

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

January 9, 2022

St. Peter

Worship Site

620 Center Street
Lewiston, NY 14092

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.

St. Bernard

Worship Site

218 Hinman Street
Youngstown, NY 14174

Mass Times

Sunday

11:30 a.m.

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



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GOSPEL MEDITATION The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”- *Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

Mass Intentions

<u>Monday</u> 7:45 a.m.	Jan. 10 • Weekday Frank Mirabelli by wife Margaret & family
<u>Tuesday</u> 7:45 a.m.	Jan. 11 • Weekday Alma Barth by Vincent & Audrey Agnello
<u>Wednesday</u> 7:45 a.m.	Jan. 12 • Weekday Teresa Lozina by The Ferdinand family
<u>Thursday</u> 7:45a.m.	Jan. 13 • St. Hilary Communion Service
<u>Friday</u> 7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Jan. 14 • Weekday Leona & Walter Slazyk, Sr. by family David Jack Schoonover by SPS staff & students
<u>Saturday</u> 7:45 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Jan. 15 • Weekday John P. Bartolomei, Jr. by family Vigil, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Raymond & Frances Nassoioy by daughters
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Jan. 16 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Robert Helfrich by Jennie Myzdian Michael & Linda Allen by Jim & Nancy Allen Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday Jan. 15th

4:30pm Mass

Lector

Cheryl Milicia

Eucharistic Ministers

Kate Daly, Kathy Gadawski, John Gadawski

Altar Servers

Paden Berrigan, Reese Berrigan, Ava Shanks

Sunday Jan. 16th

8:00am Mass

Lector

Jan Mathews

Eucharistic Ministers

Mary Kulak, Dave Kulak, Rita Tweedie

Altar Servers

Ethan Seaman, Daniel Seaman

10:00am Mass

Lector

Rita Chanderbhan

Eucharistic Ministers

Eric Deutschman, Jerry Castiglione, Maureen Castiglione

Altar Servers

Joey Destino, Dominic Pacillo, Meghan Seider

11:30am Mass

Lector

Olivia Ambrosia

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy VanAmburgh, Janet Brooks

Altar Servers

Claire Ambrosia

The Feast of our Lord's Baptism

The Feast of our Lord's Baptism is celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. While it may seem a little strange to celebrate a moment in Christ's adult life so quickly after honoring His birth, it is entirely fitting when reflecting on the central mystery being commemorated. Both the Feast of the Nativity and Baptism of the Lord highlight the humility of Jesus Christ, who not only assumed our flesh at the Nativity, but also became like us in all things but sin. He was therefore baptized by His cousin, John the Baptist, to show us the way to our Heavenly Father's grace.

Holy Water is a sacramental that remits venial sin. Because of the blessings attached to it, Holy Mother Church strongly urges its use upon her children. You may use it to bless your children at bedtime, or before they leave the house. Keep in a door side basin to bless yourselves in your comings and goings, or sprinkle in your home for Holy protection in sickness, and other calamities.

In honor of this Baptismal Feast we are offering Holy Water to those who may be interested. Because we have yet to be cleared to offer it in the fonts at the entrances, **you will be able to get small bottles of holy water** near the sacristy door at St. Peter's site, and at the entrance font at St. Bernard's site. As always, you may refill your bottles at our Holy Water font as needed.



Baptismal Bib

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.



"Let the children come to me..."

Schedule for Children's Liturgy

at the 10am Mass

Jan 16th, Jan 30th



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.

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Events in the Diocese



We are very excited to invite you and your parish community to attend the Youth Rally, March and Mass for Life on January 22, 2022 at St. Gregory the Great Parish with Bishop Michael Fisher. Our Respect Life rally will consist of dynamic pro-life speakers interspersed with contemporary Christian music to energize the youth for the march and public witness of the Rosary. Bishop Fisher will celebrate Mass, and the event will conclude with a reception. The schedule of events is as follows:

Youth Rally, March & Mass for Life

Saturday, January 22, 2022

St. Gregory the Great Parish

200 St. Gregory Court, Williamsville, NY 14221

3:30 – 4:15 pm Youth Rally in Ministry Center

4:15 – 5:15 pm March for Life & Rosary on Maple Avenue

5:30 pm Mass in Church with Bishop Fisher Celebrating
Reception to follow in the Ministry Center

All are welcome to attend. We ask for parental oversight to help with safety. Face coverings will be required. Please dress appropriately as we will be marching outside regardless of the weather. Groups are encouraged to make appropriate signs for the event.

Priests are invited to concelebrate the Mass in Diocesan vestments, and Deacons are invited to vest for the Mass in Diocesan dalmatic or alb and stole. Please RSVP for seating purposes by Saturday, January 15, 2022 using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/YouthMassforLife>

We have developed several resources that you can use to get the word out. For more information and publicity resources, please visit our website at: <https://www.stgregs.org/youth-rally-march-mass-life/>

Thank you for your continued support and witness to life!

Annulment Workshop

Saturday, Feb. 5th from 9-11am at UB North Newman Center, 495 Skiddersville Rd., Amherst. The session will include information on the recent changes in the annulment process and step-by-step help in getting started. A nominal registration fee will cover the cost of materials. For additional information, contact Barbara at 716-633-7786 or BJWTR@aol.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Attention Parents! Are you interested in homeschooling? Are you homeschooling already, but need some encouragement? There will be a homeschooling panel discussion on **Sunday, January 9th at 6:30pm at St. Bernard's**. Two veteran homeschoolers with many years combined experience and two young adults who were homeschooled will be available to answer your questions. This question and answer format will provide opportunity for great discussion and exploration. Come with your own questions or just to listen. If God has planted a seed in your heart, help it to grow! Contact Sarah Ambrosia at 957-2410 or saambrosia@hotmail.com for more information.

Our Lady of Fatima Shrine BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

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Monday, Jan. 10th @ 7:30pm DO
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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.

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 Are you an adult who needs to be confirmed?
 Have questions about making a sacrament?
 Email Fr. Cole: cwebster@stpeterlewiston.org

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