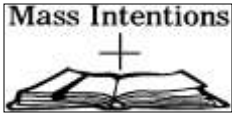

	Weekly Calendar of Events
Recognizable Offering.....\$4,286.48 Loose Cash.....\$491.24 Total Weekly Offering.....\$4,777.72 Retired Religious Fund Collection..\$680.00 Christmas Flowers Offering.....\$358.00 Mass Attendance Dec 12/13 336	12/20 No Faith Formation Christmas Choir Rehearsal -12:15 p.m. No MS/HS Meetings 12/21 Rosary - After Morning Mass 12/22 Christmas Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 p.m. 12/23 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m. 12/24 Thru Parish office will be CLOSED 1/3 12/24 Christmas Church Decoration - 8:30 a.m. No Adoration Christmas Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m. Midnight Mass Prelude - 11:30 p.m. Mass at Midnight 12/25 Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m. 12/27 No Faith Formation No HS/MS Meetings
	
Dec 21-27 Monday.....Julian Dawson(+) Tuesday.....Dcn. David Robinson(liv) Wednesday.....Barbara Kirschten(liv) Thursday.....Timothy Flanagan(liv)Maureen O'Neill(+)(6:00 p.m.)Barbara Kirschten(liv)(midnight) Friday.....Trey Corbitt(+) Saturday.....Doris Lavallo(+)(5:00 p.m.) Sunday.....Maureen O'Neill(+)(8:00 a.m.)St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)	

Dynamic Catholic presents



Featuring Dan Dematte & Aaron Richards
 Saturday, February 6
 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
 Hosted by St. Peter Parish

Don't miss YOUR Holiness Revolution Event experience!! Draw closer to God, deepen your understanding of his plan for your life, and gain a renewed passion to live that plan out. Buy your ticket for this great event now. Tickets are \$20 and include free stuff like a journal, book and more! Stop by the office or call Dynamic Catholic (859-980-7900) for tickets. They are also available through our website.

Added Incentive: Sell five tickets and get one FREE!

Help is needed to promote this event after the holidays. Please call Joni, 830-2875, to volunteer.



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December 20, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
 DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
 Sg 2:8-14 or
 Zep 3:14-18
 Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday
 DECEMBER 22
Advent Weekday
 1 Sm 1:24-28
 Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday
 DECEMBER 23
Advent Weekday
 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
 Lk 1:57-66

Thursday
 DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
 Lk 1:67-79

Friday
 DECEMBER 25
Nativity of the Lord
 Is 52:7-10
 Heb 1:1-6
 Jn 1:1-18 or
 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday
 DECEMBER 26
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
 Mt 10:17-22

Sunday
 DECEMBER 27
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
 Col 3:12-21 or
 3:12-17 or
 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
 Lk 2:41-52

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Wearing liturgical colors can be a reminder of the season

My pastor encourages us to wear liturgical colors to Mass: violet during Advent and Lent, red on Pentecost, and so forth. I notice some parishioners take this to heart, but I've never heard of such a thing. Is this something we're all supposed to do?

The color of the priests' vestments are dictated by the feasts and seasons of the Church's liturgical year: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The colors are listed in the calendar published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the colored squares in the calendar section of this bulletin indicate each day's color(s). Today, for example, is the fourth Sunday of Advent, so the liturgical color is violet.

Paragraphs 345-347 of the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* explain when and why each color is worn. This document is available from the USCCB's website, usccb.org, but easier still is asking a member of your parish staff about the meanings and symbolism of each liturgical season and color.

Dressing to match the color of the feast or season is certainly not required by the Church, but it's a common tradition in our culture—consider red Santa hats and green on St. Patrick's Day. Sometimes the seasons of the Church are lost in the daily hustle and bustle. Wearing something violet as you shop for or wrap Christmas gifts would be a lovely personal reminder of the true meaning of the season.

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 Join your children in adding regular prayer moments to your family's days together. Gather over breakfast or on the way to school for a brief morning offering. Bless your meals and end your busy days with quiet bedtime prayers that recall the day and seek God's protection through the night.

—From *Family, the Church, and the Real World*, a Redemptorist Pastoral Publication

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Fourth Sunday of Advent C 1
Micah 5:1-4a

From out of Nowhere

Victory is always exciting. But when the hero is a complete unknown who comes seemingly out of nowhere and performs as a pro, the victory electrifies all the more. The previously unknown hero thrills in many arenas—in sports, the arts, politics, and even religion.

Micah prophesied that God's chosen people would receive a new leader from a town of no reputation, some place called Bethlehem. This village was too small to be listed among the clans of Judah. Even so, God spoke through the prophet that Bethlehem would supply Israel with a ruler able to govern with divine strength. This ruler's greatness would reach the ends of the earth and bring peace.

For Christians, the identity of this ruler is well known: Jesus, who, Luke says, was born in Bethlehem. Jesus brings excitement to the history of religions because he came from nowhere, from a town that had never accomplished anything great.

