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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat | 5pm
Sun | 8am, 10am, 12pm,
6pm (during the semester)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri | 7:30am (in the Church)
12:15pm (in the Catholic
Center Chapel, next
door)

CONFESSION

Sat | 11am-12pm (in the Church)
& by appointment

ADORATION

Tues | 12:45pm-7pm (in the
Catholic Center Chapel)

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Parish Office Hours:
Mon & Wed | 9am-12pm
Tues & Thur | 2pm-4pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Transitional Men's Homeless Shelter

Volunteers Needed

One of the ways St. Peter's Parish practices Christian charity and affirms the dignity of the human person is by helping to host the Interfaith Transitional Homeless Men's Shelter. Please consider helping with the important ministry to provide a warm location for men who have no other place to go during the cold winter months.

St. Peter's will host the shelter in the parish hall during the week of **February 23 - March 2**. Volunteers are needed for:

- Sundays February 23 and March 2 to set up and to clean up the parish hall.
- Each night to prep and serve a meal.
- Overnight to monitor the parish hall.

Sign up the weekends of February 8 & 9 and 15 & 16 after masses, or via the Flocknote.

Carmel Mangarella will be coordinating the effort. Please email her (idadgirl@optimum.net) with any questions.

Virtual Workshop for Marriage-Minded Catholics

February 22, 2025 at 10am via Zoom

Building Forever – A course for marriage-minded Catholic singles to discover healthy habits, build virtue, avoid common mistakes and so much more! To register, please visit:

<https://www.ihccnj.com/buildingforever> or contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org with questions.

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2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Visit the diocesan website www.diometuchen.org to learn the many ways your gift touches the lives of the faithful throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Thanks to your generosity to the Appeal, together we are serving as instruments of hope, bringing comfort and counsel to those in crisis. We are also providing the formation of our future priests and deacons, inspiring our children and young adults to embrace our Catholic faith, and so much more. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Contributions to St. Peter's Parish | 2024 Statement Request

Registered parishioners who would like to receive a 2024 statement of church contributions may complete this form. Please place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office. The statement will be mailed to you. Or, if you provide your email address, we will email you. Please print clearly. Thank you.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Feb 10, St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:30am |

12:15pm | Intentions of Geneva Braun

Tuesday, Feb 11, Weekday; *Our Lady of Lourdes*

7:30am |

12:15pm | John Ryan

Wednesday, Feb 12, Weekday

7:30am |

12:15pm | Birthday Blessings for Maria Claris

Thursday, Feb 13, Weekday

7:30am |

12:15pm | Joseph Delise

Friday, Feb 14, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

7:30am | For children suffering neglect or abuse, and those in Foster Care

12:15pm |

Saturday, Feb 15, Weekday; *BVM on Saturday*

7:30am | Mary Sullivan

5pm | Diana Vargas

Sunday, Feb 16, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8am | For the Clergy, Religious, Staff and Parishioners of St. Peter's

10am |

12pm | For the elderly and their caregivers

6pm |

In your charity, please pray for...

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, Esther Wambui, Norman Corbett, Florence Gowin, Margaret Cleary, Teresa Yannazzone, Nicholas Rossi, Chris Joyce, Gary Vavila, Patricia and Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svelec, Joseph D' Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Doris Tarquinio, Linda Ryan, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia De Pasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Lorraine Fellin, Mary Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita De Guzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, Tom and Kathleen Monchek, Joey Mahoney, Evelyn Echevarria, Patricia Krakowski, Carmella LaVera, Joseph Gutsick, Frederick DeLong, Anne Gutsick-Smith, W.J.R., Boris Rukshin, Jake Sherman, The Thompson Family, Martha Catel, Glenn Diehl, Anthony Nini, Jack Varga, Ed Lyons, Scott Yaede, Angela Hawes, Marie Kuchnicki, The Holley Family Intentions, Tauheedah Barbee, Patrick Donahue, Jill Kunz, Mark Cafferty, Alena Robles, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Cáceres Family, Gustavo Cáceres, Rios Family, Alonso Family, SantaCruz Family, The Brophy Family, Cesar Garcia, Florence Vela

& the sick, the homebound, the hospitalized, and all those in the military

We recognize that the prayer request list has grown quite long and, in some cases, is outdated. If you would like your loved one to remain on the parish prayer list, please contact the parish office to let us know.

