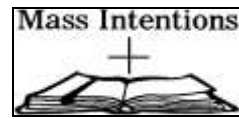




Recognizable Offering \$7,422.33
Loose Cash \$445.11
Total Weekly Offering \$7,867.44
Mass Attendance Jan 2/3 323



Jan 11– Jan 17
Monday Communion Service
Tuesday Communion Service
Wednesday Communion Service
Thursday Communion Service
Friday Communion Service
Saturday Rein Podrang(+)
Sunday Mary Valentine(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

Weekly Calendar of Events

1/10 Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class - 4:00 p.m.
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
SYMBOLON - 6:00 p.m.
1/11 Rosary - 8:30 a.m.
SYMBOLON - 9:30 a.m.
1/13 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
1/14 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
1/17 Around Town Ministry - 9:00 a.m.
No Faith Formation
No M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
For the month of December 2015
Sharing and Caring: \$430.00
Alms Dispensed: \$700.00



Catholic Days at the Capitol provides the opportunity to put your faith into action and effect positive change in Florida's laws. You can strengthen the presence of Catholic values in the public square by joining with Floridians from across the state to advocate for laws that protect and defend human life and dignity. Your participation in this event helps to give a voice to some of

the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in our state and assists in promoting the common good for all of Florida's residents.

Catholic Days activities include:

- A legislative briefing on policy issues affecting human life and dignity
- Pre-scheduled meetings with lawmakers
- A luncheon for Catholic Days participants, Florida's bishops and legislators
- Group photos of each diocesan delegation
- Tours of the current and historic capitol buildings

41st Annual Red Mass of the Holy Spirit

Scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, the Red Mass will be celebrated by the bishops of Florida on the evening of February 17 to pray for those working in the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government. Msgr. David L. Toups, S.T.D., Rector/President, St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary, Boynton Beach will serve as this year's homilist.

Pre-registration is required. Forms are available at the hospitality cart, or online at www.flaccb.org/cdac.

Make the trip. Make a Difference.

ADULT FAITH STUDY OPPORTUNITIES The *SYMBOLON* series resumes on Sunday, Jan. 10; 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., and Monday, Jan. 11; 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Classroom 4. You do NOT have to have attended the first part of the series to join this one. [Materials will be available at the class you choose to attend.](#)

A Wednesday night group is forming to study *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* beginning Jan. 20; 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., in Classroom 1 (Youth Room). [Please sign up at the hospitality cart if you are interested in this study.](#)

January 10, 2016
dear Padre
Long-distance godparenting

Q My two-year-old goddaughter's mom has taken a job in another city. I'm heartbroken. How can I be a good godparent when I'm 2,000 miles away?

There's never been a better time to be a long-distance godparent. Inexpensive mobile and data plans, email, social networking, and camera phones make keeping in touch easy.

Your goddaughter is very young, so when you can't visit in person, regular video chats are your best bet for making sure she knows who you are. Keep them short; forcing her to sit still too long will make your time together an ordeal. And don't be hurt if she'd rather be doing something else. Just say hello, tell her you love her, and let her go.

You can also send a picture of yourself to display and a box of preaddressed, stamped envelopes so her parents can send you her artwork. If they do, hold it up to the camera and admire it. And don't forget to celebrate her baptismal birthday or patron saint's feast with a card or gift

of Christian books, stickers, and other activities.

As your goddaughter gets older, you'll communicate in more sophisticated ways—phone conversations, handwritten letters, emails, texts, and whatever else has been invented by that time. But the important thing isn't how you keep in touch. It's that you keep in touch regularly and build a faith-filled relationship that will last a lifetime.

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Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family's days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God's protection through the night.

—From *Family, the Church, and the Real World*, a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

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Monday
JANUARY 11
Weekday
1 Sm 1:1–8
Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday
JANUARY 12
Weekday
1 Sm 1:9–20
Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday
JANUARY 13
Weekday
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20
Mk 1:29–39

Thursday
JANUARY 14
Weekday
1 Sm 4:1–11
Mk 1:40–45

Friday
JANUARY 15
Weekday
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a
Mk 2:1–12

Saturday
JANUARY 16
Weekday
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1a
Mk 2:13–17

Sunday
JANUARY 17
Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 62:1–5
1 Cor 12:4–11
Jn 2:1–11

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The Baptism of the Lord C (Opt.) 1
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

God's Grandeur

Whenever we glimpse the glory of God, we experience briefly the happiness for which we hope. We can see that glory in the icy sparkle of a winter's day, in the birth of a child, in the excellence of athletes, or in the beauty of the arts. The glory of God can be revealed in many ways, and it always brings joy.

