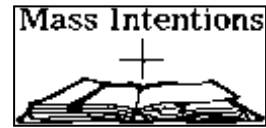





Recognizable Offering..... \$6,711.47
 Loose Cash..... \$531.33
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$7,242.80
 Mass Attendance July 8/9 364



July 17 - July 23
 Monday.....Teddy Ebañez(+)
 Wednesday.....Maryellen Hammock(liv)
 Thursday.....Fr. Alapaki Kim(liv)
 Friday.....David Jordan(liv)
 Saturday.....Rita Branch(+)
 Sunday.....Peggy Pilgrim(+)(8:00 a.m.)
**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

 **In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Barbara Rogers**, sister of our parishioner Mary Gates. Pray for the consolation of her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

LEGION OF MARY AUXILIARIES BREAKFAST

Our Lady Gate of Heaven Praesidium

The auxiliary members of our Praesidium are invited to meet, greet and enjoy breakfast with the active members in the Parish Center, on Friday, July 21, 2017 after morning Mass and Rosary. Please remember to R.S.V.P. by July 18th.



Weekly Calendar of Events

7/15-16 SRKH Wish List Drive
 7/17 Rosary after morning Mass
 7/19 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
 7/20 Rosary after morning Mass
 7/21 Legion of Mary Auxiliaries Breakfast - after morning Mass



We are pleased to be able to offer a Special Needs faith formation class this coming year. We would like your help to identify if a need exists in our parish. If you have a child or know a child in St. Peter Parish who would benefit from this opportunity, we ask that you let us know by July 30th so that we may set up a plan to suit individual needs by the start of the school year.
 Please contact Susie Rushlau at dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org or 581-7263

Got Faith? Love Jesus?

Are you willing to share this love & faith with others? Then we have an opportunity for you! We are ramping up for St. Peter Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). We need leaders to help guide others into a deeper relationship with Jesus. We will have classes for all ages and stages from Pre-school **Children's Liturgy**, K-5th grade, Middle and High School Youth, to Adult programs. Contact Susie Rushlau at dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org or 581-7263 to find out more information about how you can answer the call to serve Him.



Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of July 22/23
5:00 p.m.
 Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III
 Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Anni Labatte, Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem
 Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Jan Comstock
 Ushers: Heather Metruck, Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz
 Greeter: Lynn Brenton
 Sacristan: Dan Brenton
 Elijah Cup: Paul II and Carrie Gagnon
8:00 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Emily Moore
 Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy McCreary, Bruce Brandewie, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen
 Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore
 Ushers: Cathy McKnight, Kathy Cauley, James Johansen
 Greeter: Deidre Henderson
 Sacristan: Maria Bridges
 Elijah Cup: Luann DuRall
 Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan
10:30 a.m.
 Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey, Killian Casey
 Extraordinary Ministers: Penny Sweeney, Petey Brennan, Pat Casey, Stacy Fralic, Kathleen Garcia
 Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day
 Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Brian Prescott, Donna Fetter
 Greeter: Terri Turnbull
 Sacristan: Mike Brennan
 Elijah Cup: Stacy Fralic
 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:

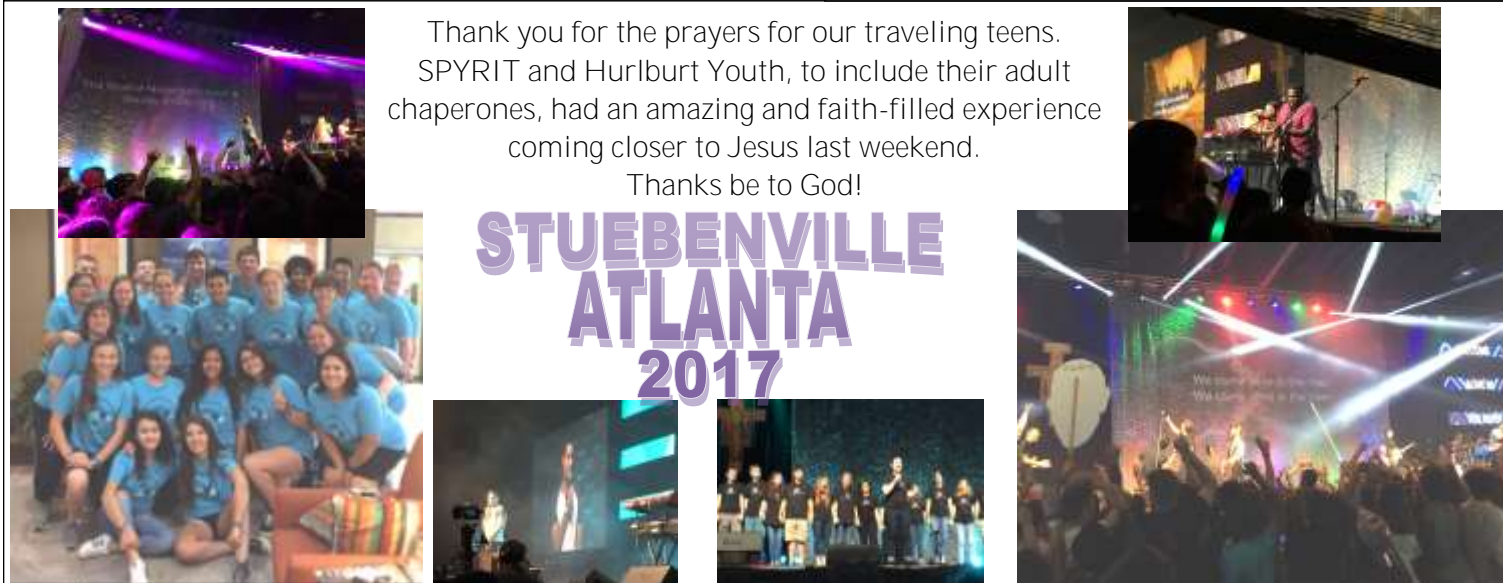
- Monday Johanna Adam*, Steve Lange, Clare Van Zelfden
 - Tuesday Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte
 - Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*
 - Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler
 - Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson
 - Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear
 - Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper
- *Indicates our parishioners.
- Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

