

# St. Peter Catholic Church

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 AM
Mon. Wed., & Fri.	8:30 AM
Thursday	7:00 PM
Holy Hour	7:30 PM
No Mass on Tuesdays	
Holy Days of Obligation 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM	



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## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30am ~ 3:30pm

## 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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[EpiphanyCatholicSchool.org](http://EpiphanyCatholicSchool.org)

**Sunday, November 27, 2016**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVNT**

*"Let Us Go Rejoicing To The House Of  
The Lord"*

## MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Vigil Mass**    **5:00 PM**            **Mary Jane Redding +**  
Nov. 26  
*Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Sunday**        **8:30 AM**            **Richard & Jenee Priebe  
and Family  
Pro Populo**

**11:00 AM**  
Nov. 27—Rdgs: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:37-44

**Monday**        **8:30 AM**  
Nov. 28

**Wednesday**   **8:30 AM**  
Nov. 30  
*St. Andrew, apostle*

**Thursday**      **7:00 PM**  
Dec. 1

**Friday**         **8:30 AM**            **Loretta Miller +**  
Dec. 2



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the following members and their relatives of our Parish:

Elaine Viguerie	Joan Gannon
Jane Collinson	Bonnie Fogelberg
Colleen Cybrowski	Penny Smith
Deacon Charles Coutu	Adrienne Foshay
Charlie Hayes	Melanie Maloney
Neil O'Heir	

**\*\*ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER, Saturday, December 10— Held at San Damiano in White Post, VA. This year the retreat is led by Fr. John Cregan, the theme is *Jesus our Hope*. The day begins at 9:15 am and ends with Mass - about 3 pm. The cost for the day is \$30, which includes lunch. To register contact Heather @ 540-868-9220 or [h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:h.esparza@arlingtondiocese.org).**

### CHRISTMAS CARDS ON SALE

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after the masses for the next three weeks. Help KofC by purchasing these beautiful cards.



### A REFLECTION

*"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

### ONLINE GIVING

For those who have not experienced it in another parish, electronic giving allows you to support St. Peter parish financially without having to deal with writing checks and using envelopes every week. You can plan your giving, change it as you want online, and even make donations for special collections.

For those who may be hesitant about doing anything online, St. Peter parish is using the electronic giving service operated by Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) - a non-profit organization that has served the Catholic Church in the U.S. for over 100 years. Access to your electronic giving account is via a secure connection and instructions for account set-up are straight forward. To **SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stpeterparishva.org](http://www.stpeterparishva.org).**



**Weekly Contributions for 11/20/16**

**General Collection — \$2,658.00**

**CCHD—\$284.00**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**





**“Therefore, stay awake!”  
Matthew 24:37-44**

**1,323 LBS.!!!!**



As part of Catholic Charities' St Lucy Project, Bob Mello and Bob Ward delivered 1,323 pounds of food to the Culpeper Food Closet on November 15 and Joe Galeone and his daughter Hannah delivered 1,126 pounds to the Madison Emergency Services Agency (MESA) on November 19.

**EPIPHANY TUITION AID APPEAL**

As I mentioned in my last Homily, helping our youth properly form their consciences is part of our responsibility as Catholic adults. We have the opportunity to help fulfill our obligation by assisting families in providing a Catholic Education for their children by contributing to the Epiphany Tuition Aid Appeal. Donation envelopes can be found in the vestibule. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution to the school. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Deacon Benyo

**WANT TO HELP FEED THE HUNGRY?**

The Fall delivery schedule of deliveries is being prepared. Although our Knights of Columbus organizes this effort on behalf of Catholic Charities, anyone can help. You do not need to know the secret handshake and there is no Y-chromosome test. The only requirements are a strong back and the willingness to help. Call Fred Eggers - 540-987-7208 -- if you are interested in joining this select group.

Here is what it involves. Once every 10 to 12 weeks, you and a partner will pick up 25 boxes of food (800-1,000 pounds total) from Catholic Charities' depot in Front Royal and deliver the boxes to a food pantry in Rappahannock or a neighboring county.



