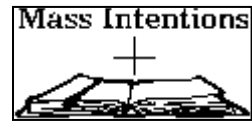




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Mass Attendance Apr 15/16 637



Apr 24- Apr 30
MondayTeresa Livoti(liv)
Wednesday.....NO MASS
ThursdayNO MASS
FridayNO MASS
SaturdayJack Kirchner(+)
Sunday.....Lindsay Bumpus(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)



Smile....Cheese! On Sunday, May 7th, the photographer coming for First Communion photos has graciously offered to open up her services to our parish families. If you would like to get your family photo taken, please sign up and get an order form at the Hospitality Cart. Pictures will be taken between Sunday Masses in the Parish Life Center.



The **Big Red Bus** will be here next Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Please spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to give the gift of life to those in need.

Afterwards gather up your strength with a hearty pancake breakfast cooked by the Knights of Columbus and served in our Parish Center for all to enjoy!



A most sincere and heartfelt thank you to the Jackson and Wise families for their dedication of time, talent and treasure to make our Easter party celebration a joyous occasion for our parishioners and families. God has blessed us with your presence and participation.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 4/23 Divine Mercy Sunday
K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Formation "Symbolon" - 9:15 a.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Holy Hour - 3:00 p.m.
HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/24 Rosary after morning Mass
- 4/26 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 4/27 Rosary after morning Mass
- 4/29 K of C Yard Sale - 7:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.
- 4/30 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Formation "Symbolon" - 9:15 a.m.
HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE Saturday, April 29, 2017. The 8910 Council continues to collect items for their sale. You may contact John Clark: 850-621-6224, Mike Brennan: 850-217-7134 or Eric Van Dorn: 850-939-9830, to make arrangements for large scale donation pick-ups.



Are you creative, handy, or willing to fake it? Looking for a fun way to share your faith? Look no further! VBS Decorating Parties will be held Mondays, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Come join us in the Parish Center and be sure to dress in old, comfy clothes. We will paint, glue, cut, and build to create a Mighty Fortress! Please call or email Susie Rushlau for more info. at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org



Sign up now! St. Peter Catholic Church will be hosting VBS June 5-9 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

For registration or to volunteer to help, please call Susie Rushlau at (850) 581-7263 or email dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org. Hope to see you there!

Steven Manning was Baptized, Confirmed and received **his First Communion during this year's Easter Vigil. Pray** that his faith strengthens more every day and that we, as a family, will provide him with the love and support that he needs to continue his faith journey. *Welcome to our parish family Steven!*



Weekend of Apr 29/30

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III
Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Patty Shawbitz, Teresa McClure, Angela Zangerle, Joanna Farnum
Lectors: Jan Comstock, Paul Gagnon II
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang
Greeter: Joni Flanagan
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Ron Berthelette

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Bobby Stockbridge, Eden Carter, Kathy Stockbrige, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen
Lectors: Deidre Henderson, Tina Henderson
Ushers: Frank Schorzman, Maria Bridges, Cathy McKnight
Greeter: Kathy Cauley
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Lynn & Stan Griggs
K of C Pancake Breakfast

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Celeste Clayton, Austin Wise, Joseph Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers: _____, Petey Brennan, Therese Sweeney, Becky Bittakis, Stacy Fralic
Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day
Ushers: Jim Wise, Brian Prescott, Donna Fetter
Greeter: Judy Holzschuh
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: John Fay
K of C Pancake Breakfast

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can use an envelope in the pew. If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a onetime gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer.

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*, Al Landry

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Jessica Spear

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Barbara Kirschten*

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

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

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Dan Brenton*, Rick Zern*, Faith and Hope Powell

Sunday Ann Hart, Bonita Long, Kimberly Arnold and unborn twins, Wilda Mayhew*

*Indicates our parishioners.



Hey Parents: Why send your teen to Steubenville?

"Evangelistic in nature, these weekend conferences are both a great "introduction" to the Gospel message for new or younger teens, while offering deep and moving experiences of prayer and fellowship for Youth Group regulars." Plus, it is faith-filled FUN! Teens graduating 8th grade-graduating 12th grade come join us! Deposits are due now. Call or email Susie for more info: 850-581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org

April 23, 2017
Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

Touching Jesus' Mercy

The memory and marks of our sufferings can lead us to lose our peace. For Christ, this is not so. He shows the disciples his wounds and says, "Peace be with you." It may seem contradictory, but it isn't. To touch Christ's wounded side is to touch his mercy, to touch a love that overcomes everything. In spite of my sins wounding him, he comes to me in loving mercy. Jesus' wounds bring peace.

When the apostles see his hands and side, they rejoice. His wounds are a sign that it is really him. No one else has those marks. His wounds are his identification! His wounds bring joy.

Thomas misses Jesus' first apparition, returning

and demanding proof before he will believe. Rather than becoming angry, Jesus shows him his wounds. He invites Thomas to touch the signs of his suffering, and Thomas believes. Jesus' wounds bring faith.

We, too, need to insert our hands and hearts into Christ's side, to come into contact with his love and mercy. Only then can we be healed. Only then can we experience real peace, joy, and faith.

That's why Jesus breathes on his disciples and says, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:22-23). He wants to heal their wounds and see them produce joy and peace in others. God's grace is to reach all generations through the power of forgiveness he entrusts to his Church. The sacrament of penance is exactly that.

We acknowledge our sins and Jesus responds with understanding, forgiveness, and counsel.
—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Incredulity of St. Thomas*; circa 1621
Artist: Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri)
Location: Vatican Museums' Pinacoteca

For Reflection

How often and how sincerely do you receive mercy through reconciliation? How often do you show and share the forgiveness and mercy you have been blessed with?

"Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:23).

Calendar

Monday

April 24
Easter Weekday
Acts 4:25-31
Jn 5:1-8

Tuesday

April 25
St. Mark,
Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b-14
Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday

April 26
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 5:16-21

Thursday

April 27
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27-35
Jn 5:31-36

Friday

April 28
Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

April 29
St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and
Doctor of the Church
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

April 30
Third Sunday
of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-35
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

Dear Padre,

Does the Church allow sick and elderly people to have "do not resuscitate (DNR)" orders?

Yes. The Church understands the human person as a union of body and soul. Made in God's image and likeness, we cannot separate our physical life from our spiritual life. When our bodies die, our spiritual existence continues. Thus, to believe that we are morally bound to exhaust all possible medical treatments incorrectly overemphasizes the good of our physical life here on earth—which our faith teaches comprises, in the end, shadows and dust—and overlooks the good of our spiritual life as well as the eternal destiny to which we are called by God.

There comes a time when medical intervention, beyond that required to keep a person comfortable and to relieve pain, is unnecessary and can excessively burden the patient or the family. Elderly and imminently dying patients are not obligated to undertake unreasonable or excessively burdensome medical procedures or to use measures that sustain life beyond basic nursing care such as proper hygiene, food and fluids (when they can be assimilated into the body), comfortable room temperature, turning to avoid bed sores, and other means.

Having conversations with loved ones about this matter is an excellent way to find support during times of suffering and loss. "Do not resuscitate (DNR)" orders can be part of the process of letting go of the life we have known while embracing the new life that awaits us in Jesus Christ.

Source: *Liguorian*, March 2011



A Word From Pope Francis

"We are called to abandon the behavior of sin and fix our gaze on what is essential. 'A man is more precious for what he is than for what he has' (Gaudium et spes, 35)...This love conquers sin and gives the strength to rise and begin again... and [be] rejuvenated."
—Homily, March 28, 2014