

# St. Peter Catholic Church

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 AM  
Mon. Wed., & Fri. 8:30 AM  
Thursday 7:00 PM  
No Mass on Tuesdays  
Holy Days of Obligation 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM



12762 Lee Highway, Washington, VA 22747

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30am ~ 3:30pm  
Everyday except Tuesday

## Receiving the Sacraments

### The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Any Catholic with a life-threatening illness should receive this sacrament even if not in immediate danger of death.. Please call Father Grinnell and ask him to anoint you if you think you should receive the sacrament soon.

### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Thursday Evening during Adoration  
Every Saturday-  
3:45 PM until 4:45 PM  
(Also by appointment)

### The Sacrament of Matrimony

The Diocese of Arlington requires that the parish priest be contacted at least six months before the intended wedding. We want to help all of our couples receive the abundant benefits and graces that the Sacrament of Matrimony can offer them.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

A class is required for parents having a child baptized at St. Peter Parish for the first time. Please call Father Grinnell at 675-3432 to make arrangements.

## Pastor

Reverend Father Horace Grinnell

## Parish Phone Numbers

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**St. Peter's Website: [www.stpeterparishva.org](http://www.stpeterparishva.org)**

## Sunday, January 11, 2015

## The Baptism Of The Lord

“The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace”

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Vigil Mass** 5:00 PM Peggy Posey  
*January 10*

**Sunday** 8:30 AM Fr. Christopher Murphy  
*January 11* 10:45 AM Pro Populo  
*The Baptism of the Lord*

**Monday** 8:30 AM NO MASS  
*January 12*  
*First Week in Ordinary Time*

**Wednesday** 8:30 AM Peter McCarron +  
*January 14*

**Thursday** 7:00 PM Regina Dolan +  
*January 15*

**Friday** 8:30 AM Peg Holmberg +  
*January 16*

Our Rappahannock County neighbors and the Food Pantry staff thank the parishioners of St. Peter Church for their generous donations to the Advent Giving Tree. A total of 378.10 pounds of food, toiletry and laundry items was collected and distributed to those in need in the county before Christmas. Thank you so much for your generosity!

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH??** — If you yourself or anyone you know would be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, email me at: [grinnellhorace@gmail.com](mailto:grinnellhorace@gmail.com). If you know of someone who you think might be interested in our faith, but are reluctant to talk to them your self, I would be happy to talk with them, or I can ask someone from the Legion of Mary to talk with them. As Scripture says: "what you have received as a gift you must give as a gift". Faith is a precious gift that must be shared.

### CURSILLO

The Blue Ridge Ultreya (Culpeper, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock) will meet January 17, 2015 after the 6 pm Mass in the Parish Hall of Precious Blood Church, 114 E. Edmondson St., Culpeper. Please bring a dish to share for Port Luck.

Cursillo is a short course in Christianity focusing on deepening our relationship with Jesus. All are welcome. For more information, contact Jim Byrne at 547-2932.



### Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following members of our Parish:

Elaine Viguerie	Genevieve Paterno
Christian Knight	Harrison Knight
Fr. Robert Lange	Deacon Charles Coutu
Evelyn Johnson	John Paul Storey
Colleen Cybrowski	Patricia J. Carey

**With Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God and in gratitude for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**Emilia Saure Benyo Joyfully Announces the Ordination of her Husband Robert Edward Benyo to the Sacred Order of Deacons.**

**You are Cordially Invited to the Mass of Ordination Celebrated by His Excellency The Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, Bishop of Arlington, on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, 11:00 AM at the The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia 22203. A brief reception in Burke Hall located downstairs immediately following the Diaconate Ordination.**

**Seating – Due to the large class size of the Ordinand, seating in the Cathedral is on a first come, first served basis. It is advisable to arrive 1 hour to 1-½ hours before the event to get a seat and be able to park. The event will be between 2 to 2-½ hours long and followed by a short reception in Burke Hall.**

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**With joy and gratitude, Robert Edward Benyo invites you to join with him as he serves at the Altar For his First Mass of Thanksgiving as Deacon, Sunday, January 18, 2015, 10:45 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, Washington, VA 22747. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall beginning at 12:00 noon. All are invited.**

**Thank you Bob Klaus for your contribution in helping with the Christmas trees. We appreciate everyone's hard work.**

## **2015 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Please pick up your **2015** contribution envelopes on the table in the vestibule.

### **K of C volunteers needed for Benevolent Fund fundraiser**

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will provide assistance at the annual Benevolent Fund Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, January 31 at The Washington School in Little Washington (located next to the Food Pantry). Council members will assist with setup and kitchen patrol.

The dinner brings together over 200 county citizens for the purpose of raising funds to support the county needy. Last year \$30,000 was raised, an amount that was matched by a donor.

All Council members are urged to consider helping with this most worthy cause. It is a fun evening of food and entertainment (yes, they feed us!). Any parish member simply wanting to attend the dinner should contact John Hagarty for ticket information.

Council brothers should also contact John Hagarty at [jfhagarty@aol.com](mailto:jfhagarty@aol.com) or 540.937.2220 to volunteer. Thanks for your support.

The annual MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D.C. is set for Thursday, Jan. 22nd, 2015. There will be a bus from St. Peter's for anyone wishing to participate in this event, and donations can be offered on the trip to D.C.. Mid-morning will be the departure time for the bus, which will return to St. Peter's between 5 and 6 pm. The bus can stop at the commuter lot in Warrenton (north of town) for those who live close to that town. Bring a bag lunch which you can eat on the bus on the way to the March. Anyone under age 18 needs to be accompanied by an adult. Look for a sign up sheet which will appear next weekend as you enter the church.

