



SAINT PETER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Geneva, IL

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:30 pm Vigil

Sunday | 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday | 7:00 am, 8:35 am

Saturday | 8:00 am

Confession

Tuesday | 6:00 pm until all are heard

Saturday | 8:30 am until all are heard

Other | By Appointment

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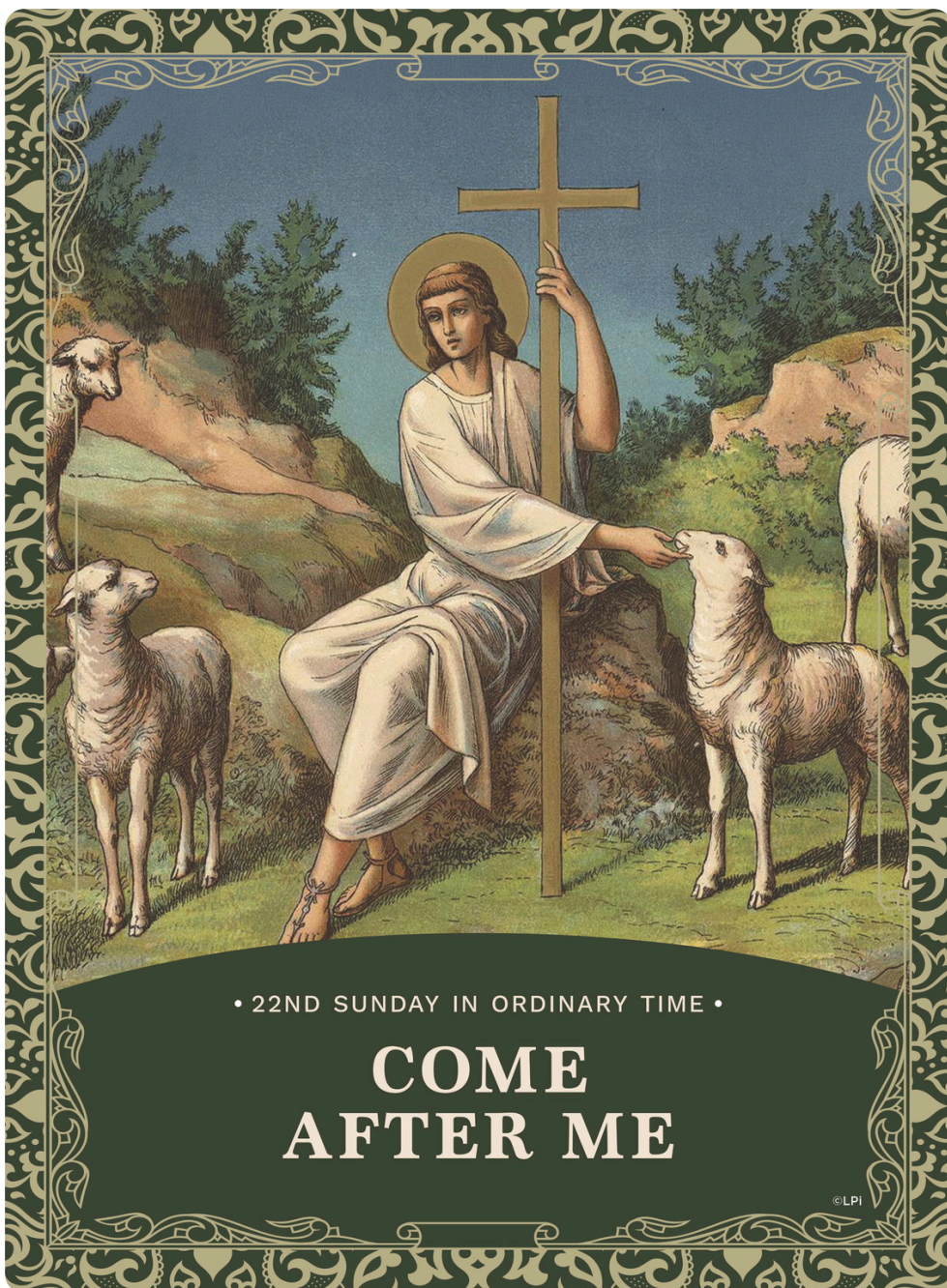
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*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24

02 • FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD: PREPARING FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Last week we reached the core of the Mass: the Eucharistic Prayer. We considered how the one sacrifice of Christ is made present sacramentally, how the bread and wine become His Body and Blood, and that the Church offers herself with Christ to the Father.

The Eucharistic Prayer concludes with the Great Amen:

“Through him, and with him, and in him...”

Since we have been joined with Christ in His sacrifice, we are now ready to receive Him in Holy Communion.

