

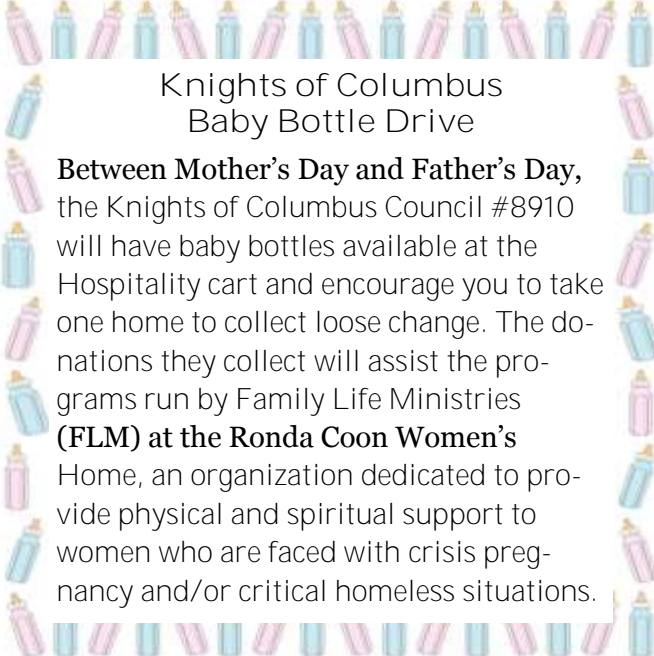



 <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$10,368.81 Loose Cash \$520.00 Total Weekly Offering \$10,888.81 Retired Priests Collection \$2,275.00 Mass Attendance May 2/3 402</p> 	<p>Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>5/10 Mother's Day</p> <p>5/11 Rosary - After morning Mass</p> <p>5/12 Bunco - 9:30 a.m. in the Office Bldg</p> <p>5/13 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>5/14 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m. VBS Volunteers Meeting - 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>May 11 - May 17</p> <p>MondayGene Valentine(liv) TuesdayRita María Livoti(+) WednesdayKenneth Sheets(liv) ThursdayMary E. Johansen(+) FridayKristina Gosselin(liv) SaturdayTony & Marina Vitale(+)(5:00 p.m.) SundaySt Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.) Carl & Marian Shaw(+)(10:30 a.m.)</p>	 <p>Parish Blood Drive, May 17th 8:30-12:30 Attention all parishioners that are able, visit the Big Red Bus when it rolls into the parking lot in search of all types of blood next Sunday.</p> <p>Donors receive a free t-shirt, a wellness checkup, and if you donate 2 times between May 1 – August 31, a chance to win a TV, iPad or an Apple Watch. Twenty prizes will be given away by OneBlood.</p> <p>Giving blood is a great way to show love of neighbor and your action will help save lives. Schedule your donation time at the Hospitality cart or on the parish website. We hope to reach or exceed our goal of 20 pints.</p>
 <p>Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive</p> <p>Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, the Knights of Columbus Council #8910 will have baby bottles available at the Hospitality cart and encourage you to take one home to collect loose change. The donations they collect will assist the programs run by Family Life Ministries (FLM) at the Ronda Coon Women's Home, an organization dedicated to provide physical and spiritual support to women who are faced with crisis pregnancy and/or critical homeless situations.</p>	<p>Pancake Breakfast, May 17th</p>  <p>The Knights of Columbus , #8910, will host a free pancake breakfast to accompany our parish blood drive. Everyone is invited for pancakes, bacon, coffee, juice and hospitality to start your day sunny side up.</p> <p> <i>SonTreasure Island VBS</i> coming June 8-12! Registration has begun. Forms are available at the Hospitality Cart. We hope your child will join the fun this summer.</p> <p>VBS organizational meetings for adult volunteers who would like to be a part of the fun continue. Join us on Thurs., May 14, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to learn how you can help.</p>
<p align="center">EJJYC SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM (Sign-Up To Help Before May 18th)</p> <p>Around Town, the parish community outreach ministry will be cooking and serving lunches for Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center (EJJYC) during the summer. This is our 4th summer with the center and they are most appreciative. For 10 weeks, Mon.- Fri., we need volunteers to cook lunch in the parish kitchen, transport it to the center, serve the youth, and wash dishes/clean up for the next day. All the menus and shopping are done for you. You start about 9:30 a.m. and are normally done for the day by 1:30p.m. Two or three people working together make this a fun activity and gives those involved a chance to get to know some energetic youth. A calendar to sign up for the days you would like to help will be posted at the Hospitality cart or contact Joni, 830-2875, for additional information.</p>	

+ May 10, 2015

dear Padre

Should lectors read historical notes with the readings?



Monday May 11
Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:11-15
 Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday May 12
Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:22-34
 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday May 13
Easter Weekday
 Acts 17:15, 22-18:1
 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday May 14
St. Matthias, Apostle
 Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
 Jn 15:9-17

Friday May 15
Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:9-18
 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday May 16
Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:23-28
 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday May 17
Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
 Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
 Mk 16:15-20
 or
Seventh Sunday of Easter
 Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
 1 Jn 4:11-16
 Jn 17:11b-19

My parish lectors have started reading historical notes before each of the first two readings. I was taught that the readings are supposed to speak to us in the here and now. What is correct?




When I enter a large discount store and see a greeter who can give me direction, I feel more secure. A little bit of information saves me a lot of time and walking.


The Preamble of the *General Introduction to the Lectionary* from the Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship allows brief introductions before the readings (chapter II, paragraph 15). A brief commentary can put the readings into historical context


and connect them with present-day situations. They can help us understand better what the Lord was trying to communicate in the first place and what we need to perceive today.

Of course, if your lectors are putting ideology or personal opinion into it, the purpose of the introduction is defeated. Therefore, if you feel someone is pushing a personal agenda, talk about it privately with your pastor.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter B 1
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

When Plans Go Wrong

Some things don't work out the way you plan them. Even when you pray over a matter, and you decide on an action that you truly believe fits the will of God, things can turn out different from what you had in mind.

Sometimes God takes matters out of your hands.

Take Peter, for example. After the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came upon him and other disciples. Peter preached repentance to converts from Judaism. They were baptized and then received the gifts of the Spirit. It formed a neat program: Find some Jews. Preach to them. Baptize them. Watch for the gifts of the Spirit. What could possibly go wrong?

Cornelius. Peter wasn't counting on Cornelius.

One day, while Peter was at prayer, he realized that God was calling not just Jews, but Gentiles to belief in Christ. The Gentile Cornelius, who had also been praying, sent friends to find Peter.

When Peter came, his neat program fell apart. The Holy Spirit came upon the household of Cornelius before they were baptized, and before these Gentiles could even become Jews!

God had another plan.

Sometimes when things don't go our way there is a very simple reason. They are going the way God planned them.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter B 2
1 John 4:7-10

Where Love Comes From

Who can explain love? One day you meet someone, and your heart is filled with a love you never knew was in there. Where does it come from? How did it get there? What prompted it to come out? Why does it feel this way?

Love warms us like nothing else. It inspires us to be good to others—and not just to the person we love. The love we have for one person is so great that it spills out in our actions and attitudes toward others. You become a more loving person to all because you became a loving person toward one.

Love comes from God. God is love. God loved us first before we loved any other person and before we loved **God. John writes, "Love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." When we love someone—whether or not we realize it—we are experiencing God. God loves first.**

Some people have another experience of God. They imagine God as an angry, authoritarian figure. Or they go to church and find God—well, boring. John suggests the problem might not be with God. It might be with us. **"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."**

It takes time to get to know God. But if we take time, **we will experience love. Then we'll know where love comes from.**

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of May 16/17

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Matthew Flores, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Dan Brenton, Carrie Gagnon, Shareen Ketchem, Alice Thompson
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Mary Pinsoneault
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan, Mickey Shawbitz
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III
Sacristan: Ruth Jablonka
Elijah Cup: Paul and Carrie Gagnon

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Audrey Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Brendan Cauley, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie, Paul Johansen
Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day
Ushers: Eden Carter, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Tina Henderson
Greeter: Deidre Henderson
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Patty Dominitz
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette, Maria Bridges

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey, Killian Casey
Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Tennyson, Pat Casey, Nadine Kuhns, Bob Wall
Lectors: Ana Fails, Jeremy Fumerola
Ushers: Ron Fetter, Donna Fetter, Brian Prescott, Mike Smith
Greeter: John Fails
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Elaine Tennyson
Coffee & Donuts: Stephanie Allen, Tom Blossman

Pilgrimage Information Session

After all the Masses on May 16 and 17 there will be a Holy Land Pilgrimage information gathering in the Parish Center classroom. I will be showing a 12 minute video of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2000 that Pope St. John Paul II longed to make before his death.

