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Christ is Risen! May the joy and hope of the Resurrection fill your heart today and always. We're so glad you're here to celebrate with us!

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4PM

SUNDAY 9AM & 11AM

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

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3rd Sunday of Easter ✝ May 4th, 2025

Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here! We exist to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ; make disciples of all nations. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

TODAYS READINGS

1st Reading: Acts 5:25-32, 40-41
2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel: John 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, May 7

10:00AM Intentions Ericka Stephens

Thursday, May 8

at Lakeland 10AM + Fr. Wayne

at Belvedere 11AM Intentions of John Haines

Friday, May 9

12:10PM +Phyllis Ertel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 10

4:00PM + Ron Watson & Judith McGibbon

Sunday, May 11

9:00AM In Thanksgiving for Manfred von Vulte

11:00AM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

**OFFER THE GIFT OF THE MASS**

To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

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50 DAYS OF JOY

The seven weeks from Easter to Pentecost are celebrated as one great Feast Day. St. Athanasius called them “the great Sunday”. During these 50 days of rejoicing Christians sing the “Alleluia” with gusto and enthusiasm. White or gold vestments are worn by priests and deacons and the sanctuary is sumptuously decorated.

FLAME OF FAITH

The Paschal or Easter Candle is the most important symbol of the Resurrection. It's lighted at the Solemn Easter Vigil and then stands next to the ambo throughout the entire fifty days of the Easter Season. The newly baptized are welcomed into the Church by its light and it speaks of eternal life at every Funeral Mass.

HOLY WATER AT THE DOOR

At the doors of every Catholic Church you will find a Holy Water Font. We dip our fingers into the water and make the Sign of the Cross whenever we enter or leave the church. This simple gesture reminds us that Baptism is the gateway to life in Christ and membership in the Church.

PRAYER PARTNER WEEKEND

This weekend we invite our parish family to pray for the children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion in June. As they get ready to welcome Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time, may they grow in faith, wonder, and love for the Lord. Let us surround them with our prayers and encouragement during this special time in their journey with Christ.

MAY IS FOR MARY

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We honour her as the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and as the first of his Disciples. We also acknowledge Mary as the Mother of the Church and our mother too!

PARISH ROSARY CHALLENGE: Pray one rosary a day, for the month of May!

This challenge is open to individuals and families too. Keep track, and when you visit the Church, you can indicate the number of rosaries prayed using our ‘rosary tracker’ near the Statue of Mary in the Sanctuary. **Last year we prayed 1,513 rosaries!!**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS

Will be celebrated this Wednesday at 10AM at the Church. All are welcome!

CONCLAVE TO ELECT THE NEXT POPE

Starting May 7th, the College of Cardinals will gather in Rome to elect the next Successor of St. Peter. As a parish community, let's unite in prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the Cardinals begin this sacred process. Pray that God may bless us with a holy and wise leader:

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

St. Peter the Apostle Parish is proud to support Hope Pregnancy Support Centre in Parry Sound! Starting next weekend, Mother's Day, take home a baby bottle and fill it with coins, cash, or a cheque. Return it by Father's Day. Your gift helps local women, men, and families receive care during pregnancy and beyond. You can also give online or by EFT. For more info, visit: parrysoundhope.com. Fill a bottle... change a life!

HOSPITAL VISITATION

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick is the healing touch of Jesus. We encourage parishioners to ask for this blessing before entering the hospital for surgery or other medical procedures. In case of emergency, a Catholic priest is always on call. Place a request at the Nursing Station and they will contact a priest for you.

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The Easter Season

The Easter season is a time for rejoicing. Jesus has shattered the bonds of death through his Resurrection. We celebrate His victory because it is our victory as well. He didn't just destroy the bonds of death for himself but for all of us. And to show us the way to everlasting life. Alleluia!

**Thank you • Miigwech • Merci • Obrigado •
Danke • Tak • Mahalo • Toda • Salamat**

The Holy Week and Easter liturgies were truly beautiful, and we are filled with gratitude for all who helped bring them to life. A sincere thank you to our altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and those who took part in the foot-washing ritual. We are also deeply grateful to our music ministry, decorators, cleaners, and all who worked behind the scenes. Special thanks to our greeters and hosts, whose warmth and hospitality helped create a welcoming environment for all. To everyone who contributed in any way to these sacred celebrations, thank you. We give thanks to God for each of you and for your generous service to St. Peter the Apostle. May the joy of the Risen Lord remain with you always!