The movement is essential since the Mass is both **a sacrifice and a sacred banquet**. The Christ who offers Himself to us on the altar now gives Himself as food. As *Sacrosanctum Concilium* states, the Eucharist is "a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet in which Christ is eaten, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us" (SC 47).

The Communion Rite is therefore not simply a matter of actually distributing the Eucharist; rather, each prayer and gesture is intended to prepare us for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

“Our Father”

The Communion Rite starts with the prayer which Jesus Himself taught us.

We do not address God as "My Father" but as "Our Father". Because of Baptism we have become sons and daughters in the Son. When we gather around the altar, we realize we belong not only to God but also to each other.

“Give us this day our daily bread.”

The petition contains all that we need for our lives, yet it also refers to the Eucharist; we are asking for the Bread of Life, that is, the true Bread coming from heaven, Jesus Christ. The Greek word used is more than daily it can be literally translated as “supersubstantial” or supernatural bread.

“Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

It is impossible to receive the sacrament of unity if one is deliberately holding on to hatred, resentment, or a refusal to forgive; the Eucharist urges us to forgive genuinely. When we ask the Father for mercy, we also make the promise to show that same mercy to others.

We also ask to be freed from evil. The priest then expresses this request in the prayer that follows, asking the Lord to give us peace, to protect us from sin, and to keep us safe from distress while we wait for the coming of Christ.

“For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.”

When we come to the Eucharist, our hearts are made to turn towards the Kingdom in which Christ will be all in all.

The Peace of Christ

The priest then asks Jesus to look not upon our sins but upon the faith of His Church and to grant her unity and peace.

“The peace of the Lord be with you always.”

This peace is not simply a friendly feeling or the absence of disagreement; it is the peace of the risen Christ, the peace He gave to His Apostles after conquering sin and death.

The Sign of Peace ought to be simple, respectful, and addressed to the people closest to us; it is not a break in the liturgy or a general chance for conversation, but rather a way of expressing the communion and charity which should exist among those who are about to partake of the Eucharist.

Before we go to the altar, we recognize that the Eucharist brings us into communion not only with Jesus but also with His whole Body, the Church.

St. Paul teaches: “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Holy Communion serves as both a means of achieving and a symbol of our unity.

“Lamb of God”

The priest then breaks the Host, an act referred to as the Fraction, or the Breaking of the Bread.

The Host is not divided when it is broken; the whole of Christ is present in each part of the sacred species. The action reminds us of what Jesus did at the Last Supper: He took the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to His disciples.

The practice of breaking the bread was so important to the earliest Christians that they referred to the Eucharist by that name. The disciples on the road to Emmaus knew the risen Jesus 'in the breaking of the bread'.

As the Host is broken, we sing:

“Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.”

These words are the same as those which St. John the Baptist used when he saw Jesus coming: **“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world”** (John 1:29).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK • 03

Jesus is the real Passover lamb; as stated in the Book of Exodus, the blood of the lamb saved Israel from death and slavery, and on the Cross Christ poured out His blood to set us free from the slavery of sin and to secure for us the path to eternal life.

At Mass we see the Lamb who was slain standing before us in the risen and victorious state. Though His sacrifice is finished, He still offers us its saving benefits.

We ask Him for mercy twice and then conclude:

“Grant us peace.”

We are getting ready to receive the one person who is the only one able to heal the human heart and bring about true peace.

“Behold the Lamb of God”

The priest raises the consecrated Host and proclaims:

“Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”

The word **“behold”** means more than “look.” It invites us to see with the eyes of faith. Behold the One promised by the prophets, the Son of Mary, the Savior who died upon the Cross, the risen Lord, and the One who now gives Himself to you.

The priest's words also keep with the Book of Revelation, for it says, “Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb”; each Mass is a preview of that heavenly banquet at which the redeemed will joyfully share eternal communion with God.

We respond together:

“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

This is the statement of the Roman centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant; he knew both his own inadequacy and Christ's full authority, since it was enough for Jesus to speak for the healing to take place.

This is the proper disposition for receiving Holy Communion: **profound humility joined to confident faith.**

We don't come to Him because we have earned ourselves a place with Jesus; no one could ever merit such a great gift. We come because He is merciful and because He invites us.

At the same time, this attitude of humility must not amount to a careless disregard of sin. Since the Eucharist is in fact the Body and Blood of Christ, the Church teaches that a person who is conscious of having committed a serious sin should first obtain absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Reconciliation increases our capacity to receive the fullness of Christ's healing and love.

Receiving the Body of Christ

In this moment, we respond Amen to “The Body of Christ” who is presented to us. This Amen is an important response, even though it is simple.

It means yes, I believe this is truly Jesus Christ. I believe He is present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. I desire to receive Him. I accept His teaching and desire to live as a member of His Body, the Church. I am willing to become what I receive. That is a lot packed into one word.