Young Adults:

- * Discipleship on Draft is Monday, July 17 at 3rd Planet Brewery in Niceville from 6:30-8 p.m. with Father Steve Voyt on the Trinity.
- * In keeping with the October 2018 Synod on **“Young people, faith and vocational discernment”**, the diocesan young adult ministry has developed two surveys so that they can better meet the needs of the young adults in our diocese.
 If you are a young adult between 18 and 39, please complete the survey found at <https://form.jotform.us/71016057908152>
 If you are a person who lives with, works with, or knows young adults, please complete this survey. <https://form.jotform.us/71094762308155>

Thank you for the prayers for our traveling teens. SPYRIT and Hurlburt Youth, to include their adult chaperones, had an amazing and faith-filled experience coming closer to Jesus last weekend. Thanks be to God!

STUEBENVILLE ATLANTA 2017



Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time (A)
Is 55:10-11
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23

The Eye of God

The Book of Romans meditates on a truth we sometimes neglect, but that has inspired many artists. Creation longs to share in the freedom of God's kingdom. Sin has affected nature, so salvation will also set it free from corruption. What would a glorified planet look like? Charles Burchfield, a nature painter, tried to imagine just that.

He painted thousands of scenes from his bedroom in Salem, Ohio. He became obsessed with dramatizing landscapes and was known to sketch as he walked to and from school. His love and meditations didn't keep him from entering the army, but given his gifts, he was assigned to the camouflage unit, using his skills to paint tanks and drapery. Some of his designs are still used today.

What Burchfield discovered was that a pristine nature scene was a divine image. The forms, the colors, the patterns were all created by God and guided by his providence. By painting these scenes, one was truly touching the hand of God and entering into his mind. His painting *Eye of God in the Woods* illustrates the eye of God in a sun that pierces through the trees of a snowy forest with a rolling brook.

God speaks in nature motifs. Scripture is full of them. Jesus also used nature as a model for his teachings: seeds sown in different soils, clouds predicting rain, a sparrow, a catch of fish.

Nature is a glorious soil from which inspiration can sprout. This week, meditate and marvel at the beauty of creation and, like Jesus, take lessons from it for your spiritual life.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Eye of God in the Woods*, 1949
Artist: Charles Burchfield
Location: Collection of the
Monumenti Musei e Gallerie
Pontificie, Vatican City

For Reflection

How often do I spend time outdoors enjoying nature?
What messages from God can I find
in the natural world today?

Calendar

Monday
July 17
Weekday
Ex 1:8-14, 22
Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday
July 18
Weekday
Ex 2:1-15a
Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday
July 19
Weekday
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12
Mt 11:25-27

Thursday
July 20
Weekday
Ex 3:15-20
Mt 11:28-30

Friday
July 21
Weekday
Ex 11:10-12:14
Mt 12:1-8

Saturday
July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sgs 5:1-4b or
2 Cor 5:14-17
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday
July 23
Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Wis 12:15, 16-19
Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-45
or 13:24-50

Dear Padre,

Why does the Bible have two creation stories?

Scholars believe these stories (Genesis 1-3) were written by two authors during different times and situations in Jewish history. The first story focuses on the creation of the universe; the second emphasizes the creation of man and woman.

The creation account that appears first in the Bible (Genesis 1:1-2:4a) was written six centuries before the birth of Christ by a priest wanting to reaffirm for the Jews that only one God is the all-powerful creator of all that exists. At that time, a belief in several powerful, warring gods was common in the cultures surrounding Judaism.

The story that appears later in the Bible (Genesis 2:4b-3:24) was actually written earlier—four centuries earlier—by a sage in the court of King David. It affirmed that human beings have an inherent dignity and a responsibility to live within boundaries. They must obey God, a rule that applies to kings as well.

Both accounts contain the closely held beliefs regarding human dignity (made in God's image and likeness) and responsibility (care for the earth as God would care for it) that are core to the Christian faith. At their heart they teach us through symbol and story about that God who is partially knowable, the source of life and hope amid the chaos and loss that beset every generation.



Source: "Dear Padre," October 2011 *Liguorian*
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A Word From Pope Francis

"Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker' (Wisdom 13:5); indeed, 'his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world' (Romans 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

—Laudato Si', May 24, 2015

"[Hope] that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).



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