



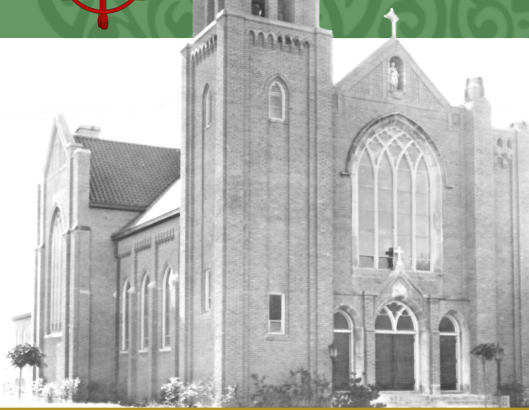
THOU ART PETER AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

# St. Peter Church

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## FEBRUARY 11, 2024

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY



### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

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

*FOR AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES ONLY - PLEASE CALL (815) 451-8219*



*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](http://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](http://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](mailto:office@stpetervolo.org).

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## 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](http://stpetervolo.org/sacraments) for more information on how to obtain the Sacraments at St. Peter's.

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## 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

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## 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

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## Adoration

**THURSDAY:** 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM

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

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## Novena to St. Joseph

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

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## 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](http://stpetervolo.org/masssociety) to learn about the Canons Perpetual Mass Association.

## Offertory Collection

The total Collection from this last Sunday was: **\$17,217.00**

The total through Online Giving in the month of January was: **\$9,709.00**

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, February 12th** - *Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - John & Lorraine Arruda by Alan & Yvette Mader
- **8:00 AM** - † Rose Tonyan by Therese Tonyan

**Tuesday, February 13th** - *Holy Face of Jesus—Shrove Tuesday*

- **6:15 AM** - Michelle Paoletti by Jahaske Family
- **8:00 AM** - Connie Ballantine, Rick Reyes, & Brandon Stoy

**Wednesday, February 14th** - *Ash Wednesday (N/T), Sts. Cyril & Methodius (N), St. Valentine (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Sara & Emily Pezzella by Margaret Pezzella
- **8:00 AM** - † Dorothy & Al Regner by Therese Tonyan
- **12:00 PM** - Alma Petrocelli
- **6:00 PM** - † Mary Normoyle
- **7:30 PM** - Pascal Rochelemagne by Rochelemagne Family

**Thursday, February 15th** - *St. Claude de la Colombiere (N), Sts. Faustinus & Jovita (T)*

- **6:15 AM** - Celestina & Krzysztof Biernat by Alicja & Janusz Kwiecien
- **8:00 AM** - Ben, Caitlin, & Kyle Roby by Laurie Roby

**Friday, February 16th**

- **6:15 AM** - Mouradian Family by Gary & Sally Mouradian
- **8:00 AM** - Cathy Ammenson

**Saturday, February 17th** - *Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites (N)*

- **8:00 AM** - † Virginia Reid by Kathryn Platta
- **5:00 PM** - Nancy Riggio

**Sunday, February 18th** - *1st Sunday of Lent*

- **7:00 AM** - Alicja & Janusz Kwiecien
- **8:30 AM** - Susan Carlson
- **10:00 AM** - † Patricia Godlewski
- **11:30 AM** - Ohland Family by Jackie Ohland
- **1:00 PM** - Pro Populo

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## Prayer Requests

Rosemarie Krieb & Family  
Yvette Mader  
Jim Hammett  
Koswenda Family

Mendoza Family  
Noelle Frances Miller  
Louie S. & Family  
Erin Schaper

Julia Suchomski  
Vic VanHorn & Family  
Grace Walker & Family

and for the repose of the souls of Susan Moraes, Kathryn Burke, & Gilda Fontanetta

*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](mailto:office@stptetervolo.org)*

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**Upcoming Lenten Programs****Stations of the Cross***Friday Evenings during Lent at 7:00 PM***St. Peter's Spanish Lenten Retreat***Saturday, February 17th***Cor Jesu Retreat***Saturday, February 17th*[www.corjesumission.org/retreats](http://www.corjesumission.org/retreats)**Women's Lenten Retreat***Saturday, February 24th at St. John Cantius*[www.cantius.org/post/lent-retreat-2024](http://www.cantius.org/post/lent-retreat-2024)**Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat***March 1st—3rd in Darien*[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org)**Men's Lenten Retreat***Sunday, March 2nd at St. John Cantius*[www.cantius.org/post/lent-retreat-2024](http://www.cantius.org/post/lent-retreat-2024)

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**Troop of St. George Info Meeting**

The Troop of St. George works to develop our young boys into Catholic Gentlemen, through a variety of activities, including Holy Mass, camping, parish activities, public displays of patriotism, spiritual exercises, and character-building projects. If you have school aged boys who may be interested in joining St. Peter's new Troop of St. George, join us for an info meeting on Saturday, February 17th at 6:00 PM in the School.

