

	
Recognizable Offering.....	\$10,205.00
Loose Cash .....	\$519.00
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$10,724.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$65.00
Mass Attendance Dec 2/3	338
	
Dec 11 - 17	
Monday .....	Elton Rushlau(+)
Wednesday.....	Mary Rushlau(+)
Thursday .....	Mary Griewisch(+)
Friday .....	Lorraine Walsh(liv)
Saturday .....	Catherine Klesch(+)
Sunday .....	St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
.....	Joe Monturo(+)(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events	
12/10	K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Meeting - 11:30 a.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
12/11	Rosary after morning Mass Reconciliation Service - 6:30 p.m.
12/13	Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m. Adult Faith Potluck - 6:00 p.m.
12/14	Rosary after morning Mass
12/17	K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
Advent Penance Service	
This year the Advent Penance service will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 11th. We will not be serving a meal beforehand.	

**1st Advent "Super Sunday" a Success!** P.R.E.P. VPK-5 classes held their first ever "Super Sunday" Advent workshop. We thank our wonderful parents for joining us for this special event! We hope that fun was had by all, and that kids and parents alike learned something new about Advent. In addition, our kids and parents created 60 cards which will be given to Hospice patients. What a beautiful work of mercy to prepare everyone's hearts for the love of Jesus this Advent season!



Evening Adult Faith Potluck  
December 13, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
Sign up at the Hospitality cart or call the office no later than Monday the 11th so we can prepare accordingly.


 What time is it?  
*"Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" 2 Pet 3:8*  
How often do you tackle a chore all the while wishing it was over so you could get onto the next thing? Today's readings remind us that we need to make straight our ways today. God doesn't operate from a day planner, and, when it comes to the big stuff in life, neither should we. Be. Here. Now.

St. Peter Catholic Church 2017  
Christmas Choir Rehearsal Schedule

The following schedule is for all Christmas Choir Rehearsals this year. All of these will take place inside the Church.


Sunday, December 10 - 12:15 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 12 - 6:00 p.m.  
**Sunday, December 17 - 12:30 p.m. Mandatory**  
Tuesday, December 19 - 6:00 p.m. (Optional Supplemental Practice)

**If you haven't signed up for the Choir Ministry, but would like to join them just for this season, contact Joey Ferreira (music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org). He will be happy to use your talents to make this Christmas' liturgical celebration another one to remember.**



Christmas Schedule Change

Since Christmas Eve falls on the evening of the Fourth Sunday of Advent, a change to that weekend schedule has been made. In order to convert the decorations from Advent to Christmas on Sunday, December 24th we will only have a 9:30 a.m. mass that day. Due to that change, there have been no automatic liturgical assignments for Sunday, December 24th. Please go to the Ministry Scheduler web terminal and sign up for available ministries for Sunday, December 24th @ 9:30 a.m. and for Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00p.m., Midnight Mass the 25th, and Christmas Morning Mass at 9:00 a.m.

	
Weekend of Dec 16/17	
<u>5:00 p.m.</u>	
Altar Servers: Aidan Murray	
Extraordinary Ministers: Michael Klickovich, Joyce Klickovich, Teresa McClure, Patty Shawbitz	
Lectors: Jan Comstock, Angela Zangerle	
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, _____	
Greeter: Keith Lee	
Sacristan: Doug Hoover	
Elijah Cup: Doug Hoover	
<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	
Altar Servers: Jack Risher, Savannah Risher	
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Joe Davison, Nancy McCreary, Maria Bridges	
Lectors: Patty Dornitz, Isabella Dornitz	
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Cathy McKnight, Gary Jordan	
Greeter: Maria Bridges	
Sacristan: _____	
Elijah Cup: Joe Davison	
Coffee & Donuts: Richard Kalie	
<u>10:30 a.m.</u>	
Altar Servers: Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion, Celeste Clayton	
Extraordinary Ministers: Therese Sweeney, Barbara Russo, Becky Bittakis, Alicia Grecco, Rick Grecco	
Lectors: Lisa Manion, Warren Cabral	
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott	
Greeter: Terri Turnbull	
Sacristan: _____	
Elijah Cup: Barbara Russo	
Coffee & Donuts: Karen Clayton, Tom Blossman	

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her to [stpeter.prayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stpeter.prayerchain@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, Carlos López, Brian Williams

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn\*

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

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

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Robert Welniak, Carleen Parker

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Harper Spear, Diane Parker

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.

