



THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

St. Peter Church

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DECEMBER 3, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Tuesday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Wednesday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
Thursday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Friday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	
Saturday:	8:00 AM Latin*		5:00 PM English	
Sunday:	7:00 AM Latin*		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin*		1:00 PM Spanish	
1st Friday:	6:15 AM Latin*		8:00 AM English	7:00 PM Latin*
1st Sunday:	7:00 AM Latin		8:30 AM English	10:00 AM English
	11:30 AM Latin		1:00 PM Spanish	

**The Mass according to the liturgical books of 1962*

FR. NATHAN CASWELL, SJC PASTOR
FR. DENNIS KOLINSKI, SJC ASSOCIATE PASTOR
FR. ROBIN KWAN, SJC ASSOCIATE PASTOR
FR. SCOTT THELANDER, SJC ASSOCIATE PASTOR
BR. KEVIN MENARD, SJC SEMINARIAN
BR. MATEUSZ SZYMANSKI, SJC SEMINARIAN
CHRIS KICHKA OPERATIONS
CONNIE BALLANTINE CATECHISM & SACRAMENTS
STEPHANIE BRUNE LITURGICAL MUSIC

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a parish staffed by the
CANONS REGULAR OF ST. JOHN CANTIUS

Welcome New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome you to St. Peter's in Volo. If you are visiting, we hope that you enjoy your time here and invite you to join us again! If you are interested in joining the parish and becoming a parishioner, you may register quickly and easily by visiting the parish website at www.stpetervolo.org/registration.

When registering you will have an option to choose to receive Offertory Envelopes. We encourage all families to utilize these envelopes for making contributions, but also to let us know who is active in the parish, even when not donating. Please note it may take a few months before you begin receiving envelopes.

Please visit www.stpetervolo.org to find much more information about the parish. If you have any further questions, please e-mail us at office@stpetervolo.org.

Sacraments

Do you have a newborn to be Baptized? Are you a couple ready to be married? Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? If so, visit us at stpetervolo.org/sacraments for more information on how to obtain the Sacraments at St. Peter's.

Confession Times

The below are Confession start times

SUNDAY: 6:50 AM | 8:15 AM | 9:45 AM | 11:15 AM | 12:45 PM

WEEKDAYS: 7:40 AM | 8:30 AM **WEDNESDAY:** 6:30 PM

SATURDAY: 7:45 AM | 4:30 PM

Divine Office

SUNDAY: 6:25 AM Matins & Lauds | 2:15 PM Rosary & Vespers |
6:00 PM Compline

WEEKDAYS: 7:15 AM Matins & Lauds | 11:45 AM Mid Day Prayer |
4:45 PM Rosary & Vespers | 6:45 PM Compline *(when no other events)*

SATURDAY: 7:15 AM Matins & Lauds | 11:45 AM Mid Day Prayer |
4:00 PM Rosary & Vespers | 5:45 PM Compline

Adoration

THURSDAY: 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

1ST FRIDAY: 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Novena to St. Joseph

Join us Wednesdays at 6:45 PM to pray together the Novena to St. Joseph.

Mass Intentions

The Calendar for 2024 has filled at this time and we're still working through the backlog. If still interested, please visit stpetervolo.org/masssociety to learn about the Canons Perpetual Mass Association.

Offertory Collection

The collection for Sunday, Nov. 19th was **\$12,793.00** and for Sunday, Nov. 26th was **\$10,534.00**.

The total through Online Giving in the month of November was: **\$6,705.00**

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4th - *St. John Damascene (N), St. Peter Chrysologus (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Rochelemagne & Giannini Families by Rochelemagne Family
- **8:00 AM** - Walter J. Siemion by Barbara Donovan

Tuesday, December 5th - *St. Sabbas (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Debbie Chenault by Chenault Family
- **8:00 AM** - Eric Grant by Jack & Diane Grant

Wednesday, December 6th - *St. Nicholas (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Paul Geffert by Chilcutt Family
- **8:00 AM** - † Paul Tonyan by Shirley Tonyan
- **7:00 PM** - Stanislaw Bernacki by Bernacki Family

Thursday, December 7th - *St. Ambrose (N/T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † William Platta by Platta Family
- **8:00 AM** - † Daniel Hennessy by Hennessy Family
- **7:00 PM** - Alex Mucerino

Friday, December 8th - *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

- **6:15 AM** - Diane Jahaske
- **8:00 AM** - Restoration of Faith for the United States of America
- **12:00 PM** - Restoration of Hope for the United States of America
- **6:00 PM** - Restoration of Charity for the United States of America
- **7:30 PM** - Pro Populo

Saturday, December 9th - *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (N)*

- **8:00 AM** - Marta Wroblewska by Wroblewska Family
- **5:00 PM** - Mia Colette Goodwin by Donna & Phil Krupowicz

Sunday, December 10th - *Second Sunday of Advent | Our Lady of Loreto (N)*

- **7:00 AM** - Brian Wojciechowski by Wojciechowski Family
- **8:30 AM** - † Anne Podzamsky by Mary Swanson
- **10:00 AM** - † Maria & Kazimierz Glowacki by Glowacki Family
- **11:30 AM** - † Dorothy Kadzielawski by Leonard Kadzielawski
- **1:00 PM** - Pro Populo

Prayer Requests

Julie Bilodeau
Christa Hudson
Sarah Hudson
Irene Kenderes

David & Cynthia LaGraft
Mendoza Family
Louie S. & Family
Bishop Joseph Strickland
Julia Suchomski

Jason Taylor & Family
Grace Walker & Family
Mark Weber
Valerie Wilk

and for the repose of the soul of Mary Alice Isaacson

Names added to the Prayer Requests will remain for 1-month. To add, or re-add, a name to the Prayer Requests please e-mail the Parish Office at office@stptetervolo.org

The Blessing of the Advent Wreath

- P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
A. **Who made heaven and earth.**
P. The Lord be with you.
A. **And with your spirit.**
P. Let us pray: O God, by whose words all things are sanctified, pour out Your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive Your abundant grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
A. **Amen.**

The wreath is then sprinkled with Holy Water and the first candle is lit.

