

St. Peter Catholic Church

Gaudete Sunday
December 15th, 2024



Mass & Confession Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5 p.m.
Sunday	8:15, 9:45(Latin), & 11:30 a.m.
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 a.m. & 11:15 am
Saturdays	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	No Public Mass
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., & 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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Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
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Mass Intentions and Feasts

Gaudete Sunday

(Readings: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 (9) Pss III)

December 14 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Ellen Cameron +
December 15 8:15 a.m. St. Maria Neri
9:45 a.m. Kathleen Butters
11:30 a.m. For all parishioners

Monday— Advent Weekday

December 16 8:30 a.m. Meghan Curley
11:15 a.m. Sheila Whaley

Tuesday— Advent Weekday

December 17 Private Mass Dr. Olan Parr

Wednesday— Advent Weekday

December 18 8:30 a.m. Noelle Miller and +Joseph Miller
11:15 a.m. Teresa Sladky

Thursday— Advent Weekday

December 19 7:00 p.m. Bobby Yablunsky & Family

Friday— Advent Weekday

December 20 8:30 a.m. Daisy Bachi +
11:15 a.m. Cecilia Davidson +

Saturday— Saint Peter Canisius,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

December 21 8:30 a.m. Morgan Yoder and Marcus Nakano
4 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Ernest Pardee +

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following parishioners and their relatives:

Elaine Viguerie
Nicholas Hovey
Eileen Hawkins
Theresa Carney
Charlie Coble
Jim Haley
Lindy Klaus
Kathy Eggers
Ronin O'Neill
Hans Shankle
Bernadette O'Heir
Leigh Sargent
Ray Mifflin
Michelle Suess
Tara Cintorino
Gabrielle Barros
Stephanie DiNapoli
Shirley Franey
Robert B. Beattie
Benny May
Col. John R. Bourgeois, USMC
(Ret.)

Ministry of Mercy

"Growing in our Catholic Faith through the Works of Mercy"

Christmas M&M Wreaths and Parish Wreaths for our Cemetery – December 16:

Parishioners are invited to join us on Monday, December 16, after the 8:30 am Mass and rosary (about 9:45) as we gather in our cemetery to say a prayer for the souls in purgatory and place Christmas wreaths.

Polishing Church Vessels - December 20: The date for polishing the church vessels for Christmas will be Friday, December 20, at 12:15(after the last Mass). We will gather in the hall at noon.

Ministry of Mercy Meetings Through the Holidays – December 16th: Our next meeting is Monday, December 16, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and rosary for parish needs. At this meeting, we will place Christmas wreaths in our cemetery.

Save the Date – M&M Winter Luncheon, Tuesday, January 7 at noon: The M&Ms will have their Winter Luncheon at noon on Tuesday, January 7, at the Dark Horse in Flint Hill. This luncheon is open to anyone interested in attending. If you would like to join us, please let us know by January 3 so we can update our reservation.

For questions or to be put on our mailing list, contact Julia Neely (703-927-1811c) at julia.neely@verizon.net.

More Announcements

-Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact the Office of Development at (703) 841-3819 with questions.

-If you would like prayer candles at home, free blessed altar candles are in a basket at the entrance to the church.

Discerning Vocations

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. Men's Day of Recollection is Saturday, December 21, at the Dominican House of Studies, with diocesan seminarians and priests and Dominican brothers and priests; the Women's Day of Recollection is Sunday, December 22, with the Daughters of Charity. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday, December 16.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS: Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day!

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 7 - February 18, virtual (Tuesday evenings)

January 21 - February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC

March 7 - 9 Rehoboth Beach, DE

March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ

March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

Pastor's Piece

Dear Folks,

In our Gospel for today we hear multiple people asking St John the Baptist what they must do to be saved. They are not doubting but rather faith seeking understanding. We are called to the same faithful seeking, always desiring to go deeper into the mysteries of our Lord Jesus and His life.

God bless!

-Fr. Beres