St. Augustine called on the faithful to see the mystery presented to them: the Church receives the Body of Christ so that she may become the Body of Christ more perfectly.

Holy Communion is not simply a private experience between “Jesus and me”; it is personal in a deep way, though it is not exclusively so. When we receive Christ, we become more closely united with each member of His Mystical Body.

We cannot truthfully say “Amen” to Christ in the Eucharist while refusing to love Christ in the members of His Body.

Become What You Receive

Jesus does not enter us in Holy Communion to remain enclosed within us. He comes to transform us.

Ordinary food becomes part of the person who eats it. In the Eucharist, something more extraordinary happens: Christ gradually changes us into Himself.

He strengthens us to love as He loves. He gives us grace to forgive. He strengthens our communion with the Church. He helps us resist sin. He renews within us the life received at Baptism. He prepares us for eternal glory.

The Eucharist requires our cooperation to be fruitful. These fruits depend in part upon our openness, faith, and willingness to surrender ourselves to Christ. We can receive the Lord physically while remaining inwardly indifferent or closed to His grace.

This is why our interior participation matters. As we walk forward in the Communion procession, we could be praying: **“Jesus, I believe in You. Jesus, I need You. Jesus, make my heart like Yours.”**

Praying After Communion

After receiving communion, the Church gives us a precious opportunity to pray to the Lord who dwells in us in a real and sacramental way. It is a time of profound intimacy with the Lord who has made our souls His dwelling place. Give Him thanks and praise. Ask for healing and strength for the week. Rest in His presence.

Come With Eucharistic Hunger

Keep praying to the Lord to increase your hunger for Jesus in the Eucharist. Every Saint had a great devotion to the Eucharist. They never saw the Eucharist as ordinary food. St. Thérèse of Lisieux once said, “Receive Communion often, very often... there you have life and all that is needful for you.” The Saints testify that they found their strength and joy in the Eucharist.

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04 • INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

The Saints approached the Eucharist with hunger, humility, gratitude, and love because they knew that in Holy Communion Jesus gives Himself to us.

This Sunday, listen carefully when the priest says:

“Behold the Lamb of God.”

Look toward the Host with faith. Recognize the One who offered Himself for you upon the Cross and who now invites you to His supper. Then make the centurion’s prayer your own:

“Lord, I am not worthy...but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

Receive Him with love, reverence, gratitude, and joy! God has given you His greatest gift: Himself!

Prayer:

Jesus, I unite my heart to you in this Holy Mass, and I ask you to increase my hunger for you. May I never become indifferent to your love, especially as seen in your sacrifice on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

Give me a deeper faith in your real presence in the Eucharist. And may my life be transformed by every reception of you, so my life may become a life of thanksgiving. Amen.

Prayers,

Fr. Browning



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SACRAMENTS

Parish Office: (630) 232-0124

Baptisms: Please call the Parish Office or complete a Baptism Request Form, located on the home page of our parish website, www.stpeterchurch.com.

Confessions: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm, until all are heard.
Saturdays at 8:30 am, until all are heard.

Communion: For information about First Communion, please contact Nicole Billapando, re.director@stpetergeneva.org.

Marriages: Please call the Parish Office. NOTE: If you or someone you know needs a previous marriage investigated for its validity or invalidity (the annulment process) so that you may fully participate in your Church faith or become Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

Sick Calls: Please notify the Pastor when anyone in the parish is sick or injured.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 29th - The Passion of St. John the Baptist
8:00 am | † William P. Browne by Janavicius Family

Anticipated 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | † Shirley Cuartero by Julius & Lucy Cuartero

Sunday, August 30th - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | † Lois Fricke Mandik by Fred & Deb Holtschlag
9:00 am | People of the Parish
11:00 am | † Thomas V. Loran II by Michael & Mira Franco

Monday, August 31st
7:00 am | † Sally Rubinelli by Vitale Famij
8:35 am | † Dan Cislo by Harkins family

Tuesday, September 1st
7:00 am | † Ralph & Vincenza & Joe Brandonisio by Vincenza Binetti
8:35 am | † William & Ida Heisten by Ron & Sue Lingle

Wednesday, September 2nd
7:00 am | † Nicholas Tarpey by Eileen, Jim & Lucas Morrissey
8:35 am | † Bill Trapp by John Trapp

Thursday, September 3rd - St. Gregory the Great
7:00 am | Larry & Mary Jane Johnson (In Celebration) by The Family
8:35 am | † Mary Catherine Antonino by Stith Family

Friday, September 4th
7:00 am | † Mary Catherine Antonino by Stith Family
8:35 am | † John & Marie Mayer by Berni Mayer

