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Monday / Lunes: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday / Martes –Thursday / Jueves 9:00a.m-5:00p.m

Friday / Viernes: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Baptism: First Sunday of the month (English); second and fourth Sundays of the month (Spanish). Attendance at a Baptism Workshop is mandatory for both parents and godparents prior to the sacrament. At least one godparent must be a fully initiated Catholic, age sixteen or older and, if a member of another parish, must present a certificate of sponsorship.

Bautismo: Segundo, y cuarto domingo de cada mes en español. El seminario del bautismo es obligatorio para ambos padres antes de la ceremonia. Los padrinos también deben de asistir al seminario. Los seminarios para el bautismo son obligatorios antes del sacramento. Por lo menos uno debe ser Católico que practique su fe, debe tener 16 años o más, y debe presentar el certificado de padrino si es de otra parroquia.

Confessions / Confesiones

Saturday / Sábado: 3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Sunday / Domingo: 5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

(Also by appointment / También por cita)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament /

Adoración del Santísimo

First Friday / Primer Viernes: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays / Los Jueves: 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.



Vespers (Español), Sundays / Los Domingos: 6:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misa

Vigil of Sunday / Vigilia Dominical:

4:00 p.m. (English)

Sundays / Domingos:

8:30 a.m. (English)

10:30 a.m. (Español)

12:30 p.m. (Bi-lingual)

6:30 p.m. (Español)

Weekdays / Dias de Semana:

Note: There are no weekday morning masses during the summer.

Mon., Tue., Thu., / Lun., Mar., Jue. 7:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

Wednesday / Miércoles: 7:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. (Esp.)

Friday / Viernes: 8:30 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.

Saturday / Sábado: 8:00 a.m. (Español)

(Weekday Masses are generally held in St. Anthony Chapel. / Generalmente, las misas diarias se celebran en la Capilla San Antonio.)

Marriage: The new policy of the Diocese of Allentown requires that the diocesan marriage preparation classes be completed six months prior to the wedding date. Therefore, to start the process, couples should contact the Parish House immediately after engagement. At the first meeting with a parish priest, the wedding date can be placed on the calendar.

Matrimonio: Las nuevas normas de la diócesis de Allentown requieren que las clases diocesanas para la preparación matrimonial sean completadas seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda. Por lo tanto, para iniciar el proceso, parejas deberían contactar la Casa Parroquial inmediatamente después del compromiso a casarse. En la primera reunión con un sacerdote parroquial, la fecha de la boda se puede poner en el calendario.

January / Enero 31, 2016

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A Holy Year of Mercy

By Archbishop William E. Lori

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| Saturday, January 30, 2016 | |
| 8:00 A.M. | +Jorge P. Sotolongo |
| FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| 4:00 PM | +Aunt Ethel |
| Sunday, January 31, 2016 | |
| 8:30 AM | +Patricia Jablonski |
| 10:30AM | +Jose A. Diaz |
| 12:30PM | For the People |
| 6:30PM | +Malcia Cruz |
| Monday, February 1, 2016, | |
| 7:00AM | SI Sophie McDevitt |
| 12:10 PM | +Florence A. Slabik |
| Tuesday, February 2, 2016 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> | |
| 7:00AM | + Sister Rosemary Reber |
| 12:10 PM | +William D. Marby |
| Wednesday, February 3, 2016, <i>St. Blaise</i> | |
| 7:00AM | + Sister Mary Dolores Mallon |
| 6:30PM | +Esmeraldo Souza |
| Thursday, February 4, 2016, | |
| 7:00AM | +Vernon L. Reiver, Sr. |
| 12:10PM | SI) Health & Welfare of Lena Quaglia |
| Friday, February 5, 2016, <i>First Friday, St. Agatha</i> | |
| 8:30AM | SI) Health of Sophie McDevitt |
| 12:10PM | +Florence A. Slabik |
| 6:30 PM | +Maria Julia Montalvo |
| Saturday, February 6, 2016, <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i> | |
| 8:00AM | + Bishop Joseph McShea |
| FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | |
| Saturday, February 6, 2016 | |
| 4:00 PM | +Walter & Catherine Petroski |
| Sunday, February 7, 2016 | |
| 8:30 AM | +Sara Coco |
| 10:30AM | +Javier Silva |
| 12:30PM | SI) Honor a la Virgen Milagrosa |
| 6:30PM | +Members of Purgatory Society |

