St. Peter Catholic Church

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WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH: JESUS CHRIST, WHO BRINGS US TRUTH AND GRACE.

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.

Epiphany Door Signs: 20 + C + M + B + 24

2024 signs are available after all masses this weekend. "Chalking the door" is a traditional way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk would fade. The Epiphany cards we use today let the meaning of the symbols sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions, with the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedictat*, "May Christ Bless This Home."

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed Tel: 717-367-1255 Fax: 717-367-1270 Parish Website: www.stpeteretown.org

PARISH STAFF

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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 & 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



Beloved in Christ,

What do you do when God appears and invites you? Please take this as a personal question addressed to you. What would be your response to a theophany- a manifestation of God? We know God reveals himself to us in various forms, such as in the Sacred Scripture. Samuel, for example, had a theophany experience. Samuel experienced God's revelation of himself in an interior voice, an uncommon yet authentic and believable mystery. Samuel took the advice of Eli, his spiritual father and director; he responded to God's appearance and invitation: "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Sam 3: 10). When God manifests his presence and invites us as he often does in the bible, sermons, sacraments, nature, people, etc., like Samuel, and by extension, the disciples in John's gospel for this Sunday (1: 35-42), we must joyfully assent and submit our will and body to his call, we should say with the Psalmist: "to do your will, O my God, is my delight" (Ps 40: 9).

To submit our will to God when he shows up and summons us to follow him is to seek to know him better. Seeking to know God better and personally occurs in the encounter between John the Baptist's two disciples and Jesus they follow after he reveals himself as the Lamb of God. He later made himself known to Andrew as the Messiah, the title by which he identifies and introduces him to Peter: "We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace" (Jn 1: 41, 17).

The dialogue between Jesus and the disciples of John illustrates what listening and responding to God can look like. In our following of Jesus, we would hear questions of clarification and discernment: "What are you looking for?" Sometimes, answering questions with questions is a fruitful approach to responding to God's invitation, as in this case: "Where are you staying?" the disciples asked Jesus. Are we curious about Jesus' identity and where we can find and spend time with him? Seeking where Jesus stays, abides, or remains is another way our hearts express hunger and thirst for the Lord. "Come, and you will see," Jesus invites. He guides, he shows, and he leads us to His heart. We must respond positively and affirmatively when Jesus calls us to come closer to him and see.

What do you do when God appears and invites you? "Come, and you will see." Like Samuel, we must say, here I am, Lord, to do your will. Jesus calls us always to come and see, to know him better and more deeply. Please try to listen to God's Holy Spirit speak gently to you, inviting you to your God-given purpose and our vocation. In personal prayers, meditation, Sacred Liturgy, sacred songs, sacred scriptures, creation, Eucharistic Adoration, and other sacraments, Jesus invites us to come and see. Closely connected to Jesus' invitation is his call to us to participate in the invitation of others to come and see, to come and experience more profound friendship with Jesus.

All the individuals and families who came to the evening of Epiphany of Blessings last Sunday impressed me. You all rejected the "inclement winter weather" excuse to honor Jesus' invitation to come and receive his blessings at the special edition of our parish's monthly Eucharistic Adoration. I believe God heard our prayers of praise and adoration; He granted our petitions and intercessions for blessings upon our catholic and other families. May we welcome those blessings received in faith and let them bear fruits in our families and parish. I keep asking God's blessing upon you during my prayer and retreat.

In Christ,

Fr. Alayode Bernard Oniwe, OP

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2024

"Come, and you will see." How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. 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

Jean E. Ulrich

~ Church ~

In Honor of Fr. Bernard

From the Koser & Groff Families

From Ann Shank



SAT JANUARY 13 VIGIL

4:00 PM + Richard Alexander Sr. (C) Azzalina Family

SUN JANUARY 14 ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM + Philip Bottenfield (C) Evelyn Weston

10:30 AM Our Parish Family

1:00 PM + Jane Fellinger-College Mass (HC) E-Town College

Center for Student Success

MON JANUARY 15

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Mary Ann Penatzer (HC) Annie

