

Recognizable Offering..... \$7,350.00
Loose Cash \$605.00
Total Weekly Offering.....\$7,955.00
Mass Attendance Aug 6/7 354



Aug 15 - 21
MondayTrey Corbitt(+)
TuesdayPatricia Sears(liv)
ThursdayNo Service
FridayNo Service
SaturdayBelinda Muir(liv)
SundayWillis Henderson(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



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.

HAPPINESS!

Here's an invitation to a 7 week series that addresses the most basic but often unexamined questions about happiness – what is it, where does it come from, and how it defines the choices in our lives. Happiness features interviews with well-known psychiatrists, celebrities, New Testament scholars, physicists, and priests that uncover the deeper answers to life's most profound questions. Sessions will be held in the high school youth room on Wednesday evenings beginning August 24th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The format will include a 30 minute video followed by some very engaging discussion questions. If you are interested, please sign up by calling the office or at the hospitality cart.

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/15 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
8/16 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
8/17 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY



Food For Thought (FFT) is gearing up for the school backpack program that will begin in a few weeks. FFT is preparing to serve 1,500 children in 20 schools across Walton and Okaloosa Counties! Around Town ministry, will continue to assist by picking up full backpacks on Thursday mornings, delivering them to each classroom at Florosa Elementary, and returning the empty bags on Tuesdays to FFT in Destin. If you are interested in volunteering with this program, please contact Joni.

Share God's Word with our Little Ones:

We are in need of Catechists for Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All lessons/crafts are prepared for you! If willing, call Susie at 581-7263 for more information.



Religious Education Registration continues

Faith Formation will be held on Sundays, beginning September 11, 2016. We offer classes for K-5, Middle School, High School, and Confirmation. We look forward to seeing you!

Attention Parents!

Don't just "kill" time during Religious Education classes - "fill" time with faith enrichment and fellowship with other parents.



Introducing "Beloved": A Marriage Enrichment Series, which will run from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in classroom 1 (Youth Room). If interested, there is a sign-up sheet at the Religious Education registration table.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Since the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls on a Monday this year, there is no obligation to attend Mass. Mass will be celebrated at the usual daily Mass time of 8:00 a.m.

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Aug 20/21
5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Mary Van Dorn, Ron Berthelette, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault
Lectors: Eric Van Dorn, Paul Landry
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Joni Flanagan, Heather Metruck
Greeter: Shareen Ketchem
Sacristan: Dan Brenton
Elijah Cup: Wanda Corbitt

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Joshua Soto
Extraordinary Ministers: Maria Bridges, Eden Carter, Patsy Soto, Nancy McCreary, Bobby Stockbridge
Lectors: Michael Moore, Kathy Moore
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Arnold Soto, James Johansen
Greeter: Alma Battaglio
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Lynn and Stan Griggs
Coffee & Donuts: Steve Berthelette

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Devony Ross, Joseph Sweeney, Austin Wise
Extraordinary Ministers: Elaine Tennyson, Bill Roth, Pam Wall, Barbara Russo, Melody Grogan
Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Mike Sweeney
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Therese Sweeney
Elijah Cup: Barbara Russo
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Karen Clayton

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

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*, Ann Crouch*

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

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



LUNCH & LEARNING

As a stewardship parish, we were able to provide a nutritious hot lunch program over the summer to the youth attending EJJYC. Your offertory contributions support the budget of the parish including community outreach. Thanks to a core team of 17 volunteers, 1,661 lunches were provided at a cost of \$1.68 per lunch. It is truly a gift to be able to support the families of the youth center using our time, talent and treasure.

The recent parish request for school supplies brought in items and cash donations over \$850. Supplies were delivered to EJJYC, Tuesday for the children that needed them. Extra supplies will remain at the center to help the kids who aren't always prepared to do homework when they arrive for the after school program. By the way, there is a strong need for tutors in the after school program at the center. If anyone would like to assist it would truly benefit the youth who need someone to believe in them, encourage them, and help them improve academically.