I will also address any concerns regarding security. If you have thought about going but security questions are a concern for you, I recommend you attend one of these gatherings. I will also respond to any questions you may have concerning the pilgrimage.

Fr. Paul

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, Fay Stockbridge, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Charlie Cospelisch, Anthony Michael Merrique, Faye Clark, Bobby Stockbridge*, Stacie Tippett

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

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Theresa Stegall, Harrison Bowie*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden, Mary and Gene Valentine*

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

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

Sunday **Maureen O'Neil*, Michael Adam*, Theresa Fowler***, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)

Holy Land Pilgrimage
November 2-10, 2015
\$3248.00

Your journey of faith and renewal will bring you as close as humanly possible to the places where our ancestors in the faith experienced God, in the hope that you, too, will receive some of the blessings of this Holy Land.

You will see the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, where the Word of God became flesh. You will experience the beautiful land around the Sea of Galilee where Jesus performed miracles you will stand inside the tomb where he rose from the dead. The Scriptures will come alive for you in a way you cannot imagine when you journey to the land of Jesus' birth.





“This I command you: love one another.” Note that in this direct quote from today’s Gospel that the Lord does not offer this as a suggestion nor as an option. It is a command. He reinforces this several times in Holy Scripture as He offers it as one of the two most important commandments. If we make an effort to genuinely love one another, we will have gone a long way to living out discipleship and stewardship.

It is appropriate on this Sixth Sunday of Easter when we celebrate Mothers’ Day throughout the United States that our readings are filled with the message of love. The love of a mother is one of the great blessings anyone can receive. We should have no difficulty on this day letting our mothers — in fact, all those women who have provided support and forgiveness to us — know that we love them.

If loving one another is one of the hallmarks of stewardship as a way of life, showing that love to our mothers, and for mothers, showing and expressing their love to their children is paramount on this day. As Christ said in today’s Gospel,

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s love for one’s friends.” Mothers do that constantly, sacrificing so much for their children. We are blessed; let the “mothers” in our lives know that they are a blessing.

Living Stewardship Now

Parishes are full of opportunities for you to offer service to fellow parishioners. Local charities have many openings for volunteers. Give some of your time and ability to serve people in the community. Financial donations are welcome everywhere!

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Many thanks to all who gifted their time to help get the 3,600 pieces of mail from Shelter House stuffed, sealed and in the mail in 3 hours on Tuesday, April 28th. Your helping hands and your time are very much appreciated.

2015 First Communion

Congratulations to the new communicants in our parish. May you continue to grow in your faith as you enjoy the graces you receive in sharing the Body and Blood of Christ.



*I*t's not often we're caught in our prejudices. My moment of reckoning came with the birth of my second daughter. My hospital roommate was a teenager giving birth to her third child. My husband and I were having trouble making ends meet, and even with insurance we'd still have hospital bills.

I resented the free care my roommate was receiving. *Why can't you be more responsible?* I thought. *Because of people like you, my hospital bills are higher.*

Reflecting back, I'm ashamed of my attitude. I held the unconscious assumption that I had a "right" to this fine hospital because I was working, could pay bills, and had insurance. Would I deny my roommate's child the level of care I wanted for my own?

The early Church wrestled with that type of question. Could Gentiles be admitted to the Christian community? They were considered unclean, and any Jew who touched or ate with them would be made unclean.

In the encounter with Cornelius, Peter comes to realize that there is no clean or unclean when it comes to people. God shows no partiality. The Holy Spirit makes a convincing argument to the believers by falling on the Gentiles even before they're baptized.

We often decide, consciously or subconsciously, who is worthy of our care or God's. But Jesus commanded us to love one another and to dwell in love, because God is love.

It's *our* prejudice that gets in the way.

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