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**2023 Donation Statements**

Thank you to all who donated to St. Peter's in 2023. Your very generous donations are what allows for our parish to operate.

Donation Statements are now available in the vestibule of the church. Please be sure to check and make sure that you collect all of your statements. Due to the many ways that parishioners and visitors donate, there may be more than one statement for your family.

If there is an error with your statement, please be sure to e-mail the Parish Office directly at [office@stpetervolo.org](mailto:office@stpetervolo.org) with the correction, and we will send you an updated statement.

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**Hymns for Sunday**8:30 AM & 10:00 AM Masses**Communion: #93***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***Recessional: #122***There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*11:30 AM Mass**Recessional: #93***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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**Propers for Sunday**10:00 AM

**Introit:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For You are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of Your name. In You O Lord, do I trust; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in Your righteousness

**Gradual:** You alone are the God who works wonders; You manifested Your strength among the nations. With Your arm You delivered Your people, the sons of Israel and Joseph.

**Alleluia:** Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has accomplished wondrous deeds.

**Offertory:** Blessed are You, O Lord, teach me Your commandments. O Lord, You are blessed, teach me Your commandments. With my lips have I declared all the judgments spoken by Your mouth.

**Communion:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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**Coming Up at St. Peter's****John Paul II Teen Group***Thursday, February 15th at 5:30 PM*[www.stpetervolo.org/teens](http://www.stpetervolo.org/teens)**St. Joseph Men's Group***Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 PM*[www.stpetervolo.org/mensgroup](http://www.stpetervolo.org/mensgroup)

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### **The First Station – Jesus is Condemned to Death**

The Way of the Cross was Christ's true mission on earth. We can't celebrate His words and miracles, or the triumph of the Resurrection, while avoiding the arduous journey to Golgotha. Meditating on the Stations of the Cross takes us deeply into the mystery of God, and what He really asks of us.

We see many things during Christ's trial. The High Priest, Caiaphas, tearing open his robes. Peter's denial, made out of fear. The Jews and soldiers hurling insults. Pilate, baffled by Jesus, saying, "I wash my hands of this man's death."

The images reek of pride, greed, betrayal, cowardice. Jesus stands alone, seemingly defeated, while the mob's fury swirls around Him. It's a scene that could take place anywhere in the world, with slight variations, because human nature hasn't really changed much.

Christ was condemned nearly 2,000 years ago because He called people to look beyond the world and seek what's above. Many still reject that message. Yet God's mystery was at work then, and still is today.

Consider the moment at the trial when Pilate offered the choice between freeing Jesus or Barabbas, and the mob chose the latter. Scholars have noted that the name "Barabbas" means, in Aramaic, "the son of the father."

"Give us Barabbas!" the mob shouted. "Give us the Son of the Father!"

God hears the cries of His lost children, even in the worst moments, and gives them exactly what they need.

### **The Second Station – Jesus Carries His Cross**

There's no better symbol of the depravity of sin than the cross, which Jesus willingly took upon Himself. Made of rough wood, it was a suitable tool for the worst death that Rome could offer. Crucifixion was meant to be humiliating (even Cicero called it "the most cruel and disgusting penalty"), and that started with carrying your own cross, or patibulum, to the execution site.

Christ's embrace of the cross would have seemed as contradictory as His refusal to defend Himself at the trial. But Scripture helps us understand His purpose.

The Book of Revelation refers to Christ's cross as a "tree," although here it seems a dead tree. It stands in contrast to the Tree of Life, with its three branches, that we see in the church's Annunciation mural. This was lost to us after the Fall, but Christ restores it through His Passion and Resurrection. That's why the crucifix is not a symbol of death, but life – Christ Himself becomes the Tree.

God asks us to take up our own crosses, which can be heavy – not just because our lives on earth are difficult, but because we burden ourselves with sin. Salvation comes only through our willingness to follow Christ. Through Him, we learn over time what to let go, and what can be transformed through grace.

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### **Ash Wednesday**

Ashes will be distributed this coming Wednesday, February 14th at the following Masses:

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

This Ash Wednesday, as we experience the blessed ashes, we acknowledge that the ashes are an outward sign of our mortality and our total dependence on God. May this sacramental give us the grace of a true conversion of heart and lead us into a fruitful Lent.

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