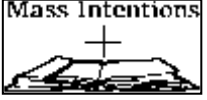


Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering..... \$7,180.90
Loose Cash \$606.00
Total Weekly Offering \$7,786.90
Mass Attendance Aug 5/6 367



Mass Intentions


Aug 14 - 20
MondayJosey Stacy(+)
TuesdayTrey Corbitt(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(6:30 p.m.)
WednesdaySally Robinson(+)
ThursdayAl Landry(+)
FridayMichael White(+)
SaturdayBarbara Kirschten(liv)
SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
.....Teresa Livoti(liv)(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/13 Young Adult Blue Wahoos Game - 4:05 p.m.
8/14 Rosary after morning Mass
8/15 Feast of the Assumption
Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
8/16 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
8/17 Rosary after morning Mass

Confirmation class forming now—you have been CHOSEN!

This engaging program is for teens, 9th grade and above, seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Interested teens and their parents should attend the SPYRIT Kickoff on Sunday, August 20th from 6-8 p.m. for registration and a brief information meeting. Call Susie for questions at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.






SPYRIT Middle and High School Youth Groups Kick-Off on August 20th from 6-8 p.m.

We invite all 6th-12th graders to join us for fellowship, food, games & prizes! Be sure to wear sneakers so you can get in on the action and have some fun-movie style! *Parents are kindly requested to come for dinner and a brief information meeting.*

Prayer for Bishop Elect Wack


As we approach the ordination of Bishop-elect William Wack as the sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, I encourage you to pray for him prior to and after his ordination:



O Lord, who for the feeding of your flock have set your servant William Wack over it as a successor to the Apostles, grant him, we pray, a spirit of counsel and fortitude, and a spirit of knowledge and piety, so that by faithfully governing the people entrusted to him, he may build up in the world the sacrament of the Church.


Amen.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Paul at 850-581-2556, or email pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org. He would like to meet individually with those who are interested before the sessions begin. We will begin meeting on Monday, August 28, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.




THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
For the months of June and July 2017


Sharing and Caring: \$570.00
Alms Dispensed: \$2,128.26



Religious Ed Registration has begun. K-5 Faith Formation will be held on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and begins September 10, 2017. We also offer classes for Middle School, High School, Confirmation, and Adults. We look forward to seeing you!

St. Mary School is in need of Substitute Teachers, Substitute Bus Drivers and Teacher's Aides. Also, the school is still accepting students for VPK K4 for this year. Contact the school at 243-8913 for more information.






Blood Drive! The **Big Red Bus** will be here next Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to give the gift of life to those in need.

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, August 20

Afterwards gather up your strength with a hearty pancake breakfast cooked by the Knights of Columbus and served in our Parish Center for all to enjoy!




Weekend of Aug 19/20
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Shareen Ketchem, Joanna Farnum, Alice Thompson
Lectors: Mary Pinsoneault, Jan Comstock
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Heather Metruck, Cora Podrang
Greeter: Joni Flanagan
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan

8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Emily Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Nanette Bell, James Johansen, Jean Jordan
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Susi Evers
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley
Greeter: Deidre Henderson
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Gary and Jean Jordan
Pancake Breakfast

10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Austin Wise
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathleen Garcia, Bill Roth, Teresa McClure, Katherine Colwell, Pat Casey
Lectors: Lisa Manion, Therese Sweeney
Ushers: Jim Wise, Brian Prescott, Ray Schlitt
Greeter: Donna Fetter
Sacristan: Tom Lehmann
Elijah Cup: Kathleen Garcia
Pancake Breakfast

Food For Thought Outreach would like to invite current and future volunteers to upcoming training sessions on August 16th and 17th at their Destin pantry. Dedicated to fighting childhood hunger, Food For Thought (FFT) provides weekly backpacks of healthy, nutritious, easy-to-open food for kids who do not have enough to eat over the weekend. During the 2017-18 school year, Food For Thought will serve 2,500 kids in 29 schools in both Okaloosa and Walton Counties. These orientation sessions are a great place to fill out volunteer paperwork, schedule training sessions, and learn more about the mission and vision of Food For Thought and how you can help fight childhood hunger right here in Florosa, Mary Esther, and Fort Walton Beach.

St. Peter Parish supports the FFT financially and at Florosa Elementary volunteers pickup/deliver backpacks on Thursday mornings and return empty backpacks to the FFT Pantry in Destin the following Tuesday. Our first deliveries will probably start in September. If you are interested in helping out, or you would like more information, please contact our parish program coordinator, Bob Brenci, at blsbaba@hotmail.com or call/text him at 850-368-7863. Thank you.



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, Clare Van Zelfden, Carlos López

Tuesday Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Joe Rushlau*

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

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Bob Seitz*

*Indicates our parishioners.

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



August 13, 2017
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33

Walk in Faith

Lanfranco's *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water* is placed in a rather hidden place in the Vatican—on purpose. When a newly elected pope walks out of the Sistine Chapel, he processes across the Sala Regia (royal hall) and into the Loggia della Benedizione (blessing hall) to step out onto the façade of St. Peter's and greet the world for the first time. Along the way he passes this painting of Peter sinking in the water. It speaks to that sinking feeling he probably experiences at that time!

This Gospel passage holds a great lesson for us all, even the pope. When Jesus comes walking on the water, he scares the disciples; they think he is a ghost. Sometimes Jesus scares us by what he asks, by how he wants to bless and shape us if we say "yes." Jesus tells us not to be afraid, but Peter says, "Lord if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." That the ghostly figure responds doesn't prove it is Jesus; it just proves whoever it is has heard Peter and answered.

To really know if it is Jesus, Peter has to get out of the boat. He has to walk in faith and take a risk. Only once he steps out on the water, can he do the impossible? Even then, his faith falters and he notices the waves. Such is our experience. Even when we trust, step out, and Jesus does great things, we are still weak! But no need

to worry: Jesus loves our effort and will always reach out and grab us. In the end, that is what we want, isn't it? To touch Jesus, to know it is him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Christ Saves Peter From Sinking in the Water*, 1626-28
Artist: Giovanni Lanfranco
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums



For Reflection

*When have you felt Jesus' presence most strongly in your life?
Did it coincide with a difficult task or time of trouble?
Which winds distract you from Jesus?*

"At once [Jesus] spoke to them, 'Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter said to him in reply, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water'" (Matthew 14:27-28).

Calendar

Monday
August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Dt 10:12-22
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday
August 15
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:59-56

Wednesday
August 16
Weekday
Dt 34:1-12
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday
August 17
Weekday
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 15-17
Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday
August 18
Weekday
Jos 24:1-15
Mt 19:5-12

Saturday
August 19
Weekday
Jos 24:14-29
Mt 19:15-15

Sunday
August 20
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28

Dear Padre,

I look at what's going on in our world today and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so filled with vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history....In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God" (Oscar Lukefahr, *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, Liguori Publications, 1998).



It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote: "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that He can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin" (*Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, 58, Knopf, 1994). Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven (1 John 5:18-20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"We all know that when water stands still it stagnates. There's a saying in Spanish that says: 'Standing water is the first to go bad.' Do not stand still. We all have to walk, to take a step every day, with the Lord's help. God is Father, he is mercy, he always loves us....He welcomes us and forgives us....He never tires of forgiving....He makes us rise and fully restores our dignity. God has a memory, He is not forgetful. God does not forget us, He always remembers."

—Address to detainees in a penitentiary in Isernia, Italy, July 5, 2014



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