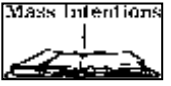

	
Recognizable Offering.....	\$6,573.91
Loose Cash	\$550.52
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$7,124.43
Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$728.00
Mass Attendance Nov 25/26	288
	
Dec 4-10	
Monday	Maria T. Beard(liv)
Wednesday.....	Jane Day(liv)
Thursday	Samuel & Lavina Pate(+)
Friday	Trey Corbitt(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....	St. Peter Parishioners
Saturday	Michael & Patty Shawbitz(liv)
Sunday	Ken Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....	St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)



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

Pancake Breakfast Sunday, December 10

St. Peter Catholic Church 2017 Christmas Choir Rehearsal Schedule

The following schedule is for all Christmas Choir Rehearsals this year. All of these will take place inside the Church.

Sunday, December 03 - 12:15 p.m.
 Sunday, December 10 - 12:15 p.m.
 Tuesday, December 12 - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 17 - 12:30 p.m. Mandatory
 Tuesday, December 19 - 6:00 p.m. (Optional Supplemental Practice)

If you haven't signed up for the Choir Ministry, but would like to join them just for this season, contact Joey Ferreira (music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org). He will be happy to use your talents to make this Christmas' liturgical celebration another one to remember.

Weekly Calendar of Events



12/3	K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Meeting - 11:30 a.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
12/4	Rosary after morning Mass
12/6	Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
12/7	Rosary after morning Mass Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
12/10	K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Meeting - 11:30 a.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Schedule Change

Due to Christmas Eve falling on the evening of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, there is a change to the schedule that week-end. In order to be able to convert the decorations from Advent to Christmas on Sunday, December 24th there will be only one mass on Sunday morning, December 24th, and that will be at 9:30 a.m. Because of that change, there have been no automatic liturgical assignments for Sunday, December 24th. Please go to the Ministry Scheduler web terminal and sign up for ministries for Sunday, December 24th @ 9:30 a.m. Also, sign up for liturgical ministries for Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00p.m December 24th, Midnight Mass December 25th, and Christmas Morning Mass at 9:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
 Thursday, December 7th, beginning with Exposition immediately after morning mass and ending with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Begin your Advent season **spending some prayer time listening to God's voice leading you closer to Him.** Please note the end time change.

On behalf of Shelter House, the Around Town Community Outreach Group would like to thank the parishioners for their generous donations. Eight hundred dollars worth of food and money made it possible for us to provide 30 families, including the Shelter, with wonderful Thanksgiving dinners. We appreciate the ongoing support of the parish.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Dec 9/10
5:00 p.m.
 Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn
 Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Van Dorn, Anni Labatte, Teresa McClure, Ron Berthelette
 Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Jan Comstock
 Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Bob Flanagan, James Johansen
 Greeter: Liz Simmons
 Sacristan: Doug Hoover
 Elijah Cup: Teresa McClure

8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Katherine Ballard, Mary Ballard
 Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, Maria Bridges, _____
 Lectors: Paul Landry, Susi Evers
 Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Cathy McKnight
 Greeter: Karlene Gentile
 Sacristan: Jean Jordan
 Elijah Cup: Gary and Jean Jordan
 K of C Pancake Breakfast

10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Kadi Casey, Killian Casey, Gannon Casey
 Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Tennyson, Stacy Fralic, Kathleen Garcia, Pat Casey, Petey Brennan
 Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day
 Ushers: Ray Schlitt, Brian Prescott, Donna Fetter
 Greeter: Karen Clayton
 Sacristan: Therese Sweeney
 Elijah Cup: Mike and Petey Brennan
 K of C Pancake Breakfast

Retirement Fund for Religious

Elderly religious need your help. More than 32,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests are living in the U.S. today whom through prayer, love and sacrifice they established schools, hospitals and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left a shortage in retirement funding. Your gift helps their religious communities furnish necessities such as medications and nursing care. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous. 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.

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her to stpeter.prayerchain@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, Carlos López, Brian Williams

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*

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

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

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Robert Welniak, Carleen Parker

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Diane Parker

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

December 8, Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
"Thou alone and Thy Mother are in all things fair; there is no flaw in Thee and no stain in Thy Mother." – St. Ephraim (370)

Advent Penance Service
 This year the Advent Penance service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11th. We will not be serving a meal beforehand.

Evening Adult Faith Potluck
 December 13, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
 Sign up at the Hospitality cart or call the office no later than Monday the 11th so we can prepare accordingly.

December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent (B)
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37

The Rumble Strips of Advent

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy! The sleepy apostles couldn't keep awake with Jesus and drifted off when he most needed them.

I have only fallen asleep at the wheel once. During college, I worked the morning shift starting at 6 AM. After a late night with little sleep, I sluggishly got into my car. Comfortably driving down the highway at about 5:15 AM, I dozed for a few seconds before awakening to the noise of my tires vibrating on the warning tracks—just in time to straighten the wheel and avoid the cement divider.

Advent is like those rumble strips. You don't always need them, they are annoying when you accidentally run over them, but they are very important!

We can get tired, trying to keep our hearts awake and attuned to Jesus. The rhythm of life, the background music of the world, the distractions that fly by us—they all contribute to the danger of a passive heart. Running across Advent is like a wake-up call: "Stay awake! He is almost here."

As in driving, there are many distractions vying for your attention, but you learn to focus on what's important. You survey your surroundings, looking for hazards while keeping your eyes on the road. There are many signs to read, but only certain ones point you where you want to go.



Piece: *Christ Awakening the Apostles on the Mount of Olives*, 1641-42
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn
Location: Collection of E.W.K., Bern, Switzerland

Jesus says to be attentive to the signs; learn to interpret their meaning. Understand them, without being distracted by them. Be vigilant, pray for strength, and stay awake and alert. Thanks be to God for those rumble strips!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I believe there is a limited time to my life on earth? Since I do not know when Jesus will arrive, isn't peaceful awareness of his eventual return the smartest attitude?

[Jesus said,] "May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

(Mark 13:36)

Calendar

Monday
December 4
Advent Weekday
Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday
December 5
Advent Weekday
Is 11:1-10
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday
December 6
Advent Weekday
Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday
December 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday
December 8
Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Saturday
December 9
Advent Weekday
Is 30:19-21, 25-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday
December 10
Second Sunday
of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11
2 Pt 3:8-14
Mk 1:1-8

Dear Padre,

Why do we have Advent?

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today



the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR,
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

The Lord comes...into our life as a liberator; he comes to free us from all forms of interior and exterior slavery. It is he who shows us the path of faithfulness, of patience and of perseverance because, upon his return, our joy will be overflowing. Christmas is near,...[and] outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016