



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

St. Peter Church

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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD • THE HOLY FAMILY



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 total Collection from this last Sunday was: **\$9,982.00**

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 8th - *The Baptism of the Lord (N)*

- **6:15 AM** - Living & Deceased Members of the Mucerino & Fratesi Families by Raffaella Mucerino
- **8:00 AM** - † Douglas McDougall by Melissa McDougall

Tuesday, January 9th

- **6:15 AM** - Anita Wolfson by Mouradian Family
- **8:00 AM** - † Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 10th

- **6:15 AM** - Robert E. Brandin Sr. by Megan Hollenberg
- **8:00 AM** - Rev. Nathan Caswell, SJC by Rita Meinhardt
- **7:00 PM** - Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lee & Family by Margaret Pezzella

Thursday, January 11th - *St. Hyginus (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Paul Geffert by Elaine Geffert
- **8:00 AM** - Special Intention by Eva Lalinska

Friday, January 12th - *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys (N)*

- **6:15 AM** - † Mary C. Holt by Vernon & Lora Browne
- **8:00 AM** - Schmelzer Family by Klebosits Family

Saturday, January 13th - *St. Andre Bessette (N), Epiphany of the Lord (T)*

- **8:00 AM** - Mark Moors, Jr. by Marie Moors
- **5:00 PM** - Albert Angelini by Gruenwald Family

Sunday, January 14th - *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany*

- **7:00 AM** - Sebastian Lareau by Mary Susan Lareau
- **8:30 AM** - John C. Swingle by Sheba & Mike Sands
- **10:00 AM** - Monica Corral by McMahon Family
- **11:30 AM** - Rex MacCarthy for His Birthday
- **1:00 PM** - Pro Populo

Prayer Requests

Jesus Banuelos & Family
Julie Bilodeau
Richard Borman
Christa Hudson
Sarah Hudson
Irene Kenderes

Cynthia LaGraff & Family
Yvette Mader
Earl McLaughlin
Mendoza Family
Louie S. & Family
Kyra Smith

Bishop Joseph Strickland
Julia Suchomski
Jason Taylor & Family
Grace Walker & Family
Mark Weber
Valerie Wilk

and for the repose of the souls of Roy Dudzik, David Gibson, and David LaGraff

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

St. Joseph Workers

The St. Joseph Workers are a group of men who serve the Pastor and the parish in helping to ensure the proper stewardship of our parish facilities and grounds. The men provide their personal expertise in dealing with facility repairs and upgrades, routine maintenance, as well as assisting in examining problems and devising solutions around the parish.

If you have maintenance and repair skills that you are willing to share with St. Peter's, and you would like to join the St. Joseph Workers, please join the men this coming Tuesday, January 9th at 7:30 PM in the church to pray the rosary, before heading to the St. Joseph House for the monthly meeting.

For more info, visit www.stpetervolo.org/workers.

Baptismal Announcements

Please join us in welcoming...

Hope Schroeder,

daughter of Steven & Aleksandra,
Hope was born on February 21st
and Baptized here on December 2nd

Leah Marie Lindekeit,

daughter of Manuel & Gilma,
Leah was born on October 24th
and Baptized here on December 9th

Sebastian Thomas Lareau,

son of Pierre & Maria,
Sebastian was born on November 20th
and Baptized here on December 16th

Jack Andrew Schweinsberg

son of Andrew & Katherine,
Jack was born on November 12th
and Baptized here on December 16th

Noah John Wagner

son of Ben & Taylor,
Noah was born on November 23rd
and Baptized here on December 16th

Hymns for Sunday

8:30 AM Mass

Communion: #17
The First Nowell

Recessional: #37
We Three Kings

10:00 AM Mass

Communion: #17
The First Nowell

Recessional: #37
We Three Kings

11:30 AM Mass

Recessional: #17
The First Nowell

Propers for Sunday

10:00 AM

Introit: Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kinship is in His grasp, and power and dominion. Endow the King with Your judgment, O God, and the King's son with Your righteousness.

Gradual: All those from Sheba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense; and showing forth praise to the Lord. Arise and shine out, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is rising upon you.

Alleluia: We have seen His star in the East, and we have come with our gifts, to worship the Lord.

Offertory: The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall offer presents; the kings of the Arabians and of Sheba shall bring gifts; all the kings of the earth shall adore Him, all nations shall serve Him.

Communion: We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

The Message of the Baptistry

Of the many renovations to St. Peter's over the last year, one of the most significant has been the opening up of the Baptistry. An iron gate now sets the area off from the rest of the narthex, allowing visitors to see the font and the stained-glass windows, which illustrate the revelation of the Sacrament of Baptism: St. John preaching repentance, then baptizing Christ in the River Jordan. Christ baptizing the Apostles. And finally St. Peter, baptizing the 3,000 souls.

The antique gate was discovered years ago and kept in storage until it could be installed. Its symbolism lies not only in its function but in the images on it, which all speak to the nature of Baptism. Most are commonly seen today – the dove, the sacred oils, the seashell. But a prominent thorn motif follows the arch as well.

Beyond the gate, the space houses an eight-sided stone font. Eight is an important number in Christian tradition, often tied to renewal. Eight people were saved through water during the Great Flood. Jewish boys were traditionally circumcised on the eighth day, as a sign of the Covenant. The restoration of the temple by Judas Maccabeus was celebrated by an eight-day feast. All these things prefigure Baptism, and this is reflected in the shape of the font.

It's curious to think, however, that the earliest known baptismal font (discovered in Syria) was shaped like a coffin. Several Church fathers, including Origen and St. Ambrose, referred to fonts as sepulchers. Even eight-sided fonts can resemble martyria – tombs erected over the bodies of those who died for Christ.

There's a tomb-like aspect to the Baptistry as a whole, and yet it's an empty tomb, as Christ's was empty on the eighth day following the Sabbath. The tomb becomes, through supernatural grace, a gateway to eternal life.

St. Augustine called the Baptistry "the womb of the Church," underscoring this paradoxical nature. Holy water washes away the stain of Original Sin, and with the death of the former person, one is reborn into the life of grace. The sacred oils represent salvation through Christ and membership in His divine body. The baptized person becomes infused with the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the dove.

Yet before entering eternity, all must undertake an earthly pilgrimage, and this is how the seashell and the thorns need to be understood. To walk with Christ means to enter into union with His suffering. Life can be a painful journey, but divine grace gives it beauty and meaning.

Coming to Mass represents this journey in compressed form. We dip our fingers in holy water, and then continue on towards the Sanctuary. This small act reminds us that our real lives began with Baptism, and while each pilgrim's way is unique, the compass always points towards Him.

Monthly Holy Hour of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus

Now on a New Day - 2nd Thursday of Each Month!

We invite you to join us this coming Thursday, January 11th, at 7:00 PM, for our monthly Holy Hour of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus, *now on a new day - the 2nd Thursday of each month!*

Included in this monthly Holy Hour is time for veneration of a Vatican verified Holy Face relic, Eucharistic Adoration, as well as Rosary, prayers, and more.

For more information about this important devotion, please visit our website at www.stpetervolo.org/holyface.