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TUE JANUARY 16

8:00 AM + Tom & Gail Riter (HC) Joanne Idzik

WED JANUARY 17

8:00 AM + George Snyder Sr. (HC) Donna Becker

THUR JANUARY 18

6:00 PM + Richard Sebastian (C) Liz Pfautz

FRI JANUARY 19

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Vicky Kern (HC) Evelyn

Weston

SAT JANUARY 20 VIGIL

4:00 PM + Bob Shank (C) Mike & Bernie Rydock

SUN JANUARY 21 ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM Our Parish Family

10:30 AM + Bob Idzik (C) Joanne Idzik

1:00 PM Living Intentions of John Townend ~ College

Mass (HC) Stephen Townend

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

St. Peter's CCW will be collecting baby items until Saturday, January 27th. A list of requested items is on the bulletin board. All donated baby items will be distributed to Pro-Life organizations in our Diocese.



2024 March for Life



The 51st national *March for Life* is being held in Washington D.C., on Friday, January 19, 2024 for the purpose of keeping the horror of abortion alive in the conscience of the nation. Catholics Defending Life of Lancaster PA (CDL) is sponsoring a bus to this worthy pro-life event. Anyone interested

in going to this year's March aboard this bus should phone Rosie at 717-397-6966 for details and necessary reservations.

Scripture Readings

Week of January 14, 2024

Sunday Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor

6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk

3:1-6

Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-

13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11; Mk 3:13-19 Saturday Memorial of Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr and

Saint Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk

3:20-21

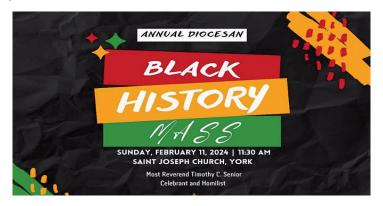
Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mk 1:14-20

2024 AVAILABLE FLOWER & CANDLE DATES

MARY	JOSEPH	HC-CANDLE	C-CANDLE
8/4/2024	1/21/2024	2/18/2024	3/10/2024
10/29/2024	2/5/2024	3/17/2024	10/13/2024
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	10/22/2024		
	11/3/2024		
	11/24/2024		



MASS ATTENDANCE JAN 6/7 (Snow)

4:00 PM = 33 8:30 AM = 125

10:30 AM = 152

TOTAL = 310

AROUND THE DIOCESE

January is **Poverty Awareness Month**. During this month, you are invited to join the U.S. Bishops, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Catholic Community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor. Sign up to receive daily reflections and learn more about the poor at https://www.usccb.org/catholic-current/weeks-catholiccurrent-our-lady-guadalupe-poverty-awareness-monthcultural

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 respectlife.org/9-dayssignup to access the resources and to receive the daily prayers via email or text message.

SAVE THE DATE!

Young Catholic Professionals is launching in the Diocese of Harrisburg on January 26 at the Keystone Building, 400 North St., Harrisburg, from 7-9pm. All adults 21-39 are welcome to join. RSVP details coming soon! Learn more on Facebook: @ycpsouthcentralpa.

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 www.hbgdiocese.org.

Eyes Opened ~ Hearts on Fire!

Join Bishop Timothy C. Senior on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024



CHARIS Travel Package Inclusions: Round-trip ocoach transportation from Harrisburg to Indianapolis. Four (4) nights' accommodation at Indianapolis Marriott East. NEC Registration: the cost of Congress registration is included.

The Congress Pass includes: entrance to all main programming, a seat at main programming, evening concerts and entertainment, and access to conference resources. Tickets are limited. Enroll today https://

www.petersway.com/1140.html



January 6/7, 2024

SUNDAY ONLINE \$3,168.00 **SUNDAY ENVELOPES** \$ 4,865.20 YOUTH \$ 104.00 **TOTAL GIVING** \$ 8,137.20 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 430.00

> **Christmas Collection** Actual **Budget** \$11,611 \$6,648

SECOND COLLECTION

January 13/14 - Aid to the Catholic Church in Central & Eastern Europe, Latin America & Africa

	Total Co	llections	
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Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
\$63,732	\$55,774	\$334,644	\$270,884

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a statement of your financial contributions to St. Peter's for the 2023 calendar year, please call the office or email at secretary@stpeteretown.org. Please include your name and envelope number and whether you would like to pick up the statement at the office or have it sent to you via US mail.

