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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH



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## WHAT IS HOLY WATER AND HOW DO I EXPLAIN THE REASON THAT IT IS PLACED AT THE ENTRANCES OF CHURCHES TO MY NON-CATHOLIC FRIENDS?

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. *God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church His saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.* 

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. **But by blessing ourselves with Holy Water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God.** This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus.

We see Holy Water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter Liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. *Blessing ourselves with Holy Water reminds us that we are baptized into a community of faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy Water is a visible sign of our baptism!* 



REMINDER: HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION ALL ARTICLES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH DUE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 2ND DUE: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

# **LIVE THE LITURGY**

#### INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad of other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. **Nothing** will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

# **Christmas Creche Contest**



Hey Kids! Our St. Peter's Women's Ministry is hosting a special event, for special parishioners, to celebrate a very special birthday! The children of our parish are invited to use their imaginations and

*creativity to build a Christmas manger scene in honor of Jesus' birthday!* Use common household items, or you can spend up to \$20 on other material.

Visit StPeterCatholicChurch.org and find more information under Events. We have three different age categories. *All entries must be dropped off in the parish hall between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday, December 18*<sup>th</sup>.

Fellowship with "The Claus Brunch" on Sunday, December 19th after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. Everyone who attends will get an

opportunity to vote for their favorite creche design.

One winner, in each category, will be announced by 12:30 on December 19<sup>th</sup>!





## The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. *"Rejoice always," he tells us.* Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. *"Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-it and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."* 

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. *Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water – living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to, it's water that never dries up.* 

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to **'rejoice always.'** To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

**The fountain of salvation never dries up**. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

~ Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



JEWEL OSCO AND HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY HAVE ASKED US TO HELP PROVIDE FOR THOSE IN NEED



Please Continue to help Jewel Osco in Spring Grove in their effort to make all our neighbors' Christmas Season plentiful.

Your donation of \$5 or more will help toward providing a full dinner worth \$64.99 for every family. This is enough food for 6 to 8 people.

EVERY donation helps feed more people.

Jewel Osco and Helping Hands Food Pantry of Spring Grove thank you for your support and generosity! We have supported Helping Hands Food Pantry in the past and hope to continue to help them through participation in this holiday project sponsored by our Jewel Osco.





Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from December 5<sup>th</sup> through December 18<sup>th</sup> for *†* **Kathy Wehrheim** May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary

Welcome him into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

Gina Adduci Stephen Bonner Rita Chinni Debra Cooke **Deacon Eugene Damian** Rob Darmofal Ann DePaul Sandy Devine Norman Dolsky Frank & Carol Dzielak Dolores & Irv Ellefesen LCpl. Romel (Tre) Finley, USMC Carol Flatley James Formeller **Michael Frer** Glenn Geske Lynn Geske Anthony Hodnik Patricia Hodnik Edward Johnson Diana Kattner Ed Kattner **Ronald Klein** Mark & Natalie Kluts Loman Kubista Paul Kucia Colton Lazzeroni **Rich Lecropane** 

Mary Link Deb & Bob Maliszewski Agnes Markko Maria Maziarz Peter Miller Fr. Thomas Moran Norma Moretti Mark Mucek Bernice Musielak Carol Nellessen **Betty Niemie** Kevin Nicholson Emery Oesch Donna Polanek Betty Rygiel Jacob Shapiro **Bill Spaletto** Ben Stork Almia Strights Jay Taylor Cherie Taylor Gail Tellear Bonnie Terry David Thomas Mary Eileen Tosi Holly Ubrig Daniel Wilsea Robert Witt Paul Wojciechowski Richard Yager

The names above will appear on the prayer list August 1st through December 31st If you or a loved one would like to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. 815-675-2288





For THE WEEKENDS OF 12/11 - 12/19/2021

The Mass

From

## Third Sunday of Advent

Confessions offered on Saturday's, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

For

Sat	4 pm	†	Lenard Geraci	Rosalie & Family
Sun	7 am	†	Les Barycki	Rygiel Family
	9 am	†	Aaron Brandstetter	Brandstetter Family
	11am (1)	†	Richard Jaeger II	Fr. Joe
	(2)	†	Patricia Berger	Karen Sprouse-Gerbig
Tues	8 am	†	Richard Marsh	Rygiel Family
Wed			Donald & Kathy	Dennis &
	8 am	†	Wehrheim	Cyndee
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Sun	7 am	†	Rich & Sue Podolski	Mark & Carol
	9 am	†	John, Jr. & Karen Rygiel	Rygiel Family
	11am (1)	†	Helen Whalen	Fr. Joe
	(2)	†	Fred May (25th Anniversary)	Family

"I'm here to tune your piano," said a man to the church pianist.