Saturday, September 5th - Mem. of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am | † Tom Tuton by Gladfelder Family

Anticipated 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30 pm | † Lauren Smetana by Ron & Sue Lingle

Sunday, September 6th - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am | † John Kozak Jr. by Flanagan Family
9:00 am | Sienna D'Argento (Special Int.) by D'Argento Family
11:00 am | People of the Parish

FLAMES OF FAITH

August 22nd to September 4th
† John & Marie Mayer by Berni Mayer

ALTAR FLOWERS

August 29th to September 4th
50th Wedding Anniversary (In Celebration)
by Larry and Mary Jane Johnson

HONORING THOSE WE LOVE

Mass Intentions, Flames of Faith and Altar Flowers are a special way to memorialize a loved one, remember an anniversary or share a special intention. If you are interested in offering an intention stop by the Parish Center, or visit stpeterchurch.com and use the link on the home page. NOTE: For Mass Intentions, requesters are limited to a total of 7 Masses, to allow more people to offer intentions.

PRAYER & SACRAMENTS • 05

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Those in Need

Anna A.	Denise D.	Julie	Kathy Pott
Laura A.	Louise D.	Barbara K.	Maureen Pott
Millie A.	Dennis	Julie K.	Liz R.
Armando	Betty Denotto	Kim K.	Charles S.
Pat B.	Douglas	Thomas K.	Dan S.
Spencer B.	Helene E.	Flora Kaindl	Johnny S.
Mark Bishel	Elaine	Kellen	Patrick S.
Brandon	Kay F.	Ada Krusinski	Jane Sarmiento
Karen Bricher	Catherine G.	Betty Kryger	Scott
Chris Brown	Neil G.	Allison M.	E. Sharp
Kim C	Dena H.	Karen M.	J. Sharp
Debbie C.	Kris H	Mike M.	Marilyn Singer
James C.	Antionio H.	Patrick M.	Sirgo
Joanna C.	Carl H.	Kathy M.	Brianna T.
Joe Cannizzaro	Sarah Henschel	Vicky Majewski	Rupert Touns
Lori Carlson	Marla Hoelscher	Steve O.	Loretta Wegrzyn
Carter	Alan J.	Steve P.	Anthony White
Cheryl	Amanda Jensen	Miriam P.	Jonathan Woodin
John Connolly	Joey & Charlie	Martha Penaflor	Dennis Zeitler

Service Members

2nd LT Benjamin Adams	PVT Charles Mick
SGT Ben Baker	SGT J. Patrick Morrissey
SSGT Katherine Brooks	PFC Sean Morrissey
S/SGT Rayce Burns	SGT Mark Murphy
LT Henry Cella	SSGT Matthew Musielski
CPT Joseph Cella	LT Andrew Niedbala
ENS Thomas Conroy	MAJ Richard Niedbala III
1ST LT Harold G. Cubillo	SA Dominick Pistorio
SGT Ryan DiBenedetto	MIDN Blake Powers
AOMT2 Joseph Duley	SCPO Michael Purvis
SGT Maj. David Eastwood	PVT Jullian Reed
CPT Henry Feldhaus	PFC Rob Regan
CE3 Robert Farrell	SGT Michael W. Renner
SGT Neil Garity	SPC David Reo
SSGT Zacharaih Kwasniewski	CPT Ashley Ritchey
2ND LT Chris Gensler	2LT Bryce Riner
MM3 (SS) Kenneth Graff	LCPL Ruben Rodriguez
LCpl Katrina Kwasniewski	SGT 1st Class Eric Romero
Capt. Therese Hein	CPT Delaney Shanahan
LT Edward Honey	1st LT Jameson P. Shanahan
SGT Thomas P. Horvath	SPC George Smith
CDR David A. Keating	PFC Christian Stevens
LCDR Theresa Keating	SGT Matthew Stover
HM3 Donny Klein	BM1 Nathan Stover
SPC Charles Kropp	LT Quinn Turcich
CPL Holt J. Lenert	CPL Chris Verbel
Major Kevin Marks	Capt. Charlie Vyskocil
SGT Nicholas Maxwell	CH (LT COL) Fr. Paul Weberg
LT Sean McHugh	PFC Jacob Wilson
LT Jim McHugh	CPT Nicholas Wiltsie
PFC Alexander Meade	LTJG Stephen Charles Zimmer III
1ST LT Thomas J. Menn	

BAPTISMS



Joren James Deal

Parents: Lucas & Barbara
Godparent: David Horner
Witness: Jess Horner

Harper Catherine Kennedy

Parents: Chadwick & Frances
Godparents: Kenneth Charles Ramos & Julie Ramos

Robert 'Trey' Arthur Manikas

Parents: Robert & Blair
Godparent: Kasey Macha
Witness: Ben Manikas

PRAYER

Prayer Circle: Parishioners pray privately for others in need. To submit an intention, call the Parish Office or submit on our website, www.stpeterchurch.com.

