Downtown Canton Catholie Community





Basilica of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parish



627 McKinley Avenue NW Canton, Ohio 44703 330-454-8044 - Basilica 726 Cleveland Avenue NW Canton, Ohio 44702 330-453-8493 - Church 330-452-0125 - School



The Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025

Very Rev. Dr. David M. Misbrener, D. Min. Rector/Pastor dmisbrener@youngstowndiocese.org

> Deacon Michael Seaman Retired Deacon mseaman@youngstowndiocese.org

Robert Sullivan Organist & Director of Music/Liturgy 330-453-8493 x 205 musicatthebasilica@gmail.com

Madison Smith Director of Religious Education 330-453-8493 x 204 madison.smith@youngstowndiocese.org

> Joseph E. Zuschak Parish Bookkeeper

John Airhart Saint Peter School Principal 330-452-0125 stpeterelem@youngstowndiocese.org

> **Lori Roethlisberger** Parish Secretary 330-453-8493 x 201

Prayer Line 330-453-8493 x 201

Pamela Pope Coordinator, Parish Activities Committee bsjspcpa@att.net 330-453-8493 x 207

Michelle Kirsch Coordinator, Perpetual Adoration 330-453-8493 bsjbspcadoration@gmail.com Mass Schedule Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM (Basilica) (November 1 - May 31) Sunday - 8:30 AM (Saint Peter Parish) (November 1 - May 31) Sunday - 10:30 AM (Basilica) (November 1 - May 31)

Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturday's at the same location at the 4:00 PM Mass from 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM, and by appointment.

> Holy Days Vigil - 6:00 PM (St. Peter) Day - 8:30 AM (St. Peter) Day - 12:10 PM (Basilica)

Daily Mass

Tuesday at 6:00 PM (Gallagher Center Chapel) Wednesday at 8:30 AM (Gallagher Center Chapel) Thursday at 8:30 AM (Gallagher Center Chapel) Friday at 8:30 AM (St. Peter Parish)

A Prayer for Our Parish

O God, You enlighten us with your charity, and enliven us with your grace; You guide us by your wisdom and give us hope for the future; You call us each by name. As parishioners of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist and St. Peter Parish, You have brought us together for Holy Mass. May our prayers and praises be pleasing to You. Transform us by Your mercy, and make us one in Your love. Help us to use the gifts You have given us to proclaim Your Gospel, and to serve our neighbors, so that one day we may share together the good things You promise to those who love You. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ousic Kor Oass

PRELUDE

Prelude on *Greensleeves* Richard Purvis

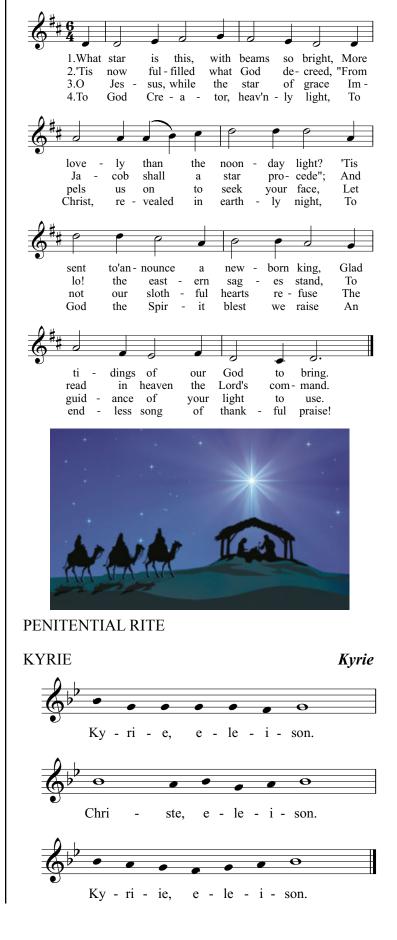
ANTIPHON

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Untroductory Rites

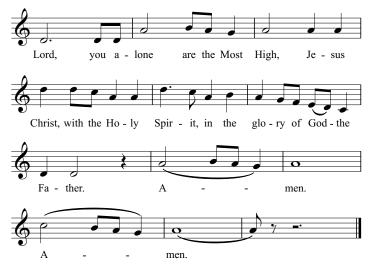
PROCESSIONAL HYMN

What Star is This



Community Mass Richard Proulx





Glory to God

Witurgy Øf She Mord

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah:

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* Psalm 72



O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgment. R

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. R

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. R

For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Festival Alleluia Reverend James Chepponis



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 2:1-12

The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them.

until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All bow at the following words up to: and became man.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