"But I never called you," the pianist replied in confusion.

"No, but quite a few church members did!" replied the man.



A young mother was visiting

church at Christmastime as the guest of a neighbor. In his message, the pastor described the wise men bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus. The visitor leaned over to her host and whispered, " A wise woman would have brought diapers!"

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers			
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)						
<b>Saturday</b> 12/11 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Heather Justen	Chad Franckowiak Phil Webb			
<b>Sunday</b> 12/12 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	David Smid Antonina Kolton			
9:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Lori Olmstead	Paul Leali Ben Leali			
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel	Tom Straley Mike Gordon			

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

<b>Saturday</b> 12/18 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Heather Justen	Gary Miller Denise Wahls
<b>Sunday</b> 12/19 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Nancy Piggot	Larry Hauser John Jindra
11:00 am	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Andy Hommowun Zach Rygiel

Communion

#### Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

December 12<sup>th</sup> - 3rd Sunday of Advent Kathleen Van Ella, Peggy Neuman, Mary Seil & Julia Francis December 19<sup>th</sup> - 4th Sunday of Advent Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Tom Gough & Bev Schmitt

# "Come to Me, all of You"

#### (Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, 1485).

Jesus invites each one of us to draw near to this throne of mercy. *Saint Therese of Lisieux said:* **"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you — for you alone?"** 

*This throne of mercy is the tabernacle in each of our churches.* Ought we not draw near to this throne of grace, that we might receive from it God's mercy in time of need *(Heb 4:16)*? Jesus Himself encourages every one of us:

Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth—the tabernacle—and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

~ Saint Faustina's; Diary, 1485



Christmas Oplatki Now AVAILABLE! in the Sacristy for only \$3. Supply is limited, so be sure to pick-up yours today.



### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12TH

Sunday:	<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>
· · ·	Zep 3:14-18a; ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6];
	Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a;
,	Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4];
	Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;
-	Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a];
	Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	ls 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25;
	Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
	[ls 45:8]; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	ls 54:1-10;
-	Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
	[2a]; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10;
	Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf.7];
	Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
	[cf.7]; Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday	: <u>4th Sunday of Advent</u>
	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
	[4]; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST, A MIGHTY SAVIOR; HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS, AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

-ZEPHANIAH 3:17

"Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

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**Confessions:** Sat. 3:00-3:45pm (or by appointment) Pastor: Rev. Msgr. Joseph Jarmoluk

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# PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **3RD (GAUEDETE) SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 6:45 am

- RCIA Parish Office Upstairs Classroom 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm
- Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>
- Holy Communion Prep Class 5:00 pm
- Confirmation Prep Class 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>
- K of C Business Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Spiritual Warfare Rosary 6:00 pm Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
- Choir Practice Church 7:00 pm
- Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

• Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

#### **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- RCIA Parish Office Upstairs Classroom 10:00 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

A church member went to the butcher's shop one afternoon to pick up some salmon.

"I want four big ones," the man said. "Just toss them to me."

The butcher looked strangely at the man. "Can't I just wrap them up for you?"

"No," the customer replied. "If anyone from church asks me if I caught any fish today, I can truthfully tell them, 'Yes, I caught four big ones!'"

It has been claimed that the candy cane was shaped like a "J" for "Jesus" and that the red-and-white stripes represented Christ's blood and purity. The three red



stripes were also said to symbolize the Holy Trinity and the hardness of the candy represented the Church's foundation on solid rock. As for the candy cane's peppermint flavor, it represented the use of hyssop, an herb referred to in the Old Testament.



ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.



# **PARISH INFORMATION**

**BAPTISMS** - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

**REGISTRATION** - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at **StPeterCatholicChurch.org** 

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288

**FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS** - are to be made in consultation with Father.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call (815) 675-2339

## <u>Knights' Corner</u> <u>WE ARE ALL CALLED TO SERVE</u> Next Business Meeting Tuesday, December 14th 7:00 pm - Parish Hall





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