**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR  
AT ST. PETER'S**

Join us 7:30-8:30pm each Thursday evening for Holy hour. We begin after the 7pm mass with evening prayer.

“. . . if My people, who bear My Name, humble themselves, and pray, and seek My Presence and turn from their wicked ways, I Myself will hear from Heaven and forgive their sins and **restore their land.**” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

"During **Holy Hour**, we grow more and more into His likeness". (Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

**CD'S FOR SALE**

Valerie Von Fange, who provides music for the 8:30am Mass, has CDs for sale ... a nice gift idea during the Holiday season.

*Witness & Steadfast Love* were recorded and co-produced by Valerie in Nashville and *Christmas in the Shenandoah* is a compilation of various Northern Virginia artists. The theme of her ministry is "music sharing the fullness of Christ's teachings". She has been a featured artist in *National Catholic Register*, *Arlington Catholic Herald*, and on *The Catholic Channel* and *EWTN Backstage*. Her CDs can be purchased after the 8:30am Mass on 11/20, 12/11 and 12/25 or via her website, <http://www.valvonfange.com>.

**THE BLUE RIDGE SINGERS ....**

Come and get in the Christmas spirit and hear lovely choral music from the Blue Ridge Singers! They are having a concert on Dec. 9th at 7:30 p.m. at the Front Royal Presbyterian Church, and again on Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Opequon Presbyterian Church in Winchester. A \$10 donation is suggested. You will hear one of our parishioners of long ago, Robin Hibel, in the concert.

**ADVENT** can be a hectic time of Christmas shopping and baking. To help you quiet yourself down and focus on the most important one (God), the Legion of Mary is proposing a do-it-yourself retreat starting Nov. 29 and ending on Jan. 1, the feast of Mary, the Mother of God. For those of you who don't have the books that were given out last year, "33 Days to Morning Glory" by Father Gaitley or St. Louis de Montfort's Preparation for the Consecration to Jesus through Mary will be available for you after each of the Masses next weekend. For those who have already made this Consecration, this will be an opportunity to renew your Consecration. Your participation in this retreat will be a wonderful way of preparing for the coming of the Savior's birthday on Christmas!

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE  
SENIOR CENTER**

Come to Scrabble School Senior Center this week for a little fun: Starting at 11am and 1 pm at site. On Mon., 11/28 11-2pm Time to decorate our senior center for Christmas; Tues., 11/29 11am-2pm Tree trimming day; Wed. 11/30 11-2pm Bingo. A delicious lunch is free to all. Come and have fun. If you need to call: 540-987-3638.

# **PASTOR'S PIECE**

Dear friends.

## READING GOD'S WORD

You are welcome to take a copy of Reading God's Word. This book has all the daily and Sunday Scripture Readings for the Church year (Nov. 27, 2016—December 2, 2017). Reading and meditating on the daily readings is a wonderful way to grow in your faith throughout the year.

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## ADULTS GROWING IN FAITH

JOIN THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON ST. MARK'S GOSPEL  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 9 A.M.—10 A.M.

All are invited to join the Wednesday morning bible study in the parish meeting room. Currently the group is studying St. Mark's Gospel (right now on Chapter 18). Come every week or come when you can! **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

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THOMAS MERTON's — "THE SEVEN STOREY MOUNTAIN"  
JOIN US ON MONDAY, NOV. 28TH,  
AT 9:15AM-10:15AM

Join us to discuss Thomas Merton's classic account of his conversion and entry into the Trappists. The Seven Storey Mountain. We will read and discuss PART II, Chapter One, Section V.

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**THE MONKS OF TIBHIRINE — FAITH, LOVE, AND TERROR IN ALGERIA**  
**EVERY THURSDAY, FROM 5pm-6pm**

**OPEN TO ALL—This week we are discussing Chapter 9 in the book.**

**Father Tuck Grinnell**

