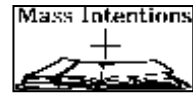




Recognizable Offering.....\$9,085.00  
Loose Cash ..... \$673.69  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$9,758.69  
Hurricane Relief Collection ..... \$5,723.17  
Mass Attendance Sept 9/10 384



Sept 18 - 24  
Monday .....Irene E. Gibson(+)  
Wednesday.....Charles Davis(+)  
Thursday .....Joanne Fails(+)  
**Friday**.....Mary Dawson(+)  
Saturday .....Rita Cox(+)  
Sunday .....Ken Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

*“Living as Missionary Disciples”*

We give a great **BIG THANKS** to all who have answered the call to share their faith and the love of Jesus with our children, youth and adults at St. Peter Parish. God bless our Catechists and their students this year!

Confirmation Class begins after Mass, at 11:45 a.m. in Room 1 of the Pastoral Life Center.

**Young Adults**



Discipleship on Draft is Monday, September 18 at 3<sup>rd</sup> Planet Brewery in Niveville from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Around Town** Around Town will have a meeting on Sunday, September 24th from 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the parish center. They will discuss plans for the fall and provide information for those who may be new to the ministry and want to get involved. Grab some coffee and a donut and see how easy it is to share your time and talent with the community.



**Weekly Calendar of Events**

- 9/17 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.  
Confirmation - 11:45 a.m.  
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 9/18 Rosary after morning Mass
- 9/19 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 9/20 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 9/21 Rosary after morning Mass
- 9/24 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.  
Confirmation - 11:45 a.m.  
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



**St. Peter SPYRIT Youth Program** invites you to a presentation by the **Refuge for Women Emerald Coast**

**Safe Environment Night**

**Date:** Sunday September 17th  
**Time:** 6-8 p.m.  
**Location:** St. Peter Parish Center  
**Who:** All middle and high school youth and their parents.

**Dinner will be provided**



*\*We will be taking donations of full-size hygiene items (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, etc.) for the women of the Refuge Center Thank you!*

**Bishop John Ricard Conference**

*Living as Missionary Disciples*  
Saturday, September 30, 2017  
9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
St. Sylvester Parish, Navarre

This conference is for all in ministry in our parish and diocese including parish pastoral and finance councils, AFF leaders, Music ministry, RCIA coordinators, Youth ministers Family Life ministers, Catechists, Catechetical leaders, Hispanic ministry, and all adults interested in growing in faith.

For on line registration go to: [www.ptdiocese.org](http://www.ptdiocese.org) then select **“Event Registration”**



Weekend of Sept 23/24

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray  
Extraordinary Ministers: Doug Hoover, Shareen Ketchem, Anni Labatte, Ken Olson  
Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Eric Van Dorn  
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeter: Pat Gossage  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, Joe Davison, James Johansen, Nancy McCreary  
Lectors: Isabella Dominitz, Patty Dominitz  
Ushers: Cathy McKnight, Frank Schorzman, Gary Jordan  
Greeter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Eden Carter  
Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Joseph Sweeney  
Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martinez, Stacy Fralic, Kathleen Garcia, Alicia Grecco, Rick Grecco  
Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day  
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Mike Sweeney, Jim Wise  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Bill Roth  
Elijah Cup: Michael and Lisa Manion  
Coffee & Donuts: John Fay, Lisa Manion

**The theme throughout today’s readings from Holy Scripture has to do with forgiveness. We must always appreciate that forgiveness is a two way street. We need to seek forgiveness as all of us are likely to do. However, forgiveness is also something we need to grant to others.**

**Some scholars consider Matthew’s Chapter 18 among Jesus’ most personal teachings to His disciples and others.** There is no question that the Lord is in the process of preparing His followers for the time when they (we) must continue His Kingdom without His physical presence. He is trying to build up the sense of fellowship and cohesion among His flock.

