

# *St. Peter* *Catholic Church*

*December 25, 2017*  
*The Nativity Of The Lord*

"TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LORD"

## Mass Schedule

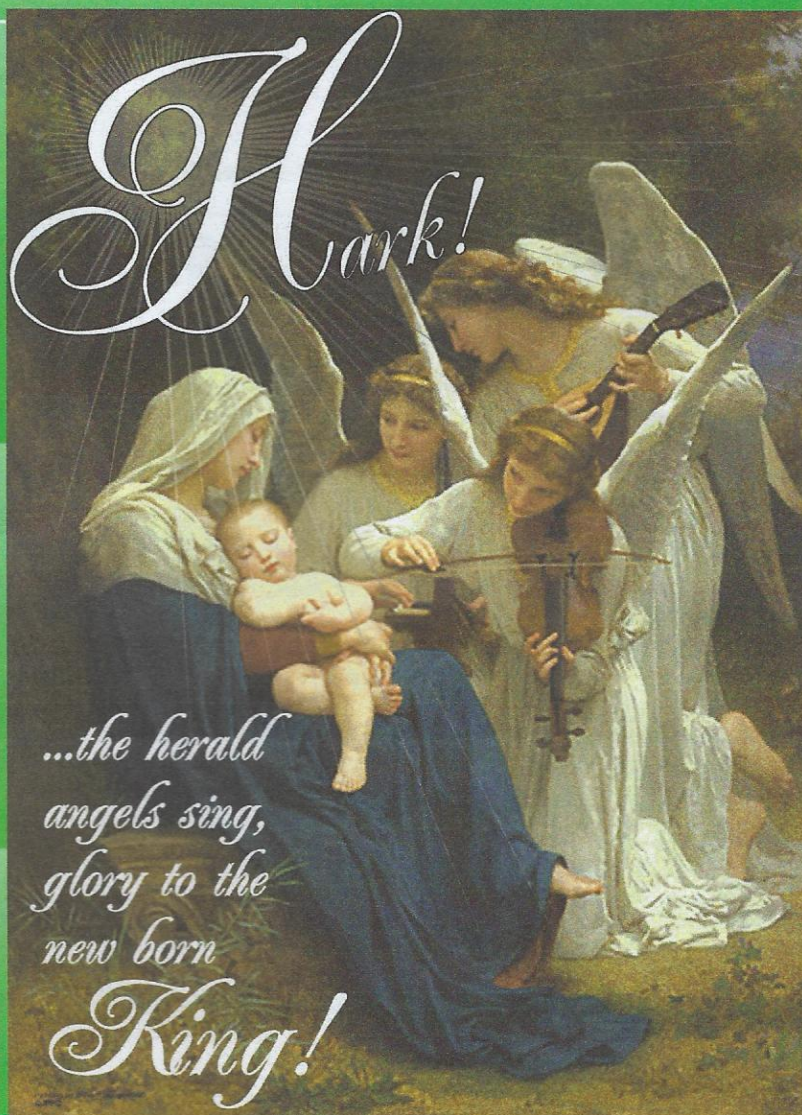
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:30 & 11:00 am
Mon., Wed., & Fri.	8:30 am
Thursday	7:00 pm
Holy Hour	7:30 pm
No Mass on Tuesdays	
Holy Days of Obligation	8:30 am & 7:00 pm
Confessions: Thursday:	7:30 pm—8:30 pm
Saturday:	3:45 pm—4:45 pm

## Parish Phone Numbers

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EpiphanyCatholicSchool.org	

## Parish Office Hours

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



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**Website: [www.stpeterparishva.org](http://www.stpeterparishva.org)**

**CONFESSIONS,  
MASS INTENTIONS AND  
READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday**  
**Confession**    3:45 PM — 4:45 PM

**Saturday**    5:00 PM                      Celka Prescott+  
**Dec. 23**  
*St. John of Kanty*

**Sunday**        5:00 PM                      The Mehdau Family,  
**Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**                      and Bernie Renzy+  
Rdgs: 2 Sam. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 16, Rom. 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38.

