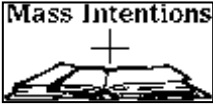

	<h3>Weekly Calendar of Events</h3>
Recognizable Offering..... \$6,081.35 Loose Cash\$677.25 Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,758.60 Mass Attendance Jan 13/14 392	1/21 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Preparation - 11:30 a.m. HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m. 1/22 Rosary after morning Mass 1/23 Bunco - 9:30 a.m. 1/24 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m. 1/25 Rosary after morning Mass 1/28 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. NO HS/MS Meeting
	
Jan 22 - 28 MondayMartin Naegelin(liv) Wednesday.....David Moessner(+) ThursdayMark Ibañez(liv) Friday.....Hoskamer Family(liv) Saturday.....William Sykes(+) SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.) Christian W. Irwin (liv)(10:30 a.m.)	Please keep those youth and adult leaders, who are attending the annual Diocesan Youth Conference next weekend, in your prayers. Pray that they may come back refreshed and unafraid to live their faith as CHOSEN sons and daughters of God.

- Upcoming Events**
- ◆ Around Town Ministry Meeting - Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room of the Pastoral Life Center.
 - ◆ Confirmation - Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.
 - ◆ Praise and Worship Adoration - Hosted by St. Peter Parish SPYRIT Youth. Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 7 - 8 p.m. ALL are welcome.
 - ◆ Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, February 11, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - ◆ **Valentino's Sweetheart Luncheon** - Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 8910. Beginning at Noon on Sunday, February 18, 2018.

Annual Men's Retreat: "An Invitation to Grow Closer to our Loving God"

February 9 – 11, 2018

Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat

107 Holy Trinity Road, Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856

Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to an out of the way place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31) While it is still early in the year and after all the holiday bustle, it is good to take some time to be with Jesus on a short retreat. What does Jesus want to say to you, once you have quieted down for a short spell? What opportunities and blessings might you be overlooking because life is so fast paced? Allow the Lord and yourself this time to intimately talk from your hearts to one another in prayer, liturgy, scripture, quiet and the great outdoors.

The presenter, Fr. David Hamm, was ordained as a Missionary Servant of the Most Holy Trinity in 1975. He served in Mississippi, Georgia, Maryland and Louisiana. Presently, he is pastor at St. Joseph in Holy Trinity, AL. The retreat begins with registration at 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Friday, February 9th and concludes with dinner at noon on Sunday.

Fee: \$180.00 (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit)

For registration information call (334)855-4474 or visit their website www.msbt.org/btsr and follow the link instructions under "Upcoming Retreats" to download a registration form.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Jan 27/28

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: _____

Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Shareen Ketchem

Lectors: Jan Comstock, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang, _____

Greeter: Liz Simmons

Sacristan: Doug Hoover

Elijah Cup: Shareen and Fred Ketchem

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Emily Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Maria Bridges, Nanette Bell, Bobby Stockbridge, Kathy Stockbridge

Lectors: Susi Evers, Paul Landry

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Eden Carter

Greeter: Karleen Gentile

Sacristan: Joe Davison

Elijah Cup: Michael and Kathy Moore

Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Kadi Casey, Gannon Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: Therese Sweeney, Penny Sweeney, Barbara Russo, Pat Casey, Stacy Fralic

Lectors: Warren Cabral, _____

Ushers: Mike Sweeney, _____, _____

Greeter: Judy Holzschuh

Sacristan: Bill Roth

Elijah Cup: Luann DuRall

Coffee & Donuts: Donna Fetter, John Fay

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." With these words, Jesus invites Simon (Peter) and his brother Andrew to follow Him and be His disciples. We often speak of the subtleties of translation. In the original Greek in which St. Mark wrote his Gospel, a better translation would be, **"Come after me, and I will make you become fishers of men."** It is the beginning of a process.

We are called to that same process. It is not as if it happens quite suddenly. It happens over time, and it is a progression. If we are to be **"fishers of men,"** we are to be evangelizers and disciples of the Lord, and we are to represent what it means to be part of the Kingdom of God.

Of course, Simon and Andrew "abandoned their nets and followed him." It may be more difficult for us to **"abandon our nets"** so to speak, but it does prompt us that we need to make major changes in our lives if we are going to follow Jesus. Simon and Andrew, and then James and John, were common men, normal people. They had no theological credentials nor did they have any special status in the world.

Most of us are similar. Jesus did not select them (or us) for who they were. He called them for what He could do through them. It is the same with each of us. Yes, we are called, but in order to really fulfill our calling we need to follow and trust in Jesus.

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*, Aurora Beard, Christian Irwin*

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, Donnie Simmons*

*Indicates our parishioners.

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





January 21, 2018

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

God's Patient Call

This painting of Jonah in the Sistine Chapel is directly above *The Last Judgment*. Michelangelo chooses to depict Jonah for his theological connection to Jesus, who said, "Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights" (Matthew 18:40).

Unlike Jesus, Jonah initially balks at God's call until he grudgingly accepts and preaches to the city of Nineveh. In his rebellion, he gets in a boat and goes the opposite direction from where God was calling. Eventually he was thrown overboard and swallowed by the fish, seen painted at his side. After a three-night stomachache, the fish spewed Jonah up on the shore, back where he had started.

Jonah looks up to heaven with a weary longing, which might denote his melancholy personality. The fig tree further reinforces his weakness because it recalls the episode when Jonah lay under the fig tree in depression and lethargy.



Like Peter and Andrew, James and John, God entered Jonah's life and called him. Unlike the apostles, it took him a while to say yes. We can also be slow to respond to the invitation of God in our soul, whether in big or small things. Perhaps the attraction of the world or fear of sacrifice keeps us from saying yes. Yet his voice is constant and persistent.

Michelangelo paints Jonah dangling above *The Last Judgment* as if to subtly say, you are cordially invited to say yes to God's patient callings...while you still have time.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Do I understand that putting off the voice of God is also putting off all the good, joy, and peace he wants to bring about by what he is asking?

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

(Mark 1:17-18)

Calendar

Monday

January 22

*Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of
Unborn Children*

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Mk 3:22-50

Tuesday

January 23

Weekday

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Mk 3:51-55

Wednesday

January 24

*St. Francis de Sales,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church*

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday

January 25

*Conversion of St. Paul,
Apostle*

Acts 22:3-16 or
Acts 9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18

Friday

January 26

*Sts. Timothy and Titus,
Bishops*

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 4:26-54

Saturday

January 27

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday

January 28

*Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time*

Dt 18:15-20

1 Cor 7:32-35

Mk 1:21-28

Dear Padre,

Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tighten up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect."

Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

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A Word From Pope Francis

For every Christian, the proclamation and witnessing of the Gospel is never an isolated act. This is important...No evangelizer acts, as Paul VI recalled, "in virtue of a...personal inspiration, but in union with the mission of the Church and in her name."

—Address to International Union of Superiors General,
May 8, 2013



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