Thus, He focuses on how to build up cooperation and unity in those who work to build His Kingdom. He makes it clear that for us to accomplish that requires forgiveness and reconciliation. The lesson for us is quite basic: we need to know and appreciate and understand the grace of Jesus and respond by learning how to forgive our sisters and brothers (all sisters and brothers in our Christian and Catholic fellowship).

Christ always forgives us if we come to Him with a humble and repentant heart, and He expects the same from us. **We need to forgive others just as we are forgiven. As Jesus warns us in today’s Gospel: “So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother (and sister) from your heart.”**

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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, Carlos López

Tuesday Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Joe Rushlau\*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Bette Dellner\*, Barbara Kirschten\*, Aurora Beard

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Ann Crouch\*, Robert Welniak

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Rick Zern\*, Harper Spear

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Bob Seitz\*

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**September 17, 2017**  
 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
 Sir 27:30–28:7  
 Rom 14:7–9  
 Mt 18:21–35

## Right Judgment

Often when we think of a judge, we think of severity or cold justice. Courtroom and criminal-justice dramas—even some news coverage of major crimes and scandals—love depicting the offender as receiving his or her just rewards, with the judge or prosecutor smugly reflecting or sighing in relief.

But in the scriptural sense, a judge is much more. A good judge is an educator, teacher, and parent. Good judges promote wise living and respect for authority and the law. Their tools are sometimes mercy, sometimes penance, but always prompted by love.

A better image to understand the judge's role is a parent educating his or her child. Sometimes education means letting something slide; sometimes it means holding the child accountable. Both can be expressions of love.

Today's readings caution us against selfish passions that prompt us to judge. One who has been forgiven much but is then harsh with others will be severely punished—or as Sirach puts it, God "remembers their sins in detail."

Mercy toward others is key to the Gospel message. Some think they are good Christians because they don't steal and haven't killed anyone. They may even be active in their parish but are highly critical of others.

Remember, as Jesus said: "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Matthew



Piece: *Christ the Judge*, 1507-08  
 Artist: Perugino  
 Location: Stanza dell'Incendio, Vatican Museums

7:2). And, "So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."  
 —Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### For Reflection

How kind, patient, and forgiving am I on a regular basis? How kind, patient, and forgiving would others say I am?

*"I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times"  
 (Matthew 18:22).*

## Calendar

**Monday**  
 September 18  
*Weekday*  
 1 Tm 2:1–8  
 Lk 7:1–10

**Tuesday**  
 September 19  
*Weekday*  
 1 Tm 5:1–15  
 Lk 7:11–17

**Wednesday**  
 September 20  
*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön,  
 Priest, and Paul Chông  
 Ha-sang, and Companions,  
 Martyrs*  
 1 Tm 5:14–16  
 Lk 7:31–35

**Thursday**  
 September 21  
*St. Matthew,  
 Apostle and Evangelist*  
 Eph 4:1–7, 11–15  
 Mt 9:9–15

**Friday**  
 September 22  
*Weekday*  
 1 Tm 6:2c–12  
 Lk 8:1–5

**Saturday**  
 September 23  
*St. Pius of Pietrelcina,  
 Priest*  
 1 Tm 6:13–16  
 Lk 8:4–15

**Sunday**  
 September 24  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
 in Ordinary Time*  
 Is 55:6–9  
 Phil 1:20c–24, 27a  
 Mt 20:1–16a

# Dear Padre,

**Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?**

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1–2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15–17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSSR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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### A Word From Pope Francis

*"We must not grow weary, then, of keeping watch over our thoughts and our attitudes, in order that we may be given even now a foretaste of the warmth and splendor of God's Face—and this will be beautiful—which in eternal life we shall contemplate in all its fullness. Forward, thinking of this judgment which begins now, which has already begun. Forward, doing so in such a way that our hearts open to Jesus and to his salvation; forward without fear, for Jesus' love is greater and if we ask forgiveness for our sins he will forgive us. This is what Jesus is like. Forward then with this certainly, which will bring us to the glory of heaven!"*

—General audience, St. Peter's Square, December 11, 2013