# St. Peter Roman Catholic Parish July 4, 2021

# St. Peter Worship Site 620 Center Street Lewiston, NY 14092

# St. Bernard Worship Site 218 Hinman Street Youngstown, NY 14174

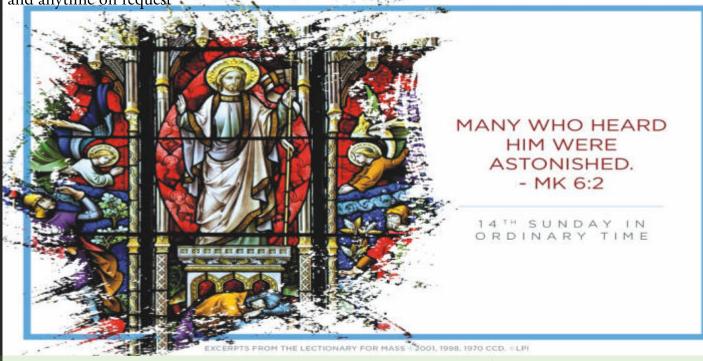
### MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Confessions Saturday 3:30 p.m. and anytime on request Weekday Mass St. Peter Worship Site M, T, W, F, Sat. 7:45 a.m. Thursday 7:45 a.m. Communion Service

> Holy Day Masses As Announced

MASS TIMES

**Sunday** 11:30 a.m.



Parish Office (at St. Peter's Rectory) Phone 754-4118 Fax 754-4141 www.stpeterlewiston.org

Rectory Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday-Friday 10:00a.m-1200 p.m. 12:30p.m.- 2:00p.m. Closed 12pm-12:30pm Calls answered Mon-Fri 9am-4pm Pastor Rev. Cole Webster ext.111 Office Manager Amy Hopkins ext.110 Bookkeeper Maxine Menshon ext.128 Music Director Brad Wingert (St. Peter) Alexis Marie (St. Bernard) Parish Nurse Barbara Malinowski • 754-4068 Religious Education Dianne Wysocki • 754-2812

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#### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

July 4, 2021

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

### MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday</u>	<b>July 5 •</b> <i>St. Anthony Zaccaria &amp; St. Elizabeth of Portgual</i>
7:45 a.m.	Albert Penzotti by Joan & Judy Penzotti
<u>Tuesday</u>	July 6 • St. Maria Goretti
7:45 a.m.	Charles & Marian Lexner by family
<u>Wednesday</u>	July 7• Weekday
7:45 a.m.	David & Mary Lostracco by daughters & sons
<u>Thursday</u>	July 8 • Weekday
7:45 a.m.	Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	July 9 • Weekday - St. Augustine Zhao Rong
7:45 a.m.	Thomas Dowe by wife & family
<u>Saturday</u>	July 10 • Weekday
7:45 a.m.	Hope Hastings by Estate
4:30 p.m.	<b>Vigil Mass, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (1)Albert Penzotti by Joan & Judy Penzotti (2)Lorraine Miller by Cheryl Milicia
<u>Sunday</u>	July 11 • 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m.	Sandra Ormsby by Linus Ormsby
10:00 a.m.	(1)Raymond & Frances Nassoiy by daughters (2)John P. Bartolomei, Jr. by family
11:30 a.m.	Lou Pirastru by Don & Mari Boland

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Saturday, July 10th <u>4:30pm Mass</u> Lector Patti Orzetti Eucharistic Ministers Gail Masic, John Masic, Bill Taczak Altar Servers Paden Berrigan, Reese Berrigan, Ava Shanks

#### Sunday, July 11th

#### 8:00am Mass

Lector Claire Cieslewicz Eucharistic Ministers Jude Caserta, Patrick Bey, Bernie Franjoine Altar Servers Emma Seaman, Ethan Seaman

#### 10:00am Mass

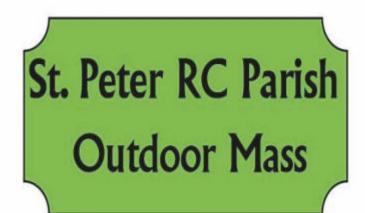
Lector Shannon Philbrick Eucharistic Ministers Natasha D'Lima, Joe Iozzo, Samuela Iozzo Altar Servers Dominic Pacillo, Meghan Seider

#### 11:30am Mass

Lector Jeff Baumler Eucharistic Ministers Mary Klinger, Ken Klinger Altar Servers Claire Ambrosia, Olivia Ambrosia



Summer rectory office hours Monday thru Friday 9am-3pm. July - August



# Sunday July 25<sup>th</sup>

# Mass will be held at Kiwanis Park @10:30am

940 Oxbow Ln. Lewiston, NY





In observance of the Fourth of July Holiday, the rectory office will be closed on Monday, July 5th. The office will reopen on Tuesday July 6th at 9am.

