

St. Peter Catholic Church

Gaudete Sunday
December 13th, 2020



Mass & Confession Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15, 9:35, & 11 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 a.m.
Saturdays (TLM)	8:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	11:15 a.m.
Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)	
Tuesday (TLM)	6:45 a.m.
Thursday	7 p.m.
Holy Hour (Thursday)	7:30 p.m.
Adoration (Friday)	9 - 11 a.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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Mass Intentions and Feasts

Gaudete Sunday (Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8) Pss III)

December 12	5 p.m. Vigil Mass	Ellen Cameron +
December 13	8:15 a.m.	Family of Marie Pence
	9:35 a.m. TLM	Sandra O'Gormant
	11 a.m.	For all parishioners

**Monday— Saint John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church**

December 14	8:30 a.m.	Msgr. Robert Avella +
	11:15 a.m. TLM	Jose Estevan Jr. +

Tuesday— Advent Weekday

December 15	6:45 a.m.	Luke Balint
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Wednesday— Advent Weekday

December 16	8:30 a.m.	Celka Prescott +
	11:15 a.m. TLM	Jose Estevan Sr. +

Thursday— Advent Weekday

December 17	7:00 p.m.	Joanne Rockwell +
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Friday— Advent Weekday

December 18	8:30 a.m.	Noelle Miller
	11:15 a.m. TLM	Joseph Antonio Torrez +

Saturday— Advent Weekday

December 19	8:30 a.m. (TLM)	Jessica Davies
	4 p.m. Confessions	
	5 p.m. Vigil Mass	John B. Sheehy +

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

**Joseph Miller
Gerald Hoffman
Elaine Viguerie
Nicholas Hovey
Walt Cybrowski
Joan Gannon
Michael and Eileen Hawkins
Theresa Carney
Edna Albanese
Karen Thornhill
Charlie Coble
Jim Haley**



Christmas in Rappahannock

The Parade is cancelled, but Christmas is not!

Children's Socks and Gift Bags: The Rappahannock Food Pantry is providing gift bags to 166 children, ages 0-12. The pantry has asked for one pair of socks for each of these children. Have your children help pick out these socks to share with a child in need. Please place the socks in the box in the narthex of St Peter's by **December 19th** so they can be added to the bags and given to the children with the Christmas dinner giveaway on the week of December 21. Questions? Call Ruth Welch at 540-229-2225.

It's time for the St. Peter's Advent Giving Tree! Please take an ornament from the tree as you enter the church, purchase the item(s) and return them to the basket under the tree. The items will be distributed to fellow residents of Rappahannock County through the local food pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Angel Tree for Seniors

Be an angel and adopt a Rappahannock Senior for the upcoming holidays. Pick up a senior's wish list at the old Washington Schoolhouse (567 Mt Salem Ave) starting on Thurs, Nov 18. Shop, and drop off your wrapped gift(s) but Thursday, December 16(10 AM - 4 PM). Help make Christmas brighter for seniors who are isolated this year. Questions? Call Rapp at Home: 540-937-4663

Legion of Mary

"God has established Mary as a bridge that leads to salvation. By making use of this bridge, we pass safely over the stormy sea of this world and reach the happy harbour of Heaven." (St. James of Nisibis)

This is one of the highlights from the *Maiia Legionis*, the Legion of Mary magazine. Learn more about working with Mary by coming to our weekly meetings on Wednesdays in the CCD room off of the Father Albert parish hall.

More Announcements

-Volunteers are needed to help out at the Washington Ladies Auxiliary which operates the thrift store for the Washington Fire Department. You can contact Shirley Franey at SFraney6@gmail.com /(540-675-3643), or Danielle Junk at dzjtfj@msn.com/(540-987-8617)

-An opportunity exists to assist one of our own, former St. Peter parishioner Simon Vittitow, who is discerning with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and is now Brother John Baptist. He has three more years until he makes Solemn Profession, God willing. He is making a mission trip to Haiti from December 31-Jan. 9, 2021, evangelizing and doing manual labor to help provide dignified living conditions to the Haitian people. Please consider supporting him with your prayers, and financial support. Checks made out to FRIAR SUPPLIERS should be sent to: Br. John Baptist, 190 Butler St. Paterson, NJ 07524

The Dogmas of the Catholic Church *5 of the 255 Infallibly Declared Dogmas*

- 61) Through the sin our first parents lost sanctifying grace and provoked the anger and the indignation of God.
- 62) Our first parents became subject to death and to the dominion of the Devil.
- 63) Adam's sin is transmitted to his posterity, not by imitation, but by descent.
- 64) Original sin is transmitted by natural generation.
- 65) In the state of original sin man is deprived of sanctifying grace and all that this implies, as well as of the preternatural gifts of integrity.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th:

4 p.m.

7 p.m. (Caroling at 6:40 p.m.)

December 25th:

Midnight:
Traditional Latin Mass, Sung
9:30 a.m.

For anyone interested in caroling at Christmas, we are planning to sing Christmas carols before the Midnight Mass from 11:15 to 11:45 pm. If you would like to join us, we will be practising after the 9:35 am Mass on Sunday, December 13 and 20 during the coffee hour. We are also looking for someone to provide accompaniment on the organ or piano. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Woltering at: denisejwoltering@gmail.com

St. Andrew Christmas Prayer

Please join us in praying the St. Andrew Christmas Prayer from Nov. 30 – Dec. 24. It is piously believed that whoever recites the prayer 15 times a day during this time will obtain what is asked.

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother.
Amen.*

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

From the prophet Isaiah we have the image of a groom and bride being prepared for their wedding day. This is a description of the soul in sanctifying grace. Saints have referred to the fact that if we were to look at and fully see what a priest is we would die of rapture. I believe the same can be said of the soul in a state of grace. This is what our Lord was born to make possible... the beauty of souls on the way to heaven.

**God bless!
-Fr. Beres**