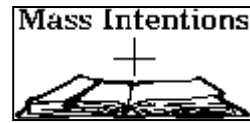




Recognizable Offering..... \$6,263.96
Loose Cash \$532.00
Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,795.96
Mass Attendance Jan 14/15 343



Jan 23-29
MondayDorothy Norwicki(+)
TuesdayVerna Demoruelle(+)
ThursdayAl Landry(liv)
FridayDcn. David P. Robinson(liv)
SaturdayBill Hellkamp(+)
**Sunday.....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
.....Dcn. David and Judy Robinson(liv)(10:30 a.m.)**

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 1/22 K - 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
"Symbolon" - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Class - 4:30 p.m.
MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 1/23 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
R.C.I.A - 6:30 p.m.
- 1/24 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 1/25 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 1/29 K - 5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
"Symbolon" - 9:15 a.m.
5th Sunday Rosary - After 10:30 a.m. Mass



NURSERY HELP WANTED!!!

Our parish is currently in need of more help in the nursery. This is a very important ministry that allows those with young children to participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist. Adults are required to undergo background screening and safe environment training and there is a stipend paid for your services. If you enjoy little ones and are willing to share your talents in this way, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

STRONG SUPPORT

The first blood drive of 2017 was a bit chilly but we still had a strong showing from the parish. They collected 15 units and extend their appreciation to the parish for supporting the community through this blood drive. The Knights of Columbus had an overwhelming response to the pancake breakfast with no leftovers to put away. Mark your calendars now for the next blood drive and pancake breakfast, 3/5/17!



Young Adult Ministry: Dinner & Dialogue

Young Adults (18-35+) you are invited to join us for dinner and good conversation on Thursday, January 26th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. It will be hosted by Andrea & Matt Barry at their home in Mary Esther. Please contact Andrea at andrea.wise88@gmail.com or Susie at (850) 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org for details and the address.



Fifth Sunday Rosary

The Knights of Columbus are planning to hold a Fifth Sunday Rosary on Sunday, January 29 immediately after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If the weather is good they plan to pray it out by the Mary statue; if the weather is not good they will pray it inside the church.



In the spirit of brotherly love the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Valentines Spaghetti/Pasta Luncheon for our parishioners on Sunday, February 12, 2017 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It will be a great opportunity for all to show how very much the love and fellowship of our parishioners means to each other.

A sign-up sheet will be available after all masses next weekend, and the first weekend in February, so they have an idea how much food to prepare. There is no cost, but love offerings are always accepted.



Calendar

- Monday**
January 23
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 9:15, 24-28
Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday**
January 24
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday**
January 25
The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:5-16 or Acts 9:1-22
Mk 16:15-18
- Thursday**
January 26
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
Mk 4:21-25
- Friday**
January 27
Weekday
Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday**
January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday**
January 29
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 5:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12a

Dear Padre,

1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "God...will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out..." My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn't "able to bear it." Please help me to understand.

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother's eternal rest.

We can't be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don't know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering.

When we recall Jesus' lament from the cross—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother's trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It's important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God's merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.



Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"To evangelize...it is necessary to open ourselves once again to the horizon of God's Spirit, without being afraid of what he asks us or of where he leads us."

—General audience, May 22, 2013





January 22, 2017
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Is 8:23—9:3
 1 Cor 1:10—13, 17
 Mt 4:12—23 or 4:12—17

Piece: *The Calling of the First Apostles*, circa 1481–83
 Artist: Domenico Ghirlandaio
 Location: Sistine Chapel



His First Followers

We began the Church year with the foundations of our Christian life. We focused on our baptismal call to preach the word of God. Now we focus on the call of the first apostles.

Today's painting is again from the Sistine Chapel, where Ghirlandaio based this scene on today's Gospel. The Sea of Galilee spreads out behind Jesus, who is once again front and center. Several towns line the shore and remind us of Capernaum, where Jesus lived and near where he called his first followers.

Two apostles kneel in front of Jesus; another pair stand behind him. Their gestures and postures reveal their interior attitudes. One apostle crosses his arms in acceptance while another prayerfully looks up at

Jesus. The third apostle, behind Jesus, has his hand at his chest as if to say, "Are you sure you want me?" The fourth seems to look away. Many others surround Jesus, but not all of them are called to be apostles.

The call of Jesus is real. He may not ask us to leave

behind our business or family, but he does ask for the same totality of trust and following. The result of fully saying "yes" to this call is what the first reading proclaims: "You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing; They rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest..." (Isaiah 9:2). The "joy of the

gospel" that Pope Francis proclaimed in his 2013 apostolic exhortation is exactly this: that joy that comes from a sincere and generous "yes" to Jesus' call to be a disciple.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Jesus asks us to leave all and put him first. How can I do that better this week?

"At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:20).

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Jan 28/29

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray

Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Ken Olson, Joanna Farnum, Carrie Gagnon, Patty Shawbitz

Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, _____

Ushers: Heather Metruck, Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz

Greeter: Lynn Brenton

Sacristan: Dan Brenton

Elijah Cup: Shareen and Fred Ketchem

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Emily Moore, Audrey Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Stockbridge, Susan Johansen, Paul Johansen, Nancy McCreary, James Johansen

Lectors: Susi Evers, Paul Landry

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Eden Carter

Greeter: Deidre Henderson

Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge

Elijah Cup: Stan and Lynn Griggs

Coffee & Donuts: Richard Kalie

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Joseph Sweeney, Micayla Colwell

Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco, Pam Wall, Penny Sweeney

Lectors: Warren Cabral, John Fay

Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott, Jim Wise

Greeter: Terri Turnbull

Sacristan: Bill Roth

Elijah Cup: Jim and Mery Wise

Coffee & Donuts: Karen Clayton, Tom Blossman

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*, Al Landry

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Barbara Kirschten*

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 Zern*, Faith and Hope Powell

Sunday Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga*, Bonita Long, Kimberly Arnold and unborn twins

*Indicates our parishioners.



The prophet Isaiah again records a remarkable prophecy in our First Reading from the **Book of Isaiah**. Within the context of that Scriptural reading Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Just prior to that Isaiah speaks of two areas of Israel that are also the names of two of the twelve tribes of Israel — Zebulon and Naphtali. These tribes were located at the northern end of Israel adjacent to the Sea of Galilee. When the Assyrians invaded and occupied Israel, it was the northern tribes like Zebulon and Naphtali that suffered the most. It was they on whom the greatest gloom and darkness descended. However, the prophecy speaks of the coming of the Messiah, the birth of Jesus, the **Light of the World**. Thus, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Christ is still the light of the world, and He still provides this light and hope to those of us who may feel like we are in darkness and distress. We must embrace Him nonetheless and follow His way by becoming His disciple. If we do that, our lives will indeed be filled with

light and great rejoicing. It is up to us to respond. In John 8:12, the Lord tells us, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in dark, but will have the light of life."

Outstanding Participation

This is the second year that the Knights of Columbus Council 8910 has sponsored a **“Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest** for the St. Peter youth, and over 20 children participated. We were impressed by how well even the youngest participants were able to display the true meaning of Christmas in the posters.



K-1



2ND



3RD



4TH & 5TH

The Council presented cash awards to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for 5-7 and 8-10 year old age groups.

5-7



1st
Kiera Ross

8-10



1st
Zach Smith



2nd
Sophia Russo



2nd
Alina Schorzman



3rd
Rhyan
Schorzman



3rd
Alex Ayala



Of those, two (one in each age group) were selected to represent area councils at the state-level