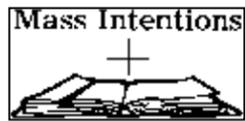
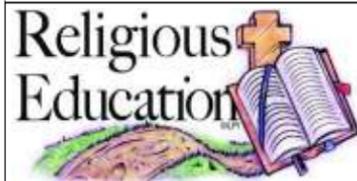


Recognizable Offering.....\$5,312.00  
 Loose Cash.....\$593.00  
 Total Weekly Offering.....\$5,905.00  
 Mass Attendance Apr 9/10 328



Apr 18 - Apr 24  
 Monday.....Vincent Byrne(+)  
 Tuesday.....No Mass  
 Wednesday.....No Mass  
 Thursday.....No Mass  
 Friday.....No Mass  
 Saturday.....Mary Conboy(+)  
 Sunday.....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)  
 .....Greg Grigsby(+)(10:30 a.m.)



The parish is still in need of a Director of Faith Formation. Ideally, this person would work full time

and coordinate all of the youth faith formation programs within the parish—K-12, Sacramental preparation, Children’s Liturgy of the Word, VBS, etc. The position does require a person who is a practicing Catholic, fully adhering to, and modeling, the Church’s teachings in faith and morals. The ideal candidate would have a BA in Religious Education, Theology, Pastoral Studies or Education with catechetical and administrative experience. Our previous search did not turn up the “perfect” fit. If you, or someone you know, are interested in this position and are reasonably qualified for the job, please contact Paul Johansen for more details.

### Weekly Calendar of Events

- 4/17 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
MS/HS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/18 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4/19 No Rosary
- 4/20 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 4/21 Adoration - 8:15 a.m.  
**Women’s Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 4/24 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
MS/HS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.  
Divine Mercy Study - 6:00 p.m.



### SPRING GARDENING

A shipment of mulch has been delivered and awaits your help to refresh the landscaping anytime it’s convenient for you. We will have a work day on Saturday, April 23rd starting at 8:00 a.m. to finish up the work. **You DON’T have to be responsible for a specific part of the garden to help with this project.** Please lend a hand to help beautify our grounds.

### From Blue To Better

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



From Blue to Better is a regional movement to raise awareness about child abuse prevention during the month of April, NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS month. Around Town Ministry will ask your help in creating a PINWHEEL garden in front of the church. This garden will be a visual reminder of those who strive to prevent and eliminate child abuse. Ministry members will be available before or after each Mass April 9<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> to give out pinwheels for donations. Donations will be given to our partner, Santa Rosa Kids’ House. Additional information may be found on the bulletin board.

### Make a Catholic Education a Reality: Step Up For Students is Now Accepting Applications for 2016-17

Step Up For Students is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications from new families for the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) scholarship for the 2016-17 school year. There is no fee to apply for the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) scholarship and we only accept online applications. Should you have any questions or concerns about the application process, please feel free to reach out via email at info@sufs.org or via phone at 877-735-7837. You can also call the Saint Mary School office for assistance at 243-8913.

April 17, 2016

# Dear Padre

What do we do with sacramentals?

Is it sacrilegious to throw a sacramental away?

**Monday**  
APRIL 18  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1–18  
Jn 10:1–10

**Tuesday**  
APRIL 19  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19–26  
Jn 10:22–30

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 20  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 12:24—13:5a  
Jn 12:44–50

**Thursday**  
APRIL 21  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:13–25  
Jn 13:16–20

**Friday**  
APRIL 22  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26–33  
Jn 14:1–6

**Saturday**  
APRIL 23  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:44–52  
Jn 14:7–14

**Sunday**  
APRIL 24  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 14:21–27  
Rv 21:1–5a  
Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

**“Sacramentals do not** confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (CCC 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal.

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**A MEDITATION FOR SPRING**

What happens to the tree when its blossoms spread and pour themselves out? Fruitfulness, growth, expansion, multiplication. Only by giving does the tree become fertile and produce fruit. Just so, we can only grow and produce spiritual fruit in our lives when we open and give of ourselves.

—From *Spring Meditations* by Fr. John Bartunek, LC (825613)

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Fourth Sunday of Easter C 1  
Acts 13:14, 43-52

## God's Unstoppable Spirit

You cannot stop the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will flow and inspire, filling the earth beyond all borders. You **cannot stop God's word.**

They tried. The enemies of Paul and Barnabas tried to stop them from preaching. They tried to contain the message of the gospel. It did not work.

