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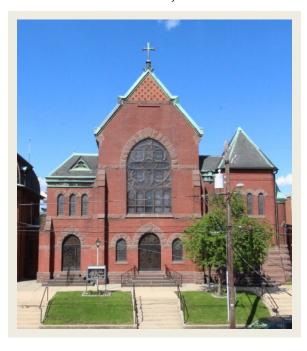
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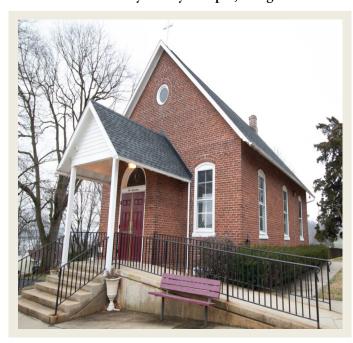
We are called to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, to live joyfully and be an evangelizing and witnessing community.



St. Peter Church, Columbia



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday ------8:00 am - 3:00 pm Closed on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holy Days

PARISH STAFF

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OUR LADY OF ANGELS SCHOOL

Mrs. Amanda Young ------*Principal* 717-684-2433

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday4:30 pm
Sunday8:00 & 10.30 am
Weekdays at St. Peter Church
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 am
St. Mary's Chapel, Wrightsville
Wednesday 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

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Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 pm (St. Mary's Chapel)
Thursday 8:30 - 9:15 am (St. Peter Church)
Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm (St. Peter Church)
or by appointment

RAPTISM

By appointment with Deacon Baylor. Celebrated after Sunday 10:30 am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF HEALING/SICK

Contact the parish office or Pastor

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, December 19, Vigil, 4th Sunday of Advent

3:00-4:00P Confessions

4:30P Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Loreto

SUNDAY, December 20 4th Sunday in Advent

8:00A Allen Knowlton People of the Parish 10:30A

MONDAY, December 21 Late Advent Weekday

Aj Smith 8:00A

TUESDAY, December 22 Late Advent Weekday

Helen & George Wolpert 8:00A

WEDNESDAY, December 23 Late Advent Weekday

5:00P Adoration / St. Mary's 5:15P Confessions / St. Mary's 6:00P Joseph Nobile / St. Marv's

THURSDAY, December 24 Late Advent Weekday

Robert F Gainer 3:00P Jackie Ohrel 5:00P

9:00P William & Mary Foley

FRIDAY, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

9:00A People of the Parish

SATURDAY, December 26, Vigil, The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph 3:00-4:00P Confessions

People of the Parish 4:30P

SUNDAY, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary

& Joseph

8:00A Michael Folgo 10:30A James Mable



OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Marg Barton Emily Arnold Robert Gainer Abby Fritsch Bev Thomas Yvonne Nase Jack Aument Greg Fisher Carol Goss Kit (Margaret) Pittinger Lillian Hoffer Ken Murphy Michelle Panyik David Riger Chad Irvin Kim Smith Ruth Lilliam Dot Weber Shearer Yvonne Fev Cain Young

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Readings for Next Sunday December 27

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

OUR PARISH WORKS FOR GOD

Envelopes out of 600 collected \$ 7140.00 \$ 295.00 Loose \$ Children's Envelopes 3.00 \$ 7438.00 Total Gifts to To meet our budgeted expenses for the fiscal year the sum of \$7,200 is needed on a weekly basis

This year, the **VOUTH RALLY** and Mass for Life will be held virtually on Friday, January 29, 2021 via YouTube and Facebook Live.

For more information and to register, please visit: youthrallyandmassforlife.org

in the Sunday collection.

Save-the-Date - Diocesan Men's Conference!

Please mark March 20, 2021 on your calendar for the Annual Diocese of Harrisburg (Virtual) Conference. Theme: Catholic Men: Called to be Defenders of the Faith! Speakers: Dr. William Donohue - President of the Catholic League, The Most Rev. Ronald Gainer, Fr. Frederick Miller, Fr. John Szada, Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ, and Mr. Tony Devlin. There will also be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction led by Bishop Gainer, as well as outstanding music. This conference is one of the largest annual events in the Diocese every year. The cost this year is just \$10 per man. It is open to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If you are not able to watch it livestreamed on March 20, you'll still want to register since all registrants receive a link to the conference several days after its completion. Online registration will be available on the Diocesan website shortly. If you are a man in the Diocese of Harrisburg, you do not want to miss this conference!

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST: Meeting Sunday January 10th after 8:00 AM Mass. The Rosary will be recited prior to Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONS NEWS.....

The will be NO CLASSES for the students of Religious Education on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! See you on January 10th!

The Sanctuary Candle for the Month of December has been placed in memory of our beloved sons & brothers David & Stephen Burke at this most sacred Christmas season by their loving family.

St. Peter's 26th Annual Pigskin Blowout

The St. Peter's 26th Annual Pigskin Blowout on Jan. 24th 2021. This years event will not be an in-person event. For \$20 you will get a takeout pork dinner (pick up after 10:30 Mass to 3:00) and in the drawing for a total of \$1000 (2 drawings each of \$50,\$100,\$150 & \$200). There is also an option to just purchase a pork takeout dinner for \$10 each. The pork is charcoal and hardwood pit roasted and the dinner includes filling, baked beans, roll and applesauce. Tickets can be purchased from a Holy Name member or the parish office or you can call and leave a message for Art Loreto (286-7208) to obtain tickets. There also will be a flyer in the bulletin in January with a form to fill out to send in for your drawing or dinner purchases.

