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A Program for Catholic Living

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30, 10:30 and 7:00pm
Weekdays	9:00am
Saturdays	9:00am
Holy Days	watch the bulletin for schedules

Information

Rectory: 43 West Maple Avenue
Ph: 856-663-1373 Fax: 856-488-0647
Religious Education: 43 W. Maple Ave.
Ph: 856-663-4490
Web: www.saintpetermerchantville.com
Rectory Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday
9:00am-12 Noon & 12:30pm-4:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12 Noon & 12:30pm-3:00pm
Adoration Chapel: See Website

School: 51 West Maple Avenue
Ph: 856-665-5879
Web: www.stpeterschool.org

Education

St. Peter School

To register your children, please call the principal at 856-665-5879.
Religious Education: CCD for Kindergarten-Gr. 6 is a family based program on Sunday mornings 8:45am three times a month. Gr. 7-8 classes are Sunday mornings 8:45am three times a month. To register for our Religious Education program, please call 856-663-4490 or email stpeterparish.religious.ed@gmail.com

July 5, 2026 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated twice per month on Sundays at 12:00pm. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism class. Please call the Rectory to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents and children are welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Marriage - In order to accommodate our own Parishioners, only Parishioners of St. Peter (Bride or Groom) will be able to be married in St. Peter Church. Couples planning to marry at St. Peter are expected to contact the priest to arrange a date and time first. Second, they must attend the Pre-Cana Conferences as mandated by the Bishop. The period of preparation for marriage is a minimum of six months to ensure completion of all arrangements before the wedding date. For Pre-Cana reservations call 663-1373. Only Parish Musicians are permitted for Wedding Masses. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Sacrament of the Sick - The priests may be called at any time day or night for the Sacrament of the Sick. Furthermore, the priests will be happy to visit the Sick with Holy Communion upon request.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday 12 Noon-12:30pm; Saturday 2:30-3:30pm and 6:30-7:00pm

Funerals - The proper form of Church burial for a baptized Catholic is the Mass of Christian Burial, not a service at a funeral home. Viewings in the Church are not permitted. Funeral Masses are scheduled at 10:00am. No eulogies in church, and only Parish Musicians are permitted for Funeral Masses, NO EXCEPTIONS.

New Parishioners - **All are Welcome** - Please register with the parish... so we know who you are, so if you ever need a letter, etc., you're on record, so you can be on our mailing list, and <u>most importantly</u>, so we can serve YOU!

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2026

From the Pastor

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen will be declared a Blessed of the Church in four months (September 24, 2026), in St. Louis, Missouri. As we celebrate 250 years as a nation, his work, *For God and Country*, published in 1941, seems very relevant for this occasion. One of the points he made is that the preservation of The United States of America as a nation depends upon our attitude toward God and his place in society.

He noted that in times of crisis America has always turned to prayer and penance, to her religious roots for healing and renewal. He cited exhortations by the U.S. Presidents, calling citizens to humble themselves before God and beg for his mercy. For example:

President Adams in 1799 proclaimed that "in circumstances of great urgency and seasons of imminent danger earnest and particular supplications should be made to God Who is able to defend or to destroy."

President Madison three times between 1812 and 1815, called for "public humiliation for the transgressions which might justly provoke the manifestations of His Divine Displeasure."

President Buchanan set aside January 4, 1861, as the day when "all people should assemble according to their several forms of worship, to keep a solemn fast."

President Lincoln five times during his Presidency called on the people to "bow down in humble submission to God's chastisement to confess and deplore their sins and transgressions in the full conviction that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to pray with all fervency and contrition for the pardon of past offences, that we might be spared further punishment, though most justly deserved and that the Throne of Love might bring down plentiful blessings on our country."

President Jackson made a moving plea for a "day of humbling ourselves before Almighty God."

President Grant in 1871 set aside November 30 as a day for asking Almighty God for "merciful exemptions from evils."