We only glimpse God's glory because its fullness remains hidden. As wonderful as this world is, the promised world of eternal life will be far greater. That hidden world opens to us in slits of time, in meteoric glints of space. We see God's glory in small signs, but they suffice to alert us to the grandeur of heaven.

Isaiah prophesied that the glory of God would be revealed in the reshaping of land and the witness of people. Deserts and wastelands would become paved paths, and all people would see it together. Exiles would return and God would appear with power.

The desert of Israel's longing became eternally transformed in the splash of Jordan's waters. There the glory of God was revealed as never before, at the baptism of Jesus.

As the Christmas season draws to its close, we reflect back on its joy. In the shimmering glow of a celebration that pushes back the enveloping darkness of nature's winter, we glimpse the glory of God.

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The Baptism of the Lord C (Opt.) 2
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

The Bath of Rebirth

The baptism of Jesus was not the same as our baptism is. Our baptism incorporates us into the Body of Christ and forgives our sin. It would not make sense for Jesus to have that kind of baptism.

Instead, his baptism began his career as a preacher and miracle-worker, and it provided an opportunity for God to reveal that this was the beloved Son. Just as the magi discovered when they visited Jesus as an infant, and just as the wedding guests at Cana discovered when Jesus turned water into wine, so the baptism of Jesus announced to those gathered that the Messiah had come.

The baptism of Jesus differed from ours, but it certainly inspired ours. At the end of his life Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize all nations. So we begin our ministry in Christ with the sign that began his.

Paul's Letter to Titus recalls this connection. "God saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior." Our baptism—the "bath of rebirth"—brought us renewal by the Holy Spirit.

As we conclude the church's celebration of Christmas and return to work, to school, and to life as usual, we enter the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. But life is never ordinary for those who are led by the Holy Spirit, our gift at baptism.

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The Mail-out Campaign for Shelter House will be on Wednesday, January 14th from 9 a.m. until completed, in the parish center. There will be 3,800 pieces of mail to stuff and label. This is an easy sit down job. Please consider coming for an hour or making it a day. Depending on the number of hands, it usually takes 5 – 6 hours to get the job done.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Jan 16/17

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray

Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Michael Klickovich, Shareen Ketchem, Ron Berthelette, Patty Shawbitz

Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Rachel Metruck, Joni Flanagan, Mickey Shawbitz

Greeter: Paul Gagnon III

Sacristan: Joe Davison

Elijah Cup: Paul Gagnon II

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Alina Schorzman

Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, Paul & Susan Johansen, Kathy & Bobby Stockbridge

Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Paul Landry

Ushers: Gary Jordan, Arnold Soto, James Johansen, Cathy McKnight

Greeter: Alma Battaglio

Sacristan: Stan Griggs

Elijah Cup: Lynn Griggs

Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette, Maria Bridges

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Devony Ross, Killian Casey, Kadi Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: Stacy Fralic, Elaine Tennyson, Penny Sweeney, Barbara Russo, Pam Wall

Lectors: Warren Cabral, Ana Fails

Ushers: Patrick Sweeney, Mike Sweeney, Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter

Greeter: John Fails

Sacristan: Petey Brennan

Elijah Cup: Barbara Russo

Coffee & Donuts: Karen Clayton, Tom Blossman

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:

Monday Johanna Adam*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Jon and Julie Bourg

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James Smith*, Steve Powell*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler* Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

Jubilant Mass Invitation An anniversary Jubilee celebration will be held in Pensacola on Sunday February 7th at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and in Tallahassee on Sunday February 14th at 11:45 a.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More.

Couples who are celebrating marriage of exactly 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years or any year over 50 in 2016 are invited to register to attend.

Registration is available through the diocesan website, under "Event Registration". Please note that the anniversary occurs anytime in 2016.

Bishop Parkes will be the principal celebrant at these liturgies.

The Holy Trinity is one of those mysteries of our faith which is almost impossible for us to perceive and comprehend. Yet it is presented to us in today's Gospel all at once: The Son, Jesus, is baptized; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God proclaims, "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#253) states, "The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the 'consubstantial Trinity.' The divine persons do not share one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire." Each time we make the Sign of the Cross we reinforce our belief in the Trinity, and each time we make that sign we should think of the beauty of that concept. "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit... now and forever."