Paul and Barnabas, traveling on a missionary journey, spoke at a synagogue at Antioch in Pisidia. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism listened. By the following week the crowds were so large that the Jewish leaders of the city tried to stop the apostles from preaching. Paul and Barnabas simply preached to a wider audience. They no longer preached to Jews alone. Now they were preaching to Gentiles.

As Christianity continued to spread, the Jewish leaders started a persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their territory. They did the only thing they could do. They went to another city. And they preached the gospel there.

If the Holy Spirit has a message, that message will be proclaimed. And if the message is within us, we will speak it. Not everyone is prepared to hear the message. Not everyone will receive its point. But the Spirit will speak.

When someone tries to keep you from saying what you know is important, the Spirit may be looking for a wider audience.

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Fourth Sunday of Easter C 2  
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

## Dressed for Heaven

We do not know what we will look like in heaven. At the resurrection of the body, will we have the body of our youth? Will we look as we do when we die? These are natural questions, but eternal life will be far greater than what we can now imagine. When we are freed from time and place, we will enter the mysterious presence of God in ways more perfect than we can know.

Still, people use metaphors to envision eternal life, and the Book of Revelation is no exception. John sees a great multitude standing before the throne and the Lamb, **“wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.” John saw heaven in a vision of vesture and accessories.**

White robes clothe heavenly beings in several passages **of the New Testament. Jesus' clothes turn white at the transfiguration.** Angels clothed in white appear at the resurrection. Heavenly beings throughout the Book of Revelation wear white. This is one reason why we wear white **on the day of our baptism, and why we cover a Christian's** coffin with a white cloth. We are clothed already in the uniform of heaven.

The festive palm branch is a sign of the victory of eternal life. Artists throughout the ages have depicted saints carrying palms.

We do not know what we will wear or carry, but we can expect that the Lamb will shepherd us to springs of life-giving water.

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## Liturgical Roles

Weekend of Apr 23/24

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joyce Klickovich, Mary Van Dorn, Michael Klickovich, Shareen Ketchem, Joanna Farnum  
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Ron Berthelette  
Ushers: Rachel Metruck, Heather Metruck, Eric Van Dorn  
Greeter: Pat Gossage  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Eric and Mary Van Dorn

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joe Davison, Kathy Stockbridge, Gene Valentine, Nancy McCreary, Nancy Brandewie  
Lectors: Deidre Henderson, Tina Henderson  
Ushers: Cathy McKnight, Eden Carter, Gary Jordan, James Johansen  
Greeter: Alma Battaglio  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Patty Dominitz  
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Kadi Casey, Gannon Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Russo, Katherine Colwell, Penny Sweeney, Bill Roth, Pam Wall  
Lectors: Patrick Sweeney, Margie Wadsworth  
Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott  
Greeter: Donna Fetter  
Sacristan: Petey Brennan  
Elijah Cup: Pat and Maryetta Casey  
Coffee & Donuts: Micayla Colwell, Katherine Colwell

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at 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\*, Charles Cummings\*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourg

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten\*, Wilda Mayhew\*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel & Leo Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler\*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart  
\*Indicates our parishioners.

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

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF NWFL IS RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities in Fort Walton Beach currently needs people who have the desire and the time to volunteer. There are many volunteer opportunities within the organization to help them continue the mission of helping families and individuals in the community. It only requires a few hours of your time, and this is a great way to get involved. Everyone has something to give. If you have the time and the interest to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity call them at 850-244-2825.

Catholic Charities is located at #11 First Street, SE in Fort Walton Beach.  
They are open Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 to 4:00 pm.



Today's readings contrast the discouraging experience of Sts. Paul and Barnabas in the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles to the Glory of Heaven reflected in the Second Reading from the Book of Revelation to the brief but definitive assurance we receive from Jesus Himself in the Gospel Reading from John.

St. John's remarkable vision, as reported in the Second Reading from Revelation is filled with insights into Heaven for us. For those in Heaven there is an immediate presence of God. Those in Heaven can approach God and be with Him. There are no obstructions or obstacles. God dwells there "among His people." It is impossible for us to conceive of this, which is why this particular Scriptural passage may seem so unworldly to us. In the Psalms David sang, "May I dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." That is our desire as well and that is fulfilled in Heaven, not on earth.

The Gospel Reading from St. John is in keeping with the clichéd phrase "short and sweet." Even though the Gospel Reading is not lengthy, the Lord makes some things very clear to us. He reaffirms what we have heard in the Second Reading when He says of His sheep, His flock, His followers, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish." This is Heaven as referenced in Revelation. This eternal life is greater than and far beyond what we can imagine having only experienced physical life. Eternal life is never-ending.