- P. Son of the Most High, Your coming was announced to the Virgin Mary by Gabriel.
A. **Come and rule over Your people for ever.**
P. Holy One of God, in Your presence John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb.
A. **Bring the joy of salvation to all the earth.**
P. Watch over our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and Archbishop Blase.
A. **Grant them grace and wisdom to shepherd our Church wisely.**
P. Protect all our men and women in the armed forces.
A. **Bring them home safely.**
P. Raise up to new life those who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ.
A. **That they may see the glory of the Resurrection.**
P. Let us pray: Stir up Your might, we beg You, O Lord, and come so that we may escape through Your protection and be saved by Your help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
A. **Amen.**
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Baptismal Announcement

Please join us in welcoming...

Dolores "Della" Jeanne Carney, daughter of Dominic & Maria Carney, Della was born on October 26th and was Baptized here at St. Peter's on November 25th

Hymns for Sunday

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Masses

Communion: #1

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Recessional: #2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

11:30 AM Mass

Recessional: #2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Propers for Sunday

10:00 AM

Introit: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame. Make Your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me Your paths.

Gradual: They will not be disappointed, O Lord, all those who are awaiting You. Make Your ways known unto me, O Lord, and teach me Your paths.

Alleluia: Show us Your mercy, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

Offertory: To You, I lift up my soul, O my God. In You, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in You be put to shame.

Communion: The Lord will bestow His bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

RSVP for St. Peter's Women's Morning of Reflection

The St. Anne's Sodality will once again host their annual *Advent Morning of Reflection* for all women of the parish!

Saturday, December 16th
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

This year we are thrilled to welcome Fr. Joseph Brom, SJC, who will lead the morning and be providing the reflections.

To register, or for more info, please visit us at www.stpetervolo.org/adventreflection.

The St. Henry Window

The third window on the west wall features the Holy Roman Emperor Henry II, also known as St. Henry the Exuberant, who ruled until 1024 and was canonized by Pope Eugene III in 1146. While very familiar to the German community that made up St. Peter parish in the 1940s, this saint is seldom recognized today. That's a shame, considering how relevant he is to our current age.

The image shows St. Henry overseeing plans for the Bamberg Cathedral, where he and his empress, St. Cunegunde, are now buried. He intended the diocese to be the new Rome in Germany, with a spiritual influence extending throughout Europe. It's said that both Henry and Cunegunde were so devoted to God that they agreed to a celibate marriage. If so, that would be a radical act for a royal couple – but Henry always was a different kind of ruler.

Devout from a young age, he took seriously the idea that temporal kings received their authority through Christ alone. What for most is little more than a formulaic coronation oath, Henry accepted as his guiding principle, divesting himself of nearly all personal ambition. Instead he spent his life strengthening the Church and spreading the Catholic faith.

This was no small feat in a world that still held to remnants of the Viking era. Henry fought hard to bring the warring factions of his empire together under the auspices of the Holy See. He built monasteries and drove monastic reform with the help of his mentor, the Abbot of Cluny (later St. Odilo). At the same time, he spent most of his family's wealth helping the poor. Yet even while surrounded by ambitious nobles and disgruntled relatives, he kept a firm hand on uprisings, pardoning those who rebelled and maintaining peace within his kingdom.

Aside from Cunegunde, Henry found his strength through prayer. He was particularly fond of singing the Divine Office, and once, after joining the canons at Strasburg Cathedral, he expressed a fervent desire to "remain always there to sing the divine praises." He founded a new canonry for one individual, whose job would be to perform that duty in the king's name.

One might say that Henry's reign enabled the flourishing of the Sacred, with all its impact on Western culture, that Catholics today are trying hard to restore. In that sense it's very fitting to have him depicted, along with Cunegunde in the background, on one of our church windows.

Finally, it's worth noting that St. Henry offers a model for leaders today – as unlikely as that seems in the current political climate. Yet the world he navigated was as treacherous and dark as our own. Lacking support from most of those around him, he turned to the only precedent that mattered: Christ Himself, who never let him fail.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 7th

7:00 PM - *Anticipated English Mass*

**There will be no Adoration or Holy Face
Devotion the evening of December 7th*

Friday, December 8th

6:15 AM - *Latin Mass* | 8:00 AM - *English Mass*
12:00 PM - *English Mass* | 6:00 PM - *Spanish Mass*
7:30 PM - *Latin Mass*

The Giving Tree

As we enter Advent, we are turning our eyes to Christmas, and in keeping with past tradition and embracing the spirit of charity, we will once again be hosting The Giving Tree here at St. Peters!

To nominate a family in need, or to view the Wish List and choose a Christmas Wish, visit stpetervollo.org/givingtree.

We are again asking only for gift cards. All gifts should be returned to the Parish Office by December 13th, to allow time for distribution.