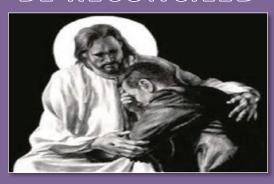


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Fridays from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm
Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
9:00 am - 11:00 am, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm



# K of C Fish Fry

Friday March 31st 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Suggested Free Will Offering:
14 Children: \$7

Adults: \$14

**How many attending? Adults:** 

Please return RSVP's by March 26th.
Either drop off Your RSVP in the collection basket at next weekend's Mass or contact Lee Jones call/text: 815-403-8122 or email: l.jones@mchsi

Name:	

TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES

EASTER HOLIDAY
BULLETIN SUBMISSION

ALL ARTICLES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND (PALM SUNDAY)
ARTICLES DUE: SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH (EASTER SUNDAY)
ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST



Early in the morning on Sunday, March 12th, our beloved parishioner,

# Mary Rabelhofer,

was received into the arms of the Lord.



# Jeanette Irene Padjen,

passed away peacefully into her Lord's arms surrounded by her loving family on Monday, March 13th

We know that they are at peace. Now, in Christian charity, please pray for their family's consolation.



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



St. Peter's Annual Easter Egg Hunt 2023

- <u>When</u>: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - <u>Time</u>: 9:00 am
- Where: St. Peter's Parish (We will start on the front lawn.)
  - What: egg hunt, crafts, refreshments, pictures with the Easter Bunny & Prizes.

# We need volunteers and donations!

Please check the donation baskets starting



March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Family Faith Formation entrances and at the Church entrances.

Call or email Jacqui Wold if you are able to help.

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# REPORT

#### Rome Newsroom Mar, 8 2023 11:45 am (CAN)



Janada Marcus with Pope Francis at the general audience on March 8, 2023. / Credit: Vatican Media

Pope Francis met Wednesday with two young Nigerian girls who suffered horrendous violence at the hands of the Boko Haram terrorist group. Sixteen-year-old Maryamu Joseph, who escaped from the Boko Haram in July after being held against her will for nine years, greeted the pope with Janada Marcus, also a victim of Boko Haram kidnapping, at the end of his general audience on March 8. Both girls saw members of their families murdered by the Boko Haram. Marcus' father was beheaded by a machete in front of her in 2018. Joseph saw her brother killed and cut into pieces in 2019.

"Right before my eyes, they took one of my siblings and killed him. They cut off his head, then his hands, legs, and stomach," she said in a report published by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN).

After escaping the Boko Haram, Joseph and Marcus both received treatment at the Trauma Center of Maiduguri in northeastern Nigeria, a center built with the assistance of ACN.

"Nine years of living in bondage! Nine years of torture! Nine years of agony! We suffered so much at the hands of these heartless, ruthless people. For nine years we saw the shedding of the innocent blood of my fellow Christians, killed by people who do not value life. They murdered without remorse, like it's a normal thing to do," Joseph said of her time in captivity.

At the age of 7, she was abducted along with 21 others when the Boko Haram attacked her village.

"They put the Christians in cages, like animals. The first thing they did was forcefully convert us to Islam. They changed my name to Aisha, a Muslim name, and warned us not to pray as Christians or we would be killed," Joseph said.

Marcus, 22, was forced to flee Boko Haram with her family twice before the terrorists attacked them again in the city of Maiduguri. In this attack, Marcus' father was told to either rape her or be killed. "With a machete pointed at my father's forehead, he looked at my mother and at me, but I avoided eye contact because I was ashamed to look him in the face, ashamed of what the men had suggested — it was an abomination!"

Marcus told ACN. "My father put his head down in submission to be killed and answered: 'I cannot sleep with my own flesh and blood, my own daughter, I would rather die than commit this abomination." Her father was beheaded, and Marcus continued to suffer at the hands of the Islamic terrorists.

Violent persecution in Nigeria has become a growing concern in recent years, according to many religious freedom organizations, including ACN. Both priests and lay faithful are regularly targeted by Islamic terror groups such as Boko Haram, the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP), and militant Fulani.

In the face of this persecution, Nigeria has the highest Mass attendance of any country in the world. According to recent data compiled by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, 94% of Catholics in Nigeria attend Mass at least weekly.

Marcus shared that the six months that she spent at the trauma center were months of "healing, prayers, and counseling." "After my healing process, I enrolled in college. I am very happy, and I will give it my all to finish my degree and become someone great in society. ... I acquired new skills that have made me so proud of myself," she said. "Emotionally, I have learned to let go of my past; I have learned the art of healing by letting go of my pain.

#### My faith has strengthened."

"It's hard to forgive and forget, and with all that I have gone through at the hands of Boko Haram I can't even believe that I am the one saying this, but I have forgiven them in my heart, and I pray for the redemption of their souls," Marcus said.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 12<sup>th</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup> for † **Stanley J. Stack** &

#### † Christine C. Wiedemann

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:

Deanna Adducci Diana Kattner Gina Adducci Ronald Klein Anna Boettjer Loman Kubista Debra Cooke Rich Lecropane Deacon Eugene Damian Caroline Madson Sandy Devine Deb & Bob Maliszewski Carol Flatley Earl Miller James Formeller Fr. Thomas Moran Julia Francis Norma Moretti Donald Gagnon Carol Nellessen Gail Gagnon Kelan James Nicholson Mikey Galloway Jim Nowicki Glenn Geske John Paleka Lvnn Geske Donna Polanek Ann Marie Gillespie Betty Rygiel Anthony Hodnik Debbie Schaff Patricia Hodnik Jacob Shapiro **Brian Hoskins** Nicole Spatz David Thomas Patti Jindra **Edward Johnson** Richard Yaaer Lee Jones, Sr. Jodi Zaremba Ann Kattner

If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit **StPeterCatholicChurch.org** and after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.

