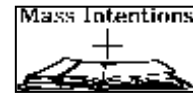




Recognizable Offering.....\$6,892.00  
Loose Cash.....\$737.00  
Total Weekly Offering.....\$7,629.00  
Mass Attendance Sept 2/3 370



Sept 11 - Sept 17  
Monday .....All Public Servants  
Wednesday.....Aurora L. Beard(liv)  
Thursday.....Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Beard(liv)  
**Friday.....Victims of recent natural disasters**  
Saturday.....Rein Podrang(+)  
Sunday.....Ken Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

**Reminder**  
During times of serious threat of dangerous weather and you decide in good conscience that it is too dangerous to venture outside, the obligation for you to attend Mass is suspended. Please check our web page or watch for a Flocknote to find out if Mass is cancelled. In lieu of attending Mass, I ask you to spend some time in prayer, especially praying for the safety of all during the storm.

**K-5 P.R.E.P.**  
classes begin Sept. 10, 9:15-10:15 a.m.  
  
**Confirmation**  
classes begin Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m-1:00 p.m.  
For more information contact Susie Rushlau  
581-7263; dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org

**Young Adults:**  
Dinner and Adoration Tuesday, Sept. 12 at Christ Our Redeemer Parish. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by Adoration at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by noon the day before (757-777-5006) with number of adults and children.

**Adult Faith Opportunities**  
On Wednesday, September 13, we'll inaugurate the monthly dinner and discussion session in the parish center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., moderated by Fr. Paul. These gatherings will take place on the second Wednesday of every month. Please call the office no later than Monday to sign up, so we may prepare accordingly.

**Weekly Calendar of Events**

9/10 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.  
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.  
9/11 Rosary after morning Mass  
9/13 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
Dinner & Discussion with Fr. Paul - 6:00 p.m.  
9/14 Rosary after morning Mass  
9/17 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.  
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



**St. Peter SPYRIT Youth Program**  
invites you  
to a presentation by the  
**Refuge for Women Emerald Coast**

**Do you know:**

- Florida ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the US in sex trafficking?
- The average age of entry is 12-14 years old?
- The sex trafficking industry is a \$150 billion dollar industry ?
- How we can prevent our youth from entering into this industry?

**Date:** Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2017

**Time:** 6-8 pm

**Location:** St. Peter Catholic Church, Mary Esther, FL -- Parish Center

**Who:** All middle school and high school youth, *and* their parents

Please RSVP to Melody Grogan or Susie Rushlau if you wish to attend so we may plan accordingly:

[hsyouth@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:hsyouth@stpeter.ptdiocese.org)

or (850)-581-7263

**Dinner will be provided**

*\*We will be taking donations of full-size hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.) for the women of the Refuge Center Thank you!*



Weekend of Sept 16/17

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III  
Extraordinary Ministers: Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Patty Shawbitz, Alice Thompson  
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Ron Berthelette  
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Mickey Shawbitz, Heather Metruck  
Greeter: Joni Flanagan  
Sacristan: Joe Davison  
Elijah Cup: Joe Davison

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Nancy McCreary  
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Paul Landry  
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Frank Schorzman, Maria Bridges  
Greeter: Cathy McKnight  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Frank and Stacie Schorzman  
Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Celeste Clayton, Micayla Colwell  
Extraordinary Ministers: Ray Schlitt, Elaine Tennyson, Bill Roth, Barbara Russo, Jean Schlitt  
Lectors: Terri Turnbull, Carolyn Alaniz  
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Petey Brennan  
Elijah Cup: Jim and Mery Wise  
Coffee & Donuts: John Fay, \_\_\_\_\_



Healing Mass

*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*

(James 5:13-14)  
Holy Name of Jesus  
1200 Valparaiso Blvd  
Niceville, FL 32578  
Monday, September 18, 7pm  
Fr. Eugene Pathe  
Deacon Gary McBride

*Cast all your anxieties on Him for He cares about you. (1Peter 5:7)*

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\*, Steve Lange, Clare Van Zelfden, Carlos López

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Bette Dellner\*, Barbara Kirschten\*, Aurora Beard

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Ann Crouch\*

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.

**Bishop John Ricard Conference**

*Living as Missionary Disciples*  
Saturday, September 30, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
St. Sylvester Parish, Navarre

This conference is for all in ministry in our parish and diocese including parish pastoral and finance councils, AFF leaders, Music ministry, RCIA coordinators, Youth ministers Family Life ministers, Catechists, Catechetical leaders, Hispanic ministry, and all adults interested in growing in faith.

For on line registration go to:  
[www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org)  
**then select "Event Registration"**

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

## Correcting Lovingly

Today's readings are about fraternal correction. We are responsible for our brother's good, and God expects us to help him. This means being a good example and holding him or her to a gospel standard. If that means a hard dose of the truth, so be it, as long as that truth is given in love.

Ezekiel was a prophet who knew how to preach fire and brimstone, but he could also be tender and compassionate. He prophesied both about the destruction of Israel and how Yahweh would turn their hearts of stone into flesh. In Michelangelo's fresco on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, the strength of this rugged prophet is evident. That Ezekiel is turned to listen to a cherub says a lot about his humility as well.

God told Ezekiel that if he didn't preach to the wicked, God would hold him responsible for their deaths. However, if he did preach and the wicked still didn't heed him, Ezekiel would be safe. The moral is, when God asks us to preach, take it seriously!

Jesus tells us if our brother sins against us, we should confront him in the presence of two witnesses. He even encourages us to bring the Church in as judge if a dispute between believers isn't resolved. However, this should always be done with love.

As humble Christians, we should accept corrections when they are done correctly. No one likes to be told he or she is wrong, but if we are we should rejoice in the truth, even if it hurts. And we should thank those who love us enough to correct us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Prophet Ezekiel*, 1510  
Artist: Michelangelo  
Location: Sistine Chapel

### For Reflection

Do I find the idea of charitable correction uncomfortable? Why or why not?

How willing am I to receive correction from my peers? My spouse? My child? My boss?

*"The commandments...are summed up in this saying, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Romans 13:9).*

## Calendar

### Monday

September 11

Weekday

Col 1:24-2:5

Lk 6:6-11

### Tuesday

September 12

Weekday

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

### Wednesday

September 13

St. John Chrysostom,

Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Col 5:1-11

Lk 6:20-26

### Thursday

September 14

The Exaltation  
of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

### Friday

September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Jn 19:25-27 or

Lk 2:35-35

### Saturday

September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope,  
and

Cyprian, Bishop,  
Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

### Sunday

September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:50-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-25

# Dear Padre,

**I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance?**

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness.

You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden."

An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:10-11).

Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned.

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### A Word From Pope Francis

*"If you are not capable of performing fraternal reproof with love, with charity, in truth and with humility, you will offend, damage that person's heart: you will create an extra tale that wounds and you will become a blind hypocrite, as Jesus says...a sign which perhaps can help us: when one sees something wrong and feels that he should correct it but perceives a certain pleasure in doing so, then it is time*

*to pay attention, because that is not the Lord's way. In the Lord there is always the cross, the difficulty of doing something good."*

—Morning meditation, "Mending holes in the fabric of the church," September 12, 2014



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