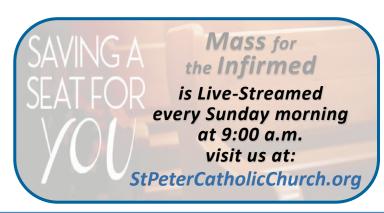


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Sunday, January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord

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Theresa Miller's

lived faith was rewarded on December 30th, 2022.

We thank God for the joy she found in Him and we pray for the consolation of the Miller family.



Eternal rest grant unto **Theresa**, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen**

From the Desk of Father Tom Moran

Greetings! I haven't been to St. Peter since the COVID plague began and I doubt if I will be able to get over there again. I do really miss you. I have asked Fr. Joe if I could write a bulletin letter every now and then, and he approved the idea. So here goes.

During this past Christmas season, I was thinking about the Nativity as I admired the creche that is set up in the house where I live with two priest-classmates. Naturally my thoughts turned toward Mother Mary and her role in the mystery of the Incarnation. I recalled that while devotion to Mary is virtually absent from most Protestant churches, it is a hallmark of the Orthodox and Catholic religious life

I recalled all of the little girls that I had baptized in my almost fifty years of ministry with the name of the Virgin. That was not difficult because I realized that I could remember precisely none. Zero. Nada. Zilch. Now it could be that all of the families had their Marys baptized by the other priests and deacons that I worked with, but I doubt it. I asked my classmates – no Marys. I asked Fr. Joe – no Marys.

I am aware that babies' name come into vogue and fall out of favor. Also, names seem to run in cycles with "old Fashion" names coming and going in popularity.

I briefly imagined the Angel of the Annunciation saying, "Hail, Mary. Uh, Mary where are you?" And then thinking, "This must be the wrong house. I wish they'd get their record-keeping straight upstairs."

Now, this has just been an observation and a slightly humorous (I hope) musing. I lay no blame and impute no guilt. Maybe I have misremembered. But I wonder, "What happened to *Mary*?" In the words of a very old song, "It's a grand old name". And, I ask, where would we be without Mary?

Two added notes: I knew one family with three girls named Mary (M. Pat, M. Ellen, and M. Margaret) and a son named Marion. Also knew a Merry Chris – she was born of the 25th of December. I baptized none of them.

Fr. Tom

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh were carried by the magi over many miles of hard travel to be laid at the feet of Jesus. What gifts do we bear through our journey of life to lay at the feet of the King?

Do we protect them as we should?





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The Blessing of the Home on the Feast of the Epiphany

This blessing is to be done by the head of the household (Head) with the family together (All) with Chalk obtained and blessed at the Epiphany Liturgy.

Head: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Write the Magi's initials, connected by crosses and the year's numbers on the main entrance door header with the blessed chalk, like this 20 + C + M + B + 23

Head: Let the Light of the World shine on this place! Tradition gives these names to the three Gentile king visitors of our Lord: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Their initials sign this doorway, along with four crosses and the numerals of the new year: 20 + C + M + B + 23

Head: Let us pray: Christus Mansionem Benedicat! May Christ Bless this house! May God Bless us all, now and forever! Amen!

All: Yes! Now and Forever! Amen!

Head: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians: So, then we should not lose heart in doing what is good, for if we do not grow weary, we shall receive our reward in due time. So then, let us do good for others while we may, especially to those who belong to the household of faith. *The Word of the Lord*.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sprinkle the main entrance with holy water. Then all the family parades to each room of the rest of the house. The head of the household prays for God's Blessing and sprinkles each room with Holy Water. A typical custom of religious houses which can also be done in private homes, if desired is that each interior entrance and exit of a room is also marked with the Epiphany Blessing by the Head of the Household with the blessed chalk.

Head: (Living Room) Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Resurrection and the Life! Bless this room, we pray.

All: Ameni

Head: (Kitchen) Lord Jesus Christ, You give us our daily bread! Bless this room, we pray.

All: Amen!

Head: (Dinning Room) Lord Jesus Christ, bring us to the feast of heaven! Bless this room, we pray.

All: Amen!

Head: (Bedrooms) Lord Jesus Christ, stay with us when evening comes! Bless this room, we pray.

All: Amen!

Head: (Bathrooms) Lord Jesus Christ, You cleanse us with Living Waters! Bless this room, we pray.

All: Amen!

All return to the front door to pray together.

Head: Let us pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven, give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation.

All: But deliver us from evil. Amen!

All those present are sprinkled with Holy Water by the head of the household.

Head: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God Almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy Law, and thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein, through Christ Our Lord through all the days to come. We praise You and Thank You, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever! Amen!

All: Yes! Now and Forever! Amen!

Head: In the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. All: Amen!

It is recommended every year, on the Feast of the Epiphany to renew this Epiphany Blessing.

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS WITH LOVE THIS NEW YEAR!
ST. PETER'S CHURCH!

Prayers and Squares Meeting

Thursday, January 12th at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Will this be the year that you decide to join our fun group of ladies who make shawls and blankets with many prayers attached,



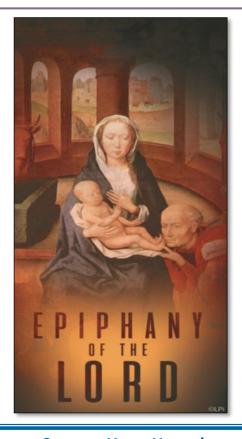
for people who need comforting?

