



Recognizable Offering..... \$4,702.00
Loose Cash\$615.00
Total Weekly Offering.....\$5,317.00
Mass Attendance Sept 17/18 288



Sept 26 - Oct 2
MondayCraig Wilusz(liv)
TuesdayDoris Dufrene(+)
ThursdayPeggy Pilgrim(+)
FridayMyrtle Banks(+)
SaturdayThomas Bevan(+)
SundayThomas Mueller(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



The 40 Days for Life Pensacola invites you to attend a Candlelight Vigil at 6115 Village Oaks Drive, just off Davis Highway behind the Hobby Lobby in Pensacola. The vigil will be held on Tuesday, October 4 from 7:30 to 8:15 PM and will be led by Bishop Parkes. If you attend, please park in the Hobby Lobby parking lot. The vigil is part of the larger 40 Days for Life emphasis, which runs from September 28 through November 6. Its purpose is to ask God to make abortion unavailable, unnecessary, and unthinkable in northwest Florida.



Parents: We invite you to attend Adult Faith Formation from 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings in Classroom #1 of the Pastoral Life Center. Come join our current study, “Beloved”--a marriage enrichment series. Childcare is available in the nursery with RSVP. Please call Susie for more details at 581-7263.

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

Where stewardship is implemented, it changes the lives of both givers and receivers. This weekend you received a stewardship renewal packet after Mass asking you to renew and deepen your annual commitment of time, talent and treasure. There are forms for every member of the family 8 years and older. Early this week you will also receive a letter from Bishop Parkes about the importance of intentional ongoing discernment supported by prayer. Take some time in prayer to discern your use of what God has given you for the furtherance of His kingdom. Please return completed forms to the Hospitality cart on Commitment Weekend, October 1-2.

Weekly Calendar of Events

9/25 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
“Beloved” - 9:15 a.m.
Parish Appreciation Picnic - 4:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes - 4:30 p.m.
HS/MS - 6:00 p.m.
9/26 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
9/27 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
9/28 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
“Happiness” - 6:30 p.m.
10/2 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
“Beloved” - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Classes - 4:30 p.m.
HS/MS - 6:00 p.m.

COATS FOR KIDS

Beginning this weekend, the St. Peter Knights of Columbus will sponsor the collection of coats and jackets for area youth in need. We will be collecting new or nearly new coats for school-aged children until Oct 31. We would like to get the coats delivered to the children before the temperatures drop. Please place coats in the box by the Hospitality cart or in the Parish Center. The coats will be donated to Santa Rosa Kids House and Eleanor Johnson Youth Center. If desired, please make checks payable to "K of C Council 8910".



The Confirmation program has begun. Classes will be held on Sundays from 4:30-6pm in the Youth Room. Call Susie for questions at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Oct. 1/2
Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III
Extraordinary Ministers: Alice Thompson, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault, Joanna Farnum, Carrie Gagnon
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Ruth Sykes
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Heather Metruck, Joni Flanagan
Greeter: Pat Gossage
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Al Perreault

8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, Audrey Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Nancy McCreary, Eden Carter, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen
Lectors: Patty Dornitz, Cindy Day
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Arnold Soto, Cathy McKnight
Greeter: Deidre Henderson
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Eden Carter
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette

10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion
Extraordinary Ministers: Joseph Rushlau, Susie Rushlau, Mike Brennan, Petey Brennan, Kathleen Garcia
Lectors: Warren Cabral, John Fay
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Ray Schlitt, Jim Wise
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Therese Sweeney
Elijah Cup: Jim and Mery Wise
Coffee & Donuts: Micayla Colwell, Katherine Colwell

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, 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, Margie Wadsworth*

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz

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

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

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*, Ann Crouch*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Dan Brenton*, Rick and Maria Beard

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga*, Bonita Long

*Indicates our parishioners.



RCIA

Do you know anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, please ask them to contact Fr. Paul this week if they already have note done so at 850-581-2556 or at pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

We will begin meeting on Monday, October 3rd, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Living God's Word

Jesus became poor so that we might be rich in the grace and wisdom of the Lord. We can pray and meditate on the responsorial psalm for **this week: “Blessed is he who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free” (Psalm 146:7)** Copyright © 2012, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



CARING FOR OUR LITTLE ONES

Are you interested in serving in the nursery during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass? If you would like to help, especially if you are a parent of a child who would be using the nursery, please contact Susie Rushlau, at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

Guidelines for serving in this ministry require fingerprinting (cost assumed by the parish) and the completion of an online safe environment course.

Ordinary Time

September 25, 2016 ♦ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Am 6:1a, 4-7 ♦ 1 Tm 6:11-16 ♦ Lk 16:19-31

How do we best love God and one another? A student, wanting to become more like Christ in welcoming all people, decided that he would greet every one of his fraternity brothers every week and ask how they were and that he would say hello to the man who sat in front of the drugstore in town begging for change and invite him to lunch. In May, when it came time to see how he did, the student had indeed talked to his fraternity brothers every week and greeted the beggar, but he never did invite him to lunch. "I just couldn't do it," he said. "I was a little afraid of what it would mean. Would

I be responsible to help him again?" We talked about it a little, and I invited him to put that question to God in prayer.

I'm not sure any of us have an easy answer to what it means to look someone in the face and invite him to share a meal. And I daresay not many of us would do what that student set out to do. But

St. Paul urges us to "pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). That's a lifetime's work and possible only with the grace of God. Surely, as we grow in those virtues, we will come to see all people as worthy of our time and care without worrying about what might happen in the future. It may not be practical and it certainly won't be easy. But the demands of God's love compel us to try. And if we do so, we might not share the fate of the rich man in Luke's Gospel who learned too late how best to love.

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A Word From Pope Francis
"We would do well to ask ourselves: Where do I place my trust? Have I placed it in the Lord or am I a pagan who trusts in things, in idols that I have fashioned?"
— "The nameless man,"
Morning Meditation, March 20, 2014

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Monday
SEPTEMBER 26
Weekday
Jb 1:6-22
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Jb 3:1-3,
11-17, 20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 28
Weekday
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Rv 12:7-12a
Jn 1:47-51

Friday
SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
OCTOBER 1
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
OCTOBER 2
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-10

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Dear Padre

Do we have to tithe?

Do Catholics believe in tithing? Aren't we supposed to be charitable and support the Church?

The word "tithing" is not used very much in Catholic communities. We usually prefer to talk about stewardship or charitable donations. In Old Testament Law, God asked for ten percent of crops, livestock, or other earnings to be offered to God before we use the other ninety percent on ourselves. That portion was usually offered to the Temple priests or later in the synagogues. God wanted the people to support the religious workers and to show that their first priority is God. Some churches still preach that a literal ten percent is expected from Christians today.

In looking at Jesus, it appears that he expects even more. He tells the rich man to sell all that he has and to give it to the poor (Matthew 19:16-22). He also praises the widow who put "her whole livelihood" into the collection (Mark 12:44; Luke 21:4). The early Church held all of their belongings in common (Acts 4:32-35). The Christian standard is that we belong to Christ, and so does everything we own. Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace poverty, but he commands all of us to share our gifts freely and to love people more than money. We are called to be generous to the Church, to our families and communities, and especially to the needy. Generosity doesn't count percentages.

FR. MATTHEW BÖNK, CSSR sundaybulletin@liguori.org

The proper use of material goods by individuals or the state has implications for what the Church calls the preferential option for the poor. The poor are those least able to care for themselves materially and should be shown special preference as a matter of justice.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White (826450)

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