# St. Peter Roman Catholic Church Christmas Bulletin

St. Peter Worship Site 620 Center Street Lewiston, NY 14092 <u>Mass Times</u> 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.

St. Bernard Worship Site 218 Hinman Street Youngstown, NY 14174 <u>Mass Times</u> Sunday 11:30 a.m.



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#### St. Peter Parish Family,

Something that strikes me about the Advent and Christmas seasons are the many contrasts. As the temperatures drop outside, the warmer our homes become as flannel blankets come out and fireplaces are lit. In winter we seem to live in continual darkness with the sun setting as early as 4:30/5:00pm. Yet in church the light of our Advent wreath gets brighter with each passing week, and at home, our trees and houses are often decorated with a plethora of lights. Finally, life outside goes dormant. Trees shed their leaves, plants lose their flowers, and animals begin a long season of hibernation. On the other hand, on the inside life flourishes. Trees are brought in, families gather, and Christmas concerts and shows abound. Cold versus warmth, darkness versus light, dormition versus vitality, winter indeed is a season of contrasts.

A familiar verse that we often hear this time of year is John 8:12. "Jesus spoke to them again, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." This, my friends, is the essence of the Christmas message. As we celebrate Christ's rebirth in our hearts, the trajectory of our life ought to change. Our lives should be lived in contrast as we turn from the darkness of life without Christ to one that is flooded with his guiding light. Where in our lives do we need His light to penetrate? Are we weighed down by anger, engulfed in sadness, lacking direction, exhausted with trying to keep up with society's expectations, or confused by the world's various 'truths'? Our Savior, born as a babe, but mighty in power, invites us to come to the manger with open hearts so that we can follow the light of life.

As we rededicate our lives to Christ this Christmas, I pray that we experience His healing, wholeness, guidance, and ultimately, His strength to boldly live our life in contrast to the world, for we have been "called out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9)!

On behalf of all of us here at St. Peter's Parish, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a faith-filled New Year!

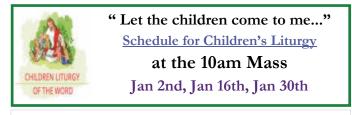
In Christ's Peace, Fr. Cole

#### **Mass Intentions**

<u>Monday</u> 7:45 a.m.	<b>Dec. 20• Late Advent Weekday</b> Robert J. Hughes by Betty & Frank Metro
<u>Tuesday</u> 7:45 a.m.	<b>Dec. 21</b> • <i>St. Peter Canisius</i> Joseph Lozina by Bob & Sandy Lozina
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	<b>Dec. 22• Late Advent Weekday</b> Ralph Colangelo by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cecconi
<u>Thursday</u> 7:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 23•</b> <i>St. John of Kanty</i> Communion Service
<u>Friday</u>	Dec. 24• Late Advent Weekday
7:45 a.m.	James & Florence Bonghi by Joan, John & family
	Vigil, The Nativity of The Lord
4:00 p.m.	Joseph & Julia Bellonte by the family
4:30 p.m.	Sam & Eleanor & Vincent Torcasio
	by John & Lauren Frosolone
6:30 p.m.	Francis & Shelia Collins by children Debbie & Dennis
10:00 p.m.	Parishioners
Midnight	Virgil Colangelo by Connie, David & family
<u>Saturday</u>	Dec. 25• The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)
10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Dr. & Mrs. Joseph V. Marra by Michael & Laura Marra William Broderick, Sr. by Mari & Dan Boland
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Dec. 26• The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b> Deceased members of the Gamble & Celeste families
10:00 a.m.	by Dolores Gamble (1)Michael & Lucy Colucci by Anne Gallivan
11:30 a.m.	(2)Jim Ferlito by Aliscia, Richard, Bella,Sofia & wife John P. Bartolomei, Jr. by family
<u>Monday</u> 7:45 a.m.	Dec. 27• St. John Anne Cecconi by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Cecconi
<u>Tuesday</u> 7:45 a.m.	<b>Dec. 28• The Holy Innocents</b> Donald Murray by family
Wednesday 7:45 a.m.	<b>Dec. 29• 5th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Joseph Lozina by Stan & Diane Osetkowski
<u>Thursday</u> 7:45a.m.	<b>Dec. 30• 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Communion Service
<u>Friday</u> 7:45 a.m.	<b>Dec. 31• 7th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> Mary Low by Richard & Sharon Low
<u>Saturday</u>	Jan. 1• Octave Day of the Nativity of The Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
7:45 a.m.	Annette Yash "81st Birthday" by Karen Beam
4:30 p.m.	<b>Vigil Mass, Octave Day of Nativity of The Lord</b> (1)Paul Mamon (2)Larry Morreale by Mrs. May Coniglio
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 2• Epiphany Of The Lord Albert Paonessa, Sr. by Richard & June Helfrich
10:00 a.m.	Mark Rulli by Rick & Diane Vanni
11:30 a.m.	William Broderick, Sr. by Mari & Dan Boland