If you don't know how, the ladies will teach you the basic skills to knit or crochet.

No special skills necessary, just need to be able to use scissors and tie a knot.

If you already have mastered the basics skills, your creativity can also be used in creating fleece blankets or prayer shawls.

If you would like a blanket or shawl, or have any questions, please contact Elaine at 815-678-9932



CLEANSE YOUR HEART!
CLEANSE YOUR SOUL!
CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday

from 3:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m. Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with Father!



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from January 1st through January 14th for † **Geri Stack**

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.

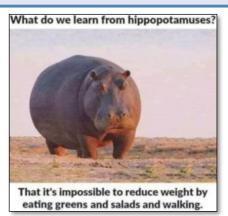


Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 1/7 - 1/15/2023

The Mass

Fri

For

Hermelinda Beltrandy

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

Sat	4 pm	†	Patricia Eckman			
Sun	7 am	†	Rose & Gene Miller			
	9 am	†	Larry Janousek, Jr.			
	11 am	†	Juan Beltrandy			
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.						
Tues	8 am (1)	†	Ben & Theresa Poletto			
	(2)	†	Rita Chinni			
Wed	8 am	†	Geri Stack			
Thur	8 am (1)	†	Pat Eckman			
	(2)		Richard Maziarz, Sr.			

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sat	4 pm	†	Robert Zalazinski	
Sun	7 am	†	Alfred & Dorothy Regner	
	9 am	†	Leon Metz	
	11 am	†	Ronald & Patricia Eckman	

DISCOVER A BEAUTIFUL FAITH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

8 am

G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "The difficulty in explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true." Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church to preserve the truth He gave us and hand it down through the centuries, helping people all around the world encounter the love of God in every age and in every corner of the earth.

Over the years, there have been an untold number of questions and objections raised about the Catholic Church's teachings and practices. The answers are there, and it's worth your time to find them. As the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, "There are not even 100 people in this country who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they think the Catholic Church to be."

The Lord wants us all to know and understand His truth, so we can embrace it wholeheartedly and live by it. Christ reminds us, "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers			
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD						
Saturday 1/7 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Kathie Toms	Chad Franckowiak George Gemberling			
Sunday 1/8 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Eddie Wells	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid			
9:00 am	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark	Ron Hlavin Larry Hauser			
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Mike Rygiel	Mike Gordon Gary Miller			

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 1/14 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Mary Seil	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls
Sunday 1/15 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Bill Ledger	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings
9:00 am	Carol Magnine	Nancy Piggot	Paul Leali Jeff Miller
11:00 am	Sandi Wesinger	Deacon Mark	Zach Rygiel

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

January 8th - The Epiphany of the Lord

Steve Besetzny, Kathleen Van Ella, Mary Seil & Lisa Bilik

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Faith and Fear

When I was little, you could tell I believed in the destructive power of the monsters who lived beneath my bed because I would never let my ankles anywhere near the bottom of the mattress. (It's common knowledge that bare ankles are premium monster bait — ask any child you know).

You can often tell what a person believes by what they fear.

But here's the thing: belief isn't always enough. It's obvious that Herod believed in Christ's power because of how terrified he was by it and by the room he made in his life for the possible impact of the Messiah. In fact, if belief was the only measure of orthodoxy, you could stand most modern Christians next to Herod and he would tower above them.

Remember, there's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that in a thousand small ways each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy."

I believe in God, but I do not fear Him
— mostly because my very modern
understanding of the concept of "fear" would
lump God in with those monsters beneath my
bed.

But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense — awe, reverence, and wonder? "All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him." — Psalm 72:11

When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action.

So, then, it should move us all.

We saw his star at its rising, and have come to do him homage. — Matthew 2:2

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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 CALENDAR

Sunday, January 8th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- K of C Breakfast After the 7:00 & 9:00 am Masses Only
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

Monday, January 9th

- Faith Formation Grades 1, 3, & 4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Grade 5 6:30 pm

Tuesday, January 10th

• K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 11th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 12th

- Prayers & Squares Parish Hall 1:30 pm
- Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Friday, January 13th

Saturday, January 14th

• Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am

Sunday, January 15th

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

JESUITS TELLING JOKES

Finding God and Serving Him in All Things

A man goes to a Franciscan and asks him to say a novena for him so that he'll win a Lexus in a lottery.

"What's a Lexus?"

"It's a luxury car."

"Good heavens! Saint Francis loved poverty.

Sorry, but I couldn't possibly pray for that."

Then the man went to a Dominican: "Please say a novena so that I can win a Lexus."

"What's a Lexus?"

"A luxury car."

"Oh, no! Saint Thomas Aquinas warned us against the love of worldly goods. Sorry, but I can't pray for something like that."

As a last resort, the man went to a Jesuit and asked him:

"Please, Father, will you say a novena for me to win a Lexus?"

"What's a novena?"

Jesuits are busy in many places that are not at all "churchy." Yet their fundamental goal is to help others "find God in all things"— making God's presence alive and relevant, something for people everywhere to think and talk about. This means that they are continually challenged to be fully present in the world, to wholeheartedly love the world, and yet, not become totally secular. It is hardly surprising that, as a result, many Jesuits do not have enough time for traditional monastic and devotional practices, however valuable they may be.



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.

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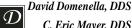


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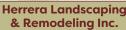
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