2021 CDA National Education Contest

Lancaster Court Queen of Peace #1023 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas invites all youth in grades 4-12 from all schools -public, private, parochial, home, and cyber - to enter our 2021 National Education Contest. 2021 themes are: "LET ALL YOU DO BE DONE WITH LOVE" 1 Cor. 16:14 and "SHOW LOVE TO ONE ANOTHER". Enter one or more contests: ART, ESSAY, POETRY, COMPUTER ART, MUSIC, and PHOTOGRAPHY in your division.

Go to http://www.catholicdaughters.org/, then under **Member Resources**, select **Forms**, go down to **Contests** for contest rules and details in English or Spanish.

Entries must be postmarked by or delivered to Margaret T. Giordano, Education Contest Chairman, 1530 Hollywood Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601 by February 1, 2021. Please note: all 1st place local winners will be entered in the state education contest, and 1st place state winners will be entered at the national level. An awards ceremony for local winners will be planned for late May or early June 2021. (Please feel free to leave a voice message at 717-390-9035 if you have any questions.)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR WINNERS

Candy basket and Chunky Puzzle- Jack Campbell, Activity Basket- Fran Redman, Game Basket- Izzy Frey, Teddy Bear Basket - Faith Campbell, Candy Bar Basket -Leah Frey, Popcorn Basket - Terry Musser, Melissa & Doug Basket - Irelynn Reese

Santa- Mike Reese, Hinkles Basket & Giant Food certificate- Kathy Arndt, Biscuit Basket - Fran Redman, Coffee & Tea basket - Megan Powell, Baker Basket-Felicia Knowlton, Coffee Basket - Pat Slow, WIne & Cheese Basket- George Biagio, Gingerbread Basket - Kristy Reese, WIne Glass Basket - Wanda Bryan, Chocolate Basket-Lauren Brommer, Picnic Basket - Heidi Smith, Jelly Basket - Tina Markel, Teacup basket - Pat Boyles, Prayer Basket - Teresa Smith, Triple Decker Basket - Danielle Peters, \$50 grocery Certificate - Art Loreto, \$100 Grocery Certificate- Kathy Arndt and \$500 - Braydn Biedelman

Thank you to all who donated, helped and participated in this

PASTOR'S CORNER

Advent is a time of waiting. The first Advent covered an extended period of time, from the fall of man in the Garden to the birth of Christ. God's people might have felt alone, but we know with certainty that God did not abandon the world. The flame of God's love was always visible. He has never left us alone-- His plan was to send His only begotten Son to redeem us.

When the Angel Gabriel spoke to Mary and announced that God had chosen her to bear His Son who would be the savior of the world, I wonder how she felt at that announcement or if she fully understood the meaning. The Bible said she pondered these things in her heart. Over the years, I have considered this subject, but no matter how hard I try, I can't grasp the magnificence of that moment. My human brain cannot fully grasp the beauty and the fullness of that special time.

This Advent and Christmas are unique in my lifetime, both in their sorrow and frustration, but also in the opportunity for more quiet time to prepare for Christmas Day, the birth of our Lord and Savior. I want to take time to relive what it would be like to be present at the Annunciation or in the little manger in Bethlehem, seeing that little bundle of joy laying in the manger in swaddling clothes. If I dare, I can picture Him in His glory in Heaven leaving all behind to be born in a manger so that he could redeem us from our sins. For many of us, leaving luxury for poverty and sacrifice would be more than enough, but for Jesus that was only the beginning. I can only imagine seeing His eyes sparkle with love for Mary and Joseph. He is the Christmas gift that can make our lives worth living.

Cookie swaps, Christmas parties, and carol-singing are all cancelled this year. Since our holiday experiences will be limited, can we use the spare time to think of Jesus's Birth? Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters. Let's use some of this extra time to tell our children how blessed we are that God lent us His Son. Let our children see that they have a very special place in our hearts that no one else can replace. We, like Mary, are blessed because God gave us Jesus to love. We can share this love with our parents, telling them we appreciate their care for us, just as Mary and Joseph cared for Jesus, our Brother. We can spend our advent period expressing our love for our families.

There is no need to think that Christmas will be spoiled by a virus. We have a golden opportunity to make this the most Blessed Holy Christmas of our lifetime. Our Christmas dinner can bring alive the love that burst forth on the very first Christmas Day. We are being called by Jesus to be a part of the Holy Family.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Anonymous Lay Person

Extraordinary Minister Trainings, which will be hosted via ZOOM. The Diocesan website has an updated list of dates and times, along with an updated registration form. As of now, there are eight scheduled trainings within the next

- four months and more will be added. The current dates are:

 January 9 at 9 am, led by Deacon Tom Aumen
- January 16 at 10 am, led by Father John Bateman The webpage to register is linked below. If there are any questions, please email worship@hbgdiocese.org.

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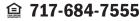
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