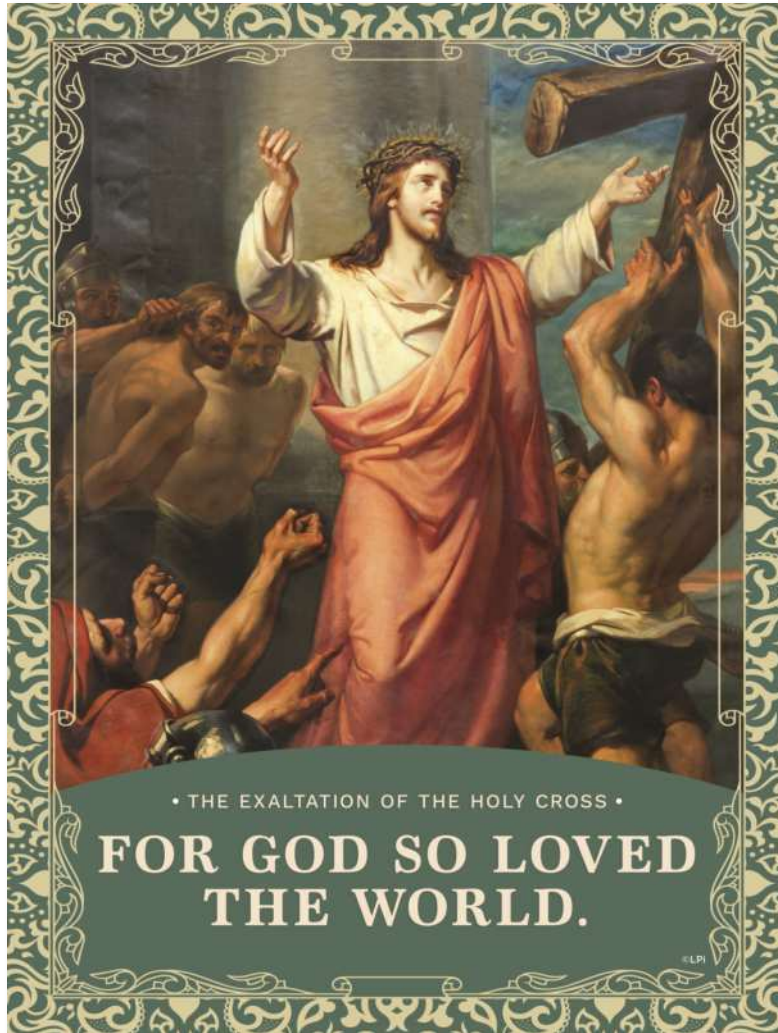


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St. Peter's Church

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Sunday, September 14, 2025
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 11th

Polish Dinner

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Suggested Offering:

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Space is limited

Reservations Required by Wednesday, October 8th

For more information, contact Lee Jones

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815-674-1264 or 815-403-8122

Why Do Catholics Display Crucifixes Instead of Crosses?

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.



More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son" (*John 3:16*). It reminds us that Jesus is "a compassionate high priest" (*Hebrews 4:15*) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (*cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20*).

In every Catholic Church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism, 1543*). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (*Matthew 11:28-30*).

Are You Interested in Becoming Catholic?

When Jesus turned and saw them following, He said to them, "What are you looking for?"

They said to Him, "Rabbi, where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see."

Perhaps this is the time for you to "come and see" what Jesus has to offer in the Catholic faith.

OCIA is intended to prepare adults to come into full initiation of the Catholic Church and be an integral part of the wonderful community of St. Peter's and the universal Catholic Church.

The OCIA Journey is for those:

- **Never Baptized**
- **Baptized in another Christian tradition**
- **Baptized Catholic, but not raised in the faith or received additional sacraments**