Prayer Intentions for the Bulletin: If you know someone in need of prayer, please email bulletin@stpetergeneva.org. To maintain a current list, names will be removed after three months. You may get them re-added by request.

Adoration: The Panis Angelicus Chapel is devoted to Eucharistic Adoration. Located adjacent to our Parish Office on the west side of the church, the chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for anyone who wishes to spend time with Jesus. Between the hours of 6:00 am and 10:00 pm, the door is open. If you are interested in praying between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am, contact Melissa Galla for a swipe card, busmgr@stpetergeneva.org.

To sign up for a weekly commitment, follow the QR code.



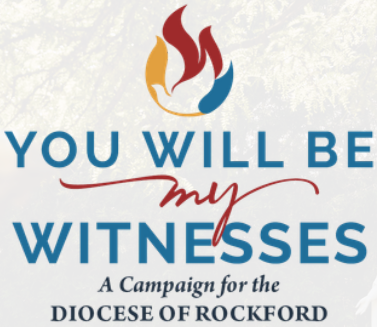
06 • STEWARDSHIP & MINISTRY NEWS

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 15 & 16.....\$27,470.30

This total includes all regular Sunday basket collections, donations mailed or dropped off in the office, plus recurring and one-time donations made online via Our Sunday Visitor.

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Each week, a portion of our parish tithe supports charitable not-for-profit organizations as needs arise, sharing the blessings we've received with others. Through this giving, we live out the Gospel call to care for our neighbors and serve those in need.



ST. PETER GOAL: \$2,016,877
Total funds raised to date: \$2,103,714
Percent to goal: 104.3%
Percent participation: 14.9%

Thank you for helping St. Peter Parish exceed our goal for the 2026 Diocesan Appeal. Your generosity supports Catholic ministries throughout the Diocese of Rockford and beyond. Each dollar given above our goal is returned directly to our parish. If you would still like to contribute, scan the QR code to give online.



ST. PETER GOAL: \$192,197
Total funds raised to date: \$221,300
Above goal: \$29,103
Percent participation: 14.2%

I WILL
COME
to you

2026 Diocesan Appeal



2026 ANNUAL QUILT BLESSING
Tuesday, August 18th

It was a beautiful day today! The members of the Quilts for the Sick and Homebound Ministry met for our 2026 Annual Quilt Blessing. We celebrated a year's work of quilting quilts with prayers, love, care and kindness for those who are in need of comfort. There were 40 quilts blessed this year. This ministry has been in existence for 30 years. So, as you might guess, we have crafted approximately 1,500 quilts over the years. **If there is someone you feel would benefit from receiving a quilt, feel free to contact the Parish Office to request one.**



We meet every Tuesday morning in Seton Hall throughout the year sharing ideas, fellowship and creativity. If anyone would like to join us in this rewarding ministry, we would welcome new members. Material and patterns are provided. If you are unable to meet with us during the day, we are happy to provide the material to you so you can quilt and contribute from your home.

For more information contact Peggy Martinek at pegmartinek@gmail.com or Irene D'Anna at Scully382@prodigy.net.

FOOD PANTRY

Next Distribution:

Wednesday, September 9th

The Food Pantry is open from
8:00 am – 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm.
Everyone is welcome with an ID.

Food donations can be placed in the bin outside the Food Pantry doors on the west side of the parish center, or in the collection boxes at the east and west entrances of the church.

Tax-exempt monetary donations are also welcome. Please make checks payable to "St. Peter Community Food Pantry" and mail them to 1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva, IL 60134. Donations can also be placed in the collection basket during Mass or dropped in the mail slot at the parish center.

For the month of August we are collecting:

Applesauce
Canned Pasta
Canned Beef Stew
Shampoo
Jello

Thank you for your generosity!

*"A generous person will prosper;
whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
Proverbs 11:25*



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

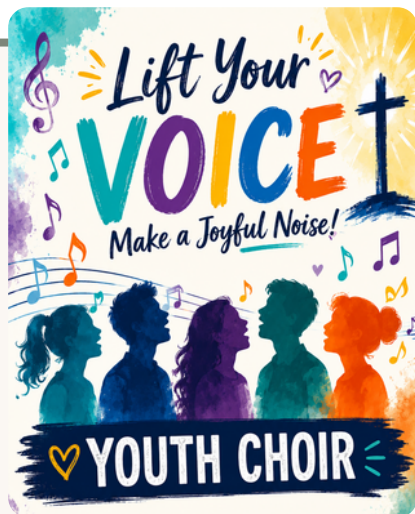
You are invited to join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group as we grow in our relationship with Jesus through the sacred scriptures.