**Monday**        8:30 AM                      The Hagarty and  
**Dec. 25**                                      Rathgeber Families  
The Nativity of the Lord

**Wednesday** 8:30 AM                      Jacob Mansch  
**Dec. 27**  
*St. John, apostle Et evangelist*

**Thursday**     7:00 PM                      Hue Thi Huynh+  
**Dec. 28**        7:30 PM                      Holy Hour & Confession  
*The Holy Innocents*

**Confession**    7:30 PM — 8:30 PM

**Friday**         8:30 AM                      Jeanne Cousin+  
**Dec. 29**  
*St. Thomas Becket*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

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

Elaine Viguerie  
Jane Collinson  
Pat Galletta  
Nicholas Hovey  
Mary Reid  
Walt Cybrowski

Joan Gannon  
Melanie Maloney  
Christopher John Field  
Pat Meinhardt  
Evelyn Kerr & family  
Michael and Eileen Hawkins



**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS.....**

**MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC**

Valerie Von Fange, who provides music for the 8:30am Mass, has CDs for sale ... a nice gift idea during the Holiday season. She recorded and co-produced her *Witness* and *Steadfast Love* CDs in Nashville. She has been a featured artist in *The Arlington Catholic Herald*, *National Catholic Register* and on *The Catholic Channel* Satellite Radio, *Virginia Living Television* and *EWTN Backstage*. Her CDs can be purchased after the 8:30am Mass on 12/25 or via her website, <http://www.valvonfange.com>.

**PARISH CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE**

Pick up your yearly calendar after mass in the vestibule. There are plenty of Calendars available for everyone and for friends.

\*\*\* What can be done about the terrorist tragedies that are happening with greater frequency in the world?  
"Among the different ways of praying, there is none more excellent than the Rosary. . . . It is the remedy for evils, the root of all our blessings." (Pope Leo XIII)

\*\*\* CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE FOR PICKUP. IF YOU DO ONLINE DONATIONS, PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOX ALSO. ANY CORRECTIONS OR IF SOMEONE WAS MISSED, PLEASE LET JEAN IN THE OFFICE KNOW. THANK YOU.

\*\*\* CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS "IN MEMORY OF" ARE: ANGE & MARIE CASANOVA, MICHAEL WARD, BETTY ESCASENAS, GERALD TYSON, ED TRAINOR, ALICE KING, JEANNE HALL, MARY ANN O'KEEFE WELCH, CHARLES WELCH, ANTHONY AND ELAINE JUNK, AND ROBERT AND RUTH JUNK.



**Our parish is offering a convenient service for contributions!** Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Please notice that our offering envelopes now have a check box which indicates "I've given online," which you can use to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and to present during offertory at Mass. Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at: [www.stpeterparishva.org](http://www.stpeterparishva.org), click on <http://osvonlinegiving.com/4174> and then click on Create.

**ADULTS GROWING IN FAITH  
JOIN THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP ON  
ST. JOHN'S GOSPEL**

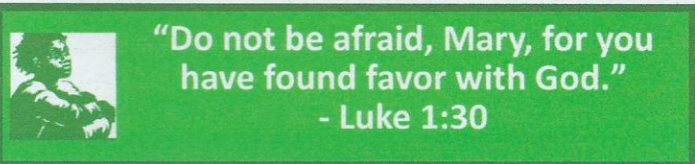
**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, 9 A.M.—10 A.M.**

All are invited to join the Wednesday morning bible study in the parish meeting room. Come every week or come when you can!

**JOIN THE BOOK CLUB ON  
MONDAY MORNINGS, 9:15 A.M.—10:15 A.M.  
The Sunflower,  
by Simon Weisenthal**

You are invited to join the Monday morning group—we are discussing *The Sunflower*, by Simon Weisenthal. We will be discussing Book Two, pgs. 135-153 of the book, on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

**\*\* ALL ARE WELCOME \*\***



**Weekly Contributions for 12/17/17**

General Collection — \$2,901.35

Online Donation— \$750.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

## A REFLECTION

“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” - Luke 1:28  
Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God’s mercy and forgiveness. We can’t give what we don’t have. We need to receive God’s mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECENT ACTIVITY: --- 820 LBS. --- OF FOOD FOR ST. LUCY PROJECT.**  
On behalf of Catholic Charities, John Guevremont and Walt Longyear delivered 846 pounds of food to the Fauquier Food Pantry in Warrenton on 12/12.