But the real significance of Jesus is not his unfamiliar birthplace. It is the extent and result of his reign. He rules the spirits of believers all over the world. He brings peace to those whose hearts are heavy. He brings hope to those who live in obscurity, whose good deeds go unnoticed and whose love goes without reward. **The heroism of the just will never escape God's sight.**

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Fourth Sunday of Advent C 2
Hebrews 10:5-10

Why Jesus Was Born

The Letter to the Hebrews explains why Jesus was born. It quotes two phrases from the Book of Psalms. In the first, the psalmist says that God is displeased with sacrifices. Some people had been offering sacrifices without much meaning. They went through the ritual, but they put no heart into the words and actions. The psalmist sings, **"Sacrifice and offering you did not desire." Whatever they were doing to please God wasn't working.**

In the second phrase, the psalmist has a new idea—a different offering that might please God. What is this **new offering? The psalmist. "Behold, I come to do your will." If God was not pleased with the smoke of dead animals, perhaps God would be pleased with the obedience of a living psalmist.**

Hebrews recalls these two phrases as they reflect on the birth of Jesus. Jesus came because whatever we were doing to please God was not working. He came and said, **"Behold, I come to do your will." He has taken away the old sacrifice and replaced it with himself. The new sacrifice involves heart: having the intent to do God's will.**

Because Jesus came into the world, Hebrews says, **"We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ." We celebrate the birth of Jesus this week, but we also celebrate our consecration as the people of God. In thanksgiving, let us resolve to do God's will.**

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Weekend of Dec 26/27

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Elizabeth Baldwin, Louise Perreault, Shareen Ketchem, Alice Thompson, Joanna Farnum
Lectors: Mary Pinsoneault, Ruth Sykes
Ushers: Rachel Metruck, _____, _____
Greeter: Al Perreault
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Patricia Collins

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Jared Dunn
Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, Nancy McCreary, Susan Johansen, Paul Johansen, _____
Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Cathy McKnight
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: L.P. Henley

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Matthew Flores, Abigail Zaleske
Extraordinary Ministers: Barbara Russo, Nadine Kuhns, Bob Wall, Pam Wall, Therese Sweeney
Lectors: Margie Wadsworth, Warren Cabral
Ushers: Jim Wise, Brian Prescott, Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: John Fay

Christmas Choir Schedule:

Rehearsals

Sunday, December 20 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 24 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Performances

Thursday, December 24 6:00 p.m.
11:40 p.m. Midnight Mass Prelude
Midnight Mass

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, Jon and Julie Bourg

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James Smith*, Steve Powell*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

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

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

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

Sunday 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.](#)



“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” With those words from St. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, to our Blessed Mother Mary our Gospel on this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent closes. It is appropriate that we are reminded of Mary’s stewardship just a few days before she gives birth to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



In the U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter on stewardship, “Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response”, The Bishops remind us that Mary is the epitome of stewardship: “After Jesus, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example most perfectly teaches the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense...she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously, creatively, and prudently; she understood her divinely assigned role in terms of service and fidelity.”

As we complete our preparations for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, we need to consider Mary’s total trust in God and her willingness to place her entire life at His service, and ours. If we can even be a fraction of the steward she was, we will be ready for Christ’s coming and better prepared to be disciples and good stewards. In the midst of our joy and celebration at this holy time, we, too, must bear in mind that we are called and chosen.

Living God’s Word

After hearing Elizabeth’s final words, “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled” (Luke 1:45), we can pray the words of the refrain of today’s responsorial psalm: “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved” (Psalm 80:4).

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Save the Date and get ready for the 1st Blood Drive of 2016



We are ringing in the new year with a fabulous pancake breakfast and blood drive on Sunday, January 10th from 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

The Knights enjoy making the parish center sizzle with the delicious smells of bacon and sweet maple syrup to top off the fluffy pancakes. The breakfast is free but donations are welcome.



Bring your whole family after one of the Masses to enjoy a breakfast out.

Let’s keep encouraging our friends to join us in the blood mobile. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time to give a pint of blood and it is so appreciated by our community.



How can we show others the mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but we ignore the poor. We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but we hold grudges against our friends. Our actions need to authentically reflect God’s mercy. Through corporal works of mercy you can live out that mercy every day!

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They “are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs”. They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The seven Corporal Works of Mercy are:
FEED THE HUNGRY, GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY, SHELTER THE HOMELESS,
VISIT THE SICK, VISIT THE PRISONERS, BURY THE DEAD, GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

Advent

December 20, 2015 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mi 5:1-4 ♦ Heb 10:5-10 ♦ Lk 1:39-45

Not long ago, I had the great opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Israel with a group of people. We began our journey each day in prayer. We visited many holy sites; we walked where Jesus walked. Each day our chaplain celebrated liturgy in one of the many churches that mark the location of significant stories in the Bible: where Jesus was born, where he died, where he celebrated his first miracle, at Cana. The prayer was profound, and the members of the group quickly became friends. We still greet each other with gladness and affection.

One of the more moving experiences was a visit to the Church of the Visitation. Located at the top of a small hill, the church welcomes visitors with a wide plaza and a wrought-iron entryway. Immediately to the right of the courtyard is a tall bronze statue of Mary and Elizabeth greeting each other. The figures are slender and visibly pregnant. The artist captured their joy with a slight arch in their backs, their arms beginning to ascend, and their heads lifted up as though laughing in delight. The statue made us smile.

I think about that statue now and believe this is how we should always greet the Lord—with delight, joy, and an understanding that we are pregnant with his grace and presence. We are called to reveal that presence to the whole world. In these last few days before Christmas, reflect on the ways you will show your joy in the Lord’s coming.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY
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A Word From Pope Francis
“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”
—Eugenii Gaudium, 114



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