President Wilson delivered the last Presidential Proclamation issued in the United States which admitted the possibility that we ought to ask God for something else than prosperity and which envisaged the possibility that we needed some regeneration was that of President Wilson who proclaimed Thursday, May 30, 1918 as a day of "public humiliation, prayer and fasting.

He concluded, "America will never be beaten from without, as long as she is moral from within." These words are prophetic as we celebrate this national milestone.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Fr. Tim Byerley, Pastor

Prayer for Our Nation

God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation´s leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass Intentions

**Mass Celebrant Code: TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – EA = Fr. Ernest Amadi*

Intentions:	*Requested by:*	**Mass Celebrant*
Monday, July 6		
9:00 AM Margherita and George di Mattia	A Friend	EA
Tuesday, July 7		
9:00 AM Cheelee Ngan	Assumpta Yau	EA
Wednesday, July 8		
9:00 AM Intentions of Christina Varano	A Friend	EA
Thursday, July 9		
9:00 AM Martha Hoa	Mary Nguyen	TB
Friday, July 10		
9:00 AM Eileen Bailey Tallman	The Bailey Family	TB
Saturday, July 11		
9:00 AM Sergio Antinori	Tom and Karen Fisher	TB
4:00 PM Justin Smith	Chuck and Julia Wakelee	EA
Sunday, July 12		
8:30 AM Sergio Antinori	The Dominianni Family	EA
10:30 AM Intentions of St. Peter Parishioners		TB
Sergio Antinori	Donna Wittenberg	TB
Judy Kay McCloskey	Steve and Jan Bozza	TB
Francis J. Del Rossi	Tim and Nancy Ellis	TB
Intentions of Orlando Rivera	His Family	TB
7:00 PM Dean Richard Rusie	Mary Pat Lesser	TB

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for
The Holy Souls in Purgatory
the week of July 5 – July 11
requested A Parishioner.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Flora Fingerhut
the week of July 5 – July 11
requested by A Parishioner.

Father's Quick Quote:

"Most modern freedom is at root fear. It is not so much that we are too bold to endure rules; it is rather that we are too timid to endure responsibilities."

~ G.K. Chesterton

Parish Weekly Offerings!

First Collection for the Weekend of June 27 – June 28 was **$13,734.00.**
Second Collection: *Peter's Pence:*
$2,698.00

Thank you for building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!

Around the Parish

Parish Sick List

Get Well Prayers

Donna Appafucio, August Barr, Helen Bennett, Lisa Bennett, Barbara Bennett, Theresa Berrios, Betty Bisceglie, Bernadette Burke, Patrick Burke, Patti Cancelli, Albert Carlin, Joelle Chattin, Anthony Ciarroccki, Ed Cigich, Tony DePasquale, Danielle DiBartelomeo, Mary Engle, Marc Ferraiolo, Barbara Flaherty, Robert J. Frett, Daniel Glazer, Diana Gonzalez, Barbara Green, Matthew Herb, Charles Heifet, Kristen Hoffman, Kathleen Iannuzzi Vincent Iannuzzi, Bob Jamison, Ellen Jamison, Thaddeus Kanigowski, Emma King, Joseph Lesniak, Karen Lewis, Regina Mangan, Debora Mannella, Jose Marrero, Sandy McDowell, Savannah McHughes, Gladys Meade, Jacob Mika, Daniel Murphy, Fr. Ronan Murphy, Carolyn Neisley, Luis Nunez, Eileen O'Brien, Bella Palmer, Frank Pedano, Janice Pepino, Leona Pewor, Lois Picknally, Landon Reid, Kelly Ross, Myles Ross, Cole Ross, Elsie Schatzle, Steve Schatzle, Anna Marie Schickling, Fred Schwartz, Jimmy Shue, Regina Shue, Rose Smyth, Ann Sokorai, Kristine Stahl, John Stefanski, Lorraine Stepanavage, Mark Stevens, Vince Trombetta, Joseph Vena, IV, Anne T. Visco, Anthony Visco, Eva Vitella, Betty Wagner, Jack Walker, Rita Walker, Steve Weber, Michelle Wetterling, Jean Wilson, Alan Young.