Starting Wednesday, September 9th, we will begin studying the Gospel of Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, focusing on Jesus' ministry through His parables, miracles and teachings. We meet Wednesday mornings from 10:15 am to 12:00 pm in the Muldoon Room.

***For more information,
or to sign up and order materials,
please contact Kathy Beckmen
at (630) 661-1061 or
kgbeckmen3@gmail.com.***



**COME STUDY
ST. MATTHEW**



FROM THE DESK OF...

Jamie Gardner-Haycox & Sherri Stasell, Youth Choir Directors

Come join the Youth Choir! Music is one of the most powerful ways young people can share their gifts with our church family. Our Youth Choir provides a welcoming community where students can grow musically and spiritually while serving in Sunday worship. Whether your student is an experienced singer or just wants to try something new, there's a spot waiting for them!

- **First Rehearsal:** Friday, September 11 from 3:45-5:00 pm in the church (Ice Cream treats at the end!)
- **First Mass:** Sunday, September 13 at 9:00 am Mass (Meet at 8:15 am in the church)
- **Open to:** All youth in grades 2 and up! Come sing with us!
- Upcoming dates to sing this '26-'27 school year will be posted soon!

"Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing."

Psalms 100:2

OUR LADY OF SORROWS BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Fall Session begins Monday, September 14th

Did you know our parish provides a compassionate environment for individuals navigating the heavy burden of grief after losing a loved one? Through *Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry*, the parish community walks alongside those who are mourning, offering a safe and faith-filled space to share experiences, find mutual understanding, and discover hope. These meetings are grounded in the love and compassion of Christ, ensuring that no one has to endure their grief in isolation. Guided by a supportive network, participants are equipped with practical tools for healing while being wrapped in the prayers and care of the entire St. Peter Church family.

Our Lady of Sorrows Bereavement Ministry meets on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the Muldoon Room (Enter through Door #14 at the school).

Upcoming Fall Session Schedule:

- September 14
- September 21
- September 28
- October 5
- October 19 (No meeting on October 12 due to the holiday)
- October 26

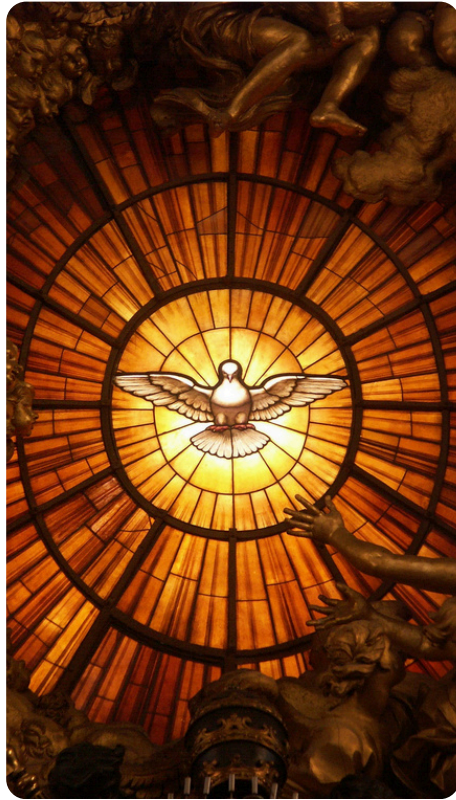


**For more information,
contact Colette McKenna,
ols@stpetergeneva.org, or
(630) 232-0124, ext. 105.**



the *Lord* is close to the
brokenhearted

Psalm 34:19



NEW OCIA SESSION BEGINS!

Wednesday, October 7th

Do you have friends or family members who have mentioned they are interested in exploring the Catholic faith?

St. Peter has an inviting process where people can learn more about the Catholic faith in a relaxed setting. The process is called Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA).

Candidates for OCIA are:

- Those who were raised in another faith who would like to become Catholic
- Those who were baptized Catholic and want to be Confirmed and/or receive Communion
- Those without a faith tradition who are looking for a spiritual home

The first session is Wednesday, October 7th, 7:00-9:00 pm in McLoughlin Hall.

Contact Deacon Greg D'Anna for more information

(630) 232-0124, ext. 110

deacongreg@stpetergeneva.org



The prayer shawl ministry is a group that stitches lapghans and baby blankets as a physical symbol of God's love and care for us. The items are crocheted or knitted by volunteers, and then blessed and labeled with a prayer card. As each fabric artist works on the blanket, they pray for the individual who will receive it. The completed creation is available for anyone who needs one, or for an individual to give to a family member or friend who could benefit from the gift of a prayer shawl item.

Our ministry meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 10:30-11:30 am in the Tekakwitha Room (lower level of St. Peter Church). During that hour, we work on projects, share ideas and socialize with each other. The majority of the work on each item is done at home on your own schedule.