# LET AMERICA LOVE ITS STARS AND STRIPES!

But let us also realize that America will conquer by other stars and other stripes than those on our flag, namely, **by the stars and stripes of Christ**, by Whose stars we are illumined and by Whose stripes we are healed. We pray, too, that His Mother, who stood at the foot of the Cross, may intercede to her Divine Son, that our world may receive Him before it lies in ruins. "If God is with us, who can be against us?"

> Venerable Fulton J. Sheen From his book Life & Worth Living

A religious vocation is an opportunity to serve God and to bring hope, joy, and healing into the lives of many people brings with it a deep happiness and sense of peace.

To learn more about vocations, call Fr. David Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org

#### St. Peter R.C. School Class of 2021

Melissa DiPasquale Trista Fleck Dylan Flynt Chloe Golombek Ella Ingwersen Bryan Jegier Gianna Jourdain Peyton Mangione Dominic Pacillo Nicholas Wesley

Wilson Lewiston-Porter Cardinal O'Hara Lewiston-Porter Wilson Arlington Lewiston-Porter Cardinal O'Hara Lewiston-Porter St. Joseph Collegiate

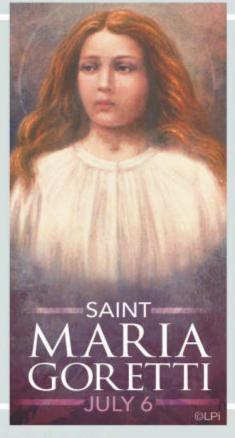


# **Prayer for Independence Day**

God of all nations, Father of the human family, we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America. We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.





# REFLECT

#### **FIRST READING**

Today's reading is an excerpt from the prophetic call Ezekiel received while in exile in Babylon (Ez 1:1-3:27). The Lord commissioned Ezekiel to go and confront the "rebellious house" of Israel. How do you imagine the Israelites received Ezekiel's message?

#### SECOND READING

Paul learned that the "thorn in his flesh" taught him to be humble and dependent upon God's grace alone. Where do you see God's grace most present in your life?

#### **GOSPEL READING**

Jesus was "amazed" at the lack of faith his fellow Nazareans had in him, suggesting Jesus expected a different response. Why do you think the villagers of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus?



There is no greater feeling than "giving back...or paying forward." Maybe it is returning a favor, buying someone a cup of coffee in the Starbuck's line, or honoring someone who has done "good" for others. The former classmates of the Honorable Catherine Miklitsch,

Honorable Catherine Miklitsch, St. Peter RC School Class of

1966, did just that! "Cathy" attended St. Peter RC School and went on to graduate from Madonna High School and Niagara University. Cathy had a long career in Law, graduating from Franklin Pierce Law Center in New Hampshire.

Throughout her career, Cathy received numerous awards for leadership and her contributions to the legal profession.

Cathy has been recognized for her respect, honesty, vibrancy, caring, love, fairness, integrity and passion for learning. In honor of Cathy, her classmates at St. Peter's School, Class of 1966, made a donation of a video camera and tripod to support the St. peter RC School Library and Media Center.

The presentation was made to Principal, Maureen Ingham by two members of the Class of 1966; Maureen Kellick and Lynette Leone. We at SPS are most grateful for this thoughtful and much needed gift for a variety of activities within the Church and School.

Dear St. Peter's Community ...



From the bottom of my heart I send love and thanks for this beautiful parting gift given to me at the last Children's Mass this school year. Upon opening it, I felt a deep sense of fulfillment. This picture spoke to me in a most special way...I was sent here to live and share the message and the stories of

Jesus...and if I did that, then I can walk out the door on June 30, 2021, knowing that I have done the job I was sent to do. I have been blessed beyond forever! I know that Jesus lives in every child at our school...I see it, I hear it and I feel it as I walk into each classroom, through the halls and around the playground and lunchroom. Please know that each day I will pray for continued blessings for the children, the staff the families and for all of you, the parish community. Thanks to all for the most wonderful opportunity of a lifetime. Sharing God's message to those so willing to hear, is a gift beyond measure.

God bless and thank you for my gift...for your love and support...and for your prayers...always.

#### Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Please keep in your prayers, those who have recently departed:

> Leona Slazyk Dorothy Jourdain

#### Tuesday, July 13th 7:00 p.m. Parent Baptism Class St. Peter's Rectory



Attendance is mandatory for families wishing to baptize their children. For questions and to reserve your place, please call the rectory office at 754-4118. \**Classes held 2nd Tuesday of every month in rectory.* 



17th Annual St. Peter's Golf Classic July 19, 2021 Niagara Frontier Golf Club



Registration is OPEN Forms are in the back of each worship site For questions or sponsorship information, please contact Mike DeDario @716-863-2945 <u>stpeterrcgolfclassic@gmail.com</u>

## <u>St. Vincent DePaul Society</u> St. Peter's & St. Bernard's

PLEASE DROP NON-PERISHABLES AND PERSONAL ITEMS IN THE BARRELS ONCE AGAIN, AS THE NEED IS GREAT. Both worship sites have barrels in the vestibules for donations.