### Oplatki -Christmas Wafers

\$3.00 for a 3-pack available in the Sacristy





#### The Perfect New Year's Resolution!

Start out the year right by spending one hour with Jesus! We are looking for people to commit to *one hour* of Adoration per month, on the **first Friday** of the month. Holy hours available from 10am to 8pm. Spend this time sitting with Jesus, praying, contemplating, and forming a deeper relationship with Him. Contact Sarah Ambrosia at 716-957-2410 if you are interested or have any questions.

"Love incarnate...waiting for you."

#### This Christmas season, consider registering for St. Peter's familycentered Faith Formation program!

Our program customizes the children's faith journey utilizing a combination of at-home online faith lessons, Family Lesson Workshops, and Youth Lesson Nights. With ample opportunities for service projects, parish and liturgical events, and spiritual growth as a family, please consider enriching the Domestic Church with religious education! For more information, please email <u>redirector@stpeterlewiston.org</u> or call (716) 754-2812.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16



in observance of Christmas and New Years. Please email or call if there is an emergency.



**Confessions: Wednesdays in Advent** December 22 – 6:30-7:30 PM – St. Peter Site



#### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2021**

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord **Friday, Dec 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve** 4:00pm St. Peter site – *Children's Liturgy* 4:30pm St. Bernard site 6:30pm St. Peter site 10:00pm St. Bernard site **Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas** Midnight St. Peter site 10:00am St. Peter site 11:30am St. Bernard site *There will be NO 3:30 PM Confessions* or 4:30 PM Mass Christmas Day

# LONG TIME PARISHIONER? NEW TO THE AREA? INTERESTED IN WHAT ST. PETER'S PARISH HAS GOING ON?

# **CURRENT MINISTRY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

Parish Council Finance Council St. Peter/St. Bernard Choir Spiritual Life Committee Parish Prayer Group St. Vincent dePaul Society Altar & Rosary Society Faith Formation Volunteer Respect Life Committee Altar Servers

THERE IS FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION @ THE ST. PETER SITE FOLLOWING MORNING MASS UNLESS SCHOOL IS IN SESSION, THEN EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL BE FOLLOWING THE 9AM SCHOOL MASS AND REPOSITION WILL BE AT 8PM

> For more information please call the rectory office 716-754-4118 or visit our website. www.stpeterlewiston.org

#### **St. Peter RC School Principal News**

# **The Angel Tree Project** at St. Peter's is a great success! We offer thanks and gratitude to the numerous St. Peter families who opened their hearts and donated gifts to help so many in the community that will have a joyful Christmas. What a beautiful sight to see the school Christmas tree overflowing with so many gifts that were placed around it! Thanks to our volunteers who came on Tuesday evening to wrap the gifts and got them ready for delivery. Thanks to Mrs. Barb Malinowski and Mrs. Jennifer Morello who helped run a very successful Angel Tree Project at St. Peter's again this year!