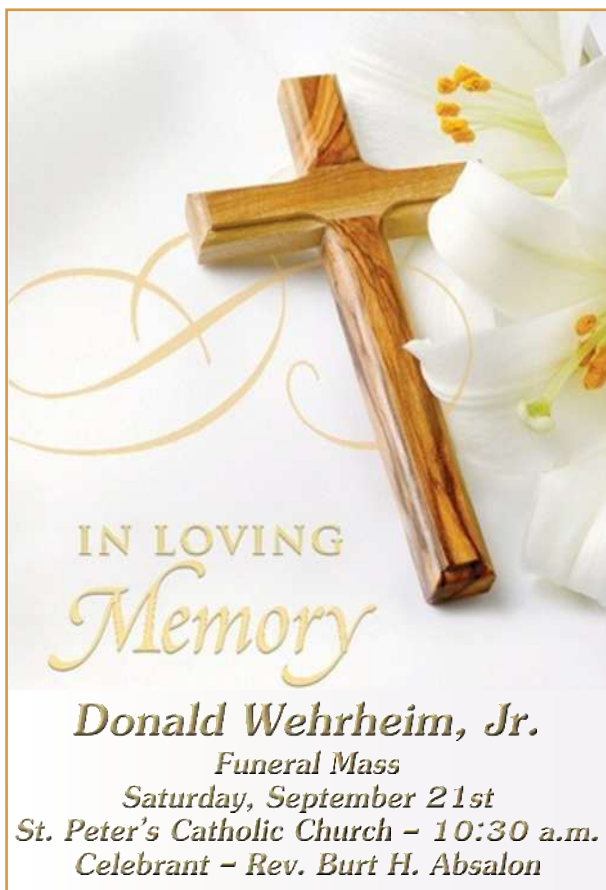


We invite you to come and ask your questions about the Catholic faith and OCIA; to explore the beauty of Sacred Scripture and Catholic tradition, and to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We invite you to inquire with no obligation.

To our parish family: Encourage and invite family members, friends, co-workers and others, to "come and see," and ask their questions about the Catholic Faith.

For more information, call Paul or Karyn Leali at 847-337-5043

Meet & Greet Sunday, September 21st immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Office



**IN LOVING
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Donald Wehrheim, Jr.
Funeral Mass
 Saturday, September 21st
 St. Peter's Catholic Church – 10:30 a.m.
 Celebrant – Rev. Burt H. Absalon



Kids Choir

Attention all singers!

The Kids Choir would LOVE to have
your child participate
at the 10:00 a.m. Mass!



First Graders and Up



Next Practice and Choir Mass:

Practice:

Thursday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Choir:

Sunday, September 21st at the 10:00 a.m. Mass

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2025 National Friends of the Poor Walk Saturday, September 27th

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**We look forward to walking with you
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**Fr. Burt has
 volunteered to walk
 and would love to
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If you're interested in volunteering
 or becoming a sponsor,
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 Kathy at 847-682-5620

Attention:

All Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Sacristans

*Are invited to meet with Father Burt on
 Sunday, September 21st after the 10:00 Mass
 for an informal meeting.*

The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall
 Father will be introducing himself and his
 expectation for each ministry moving
 forward. *There will also be time for Q & A.*

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



*"Lay all your cares about the
 future trustingly in God's
 hands, and let yourself be
 guided by the Lord just like a
 little child..."*

—Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC *The Cross is Not Negotiable*

Mini reflection: When the unfaithful of the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. To heal us, God invites us to look upon the cross.

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica famously said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart—it's a requirement."

I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is *tough*, and to do it you have to make a decision to *be tough*, to endure tough things—and ultimately, to love the toughness of it all, because within that struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation.

But in light of today's readings, I think Mother Angelica would forgive me for tweaking her words a tiny bit.

Holiness *is* for wimps, *because* the cross isn't negotiable.

When the unfaithful among the Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking upon the instrument of their suffering: the serpent itself, mounted on Moses' staff. With a literary flourish that puts Homer and Shakespeare to shame, God inverts that primitive symbol. To heal us, he invites us to look upon the cross—the sacrifice which achieved our redemption.

Jesus came here to die on that cross for us. For the wimps. Because we couldn't do it ourselves, even if we tried. We couldn't right all of our wrongs, not if we had a million years to do it. We would keep screwing it up. We would keep failing. We're wimps; that's what we do.

But the cross—the cross is a magnificent invitation to something more. Divinity Himself, assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross we might recognize ourselves. So that we might see what we have been, what we are, what we could be.

And none of it is negotiable.

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
9/13/- 9/21/2025

The Mass			For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M. ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Sat	4 pm	†	Edward Umbricht
Sun	8 am	†	Raymond Spiecker, Jr.
	10 am	†	Marianne Russell & the parishioners of St. Peter's Church
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am		Betty Bendiola
Wed	8 am	†	Tina Fassnacht
Thur	8 am	†	Francis Scichowski
Fri	8 am	†	John & Christine Wiedemann
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Janet Ann Harrington
Sun	8 am	†	Steven Michael Umbricht & the parishioners of St. Peter's Church
	10 am	†	June Bauman

Attention!