In addition to food donations, please know that donations of personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.) are also welcome.



If you are able to donate these types of items, please place them in the barrels and our St. Vincent de Paul Society will make sure they are delivered to Heart, Love & Soul to assist those in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

Maureen

## **PRAYER LIST**

#### Let us remember our parishioners and loved ones who are in need of our prayers:

Carmela Alati Christina Armington Amanda Balisteri Scott Barber Jean Bey Barbara Anne Boeck Michael Boeck William Boeck Jean Borgatti Cindy Aungier Budge Gavin Burns Richard Burns Armand Cacciatore Susan Mikula Campbell Joe Carroll Arlene Christman Sandra Ciavaglia Mike Coe Pat Comerford Jeanne Salada Conroy Baby Cora Jackie Coughlin Agnes Crandall Tina Crewe Danielle Cullen Bruce David Kathy Dean Matthew DelMonte Fr. Richard Delzingaro Frank DePonceau Carol Dever Mary Ecker Melissa Farmer Grace Fiegel Melissa Franks Patrick Chief Fitzgerald Sandra Gallagher Ralph Grizanti MarvLou Hallatt Elizabeth Ecker Hanna William Heinz Dennis Jacobs Kevin Jarnszewski Lori Kandow Ken Kenney Marilyn Kennedy Michael Kiely Margaret Langlois Josephine Lauzonis

Baby Lola Teresa Lozina Kathleen Maxian Beth McAllister Janice McCaw Sr. Ann McDermott. OSF Doreen Melton Lynn Meteer Sean Meteer Maria Miklitsch Maria Minarcin Raymond Mobus Mary Moore Nancy Moore Thomas Moore Michael Moreland Elaine Muhr Lonnie Mullins Cathy Niccola Griffin Nusbaum Violet O'Donnell Colleen O'Leary Dorothy Oliverio Donna Parent Eugene Piotrowski Elaine Polizzi Nicole Proutv John Quinn Maureen Reagan Abigail Schuster Barb Semo John Semo Maya Serra Irene Sharek **Benjamin Shirback** Connie Silver David Smith Donald Smith Joann Smith Robin Smith Jacob Specer Albert Specyal Patrick S. Teixeira Barbara Tempest Ray Tracy Joel Traverse Maureen Ventry Elizabeth Virtuoso Pat Whelan

Thomas Wroniak

#### Anointing of the Sick

Ouestion: If it isn't only for people who are dving, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

#### Answer:

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction."

In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed.

The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey).

#### **2022 Mass Intention Book**

The 2022 Mass Intention Book is now available. We ask that you call the rectory office at 754-4118 before coming in to schedule any Masses. Mass requests will also be taken by phone, via email and through the mail at this time. The following guidelines will be implemented this year:

- Only fifteen (15) Mass requests per parish family.
- Only four (4) of those fifteen will be scheduled on a weekend. .

There is a \$15.00 stipend for each Mass requested, payable by cash or check (made payable to St. Peter RC Parish).

### St. Peter Parish **Prayer Group**

Our intent is to pray as a group (in Church or in our homes) at the same time every week. Monday's will be the day set aside for our group. There will be two times to accommodate

everyone. We will pray as a group following the 7:45am morning mass and again at 7:00pm at our St. Peter Worship Site. For those parishioners who are homebound, we want you to be able to join us spiritually at your homes as well. You can contact the rectory so we can add you to the list and mail you the monthly prayer. It is also available on our website www.stpeterlewiston.org under the Parish tab.

BAPTISMS: Celebrated every Sunday by prior arrangement. Parent Baptism Class is held monthly. Please call the rectory for reservations. MARRIAGES: All arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the pastor. ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you or a loved one is in need of the Anointing of the Sick, please make arrangements with the parish office. We are happy to use the supervision or the offer the Socrement of

to visit you with Communion, Confession or to offer the Sacrament of

Anointing in your home, hospital or healthcare facility. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Gladly given to registered parishioners (at least three months) who have received the Sacraments of Initiation, practice their faith regularly, and support the parish.

Online Giving and mobile devices converge for St. Peter RC Parish! Forgot your envelopes? Just visiting? Prefer to have your donation taken out automatically? You can now donate online with your credit/debit card using your mobile device. Simply scan this using your camera and follow the prompts. Your generosity is very appreciated!



Thinking of becoming Catholic? Are you newly engaged? Do you need your marriage convalidated? Are you an adult who needs to be confirmed? Have questions about making a sacrament? Email Fr. Cole: cwebster@stpeterlewiston.org

#### PARISH OFFERTORY COLLECTION

#### June 26-27

TOTAL	\$12,508.91
Online Giving 06/19-06/25	2,631.00
Weekend Collections	9877.91
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