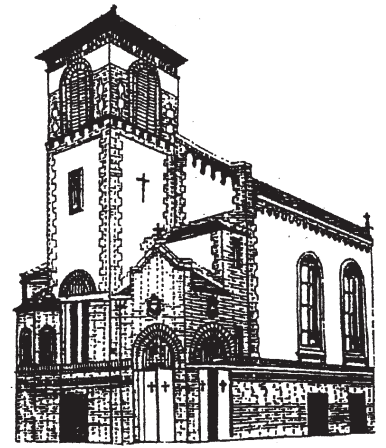




# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER-ASSUMPTION-ST. PAUL

December 27, 2015

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Church of St. Peter  
53 St. Mark's Place  
Staten Island NY 10301  
718 727-2672

Catechetical Center  
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718 447-1290

Church of the Assumption  
15 Webster Avenue  
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718 447-6362

### Served by:

Rev. Glendino Ragsag, Parochial Vicar  
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Magdalena Centeno, Religious Education Coordinator and Pastoral Associate for Hispanic Ministry  
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Mrs. Jennifer Olivera, Principal, St. Peter-St. Paul Elementary School 718 447-1796  
St Peter's Cemetery 718 442-2363

Margaret Moschetto, Pastoral Associate  
Religious Education Office 718 447-1290  
Rev. Michael W. Cichon, Pastor

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

#### CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Monday through Friday 7 a.m.  
Saturday 5 p.m.  
Saturday 6 p.m. La Misa en Espanol  
Sunday 12 Noon

#### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.  
Saturday 4 p.m.  
Sunday 10 a.m.  
Sunday 5:30 p.m. La Misa en Espanol

### CONFESSIONS

#### CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.  
Sunday 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

#### CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 9:15 to 9:45

### Holy Day Schedule

To be announced prior to each holy day

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## Saturday, December 26, 2015

- 4 p.m. Assumption Joseph Agolia
- 5 p.m. St. Peter Frederick Sorensen
- 6 p.m. St. Peter (Spanish) People of our Parish

## Sunday, December 27, 2015

- 10 a.m. Assumption Ann Marie Cotter
- 12 Noon St. Peter Rev. Marlon Lumanas
- 5:30 p.m. Assumption (Spanish) People of our Parish

## Monday, December 28, 2015

- 7 a.m. St. Peter The Eadicicco, Quaranta, Falanga and Pettus Families
- 9 a.m. Assumption John Cichon

## Tuesday, December 29, 2015

- 7 a.m. St. Peter People of our Parish
- 9 a.m. Assumption Charles Picciocco

## Wednesday, December 30, 2015

- 7 a.m. St. Peter Ellen Dorney
- 9 a.m. Assumption Rev. Raphael Lombardi

## Thursday, December 31, 2015

- 7 a.m. St. Peter Msgr. James Dorney
- 9 a.m. Assumption Frederick Ludden
- 4 p.m. Assumption People of our Parish
- 5 p.m. St. Peter People of our Parish

## Friday, January 1, 2016

- 10 a.m. Assumption People of our Parish
- 12 Noon St. Peter George Philip (Living)

## Saturday, January 2, 2016

- 4 p.m. Assumption Jennie Gianfagna
- 5 p.m. St. Peter All Interred in St. Peter's Cemetery
- 6 p.m. St. Peter (Spanish) People of our Parish

## Sunday, January 3, 2016

- 10 a.m. Assumption Paul Fultz
- 12 Noon St. Peter Faculty and Students at St. Peter's Boys High School
- 5:30 p.m. Assumption (Spanish) People of our Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY:** Janette Aguilar, James Lawlor, Juanita Santiago, Margaret Barry, Margaret Ennis, Shirley Brockmeyer, Dolores DeLuca, Judy Trancucci, Joseph Albano, John Santore, Francine Rispoli, Frank Marrano, Jake Beurkle, Msgr. Vincent Bartley, Owen Harrison, Deacon James Stahlnecker, Zack Zayachek, Joyce Young, Beatrice Perera, Kenneth Courtney, Dianne Kinsella, Carla Buonviaggio, Edward Costoso, Elba Espinosa, Baby Joey Espinosa, John Perry, Jackie Guglielmini, Ann Napolitano, Bob Kozlowski, John Ruggiero.

**Consider joining our Senior Center.** They meet every Tuesday in Cohalan Hall (St. Peter-St. Paul School, 129 Clinton Avenue) at 10 for coffee, bingo games, cards and to talk about upcoming trips.

## Catholic School Region Information

The 2016 Staten Island Catholic Elementary School Open Houses are January 12, February 2 and 23, March 8 and April 12 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, call 646 794-2885 or visit [www.buildingboldfutures.org](http://www.buildingboldfutures.org)

## New Envelopes

We have received a number of phone calls from parishioners who have not received envelopes. You should have received a packet of envelopes for December and a mailing for Christmas. If you have not received these envelopes, please call the rectory. In the meantime, if you would like to receive credit for your donation, please use a plain envelope with your name, address and phone number. Thank you for your patience during this time of transition.



**January 1st is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God and a Holyday of Obligation. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass.**

## Mass Schedule for the Holyday is:

- December 31st: 4 p.m. Assumption Church  
5 p.m. St. Peter Church
- January 1st: 10 a.m. Assumption Church  
12 Noon St. Peter Church

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# A Blessed New Year



A very blessed new year to you, your families and loved ones. May we continue to grow in wisdom and grace during this Year of Mercy.

