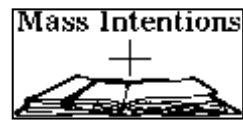




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Mass Attendance Sept 23/24 379



Oct 1 - Oct 8
MondaySpecial Intention
Wednesday.....Thomas Mueller(+)
ThursdayAll Natural Disaster Victims
FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
SaturdayAl and Louise Perreault(liv)
SundayJohn M. Logan(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

THE LORD HEARS THE CRY OF THE POOR
For the month of September 2017
Sharing and Caring: \$200.00

Save the Date
Sunday October 15, 2017
Blood Drive and Pancake Breakfast
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Adoration with Praise & Worship
@ St. Peter Catholic Church on October 8,
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
hosted by St. Peter Catholic Youth.

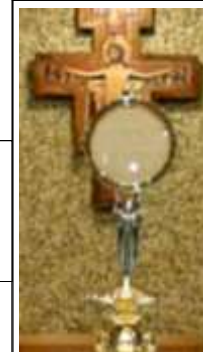
ALL are welcome.

Youth (grades 6-12) will meet as usual for dinner in the Parish Center at 6:00 p.m.

The House of Saint Joseph the Workman is now open at 7 First St. SE in Fort Walton Beach. While they no longer have the bookstore, the House offers a quiet place for prayer, study and spiritual direction. Join them to pray the Rosary at Noon and/or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. Trained spiritual directors are available for prayer and consultation Tues-Fri 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. or by appointment. Call 850-862-9039.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 10/1 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 10/2 Rosary after morning Mass
- 10/3 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 10/4 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 10/5 Rosary after morning Mass
Adoration - 8:30 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- 10/8 K-5 P.R.E.P - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Session - 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation Meeting - 11:45 a.m.
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, October 5th, beginning with Exposition immediately after morning mass and ending with Benediction at 8:00 p.m. Come spend **some prayer time listening to God's voice** leading you on the path that will bring you to Him. **"Have no anxiety at all, but in thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."** Phil 4:6-7

Adult Faith Formation has begun. Meet with other parishioners in Classroom 1 of the Pastoral Life Center to learn and grow in your faith. **This semester's course is titled "The Wild Goose - Discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit"**. The Wild Goose Project is a simple attempt to invite Catholic Christians into a more profound life giving relationship with the Holy Spirit. This is a relationship marked by the love of God which breathes life into our daily existence. The Holy Spirit is not merely something relegated to Confirmation but the Spirit desires a relationship with us that will take us on the greatest adventure imaginable; a journey to the very Heart of God. The Holy Spirit desires to be present to us in a manner that brings light out of darkness, freedom out of bondage, order out of chaos and life out of death. Such is the power of the Wild Goose.



Weekend of Oct 7/8

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Aidan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Angela Zangerle, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Shareen Ketchem
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Ruth Sykes
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang, _____
Greeter: Keith Lee
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Al and Louise Perreault

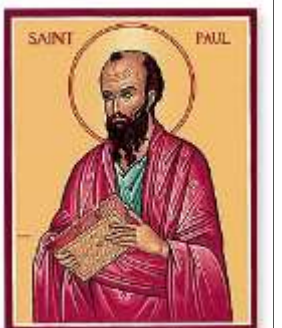
8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy McCreary, Bobby Stockbridge, Kathy Stockbridge, Nancy Brandewie
Lectors: Patty Dominitz, Isabella Dominitz
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Frank Schorzman, Eden Carter
Greeter: Cathy McKnight
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Frank and Stacie Schorzman
Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Kadi Casey, Killian Casey, Gannon Casey
Extraordinary Ministers: Nanette Bell, Penny Sweeney, Elaine Tennyson, Teresa McClure, Petey Brennan
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Mark Day
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Cord Grogan, Stewart Grogan
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Mike Brennan
Elijah Cup: Mike and Penny Sweeney
Coffee & Donuts: John Fay, Tom Blossman

St. Paul offers a formula for living the way we are supposed to live as Christians in the Second Reading. Paul writes, **"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves."** Doing that is a challenge for most all of us. Yet, that is one of the secrets to being a good steward and living as Christ wants us to live. To truly live that way requires a dramatic conversion. All of us know people who are so self-centered that they often are not even aware that they are totally unwilling to compromise or to even recognize the value of those around them. Achieving this kind of self awareness, of what kind of a person we are, is a significant step on our faith and life journeys.