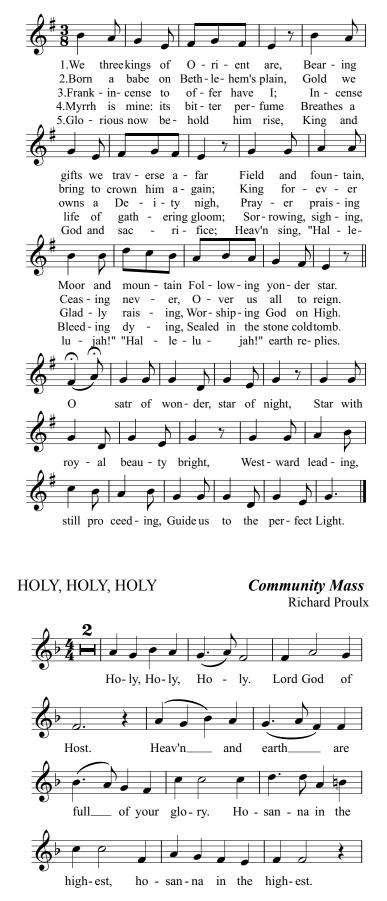
UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Please respond: Lord, Hear our prayer.

Biturgy Of She Sucharist

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

We Three Kings of Orient Are





Household of God - by Father Misbrener

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

A good quote is worth repeating: Moonless darkness stands between. Past the Past, no more to be seen! But the Bethlehem-star me lead me to the sight of Him who freed me from the self that I have been. Make me pure, Lord: Thou art holy; Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly; How beginning and alway: Now begin, on Christmas day.



--Gerard Manley Hopkins, SJ

Merry "Little" Christmas!

The Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate this weekend has also been called Little Christmas. Christ is made manifest to us in this Feast. Water is traditionally blessed on this day, and we can renew our baptismal promises. As we did last year, I've requested that we leave our Christmas decorations up a little longer so everyone can enjoy them. January can be dark and depressing anyway, and it is nice to come to the churches and see them with the decorations still up. Traditionally the season of Christmas actually ends on February 2nds, the Feast of the Presentation.

I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in making our Christmas season beautiful, from our musicians, and decorators, and those who work behind the scenes to make everything move smoothly. I would also like to thank everyone for their Christmas cards and gifts, and food. It makes me feel appreciated. Lastly, I would like to thank Fr. Joseph Tuscan, a Capuchin Franciscan, whose home is in Canton. He was home visiting his dad over the Christmas holiday, and he took a few Masses for me. Thanks Fr. Joseph!

With the beginning of the New Year, I also want to thank all of you for our generosity to the parish. You really came through, especially with the food pantry. One of the important missions of our parish is feeding the poor, and our outreach to them. This is manifested in our food pantry. I would like to share with you a little information about the outreach of the pantry.

Every week we have about 60 to 70 people who come to our door to receive a bag of food. The bag usually contains two cans of soup, one can of fruit, vegetable, baked beans, a meat dish, tuna, a jar of peanut butter, mac and cheese, a pack of ramen noodles, 4 packs of instant oatmeal, a sleeve of saltine crackers, graham crackers, and a roll of toilet paper. Because of parishioners donations, we also, the vast majority of the time, are able to add an extra item in each bag like a box of noodles, pudding, etc.

Through the generosity of a local family foundation, we have also been providing each person who comes with additional household items such as laundry detergent, dish soap, and other toiletry items such as bar soap, toothpaste and deodorant.

The cost for an average bag of food is \$14.60. We are spending on average \$4,100 a month to supply the pantry, so we appreciate your continued generosity. As it states in Hebrews 13:16 "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for such sacrifices, God is pleased." This is just a little information for all of you in what the food pantry does in its monthly outreach.

I wish you a happy and blessed New Year, and thank you for your kindness in giving to your parish and ministries.

Father David,

The image of Jesus lying in a manger is more than a beloved Christmas scene. Its lessons resonate all year long.

 \sim \sim \sim \sim

Generosity:

In Jesus, God gave us everything. When children are tempted to keep the best for themselves, remind them of Jesus in the manger. God's gifts are meant to be shared, not just during the holidays, but in every season.

Humility:

Jesus the King of Kings, chose to be born in a humble stable. this was a profound choice to be accessible to all of us. when children are hesitant to serve others, the infant in the manger stands as a gentle reminder. God humbled Himself to serve us. (Mark 10:45). How can we serve him?

Love:

True love seeks closeness. God, our divine Lover, came to us as a baby so that He could draw near to us, and we could draw near to Him. God has come close to us (James 4:8) and remains with us always in the Eucharist (Matthew 28:20), a testament of His boundless love.