Bits & Bites



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 31st at 6:40PM in the Social Hall for our next RE Bits & Bites Event. We will learn a few bits of information on the four Pillars of the Catechism and the Precepts of the Church while we enjoy bites of yummy

snacks. The more we come to KNOW our Lord, the more we GROW to LOVE and HONOR Him.

JOIN US for a great way to learn important information in a relaxed and casual way with others. No RSVP required.



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Notes:

· Italian Pretzel Sandwich is prepared with Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, Hard Salami, and Provolone Cheese

All sandwiches are prepared with White American Cheese, except:

Condiment packet included with each sandwich.

All Cheese Pretzel Sandwich is prepared with Provolone and White American Cheeses.

Ham & Swiss Pretzel Sandwich is prepared with Swiss Cheese.

Chicken Salad, Egg Salad, and Tuna Salad, are not prepared with cheese.

Ingredients: Use the QR code to get more ingredient information and nutritional information about our subs and sandwiches

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Ingredients: Use the QR code to get more ingredient information and nutritional information about our subs and sandwiches

- All subs prepared with individual packs of Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions (optional), and include a condiment packet.
- Italian Sub is prepared with Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, Hard Salami, and Provolone Cheese.
- Ham, Turkey, and Roast Beef Subs are prepared with White American Cheese.
- American Sub is prepared with Cooked Ham, Cooked Salami, Bologna, and White American Cheese.
- Provolone and White American Cheeses. Subs prepared on Whole Grain Roll: Turkey with White American Cheese or an All Cheese Sub prepared with

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Notes:

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Saturday, January 13

6:30 am TMIY PH

9:00 am Ministry Mass & Meeting C/PH 1:00 pm Handmaids Doc's Roller Rink

Sunday, January 14 * Knights of Columbus Blood Drive *

2:00 pm CCW Matinee Movie PH
6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade RE
6:30 pm Youth Meeting

7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting PH

Monday, January 15

7:00 pm OCIA "Baptism & Confirmation" 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Room 5

Tuesday, January 16

6:30 pm Bible Study PH

Wednesday, January 17

10:00 am Bible Study PH

6:30 pm PreK—6 Religious Ed "ADORATION"

7:30 pm Choir C Thursday, January 18

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

6:00 pm Daily Mass & Adoration

Friday, January 19 MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC

Saturday, January 20 6:30 am TMIY PH

Sunday, January 21

1/31/24

5:30 pm 7th & 8th RE Formation "Godly Goals" PH

6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade RE 6:30 pm Youth Meeting

	Upcoming RE Dates
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

Bits & Bites: "Pillars & Precepts" 6:40pm





CCW will be hosting a movie matinee this Sunday, *January 14th at 2pm* in the Parish Hall. We will be viewing Therese, the true story of Saint Therese of Liseux. The tale will be told of how she began her "Little Way" spiritual path. (Rated PG) Refreshments will be served. We hope you can join us."

2024 RESPECT LIFE BASKET RAFFLE & SUB / SANDWICH SALE



The raffle baskets are in the Narthex 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. ** Just added Sub & Pretzel Sandwich sale. See the insert in the bulletin! **

New baskets added every week.



St. Valentine's Day Dance—It is time to buy your tickets for our St. Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday February 10, 2024, in our social hall from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Music and lighting by Matt Cleveland. BYOB. Beverages, mixers, and party food provided including Gluten Free. Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$25.00 per couple. Tickets on sale after each Mass or

in the office. For more info contact John Gulya at john.gulya@gmail.com or 717-693-2195.

GUIDELINES WHEN SCHEDULING A MASS INTENTION

- The Mass stipend is \$10 per Mass due upon making the Mass request.
- Dates for Masses are not held without payment.
- There may only be one Mass per month in a person's name. Maximum 12 Masses for one person for the year.
- If a person's name has 12 Masses scheduled, and more wish to be made, they will be sent out to be said by other priests.
- Masses can only be made a year from the day's date when you are making it.
- If a Mass is wanted sooner than a date is available, or if the date is not available, Masses are offered to be sent to the Diocese to be said.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Saturday~ January 20, 2024

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