If you have any questions or would like one of our creations, please contact me. If you would like to make beautiful blankets with us, please contact me before attending our meetings. **Our next meeting is this Wednesday, September 2nd.**

God bless you!

Debby Bulak, (630) 631-9515 or abcdeb718@gmail.com



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is here at St. Peter Church for parishioners and any Geneva residents with temporary financial needs. Wherever you live in our parish, there are people in financial need within walking distance of your home or workplace. SVdP members visit those who reach out **in their homes** to understand their needs. Assistance is typically provided for overdue bills as well as support in connecting with additional community services.

Each year the St. Peter Conference along with other area SVdP conferences holds the Friends of the Poor Walk to raise awareness and funds for their work. Every dollar raised stays in our community, helping local families with rent, utilities, food, transportation and other urgent needs.

This year's walk is September 26th. Please consider walking, donating, or both! Stay tuned to the next several weeks of the bulletin for more information!



10 • MINISTRY NEWS & EVENTS

7 DYNAMIC SPEAKERS | NEWLY FILMED | MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER



THAT MAN IS YOU! HAS PROVEN TO:

- Facilitate a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Meet men wherever they are in their spiritual lives and help them take one step further.
- Turn the hearts of fathers to their spouse and children.
- Form authentic leaders capable of transforming their families and greater society.
- Form bonds of friendship and fellowship that strengthen the parish community.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Beginning Saturday, September 19th
Running every Saturday morning
until December 19th.
(off Thanksgiving weekend)

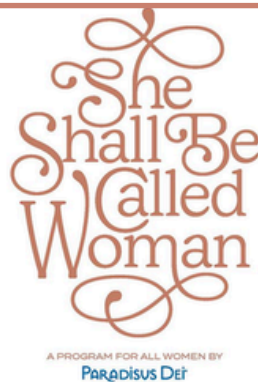
SCHEDULE:

Breakfast at 6:30am
Group Video: 6:45am
Small Group 7:15am
End: 7:45am

REGISTRATION:

Come sign up after Mass on August 22-23rd or September 5-6! We hope you join us!

For more information,
visit www.thatmanisyou.com
or contact Pete Talarico, (908) 268-2334



SEASON FIVE LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS

OFFER CHRIST YOUR LOVE

Each Session Offers:

ENCOUNTER
MESSAGE
FELLOWSHIP

Worship is one of the most fundamental aspects of what it means to be Christian. It is what we were made for. This season, dive deep into not only the practical aspects of worship, but more importantly, recenter your deep longing to pour out your heart fully to the Lord.

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Thursdays beginning Sept. 10
Morning Session 10:15am
Evening Session 6pm

SCHEDULE:

Fellowship
Video Presentation
Small Group
No Homework!



REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR code to register.
For more information contact
Michelle at 232-0124x126

Honoring and Defending ALL Life at Every Stage



Rosebud Prayer Ministry

This display will soon return to its spot near the baptismal font inside the church.

Stop by to submit your intentions.

Our prayer warriors are eager to lift you in prayer.

Join "Respect Life Prayer Warriors" group in Flocknote.
Register at <https://stpgeneva.flocknote.com>



WALKING WITH Moms IN NEED

CURRENT NEEDS

<https://walkingwithmomsneeds.stpeterchurch.com>

Review current needs
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Tuesday, September 8 7:00 PM	Wednesday, September 9 7:30 – 11:00 AM 5:30 – 7:00 PM	Wednesday, September 9 1:00 PM	Saturday, September 12 8:30 AM	Sunday, October 4 2:00 – 3:00 PM	Saturday, October 24 10:30 AM
St. Peter Church - lower level Muldoon	outside food pantry	St. Peter Church - lower level Cabrini	St. Peter Respect Life Garden Meet by St. John Paul II statue immediately after 8:00 AM Mass	final details TBD Invite friends and neighbors from other churches	St. Peter Church Remembering our children who have gone before us at any stage in life. All are welcome.

what is infertility?