St. Peter School

December 2024



A huge THANK YOU to our Knights of Columbus Canton Council 341! They came through again for our students. They provided the funds to purchase 60 coats for our kids that were in need of a warm coat for winter. Above is a sample of the nice coats we were able to get for our students. Thank you again for always supporting our school.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL PARISHIONERS!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our students' Christmas a little brighter this year by donating gifts that Santa and Mrs. Santa delivered to the students on our last day of school before our Christmas Break.

We appreciate everyone's generosity.





Food Pantry

Due to the increase in food cost and increased need, your donations are appreciated more than ever. The following items are always needed: plastic grocery bags, soup, saltine crackers, graham crackers, canned vegetables, canned fruit, macraonie and cheese, pork and beans, peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna fish, ramen noodles, pasta, pasta sauce, ravioli, beefaroni, canned beef stew and canned chili. Food donations are to be left at the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Cash/check contributions are also welcome! Thank you for your support.

Parish Activities

Souper Bowl Party Saturday, February 8, 2025 Basilica Hall 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM Appetizers, Salad, Variety of Soups Come as you are or wear your favorite team! 50/50 & other FUN! \$10.00 under 14 Free RSVP by February 4th, 2025

> RSVP to Activities Pamela Pope 330-453-8493 x 207 Email bsjspcpa@att.net



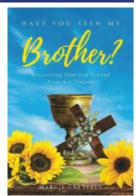
Homebound Ministry

Any parishioner of the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parish who is homebound and unable to attend Mass due to illness, injury, or infirmity may request to receive the Eucharist at home/care facility on a regular or temporary basis. Please contact the Rectory at 330-453-8493 to make arrangements.

Book Club

Please join us for our next book on Tuesday, January 28th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the St. Peter Rectory. We will be discussing the book *"Have You Seen My Brother?"* by Margie Cretella.

If you have any questions or would like to join the Book Club, please contact Madison at the Rectory.



Friendship Sunday January 12, 2025 8:30 AM until 1:00 PM St. Peter Social Hall

Let's come together for a delightful morning filled with warmth, laughter, and of course, friendship! Indulge in a delicious spread of donuts, accompanied by refreshing juice and coffee. It's the perfect opportunity to mingle, connect, and strengthen the bonds of our Downtown Catholic Community.

Big Buck Bonanza

Week Nine Drawing \$30 - John Stewart \$50 - Jerry Knapke \$100 - Martin Misbrener

Week Ten Drawing

\$30 - Zak Fettman \$50 - Don Turner \$100 - Carl Musille

Grand Prize \$1,000 - Zak Gettman

\$50 gift card packs: Constance Butera, Deb Woofter, Randy Yoder, Nicole Phillips, R. Lawrence, C & K Lindsay, Jim Beyman, Jan Bryan, Mark Rinehart, M Jurkiewicz, B Jacobson & Judy Wagner.

Thanks to all who supported our main fund raiser by purchasing tickets.

Donation have already been made to:

Food Pantry - \$2,000 St. Peter School - \$2,000 Door Restoration - \$500 and \$4,200 in prizes!



Prayer for the Beatification of Rhoda Wise



Heavenly Father, the love of your crucified Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, sustained the Servant of God, Rhoda Wise, in her many sufferings and made her by grace a strong woman of faith. She led others to the Sacred Heart of Your Son, Jesus. She devoutly promoted daily recitation of the Most Holy Rosary.

Prayers were answered. Faith was strengthened. May her Beatification come quickly as we ask for her intercession in this need. . . (pause and add your intention). We ask this through the Heart of Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord. Amen

> Imprimatur: + George V. Murry, S.J. former Bishop of Youngstown May 12, 2017

Altar Rosary Guild

Altar Rosary Meetings for the 2024-2025 year are listed below. All meeting will take place in the Basilica Parish Hall at 1:00 PM - McKinley Street Entrace. New members are welcome.

> January 22, 2025 February 26, 2025 March 26, 2025 April 23, 2025 May 28, 2025

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

A parishioner in good standing is: "One who is REGISTERED and actively participates in the liturgical life of the parish through the generous, sacrificial and proportionate sharing of his/her God-given giftedness of time, talent, and treasure."

Religious Education

CCD Program (Grades K-8)

Upcoming:

• January 19th: CCD Mass

Confirmation

- January 14th, 5:30-7:30 PM: Formation Meeting 3
- February 2nd, 5:30-7:30 PM: Formation Meeting 4
- March 2nd, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM: Retreat
- April 29th: *Sacrament of Confirmation*



Adult Faith Formation

Please join us *this weekend* to watch episode four of "The Search" and discuss the question, "What's Our Story?"