**St. Peter's School Christmas Program** will premiere on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. It will remain posted on our school website throughout the Christmas season so you can watch it again and again and share it with your friends and relatives. May your hearts be full of Christmas Joy! You will LOVE the level of enthusiasm of our students! We are thrilled to be able to continue this great tradition here at St. Peter's School – even if it is a virtual performance! Don't forget to tune in and see for yourself!

Good News! Welcome Back Mrs. Tanya Flynt!

We are delighted and thrilled that Mrs. Flynt is back at St. Peter's as our ELA and Religion teacher for the middle school. She prayerfully decided that St. Peter's School community needed her more that the district she briefly worked for. Thank you, Mrs. Flynt, for following your heart right back to your St. Peter's School family!

Administration Transition Thanks to everyone for your emails, cards, and well wishes! I know retirement is where I need to be right now, and I am very much looking forward to being able to focus on my family and my grandma duties! My prayers were answered when I learned that Mrs. Maureen Ingham has agreed to come back on as the Interim principal after my departure. I feel confident that the transition will be smooth and easy! God Bless Maureen for answering this call!

**Consider St. Peter R.C. School** This truly is the season of giving! Why not open your heart and consider making a financial donation to St. Peter's School? There are many ways you can help us: donations can be earmarked to help us continue on-going student activities and programs (such as STREAM) or our Angel Fund (that provides tuition assistance to those who need it). Make checks payable to St. Peter R.C. School and drop it off in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or mail it directly to the school at 140 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Lewiston, NY 14092. All donations to the school are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please contact us at office phone: 716-754-4470 or email: meadie@stpeterrc.org.

#### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

#### Sunday, Dec 26th

8:00am Mass Lector Tom Caserta Eucharistic Ministers Carl Capolupo, Colleen Larkin, Gregg Larkin Altar Servers Emma Seaman, Ethan Seaman, Daniel Seaman

#### 10:00am Mass

Lector Darlene Pallone Eucharistic Ministers Samuela Iozzo, Joseph Iozzo, Eric Duetschman Altar Servers Dominic Pacillo, Meghan Seider

> <u>11:30am Mass</u> Lector Jeff Baumler Eucharistic Ministers Paula Mort, Mark Harrigan Altar Servers Claire Ambrosia, Olivia Ambrosia

> > Saturday Jan. 1st

<u>4:30pm Mass</u> Lector Judy Penzotti Eucharistic Ministers Dave Sirianni, CeCe Byrne, Connie Locey Altar Servers

#### Sunday Jan. 2nd

8:00am Mass Lector Claire Cieslewicz Eucharistic Ministers Rich Helfrich, June Helfrich Altar Servers

#### 10:00am Mass

Lector See sacristy sign up sheet Eucharistic Ministers Rodney Alaimo, Natasha D'Lima Altar Servers Julian Jenosheck, Camila Santiago

> <u>11:30am Mass</u> Lector See sacristy sign up sheet

> Eucharistic Ministers See sacristy sign up sheet

> > **Altar Servers**

# PRAYER LIST

Carmela Alati Christina Armington Amanda Balisteri Scott Barber Joanne Bauer Frank Bellavia Jr. 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 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 Grace Fiegel Melissa Franks Patrick Chief Fitzgerald Sandra Gallagher Ralph Grizanti MaryLou Hallatt Elizabeth Ecker Hanna William Heinz **Dennis Jacobs** Kevin Jarnszewski Lori Kandow Art Kelly Ken Kenney Marilyn Kennedy Michael Kiely Margaret Langlois Josephine Lauzonis Baby Lola Kathleen Maxian **Beth McAllister** Janice McCaw

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#### 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 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. 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 Collection

#### Dec 11-12

Weekly Collection

\$17,098.50

#### TOTAL

\$17,098.50

Due to the early submission of the bulletin for the holiday, the collection for Dec 18-19/25-26 will be posted next week.





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