Ten Commandments

1. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord God in vain
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day
4. Honor your father and your mother
5. You shall not kill
6. You shall not commit adultery
7. You shall not steal
8. You shall not bear false witness
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods

Religious Education weather closing: If there is bad weather you can find cancellations on WFMZ (69 news) or on the internet wfmz.com. If Reading School district closes, we will also cancel CCD classes. **Educación Religiosa /mal clima:** Si hay mal tiempo se puede encontrar cancelaciones en WFMZ (69 noticias) o en la wfmz.com internet. Si el distrito Escolar de Reading se cierra, también cancelaremos las clases de Catecismo.

Pope Francis formally announced an extraordinary Holy Year dedicated to God's mercy. He fittingly chose the second Sunday of Easter, known as Divine Mercy Sunday since the pontificate of St. John Paul II, to invite each of us to look upon the face of the Risen Lord Jesus as the Face of God's Mercy. The pope designated the Year of Mercy, which began Dec. 8, 2015, so that all Catholics might reflect on the mercy God has shown us and how we might extend that mercy to others. In this holy year, Pope Francis wishes us to contemplate mercy as "the wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace ... the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us." Mercy, he continued, "is the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life ... the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." Pope Francis, like St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict before him, does not present God's mercy merely as a soothing ointment, designed to make us feel better about our sins while still living in them. Rather, mercy is God's way of reaching out to us, offering us a chance to look at ourselves, to convert, to believe. Mercy is also the foundation of the church's life: God's mercy is what the church preaches; his mercy is what the church dispenses in the Mass and the sacraments; his mercy is what the church practices in works of charity, healing and education; and we are all called to be authentic signs of God's mercy, indeed missionaries of God's mercy in a world that all too often chooses violence and severity over mercy. Such authentic signs of God's mercy are revealed every time we commit corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Corporal works of mercy include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, giving shelter to the homeless, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead. When we administer spiritual works of mercy we teach the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish the sinner, bear wrongs with patience, willingly forgiving those who have offended us, comfort the afflicted, and pray for the living and the dead. Just as Jesus looked at Thomas with the eyes of mercy in last week's Gospel, so too is he looking at you and me with the eyes of mercy. He is asking us to believe in him. He is asking us to trust him. He isn't merely asking us to assent to a series of abstract truths, but instead to entrust our lives and our destiny to him, confident that he will forgive our sins and open for us the door of mercy of the house of his heavenly Father. What reveals the mighty power of God is his mercy, his endless capacity to forgive our sins and to raise us up to live a life made new by his own eternal newness. The Year of Mercy is a time "for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy" (cf. Jn 20:21-23). May this Holy Year be a time of grace and joy for each of us and for the entire Catholic Church

SACRAMENTAL / SPIRITUAL LIFE

PARISH REGISTRATION: To all new parishioners: Welcome! Our parish is a family and we want to know you personally by name and invite you to share your responsibility as members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish. To register as a member, contact someone on the pastoral staff. One of the priests will be available to register you on the second and fourth weekends--Saturday and Sunday--after all Masses in Marciano Hall. For other times please call the rectory (610-372-9652) to arrange a face-to-face meeting. We are eager to meet you!



BAPTISMS: Celebrated the *first* and *second Sundays* of the month *after* the 12:30 p. m. Mass and the *fourth Sunday* of the month *during* the 12:30 p. m. Mass. Please call Sr. Margaret to arrange for an appointment before attending the Baptism workshop. The godparents must be practicing Catholics that attend Mass and give a good example to their godchild. They must be fully initiated, that is to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. The godparents can be single, but if they are married, they must be married in the Catholic Church. Children who are first grade and older must attend Religious Education classes to prepare for baptism.