Color me, kids.



Dear friends,

### A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!

I wish you all a blessed and happy Christmas and New Year. **Many good things have happened in the parish and the community thanks to you.** Wonderful liturgies!--book study groups!--Bible study!--social hours on Second Sundays!--tens of thousands of pounds of food delivered to area food pantries!--Catechesis of the Good Shepherd!--Religious Education from pre-K to adult!--Ecumenical Lenten services on Wednesdays of Lent! a Thanksgiving service! A parish picnic! A picnic at the Vigueries! A church and community picnic! The Legion of Mary!

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to the team that decorates the church so beautifully--to the team that cleans the Church each week--to Kathy Tester and the choirs and all the music people who lead us in beautiful song--to the ushers who welcome us as we come to Church--to the lectors who proclaim the Word of the Lord--to the Eucharistic ministers who minister Communion to us--to the altar servers who tell me what to do and when to do it--to Jean Hagarty who runs the parish office--to Mary Ann Krammes who does the bulletin and administers the parish cemetery--to the Knights of Columbus who run our fun parties--deliver food to the hungry--raise money for the scouts, for NAMI, for second Sunday-- and for coats for kids etc.

### WANT TO TAKE A RIVER BOAT TRIP? --- VIENNA TO AMSTERDAM?

I invite you to join me on a river boat trip (July 23-August 7, 2018) from Vienna to Amsterdam. This 16 day trip will start in Vienna and end in Amsterdam with stops in: Melk, Passau, Regensburg, Nuremburg, Bamberg, Wurzburg, Werthheim, Frankfurt, Kablenz, Cologne, and Amsterdam. If you want, you can also add on a visit to Prague and Bruges. Grand Circle Tours is the river boat company we will use. There is a flyer on the table at the church door or you can go online: [www.gct.com/sge2018](http://www.gct.com/sge2018) . For reservations & information call: [1-800-597-2452](tel:1-800-597-2452) and press 2. The code for booking the trip is G8-23237.

Fr. Tuck Grinnell

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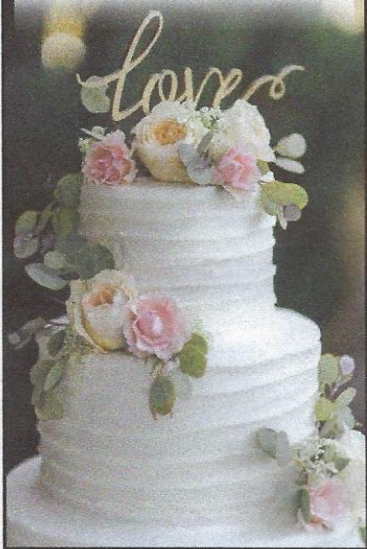
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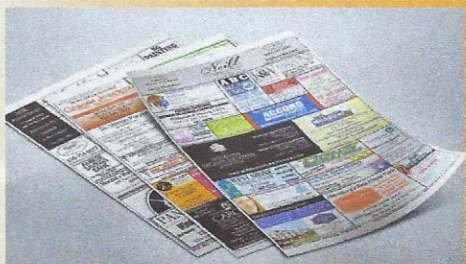


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Christmas, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the birth of Our Lord and Savior, we are profoundly aware of the need to pray that His peace will reign in our world, in our nation, in our homes and in our lives. We are witnessing much turbulence, unrest and division in our midst. Yet, we do not despair. Our newborn King has shown us the way to peace and unity.

We pray that the leaders of our nation and those throughout the world will allow the Lord to guide their decisions, being ever mindful of the sacredness of all human life and the dignity of each and every human person. We pray that all people will recognize that they are united as God's holy family and respond by treating one another with charity and respect. In our own lives, we pray for the grace to love, honor and forgive each other. In a special way, may our prayer always lead us to seek peace not in the empty promises of the world but in the One who alone can sustain and protect us.

It is my hope and prayer that what we do at Christmas will continue throughout the New Year: to keep our relationship with the Lord our highest priority; to share our gifts and resources with all those in need; and to be instruments of His peace in our communities, workplaces and homes.

Please be assured of a special remembrance at the Masses I will celebrate on Christmas. Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Joseph, may Our Lord Jesus fill you with his choicest blessings at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington