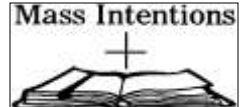






 <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$10,968.00 Loose Cash \$588.60 Total Weekly Offering \$11,556.60 Mass Attendance Mar 7/8 404</p>  <p>Mar 16 - Mar 22 Monday Danny Sheehan(+) Tuesday Staff Sgt Melissa Ledezma(+) Wednesday Willis Henderson(+) Thursday Religious Vocations Friday Military Service Men & Women Saturday Sherwood Fowler(+) Sunday St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.) Maria Wall(+)(10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>3/15 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. EPIC - 6:00 p.m. Easter Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m. M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>3/16 Rosary - After morning Mass Around Town Ministry Meeting - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>3/17 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>3/18 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m. EPIC - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>3/19 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>3/20 Fish Fry - 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>3/22 No Faith Formation Easter Choir Practice - 12:15 p.m. No M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings</p>
 <p>Hungering for Peace..... We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to Lebanon to be present to a people who themselves are on a journey. Here we meet a family of Syrian refugees, a family perhaps not so unlike our own. We are challenged through our almsgiving this week to reach out to those who are forced to flee their homes, who are seeking shelter in a land of peace.</p>	 <p>Meeting The Around Town parish ministry will have a meeting on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. This gathering is to help all members of the parish have a better understanding of what we are doing in the community as a ministry and learn more about one of the organizations that we support. A guest speaker from Shelter House will share their mission, the work they've done over the last 30 years and the direction they are headed. Please sign-up at the Hospitality cart or on the website if you plan to attend.</p>
<p>RICE BOWL collection will begin on Palm Sunday (Mar., 29th)! You can drop off your Rice Bowl at the designated box near the Hospitality Cart. We will also have a Lenten Bake Sale on Sun., March 22nd to support CRS. Thank you for your generosity to the poor!</p> 	 <p>Our Easter egg hunt/party will be Easter morning, April 5th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited! Children 2 years old through 5th grade are welcome to participate in the egg hunt. If your child would like to join us for the egg hunt, please bring a dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy (no chocolate, as it can melt) per child participating. Please put eggs in a bag marked with your child's(ren) name and age as we will have the different age groups hunting eggs in separate places. You may drop off the filled eggs beginning next weekend, Mar., 22nd. There will be an Easter egg box near the Hospitality Cart.</p>
 <p>IGNITEYOUR FAITH This diocesan retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 is for youth that want to spend time discussing, reflecting and learning more about their faith. This year it will be at the Tri-State Christian Camp and Retreat Center in DeFuniak Springs, on March 27-29. Registration fee is \$80 and includes meals, lodging and materials. Scholarships are available. Sign up today at www.ptdiocese.org - Ministries/Offices>Youth Ministry>Upcoming Events. Deadline to register is March 20.</p>	

+

Monday
MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday
MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday
MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday
MARCH 19
St. Joseph,
Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16,
16-18, 22
Mt 1:16,
18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday
MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday
MARCH 21
Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday
MARCH 22
Fifth Sunday
of Lent
Jer 31:31-34
Heb 5:7-9
Jn 12:20-33

March 15, 2015

dear Padre

Is faith different from religion?



Q A friend and I were having a disagreement about the Catholic Church. He ended the conversation by saying, "Spread the faith, not the religion." Is there a difference between faith and religion?

The glossary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines *faith* as "both a gift of God and a human act by which the believer gives personal adherence to God and freely assents to the whole truth that God has revealed." *Religion* is defined as "a set of beliefs and practices followed by those committed to the service and worship of God."

Therefore, we express our faith and put it into action through our religion. So our faith has both a personal and a communal dimension.

The danger lies in making our faith something so personal and individual that it loses this communal context. We do

what we do and believe what we believe as members of a *community* of faith. So while my faith requires a personal decision on my part, it's not something so individualized and personal that I can speak of it apart from the Christian community in which I express it.

As baptized Christians, we are members of the living Body of Christ. Since all members of a body are important to the proper function of the body as a whole, it's important that we function as members of a community of believers who hold a common faith.

FR. SCOTT KATZENBERGER, CSSR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



FREE GIFT

Catholic Update helps you keep up with news and issues that are important to Catholics. To introduce you to this wonderful newsletter, we'd like to send you several free issues on topics such as sharing the faith with your family, forgiving yourself and others, and reasons to go to Mass. To claim your free, no-obligation package, visit Liguori.org/Catholic-Update and click on "Free Catholic Update Offer" before April 30, 2015. God bless you!

Fourth Sunday of Lent B 1

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Deliverance from Exile

“What did I do to deserve this?” When misfortunes come our way, we instinctively suspect that God is punishing us for something. In truth, we often find out we are our own worst enemies, judging ourselves more harshly than God would. Our own bad habits, our own selfishness, and our own negligence come back to haunt us.

“What did I do to deserve this?” is the question residents of ancient Jerusalem asked when the city fell to the Assyrians and those who escaped death were carried captive to Babylon. The temple was destroyed, the city lay in ruins, and the people were made slaves. How did this happen?

God’s chosen people had a lot of time to think over that question and find an answer. In captivity, they came to a spiritual awakening. They realized that they and their leaders had been unfaithful to the covenant and insincere in their worship. They believed that God was punishing them. But what did God do?

In time, God spoke to Cyrus, king of Persia, and commanded the ruler to free the people. They left their captivity, returned to Jerusalem, rebuilt the temple, and dedicated themselves anew to the sacred covenant.

How has God forgiven you? What did you do to show your thanks?

Written by Paul Turner. Copyright © 2008, Resource Publications, Inc., 888-273-7782, www.rpinet.com. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission from Lectorary Bulletin Inserts, Year B: First and Second Readings.

Fourth Sunday of Lent B 2

Ephesians 2:4-10

Second Chance

You always have another chance. This is the good news of Lent and Easter. God knows our shortcomings. God knows our past. God knows our present inabilities. God knows where the future is headed—if we do not change.

Too often in life, people do not give us another chance. If you say or do something inappropriate to a person you’re dating, it may end the relationship right there. If you treat a customer disrespectfully, you may never see that person again. If you offend a perfect stranger while driving your car, you never have a chance to make it up. Too often you don’t get another chance.

And, sadly, death sometimes gets in the way. You had harsh words with a close friend or family member. You never made up. Now, the person you once loved is gone. You don’t have another chance in this life.

But with God, you always have another chance. If you have sinned, God can forgive. If you sin again—and again—God will still forgive. We know this because God sent Christ into a world absorbed in sin.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, “God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ.”

This Lent, confess your sins and rejoice in Christ, who gives you another chance.

Written by Paul Turner. Copyright © 2008, Resource Publications, Inc., 888-273-7782, www.rpinet.com. All rights reserved. Reprinted with permission from Lectorary Bulletin Inserts, Year B: First and Second Readings.



Weekend of Mar 21/22

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Matthew Flores, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Al Perreault, Joanna Farnum, Shareen Ketchem, Barbara Kirschten, Louise Perreault
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Paul Gagnon II
Ushers: Joni Flanagan, Bob Flanagan, Cora Podrang
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Wanda Corbitt

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Michael Klickovich, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Joyce Klickovich
Lectors: Deidre Henderson, Tina Henderson
Ushers: Maria Bridges, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, James Johansen
Greeter: Cathy McKnight
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight
Coffee & Donuts: Carol and Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Kadi Casey, Killian Casey, Abigail Zaleske
Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Nadine Kuhns, Penny Sweeney, Cathy Zaleske
Lectors: Warren Cabral, John Fay
Ushers: John Fails, Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter, Mike Sweeney
Greeter: Ana Fails
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Erin & Dallas Bowie
Coffee & Donuts: Micayla & Katherine Colwell

40 Days for Life The Spring 2015 Forty Days for Life emphasis is ongoing from Wednesday, February 18 through Sunday, March 29, 2015. This involves prayer and fasting to end abortion and a peaceful vigil in front of a nearby abortion clinic. St. Peter Parish has been asked to hold vigil on Thursday, March 26 from 7:00 AM through 7:00 PM. A sign-up sheet with hours has been placed on the Hospitality Cart.

“Can’t Serve” Updates Please

Please remember to update your “can’t serve” times in Ministry Scheduler Pro before the 18th of March for the next quarter. For those *who do not have internet*, please contact Joni, 830-2875, if you have dates you will not be available or **if you’d like to serve at one of the Easter services.**

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com or call her at 664-9165.

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*, Charles Cummings*, Gene Bauchwitz*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Rein Podrang, Fay Stockbridge

Tuesday Carl Shaw, Lynn Graham*, Charlie Cospelisch, Anthony Michael Merrique, Faye Clark, Bobby Stockbridge*, Stacie Tippet

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James & Laura Smith*, Steve Powell*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato*, Rene Morago-Barton, Pam Holt

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Phil Pendergrass, Jennifer Cruz, Harrison Bowie*, Connie Jordan

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, John Paul Wilson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adams*, Mary Anyel*, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves*, Ronald Smith Jr., Dan Brenton*, Carlene Parker

Sunday Maureen O’Neil*, Michael Adam*, Theresa Fowler*, Brian Prescott*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

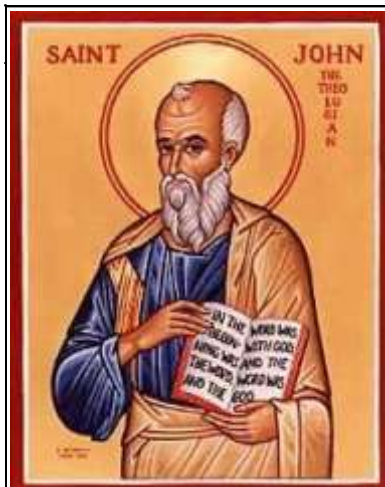
Easter Choir Practice Schedule

Sunday, March 15 12:15 p.m. Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 22 12:15 p.m. Practice in the Church
Tuesday, March 24 6:00 p.m. Practice in the Church

Sunday, March 29 12:30 p.m. ***Mandatory Practice in the Church***

Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday
(Optional – show up by 6:15 p.m.)

Sunday, April 5	5:45 a.m.	Practice in Church
	7:15 a.m.	Break
	7:40 a.m.	Prelude Music
	8:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:10 a.m.	Prelude Music
	10:30 a.m.	Mass



It has been said many times over and in a variety of ways that stewardship is based upon gratitude. Gratitude for what, we might ask? For the variety of blessings each of us receives, understanding full well that each of us is gifted in different ways and perhaps even in different measures. However, there is one gift in which we all share equally.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16) It is difficult for us to even conceive of the magnitude of that multifaceted gift, from God’s unconditional love for us to the extraordinary gift of his son Jesus to the fabulous gift of everlasting life.

Stewardship calls us to appreciate all of God’s gifts, but if we only focus on the gifts listed above, our gratitude should know no bounds. Pope Francis has said, “God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. We all have the ability to understand and receive God’s gifts.” We need to recognize God’s gifts and especially during our preparations for Easter, find ways to show and live out our gratitude.

Living Stewardship Now

We can all support the worthy efforts of pro-life organizations such as Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Birthright, and Silent No More. If you are someone grieving abortion, find confidential, compassionate help near where you live by contacting rachelvineyard.org. Go to the same site if you would like to start a ministry like this in your area.

Copyright © 2010, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

This is a way to take part in the stewardship way of life at St. Peter without being a part of a committee or ministry. The “Keys” are located on the wall of the church vestibule. Just choose an activity “key” that you would like to do and take it home as a reminder to complete that activity. There are activities for all ages. After you’ve completed the activity, bring the “key” back to Mass and place in the offertory basket.



Diocesan High School Campout, April 10-12 at Camp Timpochee. Join your friends from around the diocese for a great weekend of fun in the sun, including faith, food and fellowship! Even if you think you are not a “camper,” this is one of the most fun things we do all year! The cost to our active youth members is only \$35, and includes a tee shirt. Forms are available at youth group, at the hospitality cart, and online. Registration deadline is March 29. For more information, contact Paul Johansen at johan-



Save the date

Family Honor’s “Real Love & Real Life” Chastity program is being held on April 25th for 7th & 8th grade teens and their parents. The program is hosted by Sacred Heart Hospital, and it has been presented in our area for over 13 years. Please contact Matt Hitpas at 850-384-5060 or FHGC@me.com for more information. Also visit: FamilyHonor.org



My husband likes to photograph the beauty of creation. He has gotten very good at it, sometimes zooming in to focus on the details of individual flowers or butterflies, other times zooming out to capture the glory of a waterfall, a mountain lake, or the fiery clouds billowing from one of Hawaii’s volcanoes into a night sky full of stars.

Several of his photos decorate my office walls. He’s justifiably proud of each. They’re the work of his artist’s eye and hand, so he signs them and takes care to frame them just right.

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul calls us God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus—not because we were so amazing (we were, in fact, sinners), but because he loved us.

John’s gospel echoes the sentiment: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” If a human being like my husband can take pleasure

in and be justifiably proud of the work of his own hands, then how much more can God love his own handiwork? The answer, of course, is immeasurably more. God loved us enough to give us himself in Christ Jesus, who lay down his life for us though we had done nothing to deserve it.

The photos my husband creates can’t thank him or give anything back to him, but it is in our power to thank our Creator, who filled us with life and redeemed us through Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Today, try to love someone else a little more out of sheer gratitude that God so loves you.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Today's Readings

2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23
Eph 2:4–10
Jn 3:14–21

God loved us enough to give us himself in Christ Jesus, who lay down his life for us though we had done nothing to deserve it.



© 2015 Liguori Publications, Liguori, MO 63057-9999. Printed in U.S.A. Imprimatur: “In accordance with c. 827, permission to publish has been granted on October 8, 2014, by the Most Reverend Edward M. Rice, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of St. Louis. Permission to publish is an indication that nothing contrary to Church teaching is contained in this work. It does not imply any endorsement of the opinions expressed in the publication; nor is any liability assumed by this permission.” No part of this work may be used in any form without the prior written permission of Liguori Publications. Scripture texts in this work are taken from the New American Bible, revised edition © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. All Rights Reserved. Design by Lorena Jimenez. Images: Shutterstock. To order Liguori Sunday Bulletin, call 800-325-9521.