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord and an appreciation of the Holy Trinity, we need to supplement that with our appreciation of two facets of our faith — prayer and liturgy. St. Therese of Lisieux called prayer "a surge of the heart." Stewardship, of course, involves a conversion of the heart. Each of must strive for that conversion, and it is most easily accomplished through prayer and liturgy.



Living God's Word

We pray as Jesus prayed that we might hear the voice of the Father, a voice that speaks of God's love for us. We ask that we might allow that Spirit, God's holy breath that came upon us at our own baptism, to move us out into the world in service to those most in need whom God has set before us.

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This January 22nd marks the anniversary of the infamous 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, which legalized abortion throughout pregnancy. Forty-three years later, over 57 million children's lives have been ended, and their parents, grandparents, siblings and many others suffer in the aftermath.



Of course, the unborn are not the only ones whose lives we should petition God to protect. We should pray regularly for the hungry, those without shelter, persons with disabilities, and all who are vulnerable. As bills legalizing doctor-assisted suicide are being introduced in a growing number of states, we should also pray that all those nearing the end of their lives may receive care that respects the sanctity of their lives. The Church recognizes and joyfully proclaims that each person's life has value—from conception to natural death.

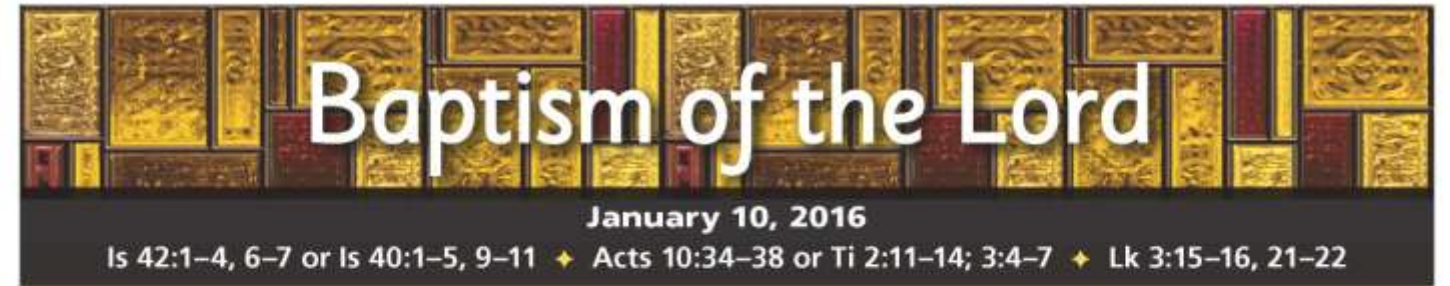
It is with these intentions for the respect and protection of human life in mind that the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops invites all Catholics to make a 9 day digital pilgrimage. "9 Days for Life" will take place January 16-24 (the nine days surrounding the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*). To participate, visit www.9daysforlife.com and sign up for daily alerts (accessible via email, text message, or an app) or download and print the novena.

AROUND TOWN MINISTRY MEETING

Sunday, January 17th in the parish center from 9 – 10 a.m.

RSVP to Joni, 830-2875, flanaganj@stpeter.ptdiocese.org or sign-up at the hospitality cart

Help yourself to a donut and coffee and join with your ministry members as we plan for community outreach events from January through May. We will meet in the classroom next to the kitchen. If you are not currently involved in this ministry and would like to attend to find out more information, you are welcome to come.



When we were growing up, my siblings and I would often ask our grandmother to tell us stories about our mother when she was young. We liked listening to our mother tell those same stories from her perspective. The stories varied in some details, but it always felt like a veil was lifted on the past and we had some sense of where we came from along with some insight about our mother's personality.

She, of course, did the same thing for my daughters, making them giggle at the story of my getting into her perfume bottle when I was three. Such stories connect us with the people we know. Old friends trade stories of shared experiences; young companions learn about the world from the stories of their elders and even from the stories their friends tell them about their lives.

In Acts, Peter appeals to his listeners by telling the story they know so well. He even appeals to their shared experience as he says, "You know..." (v. 36). Stories connect us to one another and open the door to understanding each other a little more and a little better. In his story, Peter marks the baptism of Jesus as the beginning of his ministry. Our story in the Christian community begins with baptism as well. Peter records that Jesus went on "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him" (v. 38). What would the story of our lives after baptism tell people about us? Would someone like Peter tell people that we went about doing good and loving God and neighbor?

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A Word From Pope Francis

"And from that day forward up until today, this has been an uninterrupted chain: they baptized their children, and their children their own, and those children... Such is the chain of faith!"

Homily on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2015



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