREE admission vouchers to the Pennsylvania Auto Show
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- Walk-Ins are welcome; however, donors with appointments will be taken first and this may result in a significant wait time.
- Current CDC recommendations make masking for our donors & staff optional. CPBB will provide masks to anyone who wishes to wear one.



# Join Us For Saint Peter Parish St. Valentine's Day Dance!



- ⇒ Saturday, February 10, 2024
- ⇒ 7:00 to 10:00 PM
- ⇒ St. Peter Social Hall
- ⇒ Music and Lighting by Matt Cleveland⇒ Dance Floor Provided
- ⇒ BYOB
- ⇒ Beverages and Mixers Provided⇒ Party Dance Food Provided including Gluten Free
- \$12.50/person or \$25.00/couple
- Tickets go on sale after each Mass beginning the weekend of January 6 & 7, 2024 or at the office.
- · For more information (or tickets) contact John Gulya at john.gulya@gmail.com or 717-693-2195.

Table Reservation: You may reserve a 6 person or 8 person table by meeting the following requirements:
Provide the names for all 6 people at 6 person table or 8 people at 8

- person table.
- Each person must have purchased their ticket before the reservation will be accepted.

This event is a result of many parishioners in Saint Peter Parish working together.



Saturday, December 30

\*\*\* Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-ups\*\*\*
Sunday, December 31

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\*\*\* Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-ups\*\*\*

Monday, January 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am Mass C \*\* Special time & location\*\*

Tuesday, January 2 Wednesday, January 3

VIRTUAL PreK—6 Religious Ed

NO Choir C Thursday, January 4

5:00 pm Confessions C 5:30 pm Rosay C

6:00 pm Daily Mass & Adoration C

Friday, January 5 First Friday

11:00 am Masonic Village Mass

Saturday, January 6

8:00 am First Saturday Mass & Devotions

\*\*\* Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-ups\*\*\*

Sunday, January 7 Donut Social After 8:39 & 10:30 Mass

\*\*\* Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Sign-ups\*\*\*

7:00 pm Epiphany Adoration with music by

"FORGVEN" C

#### We're Baaaaaack...



Our second of three sessions of our Saint Peter Bible Study, <u>The Bible Timeline</u>, resumes next week on Tuesday, January 9th (6:30-8:30pm) and

Wednesday, January 10th (10:00-12;00pm). This 8 week session will run until the end of February. We are really excited to continue our journey through the Bible together! See you soon!!

#### 2024 RESPECT LIFE BASKET RAFFLE



The raffle baskets will be in the Narthex in January through Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th. New baskets are added every week. Some basket ideas include Hershey Park tickets, sporting event tickets, restaurant gift certificates, baking

basket, wine & cheese... the possibilities are endless. Mark your calendars and look for the baskets in the Narthex. If questions, call Pat Minick at 717-367-5370.

**BASKETS NEEDED!!!!** 

#### THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

There are three rules of dealing with all those who come to us: 1. Kindness, 2. Kindness, 3. Kindness.

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#### **Merry Christmas!!**

Check out the "Bible in a Year" podcast and begin your journey through the story of our salvation. It will astound you!! We will be starting a new, relaxing, and supportive group of "travelers" in 2024. If interested, email cre@stpeteretown.org.



Please join us Saturday, January 6, 2024 for First Saturday Mass, and Devotions. Father will celebrate Mass at 8:00 am in the Church and Devotions will be lead by our OCIA team in the Parish Hall.



#### **PERFECT Religious Education Attendance**

The following students in our Religious Education program have PERFECT attendance for the first half of the year:

Paul Bartkovsky Kindergarten **Delaney Gregory** Kindergarten Gavin Schwartz First Grade Ava Bartkovsky Second Grade Serenity Schwartz Fourth Grade Arria Schwartz Sixth Grade Matthew Brehm Seventh Grade Seventh Grade Mckenzie Davis Logan DeWald Seventh Grade Lilianna Feguer Seventh Grade Akachi N Seventh Grade Brendan Russell Seventh Grade Ben Smith Eighth Grade

CONGRATULATIONS!! Keep up the great work!

#### **Upcoming RE Dates**

1/03/24	At Home/Virtual Lesson (PreK4-6th
	Grade)
1/07/24	7th/8th RE In Person classes resume
1/17/24	RE Adoration (Families welcome 7pm)
1/21/24	7th/8th "Godly Goals" Formation 5:30pm
1/27/24	Confirmation Dinner following 4pm Mass
1/28/24	First Reconciliation Workshop after
	10:30am Mass
1/28/24	NO 7th/8th RE
1/31/24	Bits & Bites: "Pillars & Precepts" 6:40pm





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