Thank you for all your prayers, well wishes, cards, gifts and home baked goodies. We are all very grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Fr. Michael and Staff

### Do You Know?

The Christmas season BEGINS with the birth of Christ and continues until His Baptism. This year it is January 10. The Christmas tree is an evergreen to symbolize the everlasting hope Jesus brings to us.

### Sands Casino and Martin Guitar Factory

Join Deacon Joseph Rentkowski from Our Lady of Pity-St. Anthony parish for a trip to the Sands Casino and the Martin Guitar Factory on Wednesday, January 13, 2016. Price is \$50 per person for 40 or more passengers.

#### Trip Includes:

- 5 hour stay at the Sands Casino
- Martin Guitar Factory & Museum
- Casino Bonus of \$30 slot play & \$5 food credit (bonus subject to change)
- Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- All tips & taxes (including bus driver).
- The outlets at Sands Bethlehem offers the hottest outlet brand names like Coach, Under Armour, Timmy Hilfiger and More!

#### Send Check to:

Deacon Joseph Rentkowski  
21 Houston Street  
Staten Island NY 10302  
For more information call him at 718 727-4567.

The Mass book for 2016 is now open. If you would like to intention a Mass either in the Church of St. Peter or the Church of the Assumption, please call the parish office to make the arrangements.

### St. Peter's Cemetery

St. Peter's Cemetery offers the purchase of future use graves. These future use graves will be limited to the graves available in Section R only (at the intersection of Tyler Avenue & Clove Road. Other sections of the cemetery will still be available for the purchase of immediate need of burial space. For individuals who prefer cremation, St. Peter's Cemetery also offers cremation niches that can hold two standard sized urns. The niches are available in St. Peter's Columbaria Garden for pre-need or immediate need. For more information, please call the cemetery office at 718 442-2363, Monday through Friday. Office hours are 8 a.m. to Noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### HOLY NAME SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING, SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd, 10AM

On Sunday, January 3rd at 10 a.m., the Parish Holy Name Society will be holding its monthly breakfast meeting in the Rectory at 53 St. Mark's Place. Men of all ages are welcome to attend. It does not matter if you are a current member or a guest or even if you have never heard of us before! The Holy Name Society is happy to have all men of the newly merged Parish join us for a hearty breakfast and to find out more about all that we can accomplish together in the name of Christ Our Savior. Again, that's Sunday, January 3rd at 10 a.m.. The monthly Holy Name Mass will follow at 12 noon at St. Peter. Please join us!

### Ladies of St. Mary

A cleaning service based out of St. Mary of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta parish, offers home or office cleaning services performed by trustworthy, qualified, responsible, hardworking members of the parish (serving the community for over 16 years). Services include deep, thorough cleaning of bathroom kitchen, floors, including dusting, vacuuming, polishing, tidying and much more, all for a reasonable price. Makes a great gift! For service or information contact Mrs. Contreras at 718 273-6934 or 718 442-3411. Also offering Adult Home care.

**Don't forget: Coffee, Cake and Fellowship every Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass at Assumption Church in the Church Hall.**

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## Food Pantries

**There is a mobile food pantry outside St. Peter Church on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. You need proof of residence to take advantage of the pantry.**

If you are in need of food, the parish food pantry is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Go to the back of 145 Clinton Avenue and someone will assist you.

**Project Hospitality** offers a meal every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Church in Assumption Hall. All are welcome.

## Everyday Stewardship

Pope Francis said in an address from 2013, "Mary, whose 'yes' opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy." What would this Jubilee Year of Mercy look like without Mary saying yes to God's plan for her? Would we even have such a year?

Mary is the Mother who lovingly brings us to God, the one who turns human yesses into miracles. Mary not only gave birth to the Son of God, she gave birth to our hope that by our own affirmative reply to God's calling in our life, that God will comfort and care for us as his own. Our Lady is then not only the Mother of God, but the Mother of Mercy, for without her, the pathway of mercy and grace does not break into our world.

We then must demonstrate our gratefulness for her answer to God by becoming vessels of God's mercy for others. Just as he turned her yes into the Incarnation, God can turn our yes into a way for others to encounter Jesus Christ. God can untangle knots in others through our generosity and compassion. He can shower mercy upon a world in such desperate need of it through our actions and gestures of love. This is what it means to be a mature disciple and to live a stewardship way of life. Mary is the Mother of God, but she is our Mother as well. What better way to give thanks to the woman who made this possible with her gesture of love than by offering that same love to the world?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about:**

- Housing for seniors and disabled persons
- Access to healthcare
- Health-related legal and financial issues
- Dementia care
- Transportation options
- Caregiver support groups
- Food and nutrition
- Volunteer opportunities

Call ArchCare

ArchCare Care Navigation Center  
855 951-CARE (TTY/TDD: 711)

Care Navigators are here for you from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY, SUNDAY JANUARY 3rd, 1PM

The Parish Holy Name Society will be hosting its second annual Christmas celebration on Sunday, January 3, 2016 after the noon Mass at St. Peter. The celebration will be held downstairs in Farrell Hall. All Parishioners and future Parishioners and friends of the Parish are welcome! Food and beverage will be served until 3:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you and your family members on January 3rd.

## Separated & Divorced Support Group

This Support Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of each month. The next meeting will be on Friday, Jan. 8th at 7:30 p.m. at 145 Clinton Avenue. Please call 718 447-6362 should you wish to join the group. The facilitator will return your call.

## Readings for the Week of December 27, 2015

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/  
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12