



Recognizable Offering.....\$9,719.00
Loose Cash.....\$636.00
Total Weekly Offering.....\$10,355.00
Mass Attendance Sept 3/4 336



Sept 12 - 18
MondayJohn Dean(+)
TuesdayLouis Díaz(liv)
ThursdayPeggy Pilgrim(+)
FridayChristopher Hinton(+)
SaturdaySherwood Fowler(+)
SundayMarina Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

Middle and High School Youth Groups Kick-Off on September 11th from 6-8pm. We invite all 6th-12th graders to join us for fellowship, food, games & prizes! So, you better wear sneakers because we are on a mission to have some serious fun!



An engaging new program for teens, 9th grade and above, seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held on Sundays from 4:30-6pm in the Youth Room. There will

be a brief Parent Meeting on the first day regarding preparation. This new Confirmation program begins September 18th. Call Susie for questions at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

Stewardship Renewal

Stewardship finds its roots in the earliest books of the Old Testament. God's people were expected to return 10% of God's gifts to His purposes. Everything we have is given to us by God and we demonstrate good stewardship devoting a part of God's gifts to grow God's kingdom and to care for His people. Over the next few weeks you will receive more information about the stewardship renewal and living as His stewards every day. Please be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance in sharing your blessings.

Weekly Calendar of Events

9/11 Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
K-5 Faith Formation Begins - 9:15 a.m.
"Beloved" - 9:15 a.m.
HS/MS Kick-off - 6:00 p.m.
9/12 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
9/13 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
9/14 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
"Happiness" - 6:30 p.m.
9/18 K-5 Faith Formation Begins - 9:15 a.m.
"Beloved" - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Classes - 4:30 p.m.
HS/MS - 6:00 p.m.

BUILDING FAITH THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS



How do you connect to other parishioners? What steps are you taking to grow in your faith? The most important reason for gathering in a small group is to place God in a primary spot in our lives, make faith essential to our lives, hear the invitation of Jesus to change ourselves, and transform the society around us. In other words, to make disciples. Next weekend after all Masses, people who are currently involved in small group ministry will be at the doors and in the parish center with a ministry invitation. If you would like to join a small group, lead a small group, or just want more information, please fill out a response card and you will be contacted within the week.

Parish Appreciation Picnic

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the upcoming Parish Appreciation Picnic to be held on Sunday, September 25th, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the pavilions. This BBQ event will be catered by Tommy Mattonie's Coastal Café. There is no cost to attend, but so that we can order appropriately, you will NEED A TICKET. Tickets are available after all Masses this weekend and next as well as at the office during the week. Volleyball and corn hole will be set up for those who would like to play. We hope everyone will be able to attend this celebration.

Young Adults: **"Dinner is Served" and Praise, Worship and Adoration** will be Tuesday, September 13th at Christ Our Redeemer Parish. **"Dinner is Served" will be at 6:00 p.m.** with Eucharistic Adoration scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Sept 17/18
Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Van Dorn, Louise Perreault, Anni Labatte, Alice Thompson, Carrie Gagnon
Lectors: Ruth Sykes, _____
Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan
Greeter: Al Perreault
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Fred and Shareen Ketchem
8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman
Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, _____, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Joe Davison
Lectors: Paul Landry, Susi Evers
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, James Johansen
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Maria Bridges
Elijah Cup: Pete and Sylvia Wagner
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette
10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Joseph Sweeney, Micayla Colwell, Austin Wise
Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martinez, Ray Schlitt, Jean Schlitt, Teresa McClure
Lectors: Ana Livoti, Terri Turnbull
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Mike Sweeney
Greeter: John Fails
Sacristan: Therese Sweeney
Elijah Cup: Katherine Colwell
Coffee & Donuts: Barry and Alicia Graham



RCIA

Do you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Fr. Paul through the month of September, at 850-581-2556, or email pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org. He would like to meet individually with those who are interested before the sessions begin. We will begin meeting on Monday, October 3rd, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION

Are you interested in subscribing to the Magnificat monthly publication? It will depend on how many choose to get this monthly publication as to the cost, but last year it was \$25. If there are enough people to get the discount, the publication is sent directly to the parish each month and you pick up your copy at the Hospitality cart. If you would like to subscribe through the parish for Nov. 2016-Oct 2017, please sign up at the cart or call the office no later than September 25th.

