

St. Peter Catholic Church

December 23, 2018 | 4th Sunday of Advent



Mass & Confession Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 & 11 a.m.
Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat.	8:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri. Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)	11:15 a.m.
Tuesday	6:45 a.m.
Thursday	7 p.m.
Holy Hour (Thursday)	7:30 p.m.
Holyday of Obligation	8:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (TLM), & 7 p.m.

Confessions

Mon, Wed., Fri., Sat.	10 minutes after morning Masses
Thursday	7:30–8:30 p.m.
Saturday	4–4:45 p.m.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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Mass Intentions and Feasts

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Rdgs: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45)

Dec. 22 5 p.m. Christopher Whitney
Dec. 23 8:30 a.m. R.C. Garcia
11 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday—Christmas Eve

Dec. 24 8:30 a.m. Kenneth & Nina Clarke
7 p.m. Vigil Bob & Bonnie McDonald

Tuesday—The Nativity of Our Lord [Holyday of Obligation]

Dec. 25 7:30 a.m. TLM Private Intention
9 a.m. Theodore Warzinski +

Wednesday—St. Stephen, the first martyr

Dec. 26 8:30 a.m. Vivian Rose Davis +
11:15 a.m. TLM Doreen Davidson

Thursday—St. John, apostle & evangelist

Dec. 27 7 p.m. John Edward Puglisi +
7:30–8:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions

Friday—The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Dec. 28 8:30 a.m. Ed O'Brien
11:15 a.m. TLM Doreen Davidson

Saturday—St. Thomas à Becket, bishop & martyr

Dec. 29 8:30 a.m. Doloris Dias+ & Patricia Myers+

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

Gerald Hoffman
Elaine Viguerie
Christopher John Field
Nicholas Hovey
Walt Cybrowski
Joan Gannon
Melanie Maloney
Hurley Smith
Michael and Eileen Hawkins
Bob Ward

Christmas Flower Offerings

Flower Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Parish Office Schedule Update

Please note that the parish office will be closed Christmas Week: Dec. 24–28.

Celebrate Christmas with FORMED!

FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith. It's FREE and EASY to Register!

1. On a browser, go to: stpeterparishva.formed.org
2. Click "Register" and fill out the form.
3. You're all ready to access the inspiring and engaging content!

It's Christmas Eve in the year 722, and the young orphan Kristoph is accompanying the missionary priest Boniface. Follow their adventure through the German countryside in:

Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree!

The Art of Prayer: "O Come Emmanuel"

Welcome the Lord with joy this Advent and Christmas season by joining the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for "O Come Emmanuel," an Art of Prayer series. The program takes place on Sunday Evenings through the year from 6 to 7 p.m. and includes a presentation on interior prayer, time for silent meditation, and a sung Sunday Vespers service. For more information visit jp2shrine.org or email events@jp2shrine.org.

Christmas & Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedules

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
7 p.m. Vigil

Christmas Day, Dec. 25
7:30 a.m. TLM
9 a.m.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
5 p.m. Vigil

Mary, Mother of God, Jan. 01, 2019
9 a.m.
11:15 a.m. TLM

Reflection for the 4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Lk.1:44) When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

Thinking of Homeschooling for the Spring Semester?

If you are a Catholic homeschooler, or thinking of becoming one for the spring semester, we invite you to join the Mayflower Homeschoolers (MH) and participate in our social activities! MH offers religious, social, and service activities for all ages every week of the school year—even in the summer! During the school year we offer clubs, social sports, field trips, Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and Moms' Nights Out. Quarterly, we offer feast day parties and teen dances, plus academic fairs. Visit our website for more information (midyear membership applicants enjoy discounted family membership dues):
www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org | admin@mayflowerhomeschoolers.org

More Announcements

"The Legion of Mary is in dependence on the Virgin Mother of God; insistent on quality as the foundation of membership and even as the key to numerical strength; safeguarded by plenteous prayer and self-sacrifice, by exact system, and by complete co-operation with the priest. The Legion of Mary is a miracle of these modern times." (Pope Pius XI) **You are welcome at our meetings on Fridays at noon in the CCD room next to the parish hall kitchen!**

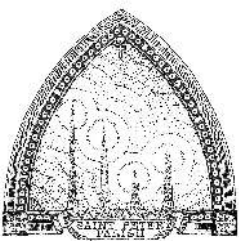
-Reminder: Cemetery Committee Meeting: There will be a Cemetery Committee meeting on Saturday, January 05 at 9:30 a.m. for everyone on that committee. Thank you!

-Weekly contribution envelopes will be late in arriving to the parish for 2019. Please continue to place your checks in the collection basket—credit will still be assigned. Thank you!

-Help wanted at Human Life International for a part-time receptionist. If interested contact Karen at (540) 635-7884.

WorkCamp 2019

Want to make a difference in our diocese for neighbors in need? Consider volunteering to go on WorkCamp 2019 in King George, Va. St. Peter Parish has partnered with Precious Blood in Culpeper and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge in Madison to send teens and Virtus-certified adults on this inspiring and vital mission trip. At present there is space for 10 boys and 10 girls (you must be rising sophomores through graduated seniors by June of 2019). The registration is now open and slots will fill quickly! If you are interested in attending, would like to donate, or you want more information, contact Kelly Bennett at Precious Blood: kellybennett94@aol.com or call (703) 501-2206. **Deadline to register is January 15.**



Join us Monday: Prepare the church for Christmas!

On Monday, Dec. 24th, the St. Peter's church will need to be cleaned and made ready for Christmas. **Please consider being the spic 'n span servants to make this happen at 12:30 pm!**



Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

I know that a good number of you will be traveling and so **I want to wish you a very blessed and merry Christmas!** Our Lord came to us of the Virgin Mary, therefore there is no more pleasing way for us to go to Him than through our Lady. May we join her in meditation upon the Word of God made flesh.

God bless you!

-Fr. Beres