To reserve a mass, light a tabernacle sanctuary lamp, or provide altar flowers for an intention...

please contact Colleen at the Parish Office.

FEES

\$10 | to reserve a mass

\$15 | to light a sanctuary lamp

\$1 | postage for mass cards

Upcoming 2nd Collections

Weekend of February 22 & 23 Catholic Press Month

Donations for the Catholic Spirit will supplement the newspaper's free distribution to the parishes.

COLLECTION TOTALS

December 30, 2024 - January 26, 2025

Thank you for your generous contributions during the month of January, which serves as a resource for ministry and parish budget expenses. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of St. Peter's.

Weekly Envelope Contributions	\$10,295.00
WePay Online/Venmo Contributions	\$14,022.30
Other Collections	\$4,685.30
Total Collections	\$29,002.60

HALLOWED BY THEIR NAME

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" - Is 6:3

When we pray, "hallowed be thy name," we are not asking to make God holier; His holiness is perfect and unchanging. Rather, we ask that we might become a people who honor God more and more in our lives, our actions, and our world. This petition calls us to reflect on our relationship with God and how we live out His holiness in our daily lives.

The connection to Baptism is key, this petition reminds us of our baptismal promise to holiness and newness of life. St. Cyprian explains:

"By whom is God hallowed, since he is the one who hallows? But since he said, 'You shall be holy to me; for I the LORD am holy,' we seek and ask that we who were sanctified in Baptism may persevere in what we have begun to be. And we ask this daily, for we need sanctification daily, so that we who fail daily may cleanse away our sins by being sanctified continually.... We pray that this sanctification may remain in us" (CCC 2813).

This begins within ourselves. By praying "hallowed be thy name," we ask for compunction of heart - the grace to recognize how often we fail to honor God. We lament how cheaply we hold His name and take our relationship with Him for granted. Pope Francis reflects that as we contemplate what Christ has done for us, we cannot help but be confronted by our "bad habits, compulsions, attachments, weak faith, vain goals, and... the failure of our hearts to respond to the Lord's love and His plan for our lives." Yet this experience of contrition purifies us, leaving us "more desirous of God and less obsessed with ourselves" (Dilexit Nos, 158).

In addition to the personal, this petition has a missionary dimension as well. As the ancient writer Tertullian teaches this prayer is prayed for all the world:

"When we say 'hallowed be thy name,' we ask that it should be hallowed in us, who are in him; but also in others whom God's grace still awaits, that we may obey the precept that obliges us to pray for everyone, even our enemies. That is why we do not say expressly 'hallowed be thy name 'in us,' for we ask that it be so in all men" (CCC 2814).

This prayer unites us to the mission of the Church to bring God's sanctifying grace to all people. In a world that often forgets God, our prayer becomes a beacon of hope and reparation. We ask that where Jesus encounters hard and closed-off hearts, He may instead find in us hearts open to His transformative love. Like the Blessed mother and the saints when we open our hearts to God's love He is able to do great and beautiful things. We have only to look at the examples of saints like Mother Theresa or John Paul II to remember that the most potent force in the world is a heart set on fire with love for God. Pope Francis speaks about how good actions done by such hearts help to heal the wounds caused by sin, he says: it is through our "acts of fraternal love" that we "heal the wounds of the Church and of the world" (Dilexit Nos, 200).

By living this petition, we bring consolation to the heart of Christ and offer Him the joy of seeing His holiness reflected in our lives. Let us pray with renewed fervor that God's name may be hallowed in us and in all the world.

- Fr. Mike Tabernero

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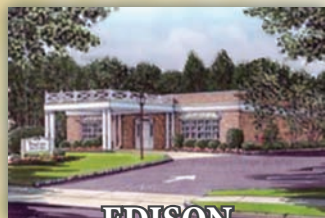
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