Opportunity Place Dinners

Do you like to cook for a crowd? St. Peter Parish will reimburse you up to \$80 to provide a dinner to the residents of Opportunity Place, a temporary shelter for women and their families, on the 4th Sunday of each month. One or two people can work together to create a dinner for 30 people to include a meat, a starch, and a vegetable. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact Alice Thompson, (850)543-2425.

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, 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, Margie Wadsworth*

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, 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*, Ann Crouch*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Liz and Donnie Simmons*, Dan Brenton*, Rick and Maria Beard

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Cipriano Matiga*, Bonita Long
*Indicates our parishioners.

Ordinary Time

September 11, 2016 ♦ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 ♦ 1 Tm 1:12-17 ♦ Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

A preacher at a prayer service read the story of the Prodigal Son. The story was so familiar, I tuned out until he reached the part about the reaction of the elder son complaining about his brother's treatment. The preacher continued, "So the father responded, 'You are absolutely right: Let's send him away again.'" The congregation looked startled as this unfamiliar version rang in our ears. The preacher said, "That's the way I always thought the story should have gone." He continued to reflect on the passage and our all-too-human reaction to a father who seems to spoil his youngest kid rotten. The more he talked, the

more I realized that there is a little of the eldest son in all of us. We want to be rewarded and we want those who are wrong to be punished.

I think today's Exodus account is written from that perspective. God, as we understand him, wants to strike down all those who made the golden calf—and rightfully so. But Moses reminds God of his promise to Abraham, a memory of love so powerful that God cannot destroy his children regardless of his anger. We don't see how the Prodigal's father responded when his younger son first left. Maybe he was angry or disappointed as we might have been. Rather, we

do see that his love was so powerful, the son is welcomed back and falls to his knees in relief and contrition.

"It's pure grace that the father didn't react as we might have," said the preacher, "Thank God." And he read the rest of the passage as it had been written.

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A Word From Pope Francis
"What is God's plan? It is to make of us all a single family of his children, in which each person feels that God is close and feels loved by him."
— General Audience, May 20, 2013

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dear Padre

An "acting" godparent

Is it possible to replace a godfather? Since my daughter's baptism, my brother-in-law has divorced his wife and abandoned his children. I no longer want to associate with him.

I can understand your feelings toward your brother-in-law, given his behavior toward his own family. However, at the time of your daughter's baptism, he was accepted as her godfather and his name was placed in the official baptismal register. I don't see how that official document could be changed.

Although this loss may seem significant, it's important to remember that your daughter—and you—are not alone. She seems to have two parents, a godmother, a pastor and parish, and other adults and mentors who will walk with her and assist you as she grows in faith: "For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother*...The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism" (CCC 1255).

What I have recommended in similar situations is that you now choose and



ask a person whom you know and trust to be your daughter's "acting" godfather." As your daughter gets older you could explain to her that this person really cares about her and will be like a godfather to her. I think this might be a good family solution.

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"Be a saint!" That certainly falls into the category of things that are easier said than done. But we must not sell ourselves short. More to the point, we must never sell God short! With him, all things are possible, even making a saint out of a sinner like me.

—From *Red, White, Blue, and Catholic* by Stephen P. White (826450)

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Monday
SEPTEMBER 12
Weekday
1 Cor 11:17-26, 33
Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 13
St. John Chrysostom,
Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 14
Exaltation of
the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 15
Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 15:1-11
Jn 19:25-27
Lk 2:33-35

Friday
SEPTEMBER 16
Sts. Cornelius, Pope,
and Cyprian, Bishop,
Martyrs
1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 17
Weekday
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 18
Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7
1 Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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