HOLY MATRIMONY: Couples that wish to marry must contact the Parish House immediately after engagement to arrange for the necessary preparation. Couples in a civil marriage must receive the Sacrament of Marriage by the Church in order to receive Communion again. For this, contact any of our priests.

HOMEBOUND: Call the Parish House to arrange visitations. Visitations are made by Eucharistic ministers weekly. Visitations are made once a month by the priests around on the first Friday of the month.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK: It's a sacrament that should be received not only by any catholic who is near death, but also by any that is seriously ill or weak from old age. For more information call the Parish House.

QUINCEAÑERA: There is *only one* monthly celebration for all the young women who want to celebrate a Quinceañeras in our parish in a particular month. The date is *generally* the third Saturday of the month (at 1:00p.m.) and always determined by the parish. As a community we celebrate the gift of life in our young ladies and welcome them to be more actively involved in our parish as they become Christian women. Contact the Parish office at 610-372-9652 ext., 10 *four months* in advance to register and start the process which includes mandatory participation in a workshop.

VIDA SACRAMENTAL & ESPIRITUAL

INSCRIPCIÓN PARROQUIAL: A todos los nuevos feligreses: ¡Bienvenidos! Nuestra parroquia es una familia y quisiéramos conocerlo personalmente por su nombre e invitarlo a compartir su responsabilidad como miembros de la Parroquia San Pedro el Apóstol. Comuníquese con algún miembro del personal pastoral a fin de inscribirse como miembro. Habrá un sacerdote que lo inscribirá cada segundo y los cuarto fin de semana del mes (sábado y domingo) después de cada una de las Misas que se celebran en el salón Marciano. Para inscribirse en otros horarios, llame a la Casa Parroquial (610-372-9652) para solicitar una reunión personal. ¡Estamos ansiosos por conocerlo!

BAUTISMOS: Los bautismos se celebran **el primer y segundo domingo** del mes **después** de la Misa de 12:30 p. m. y **el cuarto domingo** del mes **durante** la Misa de 12:30 p. m. Favor de llamar a Sr. Margaret para hacer una cita antes de asistir al taller de bautismo. Los padrinos deben ser Católicos prácticos, que asistan a Misa y así le den el ejemplo necesario al niño. Debe haber recibido los Sacramentos de Iniciación, Bautismo, primera Comunión y Confirmación. Los padrinos pueden ser personas solteras, pero si son un matrimonio, deben estar casados por la Iglesia. Los niños de primer grado en adelante que no estén bautizados deben entrar en el Catecismo.



SANTO MATRIMONIO: Las parejas que quieran contraer matrimonio deben contactar la Casa Parroquial inmediatamente después el compromiso a casarse para recibir la preparación necesaria. Las parejas ya casadas por lo civil deben recibir el sacramento del matrimonio por la Iglesia para poder recibir la Comunión nuevamente. Contacte uno de nuestros sacerdotes.

INCAPACITADOS: Llamar a la Casa Parroquial para poderlos visitar. Las visitas a sus hogares serán hechas por los ministros de la Eucaristía semanalmente. Los sacerdotes hacen una visita alrededor los primeros viernes del mes.

UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS: Es un sacramento que debe ser recibido no por sólo por aquel que está a punto de morir, sino por cualquier católico que esté seriamente enfermo o débil por el paso de los años.

QUINCEAÑERA: Habrá *solamente una* celebración mensual para todas las jóvenes que quieran celebrar una Quinceañera en la parroquia en un mes particular. La fecha es *generalmente* el tercer sábado del mes (a la 1:00 p. m.) y siempre determinada por la parroquia. Como comunidad, celebramos el don de la vida en estas jovencitas y damos la acogida para que ellas tomen una parte más activa en nuestra parroquia, al convertirse en mujeres cristianas. Llamen a la oficina parroquial al 610-372-9652 ext. 10, *cuatro meses* antes para registrarse y comenzar el proceso, el cual incluye la participación obligatoria en un taller.





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