**St Peters Second Sunday Social** – Second Sunday Again? – So Soon? – Where have the holidays gone? Join our parish family and friends for our St Peters Second Sunday Social after each Mass this weekend. We will gather in Father Albert Hall for light snacks and the chance to pass on our holiday stories. All are welcome – join us as we come together to celebrate the New Year.

**Knights of Columbus** – We will hold our next monthly business meeting on Monday, January 12th 2015 at 07:30 PM – all brothers in good standing are encouraged to attend. We will be addressing an important proposition to change our meeting day from Monday to Tuesday and we want to ensure that all brothers have an opportunity to provide their perspective on the issue.

Help us to support the Bishops' initiative on marriage! Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger and healthier.

John the Baptist said "I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit". Invite the Holy Spirit into your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 20-22 Feb. 2015 in Herndon or 17-19 Apr. 2015 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

### **DONATION OF STOCKS**

#### **TAX SAVINGS THROUGH A GIFT OF STOCKS**

You may make a gift of stock as a **donation to our parish**. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. For more information, please call Ms. Mary Reed, McLaughlin Ryder Investments, Inc., 1421 Prince St., Ste. 200, Alexandria, (703) 684-9222, email: [mreed@mclaughlinryder.com](mailto:mreed@mclaughlinryder.com).

### **WANT TO GO TO FRANCE WITH ME NEXT AUGUST?**

I am going with a group of people to France next August. The trip will be a river boat cruise (12 days) from Paris to Normandy starting August 4th. Already some 40 people have signed up for the trip but there is plenty of room if you are interested in going. Take a look at the itinerary that is on the table as you leave mass. It should be a lot of fun. If you have questions, email me [grinnell-horace@gmail.com](mailto:grinnell-horace@gmail.com) or give me a call at the parish office.

**Weekly Contributions for 1/4/14 were:  
General Collection \$2,198.00**



**Thank You for your generosity!**



## Pastor's Piece



Dear friends,

### A SPECIAL INVITATION

There will be a luncheon reception following the 10:45 AM mass on Sunday, January 18th, to celebrate Bob Benyo becoming a deacon. We would like everyone to join us at 12:00 NOON in the Church hall to celebrate this joyous occasion.

### 2015 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS

This month Bishop Loverde will send a mailing regarding the 2015 Bishop Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2015 BLA is "*Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy!*" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. When we join together as one Body in Christ, we can do so much for so many!

### TAKE A LOOK AT THE RENOVATION AFTER THE FLOOD

After the furnace broke in November and the pipes froze and burst in the RE/meeting rooms to the left of the church, it was a mess. The ceiling came down, some of the wall board on the walls had to be cut away and replaced, the rug was ruined. Now, everything is repaired -- roof; walls; painting; lights, rugs, etc. It looks great! Better than new! Take a walk around after mass (access through the door by the Millennium Cross. Thank God for insurance which will cover all but \$1,000. I realize now how lucky we were to catch the leak before it did even more damage.

### YEAR END DONATION LETTERS ON THE WAY

We are sending out the donations letters in the near future. If you find problems with the statement, get in touch with the parish office by phone or email. Thank you for your generosity. If you are not yet registered in the parish, you can simply register by phone or stop by the office. Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 8:30 a.m.--3:30 p.m. You can also email us. We see many new faces that we would like to welcome.

### PRAY FOR BOB BENYO THIS WEEK

Pray for Bob Bender this week. He will be ordained a Deacon next Saturday, January 17th at 11 am by Bishop Loverde.

### PLEASE DONATE A CAR

If you can donate a car or truck, there are a couple of families who are in desperate need of either. Benefits to you is your donation is tax deductible. Please call me at 540-675-3432, or email me at [grinnellhorace@gmail.com](mailto:grinnellhorace@gmail.com). Your generosity is much appreciated.

Fr. Tuck

## Saint Augustine: Opportunities for Spiritual Reflection

Fridays, January 23<sup>rd</sup> – February 27<sup>th</sup> – 8:15 – 9:15 PM

St. Peter's Parish House, 12762 Lee Highway, Washington, VA

### YOU ARE INVITED!

The proposed **Augustian reflection group** is an initiative of Father Tuck Grinnell and John Kiser. John has been reading selections of Augustine's teachings collected in *St Augustine of Hippo* (Skylight Paths, 2010) edited by Dr. Joseph Kelley and was struck by their relevance today. Dr. Kelly teaches theology at Merrimack, an Augustinian Catholic college in North Andover, Mass. and is the Director of Merrimack's Center for Jewish Christian Muslim Relations (and may be enticed to visit Rappahannock one day).

Kelley's book provides an accessible way for Christians and non-Christians alike to become familiar with the spirit and teachings of the greatest of North Africa's early Church fathers (5 – 6<sup>th</sup> century) whose thought had a profound impact on European culture and Christian theology, and continues to do so today (just war theory, nature of sin, predestination, policies, belief and thought, community...). Augustine's reflections on man's relations with the divine remain no less relevant today than they did fifteen hundred years ago. Some excerpts:

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*Always be dissatisfied with what you are if you want to arrive at what you are not yet. Because whenever you are satisfied with yourself, there you are stuck...always add some more, always keep walking, always forge ahead. Sermon 169.18*

*You should love all people, even your enemies, not because they are your brother and sister, but so they may become your brother and sister...Homilies of the First Epistle of John*

*Two loves built two cities: the earthly city created by love of self, carried to the point of contempt for God: and a Heavenly City created by love of God, carried to the point of contempt for self. City of God*

*The times are evil, the times are troubled, that's what people say. Let us lead good lives and the times are good. We ourselves are the times. Whatever we are like, that is what the times are like. Sermon 80.8*

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