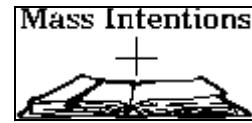




Recognizable Offering..... \$8,379.39  
Loose Cash ..... \$447.00  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,826.39  
Mass Attendance Mar 11/12 327



Mar 20- Mar 26  
Monday .....Coleen Davison(+)  
Wednesday.....Rein Podrang(+)  
Thursday .....Mary Griewisch(+)  
Friday .....Daniel Murray(+)  
Saturday .....Susan Erwin(+)  
**Sunday.....Melinda Spearnan(+)(8:00 a.m.)**  
**.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



Christopher West with musician Mike Mangione present: *LIFE, LOVE and MERCY, What If Our Desires Are More Important Than We Thought*, at St. Dominic in Panama City, Friday, March 24th, 7:00 -

9:00 p.m. The event is for ages 15 and older, childcare will be provided. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at [www.saintdomincpc.com/events](http://www.saintdomincpc.com/events).

### Adoration with Praise & Worship

@ St. Peter Catholic Church on March 26, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. hosted by St. Peter Catholic Youth. *ALL are welcome.*



Youth (grades 6-12) will meet as usual for dinner in the Parish Center at 6:00 p.m.  
Young Adults (ages 18-35+) will have a separate meet & greet dinner from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. in the Pastoral Center.

Childcare is available for our young families on an "as needed" basis but you must contact us to reserve a spot.

Call Susie Rushlau for more information at 581-7263.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

- 3/19 **"Spring Break" No Religious Ed Meetings**  
Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m.
- 3/21 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 3/22 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
Confessions - 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- 3/24 Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m.  
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- 3/26 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
**Adult Faith Formation "Symbolon"** - 9:15 a.m.  
Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m.  
HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



### ENCOUNTER OPPORTUNITY

We encounter Fernando in El Salvador where, despite a lack of economic opportunity, youth are pursuing their dreams of building businesses to better the lives of their families. How have you worked to better the lives of others this Lent? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

### Lenten Fish Fry & Stations of the Cross Friday, March 24th

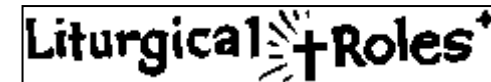
Join us in fellowship at 6:00 p.m. for our second parish fish fry of the season. Fish, hush puppies and drinks will be provided by the parish. Please bring a meatless side dish to share or a dessert.

RSVP before March 21st through Flocknote, call the office, or at the Hospitality cart so we know how many are coming.

**Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

### The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC)

Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, **support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad.** Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can use an envelope in the pew. If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a onetime gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer.



Weekend of Mar 25/26

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joyce Klickovich, Michael Klickovich, Ken Olson, Joanna Farnum, Anni Labatte  
Lectors: George Rushlau, Jan Comstock  
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Bob Flanagan, Dan Brenton  
Greeter: Joni Flanagan  
Sacristan: Doug Hoover  
Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jack Risher, Savannah Risher  
Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Kathy Stockbridge, Patsy Soto, Susan Johansen, Nancy McCreary  
Lectors: Susi Evers, Paul Landry  
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Frank Schorzman, Kathy Cauley  
Greeter: Cathy McKnight  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Paul and Susan Johansen  
Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Austin Wise, Micayla Colwell  
Extraordinary Ministers: Alicia Grecco, Joseph Rushlau, Susie Rushlau, Becky Bittakis, Rick Grecco  
Lectors: Ana Livoti, John Fay  
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Jim Wise, Donna Fetter  
Greeter: John Fails  
Sacristan: Bill Roth  
Elijah Cup: Rick and Alicia Grecco  
Coffee & Donuts: Kathy Moore, Stacie Schorzman

### Easter Egg Hunt

Bring your Easter basket and join us for fun, food and fellowship to celebrate the good news!

Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass

We are asking for a dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy or small toy be donated per child participating in the hunt. If you would like to donate extra eggs so that we can accommodate children visiting our parish on Easter Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off by Thursday, April 14th (so that we can plan for enough goodies and activities for everyone). Eggs can be dropped off at the Hospitality Cart or the Parish Office. Please specify on the bag what age group the eggs are appropriate for. (1-3, 4-6, 7 and up)



Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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\*, Tori Roth, Pam Stockbridge, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte

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, Deacon Dave Robinson

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.

### Yard Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be having a yard sale on Saturday, April 29, 2017. They will be available to collect items for their sale every weekend after all the Masses. You may also contact John Clark: 850-621-6224, Mike Brennan: 850-217-7134 or Eric Van Dorn: 850-939-9830, to make arrangements for larger scale donation pick-ups.

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**CATHOLIC DAYS AT THE CAPITOL**

APRIL 4-5, 2017 • ALL DAY



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**March 19, 2017**  
*Third Sunday of Lent (A)*  
Ex 17:3-7  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8  
Jn 4:5-42

## Evil Exchanged for Good

There is a detail in today's first reading that you shouldn't miss. After hearing Moses and his people complain, God stands in front of Moses on the rock and asks Moses to strike toward him. God knows the Israelites' anger directed at Moses is really meant for God himself. God takes the blow and responds with flowing water. He accepts violent rejection and grants us life in return. He exchanges evil for good.

God had already guaranteed the Promised Land, but the Israelites feared to enter it. God had done many miracles for them already, yet they still didn't trust him. In spite of it all, God understands they strike out of their own dissatisfaction, fear, and interior slavery. In the same way, Jesus knows we will strike out at him, yet he responds with love. Nowhere is this truer than on the cross. Christ allows the soldiers to strike, crown, and kill him, saying,

"Father, forgive them..." He is whipped and made to carry a cross, yet he consoles the women of Jerusalem. When his side is pierced, living water flows.

When we complain against God, he offers us mercy and salvation. Rather than blame, assault, or reject, let us do as the penitential act calls—strike our own breast and cry, "I have greatly sinned...Have mercy..." God will respond as he always does, by pouring forth the water of his Spirit which never runs dry into our hearts.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Scenes From the Life of Moses: The Miracle of the Water Struck From the Rock*, 1519  
Artist: Raphael Sanzio  
Location: Loggia, Apostolic Palace, Vatican City



### For Reflection

What are my usual complaints against God?  
What responses of mercy does God show me?

*"The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).*

## Calendar

**Monday**  
March 20  
St. Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:15, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

**Tuesday**  
March 21  
Lenten Weekday  
Dn 5:25, 54-45  
Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday**  
March 22  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday**  
March 23  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-25

**Friday**  
March 24  
Lenten Weekday  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday**  
March 25  
Annunciation  
of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday**  
March 26  
Fourth Sunday  
of Lent  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-15a  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41

# Dear Padre,

Sometimes a priest at Mass skips (or forgets) the blessing after the *Confiteor*: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." I learned this prayer is important because it prepares us to receive the Eucharist. Is that correct?

The penitential act at Mass concludes with the priest's absolution, but it "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (*GIRM* 51). In *The Tridentine Missal*, the *Confiteor* was followed by a version of the formula in use today and a second formula: "May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of all our sins." This second, quasi-absolution is omitted in the current rite, along with the sign of the cross that accompanied it.

Jesus told Simon and his companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man" (Luke 5:8). Often, when entering God's presence, we are so filled with awe that we become aware of our own sinfulness. Yet our primary purpose in gathering for worship is not to acknowledge our sins but to acknowledge God's mercy.

Thus, the penitential act exists to unite the faithful as a community and to prepare them to listen to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist (*GIRM* 46).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



### A Word From Pope Francis

*"To stick to the way of evil will only leave one deluded and sad. True life is something entirely different...[God] is always ready to listen....All one needs to do is accept the invitation to conversion and submit oneself to justice."*

—*Misericordiae Vultus*



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