"No one can take them out of my hand." As followers of the Lord, as disciples, we know that He will take care of us, that we are safe in His Hands. It is this safety and security that can hold us up when we face the challenges outlined in the First Reading. It is comforting to know that the Hands that created the world created us also, and it is those Hands that keep us safe and hold on to us always.

### Living God's Word

The passage from Revelation speaks of "a great multitude . . . wearing white robes" (7:9). This refers to all who have put on Christ in baptism. Those who put on Christ will suffer as Christ suffered. Suffering will come to each of us who chooses to follow our shepherd-leader

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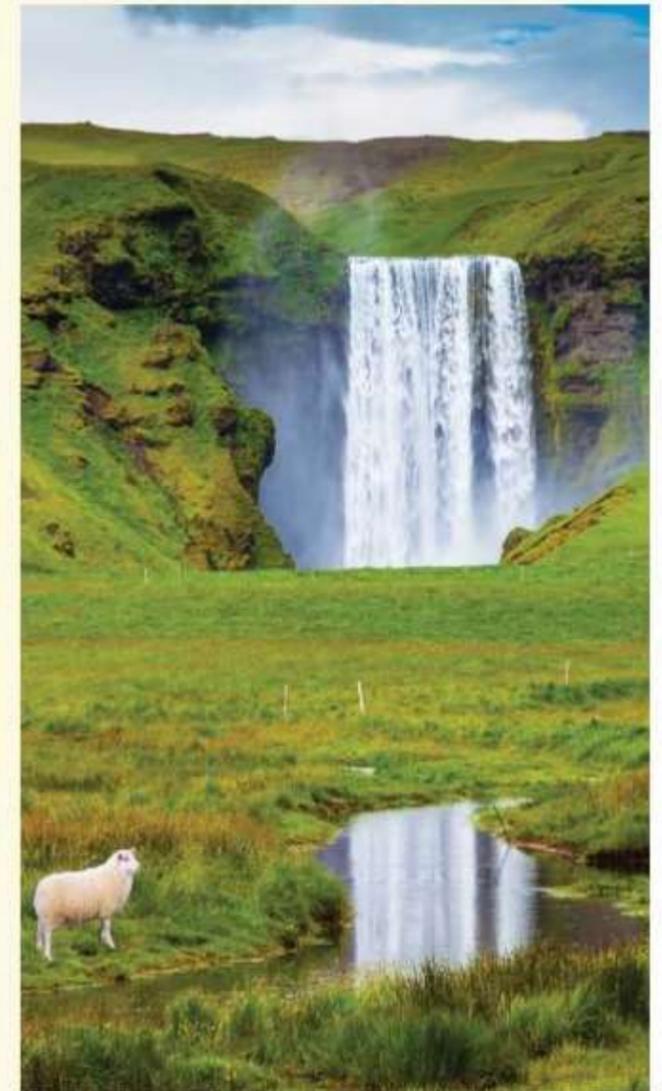


2016  
High School  
Youth  
Camp Out



I love the sound water makes when it is moving in a fast-flowing stream or curling up to the shore in waves. I am mesmerized particularly by waterfalls, small or large. My husband, who enjoys photography as a hobby, has taken pictures of many of the falls we have visited, and they decorate my office as a constant reminder of the power and beauty of God seen through all creation. I even have a crucifix that was designed to show the living water flowing from Christ—a waterfall tumbling down and over the foot of the cross. It is, for me anyway, one of the most powerful images of God that I can imagine.

Throughout the Easter season, the Scriptures present us with stories of resurrection and life. The preaching of the apostles, the abundance of fish caught in a net, the stirring of hearts in those who see and hear Jesus—they all show what it is like to live in "risen time," in full knowledge and endless presence of the Lord. Today Jesus talks about God's closeness, power, and promise. The Father has given the sheep to Jesus and no one can take them away. But in the reading from Revelation we have a clearer picture of our life with God: "The Lamb [will] lead them to springs of life-giving water." In Jesus' desert environment, this was a powerful image. In our world today it remains compelling. Jesus is the Living Water that brings life to our souls. Whether it flows as a gentle stream, restless wave, or waterfall from the throne of God, it is his gift to us.

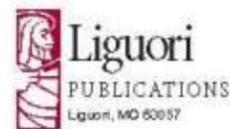


#### A Word From Pope Francis

"Let us . . . rediscover the importance and the sense of our Christian life, initiated in Baptism and, like the Samaritan woman, to witness to our brothers [that] every encounter with Jesus also fills us with joy."

—Angelic, March 23, 2014

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