- Primary infertility
- Secondary infertility
- Male factor infertility
- Diagnoses (can lead to hysterectomy)
- Miscarriage/Recurrent miscarriage
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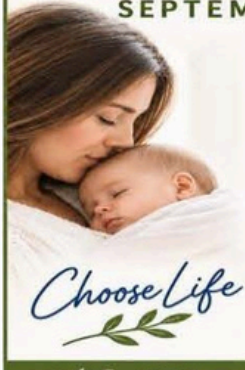
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12 • RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

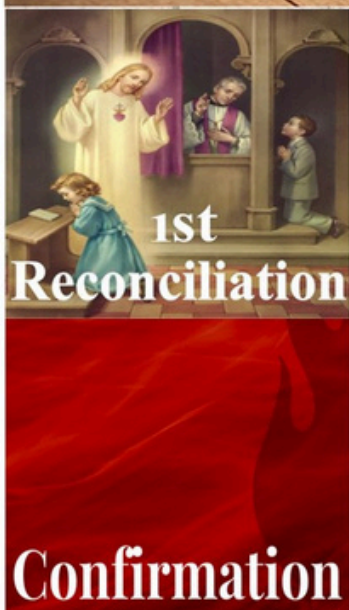
WEDNESDAYS
6:00pm-7:30pm

Wednesday, September 2
Wednesday, October 7
Wednesday, November 4
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, January 6
Wednesday, February 3
Wednesday, March 3
April No Session
Wednesday, May 5

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION KICKS OFF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd AT 6:00PM

- Parents should take their students to their classrooms upon arrival.
- Then, Parents proceed to the church for their session.
- Contact Nicole Billapando, DRE with any questions, (630) 232-0124x117
re.director@stpetergeneva.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS MARK YOUR CALENDARS



1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 15th at
6:00pm in Seton Hall *or*
Saturday, September 19th at
10:00am in Seton Hall

Confirmation Parent Meeting

Tuesday, September 29th at
6:00pm in Seton Hall *or*
Thursday, October 1st at
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ST PETER SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep. 1: Curriculum Night, 6-8 pm

Sep. 2: Early Release, 2:00 pm

Sep. 4: Sports Booster Pizza Lunch

Sep. 7: Labor Day, No School

Sep. 14: Home & School, 9:15 am

Sep. 16: Early Release, 2:00 pm

Sep. 16: Restaurant Night, Chipotle in
Batavia, 5:00 pm-9:00 pm

Sep. 18: Sports Booster Pizza Lunch



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As the new school year begins, we welcome back the teachers and staff who make St. Peter Catholic school what it is. Their work helps our children grow in knowledge, character, and faith, teaching not only reading and mathematics but also what it means to follow Christ. Please keep them in your prayers as this new school year begins.

A Prayer for Our Teachers

Lord God, your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever. Amen.

(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-teachers>)

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14 • LOCAL AREA EVENTS



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Four-Part Catholic Healing Series:

- **Session One: Condemnation, Acceptance, and Beginning Again**
Thursday, September 10th
- **Session Two: Receiving Help, Showing Compassion, and Releasing Resentment**
Thursday, October 8th
- **Session Three: Children, Surrender, and the Healing of Shame**
Thursday, November 12th
- **Session Four: Truth, Grief, the Sacraments, and Resurrection**
Thursday, December 17th

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: St. Patrick Crane Road Church (St. Anne Room)
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The St. Patrick Parish Divorce Ministry is a Catholic-based, peer-ministry support group designed to help men and women heal and find a faith-filled joy after divorce. The program explores the issues of divorce and navigating life after divorce with the goal of leading participants toward ultimate forgiveness, happiness, and new life.



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16 • LOCAL AREA EVENTS

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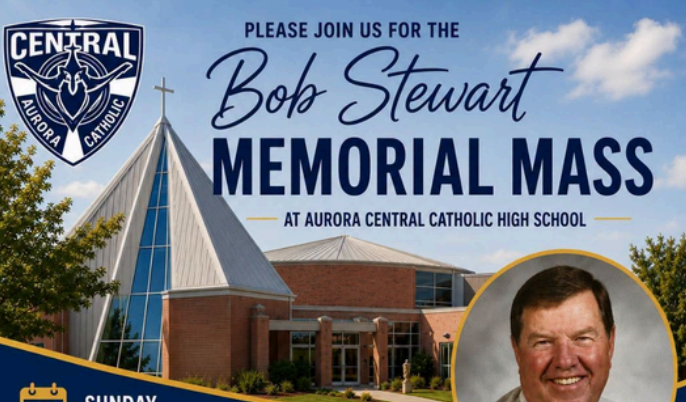
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Sunday, August 30th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

Monday, August 31st

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church

Tuesday, September 1st

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Flame of Love Rosary 9:10 am Church
- Quilters Ministry 10:15 am Seton Hall
- School Curriculum Night 6:00 pm All School

Wednesday, September 2nd

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Morning Bible Study 10:15 am Muldoon Room
- Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:30 am Tekakwitha Room
- RE Family Faith Formation 6:00 pm All Facility

Thursday, September 3rd

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church
- Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Church

Friday, September 4th

- Liturgy of the Hours 7:30 am Church
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy 8:15 am Church

Saturday, September 5th

- No Scheduled Events

Sunday, September 6th

- Men's Basketball 7:00 pm Gym

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/ Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7b, 7c-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Weekend

Saturday, September 5

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