Ordinary Time

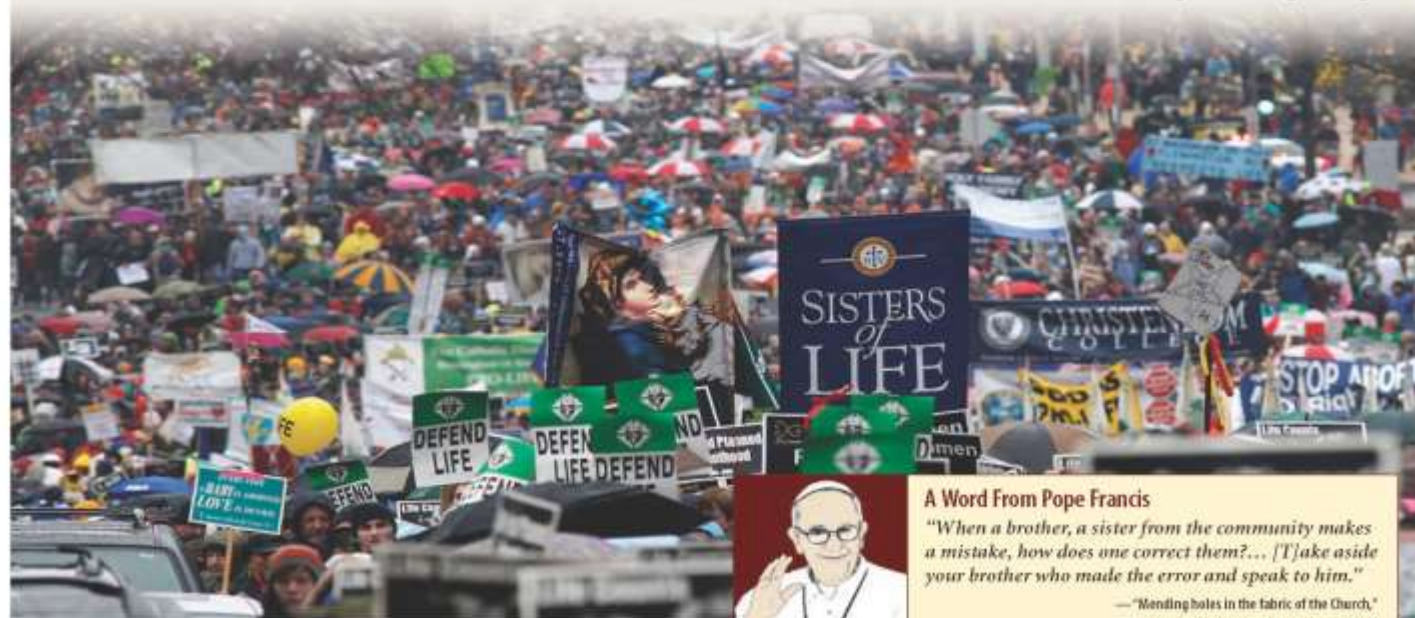
August 14, 2016 ♦ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 ♦ Heb 12:1-4 ♦ Lk 12:49-53

When I was young, one of my favorite pictures of Jesus was one of his blessing little children. How calm and peaceful Jesus seemed, and his eyes were full of love. In later years, I have been drawn to other images and art of Jesus holding, healing, and granting mercy to his beloved children. That image of Jesus is so comforting that I tend to forget that Jesus also disturbed the peace, questioned authority, and demanded complete obedience and loyalty. For first-century Christians, following Jesus often meant leaving family and friends, civil disobedience (not considering Caesar as a god), and reimagining religious traditions.

The Christ who sows division is uncomfortable, but Christians in every century have had to speak

out against evil and sin, especially when their culture's or country's practices lead people away from rather than toward God. Even here in the United States, Catholics have found themselves defending the dignity of all human life and economic and social justice for the poor, even when it meant challenging the prevailing culture and political climate. It's rarely easy to speak truth to power or popularity, and we have to guard against those who think they are always right or somehow above God. Jesus himself recognized that he would not always be popular, so he lifted up the two great commandments to love God and neighbor as the measure of how we should act even when those actions divide us.

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A Word From Pope Francis

"When a brother, a sister from the community makes a mistake, how does one correct them?... [T]ake aside your brother who made the error and speak to him."

—"Mending holes in the fabric of the Church,"
Morning Meditation, September 12, 2014



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Monday
AUGUST 15
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20-27
Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday
AUGUST 16
Weekday
Ez 28:1-10
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday
AUGUST 17
Weekday
Ez 34:1-11
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday
AUGUST 18
Weekday
Ez 36:23-28
Mt 22:1-14

Friday
AUGUST 19
Weekday
Ez 37:1-14
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday
AUGUST 20
St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Ez 43:1-7a
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday
AUGUST 21
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18-21
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

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Dear Padre

August 14, 2016

The Gospel rises above crass political posturing



Who says the Church isn't political?
Don't they endorse bills and candidates all the time?

I'm not sure that anyone has ever claimed that the Church is not political. As long as there are moral implications to political decisions, the Church will always give guidance to voters and politicians. I believe that the quality the Church is looking for is to be non-partisan. We cannot wed ourselves to party platforms or individual candidates. The Gospel rises above crass political posturing. Whenever the Gospel supports or corrects the politics of the day, we must be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and call all in power to account.

In fact it is supremely sad that some moral issues are even politically controversial. When the Church speaks

up for the unborn or the poor, when we try to protect the environment or the freedom of religion, it is tragic that there is any political opposition at all.

The Church is a prophetic voice to our society and has been historically in many societies. The goal of influencing elections and supporting candidates is far too small for the disciples of Christ. Our hopes are to evangelize voters, leaders, and all people in Gospel values. As a priest I am not allowed to endorse candidates from the pulpit, but I am required by the Church to faithfully preach our values, even if they are political or unpopular.

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The Church teaches us lessons that no human law ever could. Who but the Church can teach us to love God and neighbor as we ought? Where else will we learn civilizing lessons like the last shall be first, the strong must protect the weak, or that our dignity is rooted in the majesty of our divine Creator? All of these are things the Church does to shape citizens, to make us the kind of men and women capable of living our freedom well.

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

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