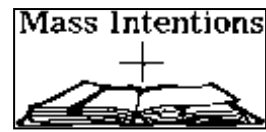




Recognizable Offering..... \$6,635.70
 Loose Cash.....\$601.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$7,236.70
Peter's Pence Contributions \$1,098.00
 Mass Attendance June 24/25 337



July 3 - July 9
 MondayReligious Freedom
 Wednesday.....Deployed Military
 ThursdayAntonio Cavallucci(+)
 FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
 SaturdaySusan Erwin(+)
 SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
Carolyn Lynch(+)(10:30 a.m.)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, July 6th, beginning with Exposition immediately after morning mass and ending with Benediction at 8:00 p.m. Come spend some prayer **time listening to God's voice leading you** on the path that will bring you to Him and His eternal joy and happiness.



Victims of Abuse

The Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee is committed to healing the hurting hearts of sexual abuse victims and has established Victim Assistance Coordinators, experienced and trained counselors available to help persons who have been sexually abused.
 Victim Assistance Coordinator: Pensacola/Fort Walton Beach area: Dr. Louis Makarowski, PhD, P.A. 850-477-7181
 Coordinador para Asistencia a Víctimas (*Déjanos ayudarte a encontrar la sanación*)
 Deacon Santiago Molina Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee (850) 627-2350
 Diocesan Abuse Hotline(850) 435-3536

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 7/3 Rosary after morning Mass
Office - CLOSED
- 7/4 4th of July - Office - CLOSED
- 7/5 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 7/6 Rosary after morning Mass
Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to all those who donated blood this past weekend and to the KoC for supporting these drives by cooking their wonderful breakfasts to sustain our donors. This time OneBlood collected 14 units, which can provide lifesaving services for up to three people each. The next drive is August 20th.



We are pleased to be able to offer a Special Needs faith formation class this coming year. We would like your help to identify if a need exists in our parish. If you have a child or know a child in St. Peter Parish who would benefit from this opportunity, we ask that you let us know by July 13th so that we may set up a plan to suit individual needs by the start of the school year.
 Please contact Susie Rushlau at dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org or 581-7263

Got Faith? Love Jesus?

Are you willing to share this love & faith with others? Then we have an opportunity for you! We are ramping up for St. Peter Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). We need leaders to help guide others into a deeper relationship with Jesus. We will have classes for all ages and stages from Pre-school **Children's Liturgy, K-5th grade**, Middle and High School Youth, to Adult programs. Contact Susie Rushlau at dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org or 581-7263 to find out more information about how you can answer the call to serve Him.



Weekend of July 8/9
5:00 p.m.
 Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
 Extraordinary Ministers: Louise Perreault, Al Perreault, Angela Zangerle, Anni Labatte
 Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Jan Comstock
 Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Cora Podrang, Heather Metruck
 Greeter: Joni Flanagan
 Sacristan: Joe Davison
 Elijah Cup: Ron Berthelette
8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Jack Risher, Savannah Risher
 Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Nancy Brandewie, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen
 Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Susi Evers
 Ushers: Arnold Soto, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley
 Greeter: Maria Bridges
 Sacristan: Stan Griggs
 Elijah Cup: Lynn and Stan Griggs
 Coffee & Donuts: Richard Kalie
10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Micayla Colwell, _____
 Extraordinary Ministers: Nanette Bell, Teresa McClure, Pam Wall, Kelly Lehmann, Tom Lehmann
 Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day
 Ushers: Jim Wise, Brian Prescott, _____
 Greeter: Judy Holzschuh
 Sacristan: Bill Roth
 Elijah Cup: Al and Melinda Sousa
 Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, John Fay



Our First Reading from Second Kings, chapter 4, features Elisha. You may recall that Elisha was plowing in a field when the prophet Elijah called him to follow him. Something happened at that moment and Elisha chose to do it, which is what brought him to this point in his journey (as reported in today's Holy Scripture). **We often address the fact that each of us is called as well. Our calling, like Elisha's and like those of Christ's Apostles, is really not that much different. Christ said, "Follow Me," and the Apostles basically dropped everything, ceased pursuing what they were doing — in some cases with good jobs and vocations — and followed Christ. We are called to follow the Lord from the moment of our Baptism, but how many of us actually take that calling seriously?**
 It is not just a question of hearing the call; the key is whether we are listening for it? It is there, but we must be aware of it in order to respond.
Elisha's call and our calls are signs of God at work. God has a plan for each of us. We are the means by which God's work is continued in our parishes, in our communities, and in the Church. God's ministry on earth will be carried out and accomplished. None of us is the entire ministry; we can all be replaced. However, by the same token in God's eyes we are absolutely necessary. Are we ready to respond? Are we ready to be disciples of the Lord?

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*, Steve Lange, Al Landry
 Tuesday Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte
 Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*
 Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden
 Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson
 Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear
 Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie
 *Indicates our parishioners.
 Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 2, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a
Rom 6:3-4, 8-11
Mt 10:37-42



Piece: *The Holy Family With St. Joachim and Anne, 1516*
Artist: Unknown
Location: Chapel of the Governatorato, Vatican City

To Live With Christ

A priest friend of mine visited a family with several sons thinking about the priestly vocation. During his visit he celebrated Mass for them at the local parish. The Gospel reading was the same as today: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me...." My friend thought twice before reading it, afraid that the father who wasn't open to his sons' vocations would think he picked this passage on purpose. He read it anyway and, yes, got the reaction he suspected he'd get.

Most words in the Gospels are challenging. Jesus calls us to love him above all things. This means he has to come first, and sometimes other loves, as good as they are, cannot be the ultimate criteria. He tells us to "lose our life" to find it, and sometimes that loss is real and painful.

He demands this because he himself experienced its truth. In his public ministry, he put his mission and love of souls ahead of spending more time with family and friends. When religious leaders, government officials, and others criticized and persecuted him, he didn't back down,

even if it affected his loved ones. He was faithful in charity. He didn't look for problems, but he didn't run from them, either. He avoided unnecessary conflict when he could, but he completely obeyed God's will and embraced the hardships of loving until the end.

This kind of sacrifice brings great joy if endured with acceptance. As Romans tells us, "If, then, we have died with Christ, ...we shall also live with him."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

*How can I live my life as though nothing is more important than Jesus?
Do I regularly witness to my love for Jesus, using words when necessary?*

Calendar

Monday

July 3
St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday

July 4
Weekday
Gn 19:15-29
Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday

July 5
Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8-20a
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday

July 6
Weekday
Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8

Friday

July 7
Weekday
Gn 23:1-4, 19;
24:1-8, 62-67
Mt 9:9-15

Saturday

July 8
Weekday
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday

July 9
Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10
Rom 8:9, 11-15
Mt 11:25-30

Dear Padre,

If my fiancé and I abstain from sex, why can't we live together before we get married?

It seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea.

One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an "occasion of sin." It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I'm not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you're young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed.

The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you're living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren't worth the risk.

My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"Commitment to mission is not something added on to the Christian life as a kind of decoration, but is instead an essential element of faith itself. A relationship with the Lord entails being sent out into the world as prophets of his word and witnesses of his love. Even if at times we are conscious of our weaknesses and tempted to discouragement, we need to turn with God with confidence. We must overcome a sense of our own inadequacy and not yield to pessimism, which merely turns us into passive spectators of a dreary and monotonous life. There is no room for fear! God himself comes to cleanse our 'unclean lips' and equip us for the mission."

—Message, Fifty-fourth World Day of Prayer for Vocations, November 27, 2016

*"...Whoever does not take up his cross
and follow after me is not worthy of me" (Matthew 10:37).*