Screenwriter and playwright William Nicholson once wrote, **"God does not necessarily want us to be happy. He wants us to be lovable, worthy of love, able to be loved by Him. What makes people hard to love? It is called selfishness. Selfish people are hard to love, because so little love comes out of them."**

That is our challenge, to love others in such a way that we become lovable as well. Christ told us over and over that **the secret to being His disciple and the secret to being a good steward is to "Love your neighbor."** That is how to be the kind of person Paul calls us to be as well.



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, Carlos López, Brian Williams

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher

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.



October 1, 2017
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Ez 18:25-28
 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
 Mt 21:28-32

Say “Yes” and Go Out

We can really relate to God when he repeats the people’s blame and accusations at him for not being fair. In moments of suffering or injustice, it’s easy to pass judgment and blame it all on God. It’s especially difficult when innocent and good people (ourselves included) suffer. We’re tempted to ask, “Aren’t you supposed to treat your friends better?”

We only need to look at Marco Palmezzano’s painting *Christ Bearing the Cross* to reconsider our complaints. How have we treated God?

Jesus was and is the most innocent of souls; no other being was or is as good as Jesus. No one was asked to suffer like him, and he suffered not to gain for himself but to pay our debt. Relating it to today’s Gospel lesson, Jesus is the son who, when asked to work in his Father’s vineyard, promptly said “yes” and went. Always obedient, always docile, always loving.

Watching Jesus, we hear the echo of St. Paul’s letter. Jesus humbly regarded his brothers and sisters as more than himself and was willing to go to the cross and win them back for the Father. Keep in mind, those siblings had destroyed family

unity, squandered away their inheritance, sold their birthright, sold him into slavery with their sin, and very often refused his love. Yet “God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

God knows his merciful justice well and can kindly and provokingly ask in Ezekiel 18:25, “Is it my way that is unfair? Are not your ways unfair?”

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Christ Bearing the Cross*, circa 1535
 Artist: Marco Palmezzano
 Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Am I fair to God by giving him thanksgiving, adoration, and obedience for his love? Am I fair to others by offering them gratitude and humble kindness?

“Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3).

Calendar

Monday
 October 2
 The Holy Guardian Angels
 Zec 8:1-8
 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday
 October 3
 Weekday
 Zec 8:20-23
 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday
 October 4
 St. Francis of Assisi
 Neh 2:1-8
 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday
 October 5
 Weekday
 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
 Lk 10:1-12

Friday
 October 6
 Weekday
 Bar 1:15-22
 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday
 October 7
 Our Lady of the Rosary
 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday
 October 8
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 5:1-7
 Phil 4:6-9
 Mt 21:33-43

Dear Padre,

Why do we offer Mass for a specific intention? Aren’t Masses offered for the intentions of all present?

The Eucharist makes present, in this moment, the memorial sacrifice of Christ; the source of the Church’s life and the focus of the Church’s prayer (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 10). Mass always includes the intentions of a local community as well as the needs of all people throughout the world. In the eucharistic prayer, we pray for the community and those “scattered throughout the world.”

What does a renewed liturgical practice mean for specific Mass intentions? Canon law speaks of applying the Mass for anyone living and dead (see Canon 901). The practice also has roots in history, especially during medieval times, when participation at Mass was at a low. Asking the priest to remember an intention kept people active and connected their needs to those of the wider Church. Vatican II stressed active participation in its liturgical renewal, so

asking specific intentions needs a renewed understanding.

Special intentions provide a value—we become aware of others’ needs and troubles. If we are aware of how these troubles affect a member of our parish, we can not only pray for that person but reach out and help. However, the Eucharist does not give grace only to those named in special intentions. The grace God gives through the Eucharist is meant for the



whole Church. God’s grace builds us up in holiness. Since people find special intentions important, the response from pastors is important in helping people understand how God’s grace affects everyone.

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A Word From Pope Francis

“Priestly joy is a joy which is sister to obedience. An obedience to the Church in the hierarchy which gives us not simply the external framework for our obedience...but also union with God the Father, the source of all fatherhood. It is likewise an obedience to the Church in service....The availability of her priests makes the Church a house with open doors, a refuge for sinners, a home for people living on the streets, a place of loving care for the sick, a camp for the young....Wherever God’s people have desires or needs, there is the priest, who knows how to listen and feels a loving mandate from Christ who sends him to relieve that need with mercy.”

—Homily, Holy Thursday, April 17, 2014