**Carpet installation begins
the week of September 22nd**

**Weekday 8:00 a.m. Masses
will be celebrated
in the Parish Hall**

THE ROSARY, A WEAPON FOR OUR TIMES

**Join Fr. Burt
in praying all four
mysteries, every
Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
in the church**



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS			
Saturday 9/13 4:00 pm	Tom Straley	Susan Straley	Denise Wahls Gary Miller
Sunday 9/14 8:00 am	Peggy Mack	DeAnne Besetzny	Dennis Wehrheim Vince Desecki
10:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark <i>Heather Justen</i> (Choir)	John Ellicson Ron Hlavin

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9/20 4:00 pm	Jacqui Wold	Deacon Mark <i>Nettie Toms</i> (Choir)	Chad Franckowiak Maureen Terry
Sunday 9/21 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Nancy Piggot	Larry Hauser Tom Fenella
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Mike Rygiel <i>Carol Rygiel</i> (Choir)	Mike Wyatt Tom Straley

Homebound Ministers

September 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Kathleen Van Ella, Bev Schmitt, Thomas Gough & Deanna Grandt

September 21st: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nancy Piggot, Deanna Grandt, Don Piggot, Stan Tinsley

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from
September 7th – September 20th for

† **Edward Umbricht**

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



We would love to Pray for you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

*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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Joan Boettjer
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If you or a loved one wish to continue to be on
the prayer list, please contact the
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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**.



**Ladies
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Keynote Speaker

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— Saint John Chrysostom

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1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. (or by appointment)

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Helping Hands Food Pantry Truck Collection - After All Masses**
- **Homebound Ministers Meeting w/ Fr. Burt - Parish Hall - 11:15 am**
- **Faith Formation Classes - 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th - 5:30 pm**

Monday, September 15th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 16th

Wednesday, September 17th

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, September 18th

- **Kid's Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

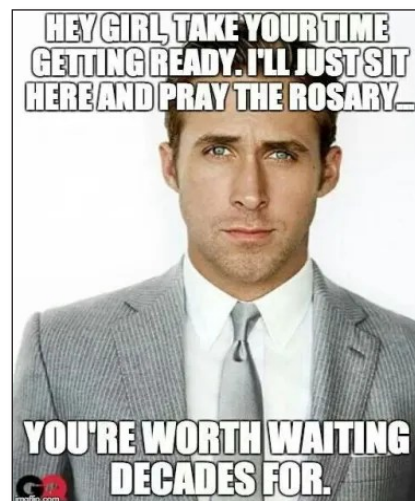
Friday, September 19th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 20th

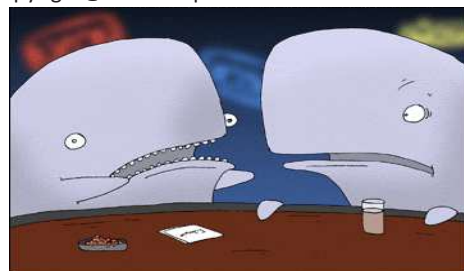
- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, September 21st - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **Children's Choir - 10:00 am Mass**
- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Office Conference Room - 11:00 am**
- **OCIA - Meet & Greet - Parish Office Upstairs Class Room - 11:00 am**
- **Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans...**
Meeting w/ Fr. Burt - Parish Hall - 11:15 am
- **Faith Formation Classes - 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th - 5:30 pm**



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SO THERE I WAS, WITH CAPTAIN AHAH
TANGLED ALL AROUND ME IN THE HARPOON
LINE ... AND YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN THE
LOOK ON HIS FACE WHEN I BARFED JONAH
OUT ONTO THE BEACH!



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Fr. Burt 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 Fr. Burt 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:
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HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Fr. Burt 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 Fr. Burt.

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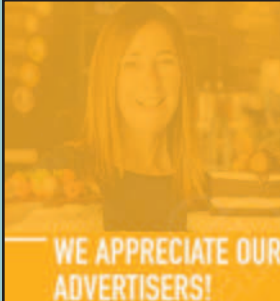
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