**The Jesse Tree**

The Jesse Tree is named after Jesse, the father of King David, who was a great king of Israel. God made some important promises to his family including the promise that God's only son would be born into their family. During Advent we remember the family of Jesse by placing ornaments on a tree that symbolize some of the most important events in the family tree of Jesse and David.

If you noticed the ornaments on the tree at the right of the altar this week they were:

- \* An apple- **to remind us of how evil first came into the world and of God's promise not to abandon His people and the coming of a Savior one day.**
- \* An ark and rainbow- **to remind us of the consequences of people's selfishness and evil, and God's promise that He would never destroy the world by flood again.**
- \* A camel- which represents the nomadic life of Abraham, who was promised by God that he would be the father of a great nation, and
- \* A ram in the thorn bush- **to remind us of Abraham's great trust in the Lord, even when asked to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, and of God's promise to give Abraham descendants more numerous than the stars in the sky.**



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**December 10, 2017**

*Second Sunday of Advent (B)*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

## Waiting Expectantly

Most of us are not good at waiting. We want things right away and would rather arrive just on time than stand around uselessly. Few things are as annoying as waiting in a doctor's office, a government office, or being stuck in traffic.

Yet waiting can also be an exciting and busy time, like a bride and groom preparing for their wedding. There is no time to waste, since the date is approaching and there is so much to do in order for everything to be prepared perfectly. Advent waiting should be more like this expectant waiting.

John the Baptist was sent to point toward Christ and invite the people to their wedding with God. The divine spouse was coming back to his beloved and sent the groom ahead to let everyone know he was coming.

Thus John preached preparation, conversion, and setting aside everything that would distract people from getting the heart ready for Jesus. Loving, active planning was as necessary for those who listened to John the Baptist as it is for us.

This means going up the mountain and into the desert. Set aside normal distractions and dedicate more time to think about Christ, preparing our hearts and minds for the big day of his arrival.

Advent isn't a nervous time of sitting around and hoping the line goes quickly. It is an active, engaged, and hopeful anticipation of one we eagerly await.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Virgin and Child Enthroned Between Sts. John the Baptist and St. Jerome*, 1510  
 Artist: Marco Palmezzano  
 Location: Vatican Museums

### For Reflection

What distractions am I setting aside to make this Advent time like my little wedding preparation? The Church invites me to a special time of repentance, fasting, and almsgiving. How is it going?

*The Lord...is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*

*(2 Peter 3:9)*

## Calendar

### Monday

December 11  
 Advent Weekday  
 Is 55:1-10  
 Lk 5:17-26

### Tuesday

December 12  
 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;  
 12:1-6a, 10ab  
 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

### Wednesday

December 13  
 St. Lucy,  
 Virgin and Martyr  
 Is 40:25-51  
 Mt 11:28-30

### Thursday

December 14  
 St. John of the Cross,  
 Priest and  
 Doctor of the Church  
 Is 41:15-20  
 Mt 11:11-15

### Friday

December 15  
 Advent Weekday  
 Is 48:17-19  
 Mt 11:16-19

### Saturday

December 16  
 Advent Weekday  
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11  
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Sunday

December 17  
 Third Sunday  
 of Advent  
 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11  
 1 Thes 5:16-24  
 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

# Dear Padre,

Especially before Christmas, I appreciate times of silence at Mass but seldom find them. Priests ask the congregation to open their missalettes after Communion to recite the daily antiphon, which seems more trouble to locate and say than to simply remain silent. Please advise.



Before Mass, it's commendable that silence be observed in the church, sacristy, vesting room, and adjacent areas so that all may "carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45).

During Mass, "Let us pray" is an invitation to observe a moment of silence for the congregation to "place themselves in God's presence and make their personal petitions" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 35). Communal silence is also observed within the penitential act for people to recollect themselves, at the end of a reading or the homily for all to meditate briefly on what they've heard, then after Communion to praise and pray to God in their hearts (*GIRM* 45). In other words, there's a silence that reflects shame before God for our sins, a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word, and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body of Christ!

If there's no singing after Communion, the antiphon "may be recited either by the faithful, or by some of them, or by a reader; otherwise, it is recited by the priest himself after he has received Communion and before he distributes Communion to the faithful" (*GIRM* 87).

Without liturgical silence, "the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction* 48).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR,  
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### A Word From Pope Francis

Isaiah's invitation must resound in our hearts: "Comfort, comfort my people" (40:1) and this must lead to mission. We must find the Lord who consoles us, and go to console the people of God...

People today need words, but most of all they need us to bear witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord, which...attracts people toward the good.

—Mass with seminarians, novices, and those discerning their vocation, July 7, 2013