May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!
PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373
when your loved one has recovered!

Rectory and Chapel CLOSED

Monday, July 6

In observance of Independence Day

No Confessions

Tuesday, July 7

Saint Paul Ministry

Dear Parishioners:

Our pantry is still in need of *cereal, mac and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, pancake mix and syrup, brownie mix or cake mix and icing, canned corn, green beans and peas, canned beans, canned soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, cookies, boxed potatoes, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.*

Poor boxes located at the entrances of the church directly support this important ministry and offer a simple way to help our neighbors in need.

If you know of anyone who needs any kind of assistance, please give him/her our hotline number 856-904-7397.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Community News

OCIA

In the fall we will begin instructional classes for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic. Classes are held on Thursday evenings in Pastors Hall and will begin in **September**. They will continue every Thursday evening for one hour. You could be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Also, any adult baptized Catholic who has not made Confirmation, Holy Communion or Penance can join these classes. It's a great opportunity to grow in faith!

Pass the word on to your non-Catholic friends or neighbors who might be interested as well as baptized Catholic relatives who have not received the Sacraments. If you are interested, fill out the form and return it to the Rectory or drop it in the Collection Basket.

For more information, call the Rectory @ **663-1373**.

OCIA

Classes begin Thursday, September 10, 2026
6:30 PM in Pastors' Hall

Name

_____

Address

_____

Phone

_____

I am a non-Catholic ( )

I am a baptized Catholic, but need the following sacraments:

Holy Eucharist ( ) Confirmation ( )

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Yes, I would like to be an Altar Server for St. Peter Parish.

Please Print All Information. Thank You!

Name: _____

Grade: _____

School_____

(Must be in 4th Grade through High School)

Home Address

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_____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Information

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

New Server Signature

_____

Parents' Signatures

_____

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Please place this completed form in the Collection Basket on Sunday or bring it to the Rectory or can be scanned and emailed:
saintpeterchurch43@gmail.com

ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

Parish News

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JOIN US IN PRAYING

THE HOLY ROSARY

All parishioners, friends, and family are warmly invited

2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Each Month

6:46 PM

At Our Lady of Lourdes Fountain

In front of Saint Peter Church

The Knights of Columbus Council 6735 recently initiated this beautiful outdoor devotion to Our Blessed Mother and now invites the entire Saint Peter Parish family to join us.

Questions? Contact Grand Knight Jim Kenney

Text: 856-392-8840

2025 ~ 2026 FAMILY OF FAITH

Registration is open now through July 31st!

To all families with kindergarten to 8th grade children:

- As a practicing Catholic, children who aren't attending Catholic school should register with our religious education program.
- Reception of First Holy Communion and Confirmation require 2 years of Sacramental Preparation.
- For First Holy Communion, children typically prepare for this Sacrament during 1st and 2nd grade years of faith formation.
- For Confirmation, children typically prepare for this Sacrament during 7th & 8th grade years of faith formation.
- Missing the 3rd – 6th years of faith formation will require makeup work before proceeding onto Confirmation preparation.
- If you are outside of the typical years of Sacrament preparation and are seeking these Sacraments, please email us to see how we can help prepare you or your child.

Registration forms can be found in the church by the entrances. Forms can also be found on our webpage at this link:
https://www.saintpetermerchantville.com/religious-education-1

Completed registration forms can be returned via email, mail, or dropped off at the rectory mail slot.

If you have any questions, **Email Mariannie Zayas** at:
stpeterparish.religious.ed@gmail.com

Readings for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2026

Reading I – Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Reading II – Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30

The Scripture readings for Mass are listed by reference; you may read the full texts in the Magnificat, at usccb.org, or in the Laudate mobile app.

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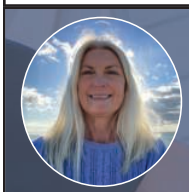
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