

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat. Aug 22 Vigil of the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. + Silvano (Frank) D’Altoe
From his loving family.

Sun. Aug 23 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. For all parishioners.

Mon. Aug 24 Ferial weekday
8:00 a.m. For the intentions of Adam
Shaughnessy from Jay and Rosemary S

Tue. Aug 25 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM

Wed. Aug 26 Ferial weekday
8:00 a.m. For Elizabeth Donald from Larry Donald.

Thu. Aug 27 Mass at Sacred Heart

Fri. Aug 28 Mass at Sacred Heart

Sat. Aug 29 Vigil of the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. For all parishioners.

Sun., Aug 30 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. For the intentions and Holiness of
Diane from the Blue Army of our Lady
of Fatima group.

Last Weekend – August 16, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	46	\$ 515
10:30 am Sunday	51	\$ 419
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	97	\$ 1,127
Fuel and Maintenance \$55		
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PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear Parishioners,

Today we have the passage of the confession of Peter and the words with which Jesus establishes him as the rock upon which He will build His Church. Jesus asks: *“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”* And *“Simon Peter said in reply, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ Jesus said to him in reply, ‘Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.’”* The confession of Jesus as the Son of God is not merely a human act; it is made possible by divine revelation (Father) and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. As St. Paul says, *“no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the holy Spirit”* 1Cor. 12:3 *“Jesus said ‘You are Peter, and upon this Peter, I will build my Church”* 1- THE CHANGE OF NAME: Jesus changes his name

from Simon to Peter (it was a new name). In the Bible, when God gives a new name, that name is connected with a new identity and a mission. The new name Peter (rock) means solidity and stability to ‘the building’ *“I will build my Church”* As when Jesus says *“a wise man who built his house on rock the rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew, and buffeted the house* (temptations, trials, persecutions, adversities...) *but it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock”* and this rock was put by Christ. 2- THE POSSESSIVE ADJECTIVE *“my Church”* Jesus didn’t say ‘a church’ or ‘one church’, but *“my Church”* indicating his church. THREE METAPHORS: 1- *“the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it”* THE GATES = STRENGTH. In ancient literature, the gates of the city, symbolized all the strength of the city, because over there they joined all the forced they had (cities were attacked through the gates) Jesus promises to His Church such stability that none of the power of the Devil would prevail against it. 2- *“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven”* THE KEYS = AUTHORITY. In old times, there was a man, selected by the king, to open and close the huge gates of the city. When he opens, all the inhabitants of the city will go out to cultivate the lands and at evening the sound of trumpet will call the people to come back to the city because he will close the gates. The one who carries the keys, has true authority over the inhabitants of that city. Jesus by giving the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Peter is communicating to him the vicar power. 3- BINDING AND LOOSING = POWER *“Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”* Whatever means the universal power given to him. Let us ask our Blessed Mother that we never depart from the Catholic Faith. Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE.

WEEKLY NEWS

Sacramental Preparation 2026–2027
The online pre-registration form for Sacramental Preparation is now available on our website! Classes begin in **October**.

- First Reconciliation & First Communion:** Saturdays
- Confirmation:** Thursdays

Visit the website to register or use the following link <https://forms.gle/ksmtC5ymu7oHYF4h9>

Congratulations to the 50/50 Winner:
The lucky number for August 9 is 0292444 & 0292358 - \$81 for the June 14th raffle.

Would you like to help in the parish?
Volunteering is a rewarding way to build community and support our parish. To get involved, simply speak directly with one of the sisters after Mass, call the parish office, or ask about ways you can share your time and talents.

DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:

Still Considering Your School Options for September?
It’s not too late to explore Wayside Academy! Located in north Peterborough, Wayside offers private classical Catholic education for students from Kindergarten through Grade 12, with small class sizes, strong academics, and a school culture rooted in the Catholic faith. Wayside is currently accepting applications for the 2026–27 school year, with limited space available in select grades. Families interested in learning more are invited to request a private tour and come see Wayside for themselves. Request a private tour at www.olwayside.ca/admissions2026

Corn Roast - St. Peter the Apostle Parry Sound
Come hungry and leave with a full heart! Join us on Friday, August 28 for St. Peter the Apostle's 2nd Annual Parish Corn Roast. Enjoy fresh corn on the cob, pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, dessert, live music, and great fellowship. Proceeds will support the capping of our stained-glass windows and the painting and repair of the church's front columns. Tickets are on sale now at the Welcome Desk after Masses and at the parish office: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. We hope to see you there!

GOSPEL Matthew 16.13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Prayer for the Diocese During the Episcopal Transition
Gracious and loving God,
You shepherd Your Church with unfailing care. In this time of transition, we place our diocese into Your hands.

We pray for Bishop Miehm as he follows Your call to serve the Diocese of London as its 11th bishop. Gracious God, we thank you for the profound gift of Bishop Miehm's ministry among us, and we pray that your Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and fill him with joy.

We pray for the selection process and discernment for our new Bishop. Send Your Holy Spirit upon Pope Leo XIV, the Apostolic Nuncio, and all entrusted with the sacred task of selecting our next shepherd. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and hearts deeply attentive to Your will.

Raise up for us a bishop after Your own heart: a servant leader who walks with humility and joy; a faithful teacher who proclaims the Gospel with boldness and clarity; a compassionate listener who unites our community in love and mercy.

May our new shepherd be a voice for justice, a comfort to the wounded, and a dedicated guide for the journey ahead. Help us, Your faithful people, to remain steadfast in hope, rooted in prayer, and open to the movement of Your grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen

Pro - life Corner Dear parishioners, you are invited to the “Pro-Life Hospital Walk” from 10-11a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Please join us in witnessing our faith and bring a friend!