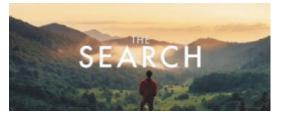
January 5th St. Peter Hall 8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

All adults are welcome! Breakfast and Coffee Provided!

The remaining gatherings will be held on the following dates:

February 2 | March 2 | April 6

Just show up! ③



Young Adult Group (Ages 18-39)

Young adults ages 18-39 are welcome to join us every other Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the St. Peter Rectory for fellowship and theological discussions.



Bible Study

Bible Study is held on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 AM in the Gallagher Center. We will resume on January 9th to begin the gospel of Luke. Please consider coming: the start of a new book is a great time to join!



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Those interested in becoming Catholic are invited to our OCIA sessions which take place on Thursday evenings at St. Paul Catholic Church from 7:00-9:00 PM in collaboration with a few other parishes.

In the previous session, participants learned about sacramentals and got an initial overview of the Sacraments.

If you or someone you know are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Madison for more information. Please keep our group in prayer!



Director of Religious Education Madison Smith 330-453-8493 x 204 madison.smith@youngstowndiocese.org

This Week

Saturday - January 4				
4:00 PM	(St. John)	₩	Eddie VanGezelle (Family)	
Sunday - January 5			Epiphany of the Lord	
8:30 AM	(St. Peter)	¥	Louise DiAntonio (Tony & Janice DiAntonio)	
10:30 AM	(St. John)	₩	Julia Bourquin (Susanne Bourquin)	
LAMP	(St. John)	₩	Andy Kirkpatrick	
LAMP	(St. Peter)	¥	Dorothy Guidone (Monnot Family)	
Monday - January 6		NC	MASS	
Tuesday - Janu	ary 7			
6:00 PM	(Chapel)	₩		
			(Sharon Lamiell)	
Wednesday - January 8				
8:30 AM	(Chapel)	¥	For our parishioners	
Thursday - January 9				
8:30 AM	(Chapel)	¥	Nancy Bagley (Family)	
Friday - January 10				
8:30 AM (St Peter)		Tru	Trust Fune Benefactors	
Saturday - January 11				
4:00 PM	(St. John)	¥	Anthony Diano III (Marlene Diano)	
Sunday - January 12			Baptism of the Lord	
8:30 AM	(St. Peter)	¥	Joe & Anna Gerzina (Joe & Cathy Gerzina)	
10:30 AM	(St. John)	₩	Andrew J. Danner (John A. Danner)	
LAMP	(St. John)	₩		
LAMP	(St. Peter)	¥	Special Intention	

* Gallagher Center Chapel

Collection Totals

Thank you for contributions!

Church Doors

Please remember that the four side doors at Saint Peter Church automatically lock, ten minutes after Mass begins.

Liturgical Ministries

January 4 & 5, 2025 Lector 4:00 PM (B) R Pope E DeChellis, Jr. 8:30 AM (SPC) 10:30 AM (B) B Bowe **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** J Lewis, T Biddle, B Wenger, P Pope 4:00 PM (B) 8:30 AM (SPC) J Thompson, B & V Calzola, G Foltz 10:30 AM (B) D Moeglin, B Nieschwitz, J Lawrence, D Bechere Servers 4:00 PM (B) K & L Roach 8:30 AM (SPC) B Nikishin 10:30 AM N Begue (B) Rosary 4:00 PM (B) A Bing (SPC) 8:30 AM M Kirsch 10:30 AM (B) A Begue **Cantor:** R Bazzoli January 11 & 12 Lector 4:00 PM (B) T Biddle 8:30 AM (SPC) C Sbaraglia 10:30 AM (B) M Moriarty **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** J Bing, L & J Clancy, J Moeglin 4:00 PM (B) C & F Frenz, M Burkhart, G Foltz 8:30 AM (SPC) 10:30 AM (B) D Becherer, J Lawrence, L & M Bolek Servers 4:00 PM (B) K & G Bing 8:30 AM (SPC) B Nikishin 10:30 AM (B) N Begue Rosary 4:00 PM (B) A Bing (SPC) M Kirsch 8:30 AM 10:30 AM D Kaminski (B) **Cantor:** J GraySmith

Votive Candles

Candles are available in front of the Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in both churches. The candles are \$3.00 each. If you do not have cash for the collection box, you may write a check (payable to the **Altar Rosary Guild**) for the entire month. The money is used to buy additional candles. Thank you.

> **Before Mass** Be thoughtful, Be silent, Be reverent, Speak with the Lord

During Mass Allow the Lord to speak to you

> After Mass Speak to one another

