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2026

# St. Peter the Apostle

## UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY PARISH

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



Baptism of Christ, Andrea del Verrocchio (1436-1488) and Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)

## WELCOME!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### SUNDAY MASSES

Sat | 5pm

Sun | 9am, 11:30am, 6pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

Sat | 9am (in the Church)

### CONFESSION

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

Mon-Fri | 11:30-12pm (in the  
Catholic Center  
Chapel Office)

& by appointment

### ADORATION

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

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Parish Office Hours:  
Mon, Wed, Thur | 10am-1pm  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Regular Parish Monthly Events

**Sunday Cafe (Every 1st Sunday) | 10am | Parish Hall**

*Upcoming Meeting: February 1*

**Men's Group (2nd & 4th Sundays) | 10am | Parish Hall**

*Upcoming Meeting: January 11 \*The Location will be in the Catholic Center on the weekend of January 11\**

**Women's Group and Mom & Toddler Group (2nd and 4th Sundays) | 10am | Rutgers Catholic Center**

*Upcoming Meeting: January 11*

**Family Faith Formation (Every 3rd Sunday) | 10am | Rutgers Catholic Center**

*Upcoming Meeting: January 18*

**St. Peter's Senior Group (Every 3rd Wednesday) | 11am | Parish Hall**

*Upcoming Meeting: January 21*

### Dear St. Peter's Parishioners & Rutgers Students,

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our annual Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign! Christ is alive and present here! Your beautiful hearts raised an amazing \$1,617.11! Your generosity was overwhelming, and words cannot express our gratitude to you! Your gifts enable us to continue serving mothers and families by providing the practical, emotional, and spiritual support they need when faced with a difficult or unplanned pregnancy or just needs a hand to help right now. You are making a difference in the lives of many of God's people – born and unborn. You are helping to save lives and transform hearts right here in our own community. God bless you!

Please know that you are in our daily prayers of Thanksgiving.

Your friends at,

**Life Choices Pregnancy Center**

### Parish Clergy

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## 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 weeks of **January 11 - 17** and **A 2nd Week in February (Dates TBD)**. Volunteers are needed for:

- Sundays, January 11 & 18 to clean and setup the parish hall
- Prep and serve a meal each night (Sign up through Flocknote message or by contacting Carmel)
- Stay overnight to monitor the parish hall each night (Sign up through Flocknote message or by contacting Carmel)
- Clean the parish hall and bathrooms after the men leave on Sundays, 1/18

Sign up to volunteer through the Flocknote

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

*Donations of men's socks and t-shirts (large and x-large) towels, sheets and blankets are welcome.*

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, Jan 12, Weekday**

7:30am | Alfonso Lusung

12:15pm | Deacon Paul Sheptuck

**Tuesday, Jan 13, Weekday; Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**

7:30am | Marge Hale

12:15pm |

**Wednesday, Jan 14, Weekday**

7:30am |

12:15pm |

**Thursday, Jan 15, Weekday**

7:30am |

12:15pm |

**Friday, Jan 16, Weekday**

7:30am |

12:15pm |

**Saturday, Jan 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot**

9am |

5pm | Steve Camardi

**Sunday, Jan 18, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9am | Intentions of the Hom Family

11:30am | Margaret Hughes

6pm | For the Clergy, Religious, Staff, and Parishioners of St. Peter's

**"Pray** for one another, that you may be healed. The **prayer** of a righteous man has great power." - **James 5:16**

**In your charity, please pray for...**

**the sick, the homebound, the hospitalized, & all those in the military.**

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact Kim at the parish office.

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

please contact Kim at the Parish Office.

### FEES

\$10 | to reserve a mass

\$15 | to light a sanctuary lamp

\$1 | postage for mass cards

## Upcoming Second Collection

**January 24 & 25**

**Foundation for Catholic Education**

**"John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?" -Matthew 3:14**

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

### From the Saints: Why Is Christ Baptized?

It seems strange that only weeks after celebrating Christ's birth we celebrate his baptism, in the course of a week we have encompassed His entire hidden life. Despite the gap in years the Church Fathers saw a profound unity between the events of Jesus' birth and His baptism in the Jordan River. The following comes from an ancient sermon on this feast:

*"The Gospel tells us that the Lord went to the Jordan River to be baptized and that he wished to consecrate himself in the river by signs from heaven.*

*Reason demands that this feast of the Lord's baptism, which I think could be called the feast of his birthday, should follow soon after the Lord's birthday, during the same season, even though many years intervened between the two events.*

*At Christmas he was born a man; today he is reborn sacramentally. Then he was born from the Virgin; today he is born in mystery. When he was born a man, his mother Mary held him close to her heart; when he is born in mystery, God the Father embraces him with his voice when he says: This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased: listen to him. The mother caresses the tender baby on her lap; the Father serves his Son by his loving testimony. The mother holds the child for the Magi to adore; the Father reveals that his Son is to be worshiped by all the nations.*

*That is why the Lord Jesus went to the river for baptism, that is why he wanted his holy body to be washed with Jordan's water.*

*Someone might ask, "Why would a holy man desire baptism?" Listen to the answer: Christ is baptized, not to be made holy by the water, but to make the water holy, and by his cleansing to purify the waters which he touched. For the consecration of Christ involves a more significant consecration of the water.*

*For when the Savior is washed all water for our baptism is made clean, purified at its source for the dispensing of baptismal grace to the people of future ages. Christ is the first to be baptized, then, so that Christians will follow after him with confidence.*

*I understand the mystery as this. The column of fire went before the sons of Israel through the Red Sea so they could follow on their brave journey; the column went first through the waters to prepare a path for those who followed. As the apostle Paul said, what was accomplished then was the mystery of baptism. Clearly it was baptism in a certain sense when the cloud was covering the people and bringing them through the water.*

*But Christ the Lord does all these things: in the column of fire he went through the sea before the sons of Israel; so now, in the column of his body, he goes through baptism before the Christian people. At the time of the Exodus the column provided light for the people who followed; now it gives light to the hearts of believers. Then it made a firm pathway through the waters; now it strengthens the footsteps of faith in the bath of baptism" (St. Maximus of Turin).*

-Fr. Mike Tabernero

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