What happened to the cast of Friends when they were stuck out at sea on a life raft?



(answers found on page 6)

A Simple Lenten Question to Ponder! Are You Fasting to Detach this Lent?



FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 3/18 - 3/26/2023

The Mass For

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

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

Sat	4 pm	†	Colton Lazzeroni
Sun	7 am	†	Robert Zalazinski
	9 am		Four Intentions (SVdP)
	11 am	†	Stanley J. Stack & Christine C. Wiedemann

#### Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.

Tues	8 am	†	John Jr. & Karen Rygiel	
Wed	8 am	†	Robert Jr. & Juanita Sandahl	
Thur	8 am	†	Edward & Adeline Wozniak	
Fri	8 am (1)	†	Ben Poletto	
	(2)	†	Michael Frer	

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Sat	4 pm	†	Deceased Members of Latocha Family
Sun	7 am	†	Gene & Ellen Miltner
	9 am	†	Michael Lukaczyk
	11 am	†	John Rygiel, Sr.

# A 20 Year Old Catholic's Journey

DEATH to SELF with ben leali Why is life so hard? Why is following God with your heart, soul, and mind not easy? Ben Leali doesn't pretend to

have the answers, but he wants to share his story of growing closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Ben is 20 years old and was confirmed in the Catholic faith 6 years ago, right here, at St. Peter's! *In his new podcast, he tells the story about his journey of becoming the man that Jesus wants him to be.* Like all of us, Ben has his own struggles and burdens, but deep inside, he knows that he must die to himself in order to be born anew. *Listen to Ben's first episode on SPOTIFY!* 

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The Company which makes yardsticks and rulers isn't making them any longer.



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (REJOICE)				
<b>Saturday</b> <b>3/18</b> 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Deacon Mark	Phil Webb George Gemberling	
Sunday 3/19 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Eddie Wells	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid	
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Jean Hlavin	Chad Franckowiak Larry Hauser	
11:00 am	Joanne Prato	Marge Ladner	Zach Rygiel Rich Yager	
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT				
<b>Saturday 3/25</b> 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Mary Seil	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls	
<b>Sunday</b> <b>3/26</b> 7:00 am	Carol Magnine	Deacon Mark	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings	
9:00 am	Steve Besetzny	DeAnne Besetzny	Paul Leali Jeff Miller	
11:00 am	Mary Yager	Carol Rygiel	Tom Fanella John Ellicson	

## **Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound**

March 19<sup>th</sup> - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Kathleen Van Ella & Mary Seil

March 26<sup>th</sup> - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Steve Besetzny, Maria Sullivan, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough

"I cannot deny my faith. It is my everything. It has afforded me so many things. Obviously, God didn't come to save the saints; He came to save us sinners. We've all had things and issues in our lives and we want to be better versions of ourselves. And through focusing on my faith, I have been allowed to do that." ~ Mark Wahlberg, Fr. Joe's Doppelganger





Votive candles are expensive and we burn A LOT of them here at St. Peter's. How much do candles cost? Our next shipment will be delivered next week and will cost \$8,264.15. That is why we respectfully ask for a \$3 donation for each candle, to help cover the cost.

Over the last 3 weeks, we have received donations for less than half of the candles lit. If you are unable to afford a candle,

Fr. Joe will be happy to give you the \$3. Otherwise, the statues and candles are in view of security cameras and confessions are heard on Friday's from 7:00 pm 'til 7:45 pm and every Saturday from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent LAETARE SUNDAY

Today is Laetare ("Rejoice!") Sunday! It is on this Fourth Sunday of Lent that the Church changes liturgical colors once again to the rose color in honor of the fact that Easter is drawing near. It is a time to rejoice in the coming celebration of the events of our salvation. While we were "dead in our transgression [i.e. sins]" and could do nothing to save ourselves, God took action and sent Jesus His Only begotten Son to die on the cross, rise from the dead, and therefore, offer us salvation. This salvation is a free gift given to us by God. None of us deserves it, but still we are called to accept it in faith. God offers us this free gift but He never will force it upon us. We must choose to embrace the gift of salvation and live accordingly. God's grace makes it possible for us to be forgiven and reunited with Him, but we also must work to maintain that relationship.

**DURING LENT ON FRIDAYS** WE WALK WITH CHRIST AS HE CARRIES HIS CROSS TO CALVARY.

(STATIONS OF THE CROSS)



The Stations of the Cross or the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way), or simply the Way of the Cross has become a very popular devotion among Catholics, which follows the path of Christ from Pilate's praetorium to the tomb of Christ. Join Deacon Mark as he leads us in praying The Stations of the Cross, beginning promptly at 7:00 pm in the Church every Friday during Lent. At the same time, Fr. Joe will be available to hear confessions.

**Website:** StPeterCatholicChurch.org **Email:** SaintPetersChurch@gmail.com

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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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, March 19th

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

- Faith Formation Class Grades 1, 3 & 4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grade 5 6:30 pm
- SVdP Meeting Parish Hall 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

- Soup & Salad Supper Parish Hall 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross with Confessions offered 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 25th

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

Sunday, March 26th

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT** 

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

A tipsy man stumbled into a library and loudly demanded a cheeseburger, fries, and a vanilla shake. The librarian was taken aback by the loud disruption and very sternly chastised the intruder, "Sir, this is a library!"

The man immediately leaned over the librarian's desk and quietly whispered, "Sorry, I'd like a cheeseburger, fries and a vanilla shake."

A dog walks across the street, from a construction site, into a local bar where he order's a beer. "Wow," said the bartender, "you should work in the circus!" The dog said, "Why? Are they hiring bricklayers?"



## **Answer**

They were fine because Lisa Kudrow.





# **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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