St. Peter Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 AM
Mon., Wed. & Fri. 8:30 AM
Thursday 7:00 PM
No Mass on Tuesdays or Saturdays

Parish Office Hours

Holy Days of Obligation 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30am ~ 3:30pm Everyday except Tuesday

Receiving the Sacraments

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Any Catholic with a life-threatening illness should receive this sacrament even if not in immediate danger of death.. Please call Father Grinnell and ask him to anoint you if you think you should receive the sacrament soon.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Every Thursday Evening during Adoration Every Saturday-

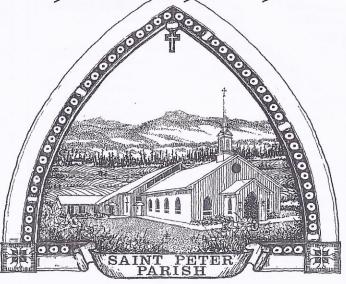
3:45 PM until 4:45 PM (Also by appointment)

The Sacrament of Matrimony

The Diocese of Arlington requires that the parish priest be contacted at least six months before the intended wedding, We want to help all of our couples receive the abundant benefits and graces that the Sacrament of Matrimony can offer them.

The Sacrament of Baptism

A class is required for parents having a child baptized at St. Peter Parish for the first time. Please call Father Grinnell at 675-3432 to make arrangements.



12762 Lee Highway, Washington, VA 22747

Pastor

Reverend Father Horace Grinnell

Parish Phone Numbers

St. Peter's Website: www.stpeterparishva.org

Sunday, October 12, 2014 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life"

Mass Intentions for the Week

Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

October 11

John Rick Forrester+

Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday

October 12 Fred Keefe

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:45 AM

8:30 AM

Monday 8:30 AM October 13

Tom Delanty+

Pro Populo

Wednesday 8:30 AM

October 15

Anne Facchina+

St. Teresa of Jesus

Thursday 7:00 PM

October 16

Veronica Theresa Kiernan+

St. Hedwig, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Friday 8:30 AM

October 17

Herbert Facchina+

St. Ignatius of Antioch

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, October 13, due to the Columbus Day Holiday.



"Save the Date" - Saturday, Nov. 8th, 12 pm Mass. We have Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters visiting us here at St. Peter's with the residents of the Gift of Peace home in Washington DC. Following mass we will serve the residents and sisters a lunch. It is a chance to spend some time with them. The student choir from Chelsea Academy will be singing at the Mass.

Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following members of our Parish:

Elaine Viguerie Christian Knight

Genevieve Paterno Harrison Knight

Fr. Robert Lange

Deacon Charles Coutu

Veronica Kiernan Evelvn Johnson John Paul Storey Patricia J. Carev

Colleen Cybrowski



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Bishop Loverde requires all parish schools and religious education programs in the Diocese of Arlington to provide lessons on Formation in Christian Chastity for grades 1 through 8. St. Peter's religious education classes will conduct those lessons on October 26. Felix Hernandez sent parents an email with a letter from the Diocese to parents about Formation in Christian Chastity. Also attached were lesson plans for each grade. If your child is in grade 1-8 and you did not receive the email, please contact Felix at: felixhernandezjr@gmail.com or (540) 364-3108.



Catholic Charities Food Drive

The 4th annual Fall Harvest Food Drive is next weekend, Oct 18 & 19. Be sure to pick up a Catholic Charities shopping bag after Mass -- a flyer with details is inside. Fill the bag up, put it in your car, and bring it next Sunday. Catholic Charities takes cash as well! Last year parishioners donated an *amazing* 1,372 pounds of food and \$1,575.

Bishop O'Connell High School Open House - Sunday, Oct. 19, 1-3 p.m. - Bring your family for a full tour of our facilities. See our brand-new science labs, learn more about our curriculum, meet our teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. Presentation begins at 1 p.m. in the auditorium. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

Statement by Bishop Paul S. Loverde and Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo On Supreme Court Refusal to Hear Appeal of

On Supreme Court Refusal to Hear Appeal of Virginia Same-Sex Marriage Ruling—

With deep disappointment, we learned today that the U.S. Supreme Court has denied review of lower-court decisions that struck down Virginia's law prohibiting same-sex marriage and similar laws in four other states. Because of the Supreme Court's denial, marriages between couples of the same sex have begun today in Virginia. This occurrence reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the intrinsic nature of marriage and represents an injustice to over a million Virginia voters, whose decision was to enshrine the understanding of marriage as the union of one man and one woman into our state's constitution. Marriage has been affirmed by countless generations because it uniquely benefits the common good by recognizing the union of two equal but complementary individuals that is, a man and a woman - who, by their life-giving union, may create a family. Marriage not only benefits the man and woman who enter it, but also best serves children because of the particular contributions that mothers and fathers bring to family life. Therefore, Virginia's constitution rightly recognized the unique contributions marriage makes to children and to the common good.

