

I know this is one week late but happy new year to everyone. As I write this, I am literally in the car, taking the 8 hour drive back with my family from our vacation and visit with my sister and her husband. It has become something of an annual tradition and our way of coming together as a family for the holidays and it is good to kick off the new year together. I hope that everyone was able to enjoy these past weeks with family and friends all in the true spirit of the season. Thank you for all the well wishes and your extensions of care to me and each other.

Now we celebrate this weekend the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. After spending the many hidden years with his family in Nazareth, Jesus needed to step forward and begin his public ministry. So for us as a church community as we resume Ordinary Time, a time of ministry and of building up the Kingdom. There are many upcoming meetings to help us set the tone of our work together in the New Year: the Finance Council, Buildings and Grounds Committee of St. Peters Parish, the Family of Parishes Pastoral Council, Our Truestee and Clergy Leadership Council, The School Board, and 2 of the 3 subcommittees (Forming Disciples and Mission and Ministry Committees are all meeting (will have met) within these 2 weeks. Thank you to all who have stepped up to help us both in consultation as well as in rolling up their sleeves to make all these things happen.

There is one last important committee forming for this year, which is a committee to help St. Peter's celebrate its 175th anniversary as a parish community. There are a number of ideas in the table but now we need to prioritize and begin putting everything into motion. If you would like to help us in the planning and celebration of the anniversary, please reach out to the parish office.

Peace  
~Fr. Luke