As Bishops, we will continue to affirm the truth about marriage, the lifelong union of one man and one woman, as well as its essential importance to the common good. As pastors, teachers, and faith leaders, we can do nothing less. It is our fervent hope that the Supreme Court will reconsider this fundamental issue in the future.

Weekly Contributions for 10/5/14 were \$2369
Thank You for your generosity!

CHELSEA ACADEMY invites you to attend its annual gala, Renaissance by the River, on Saturday, October 25(5:00-11:00 p.m.), at St. Lawrence Commons (Christendom College) in Front Royal. Come and enjoy a four-course dinner, an open bar, live entertainment, and dancing, and participate in silent and live auctions featuring a wide array of trips, services, handmade goods, and other items. All proceeds benefit Chelsea Academy. Tickets are \$75/person and \$900/corporate table. For more information, call the school office (540.635.0622) or visitwww.chelseaacademy.org.

The pro-life campaign, 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, seeks God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils to end abortion. It started on Sept. 24 and will continue until Nov. 2. All people of faith across the nation and around the world are being called to fast, and to pray outside an abortion facility, to pray at church, at work, in the car or at home with your family. The nearest abortion clinic is in Manassas on Sudley Road between the Post Office and St. Thomas United Methodist Church. Join this effective campaign in the fight for life!

National Collection on World Mission Sunday -

Oct. 19 — The Collection on World Mission Sunday is scheduled for Oct. 19. World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics around the world to participate in the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world." Please be generous with your support!

LEGION OF MARY: "Full of grace, Mary is the first and best disciple of the Lord, therefore, the best of teachers." (Bishop Loverde's "Go Forth With Hearts on Fire"). Find out how to learn from our Blessed Mother at our meetings on Fridays at 10 am in the CCD room, located off of the parish hall kitchen.

"Best Practices in Senior Ministries" Conference at St. Timothy Catholic Church, Chantilly, VA, Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. Various talks on Homebound Ministry, Bereavement/Grief Ministry, Caregiver Support Group Ministry, Transportation Ministry, rsvp to Gracie at gortiz@ccda.net or 703-751-4083.

Pastor's Piece

Dear friends,



WE NEED A ST. PETER'S REP FOR EPIPHANY SCHOOL

We need a St. Peter's Parish Representative to Epiphany Advisory Council. Our volunteer would attend four meetings during the school year at Epiphany Catholic School in Culpepper. The Advisory Council helps guide the school's administration in meeting the needs of the Catholic community in four counties. The representative would also help me promote St. Peter's participation in Epiphany Catholic School. Please consider representing the people of our parish in this important endeavor. See me or email me at:

grinnellhorace@gmail.com or call the parish office if you are willing to serve.

TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE MEN'S CURSILLO!

The next Men's Cursillo is October 23-26. This 3 day retreat will bless your life and give you a plan for the rest of your life. I went on Cursillo 40 years ago and am still blessed in my "fourth day". Email me and I will get you signed up -grinnellhorace@gmail.com

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH??

If you yourself or anyone you know would be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, email me at: grinnellhorace@gmail.com. If you know of someone who you think might be interested in our faith, but are reluctant to talk to them yourself, I would be happy to talk with them. As Scripture says: "what you have received as a gift you must give as a gift". Faith is a precious gift that must be shared.

DISCUSSION GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Some young adults have expressed an interest in forming a discussion group which would meet periodically on Thursday's at 6pm. The group's discussion will be on a variety of topics they choose and they will explore and view these topics through the lens of Catholicism. Dinner before the meeting is also a possibility. They would then have a chance to attend the 7:00 Mass followed by Holy Hour. If interested, please contact Bob Benyo @ 540-295-5573 orbobbenyo@aol.com. We hope to start in October.

NEW ST. PETER WEBSITE — www.stpeterparishva.org

Fr. Tuck