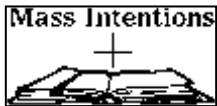
	
Recognizable Offering.....	\$6,009.00
Loose Cash	\$573.00
Total Weekly Offering.....	\$6,582.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$320.00
Christmas Flowers	\$362.00
Mass Attendance Dec 15/16	342

	
Dec 24 - 30	
Monday.....	John Lange(liv)
.....	St. Peter Parishioners(6:00 p.m.)
Tuesday.....	St. Peter Parishioners(12:00 a.m.)
.....	Barbara Kirschten(+)(9:00 a.m.)
Thursday	All Unborn Children
Friday	Trey Corbitt(+)
Saturday	Doris Lavallo(+)
Sunday	Mary Guastella(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....	St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Faith Formation Holiday Break
 All religious education programs will start back up again on Sunday, January 6th.

First Communion Meeting - Jan 6, 2019
 A Parent Meeting for 2nd grade Sacramental Preparation is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Please mark your calendar and bring a copy of your **child's Baptismal certificate.** Contact Susie if you have any questions at dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

Important Daily Mass Schedule Changes for Christmas and New Year's weeks.
 Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Tuesdays, which are Father's usual day off, he will instead take Wednesday, December 26, and Monday, December 31st, off. There will be NO daily mass on those days.

P.R.E.P. and SPYRIT have been preparing their hearts and minds this Advent for the coming of Our Lord, Jesus.



Weekly Calendar of Events

Office CLOSED through January 1, 2018

12/24	Christmas Eve Mass - 6:00 p.m. Midnight Mass - 12:00 a.m.
12/25	Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
12/26	Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
12/27	Rosary after morning Mass
1/1	Solemnity of Mary Mother of God - 9:00 a.m.
1/4	First Friday Holy Hour - 8:00 a.m.
1/6	K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. First Communion Meeting - 9:30 a.m. Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m. MS/HS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Church Decoration
 Our Church is scheduled to be decorated for our Christmas Season on Monday, December 24th immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We would greatly appreciate some extra hands to come in **and help us get the Lord's house ready for the celebration of His coming.**
 The more the merrier!

Calendar

Monday	DECEMBER 31
<i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>	
1	In 2:18-21 • In 1:1-18
Tuesday	JANUARY 1
<i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i>	
	Nm 6:22-27
	Gal 4:4-7
	Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday	JANUARY 2
<i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i>	
1	In 2:22-28
	In 1:19-28
Thursday	JANUARY 3
<i>Christmas Weekday</i>	
1	In 2:29-5:6
	In 1:29-5:4
Friday	JANUARY 4
<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i>	
1	In 5:7-10 • In 1:35-42
Saturday	JANUARY 5
<i>St. John Neumann, Bishop</i>	
1	In 5:11-21 • In 1:45-51
Sunday	JANUARY 6
<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
	Is 60:1-6
	Eph 5:2-5a, 5-6
	Mt 2:1-12

Dear Padre,

The Church emphasizes the feast of the Holy Family. But Jesus does not seem to be much of a family person. Instances in Scripture when Jesus was a child show him ignoring, even rejecting, Mary and Joseph.

It becomes clear, as Jesus grows in age and wisdom, that he has not come to build his own little family, but to build a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the Father of all, with Jesus and others as brothers and sisters in the family. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father.

Mary's and Joseph's roles were not only to be Jesus' earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where it would lead. Mary calls herself the handmaid of the Lord, and Joseph follows God's instruction and marries Mary, even though it was contrary to all reason and caused him scandal.

In the family of God, we seek and follow God's purpose. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction, even though our actions may seem countercultural or even scandalous.

Jesus said plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). God's will becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love their blood family, but also teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and seek God's will.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—Amoris Laetitia, March 19, 2016

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December 30, 2018

Feast of the Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)
 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
 Col 3:12-21, or Col 3:12-17,
 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

The Joyful Family

Mancini paints the realistic details that make this scene as ordinary as any family playing with their child in a park. Mary has a bowl of water in her hand, perhaps ready to offer a drink to Jesus after he tastes the strawberry or to clean his stained fingers. A silver bowl of food for the baby rests on a white baby blanket. Perhaps it was just placed there by Joseph, for Jesus has finished his vegetables and now Dad offers dessert! A traveling basket sits in front of a water jug. These instruments show that they are a pilgrim family, and the Egyptian obelisk in the background indicates their destination.

The circumstances are precarious yet joyful, even playful, in their following of God's path. This was just one of the trying times for the Holy Family, which would eventually include losing the Child Jesus in the temple. As their whole focus in this painting is on Jesus, imagine their fear when they can no longer find the heart of their family.

This is a fantastic image of the joys and challenges of family life. There is joy in having Jesus in our midst, and no sacrifice is too great when he is present. But when he is lost from the center, fears and anxieties enter.

The words of Colossians sum up this attitude, making one think that Paul had a good idea of what virtues family life require! Let's work in our families to have Jesus at the center, and once he is there, to "put on" all the virtues that his presence inspires.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *Rest on the Flight into Egypt, The Holy Family, 1725*
 Artist: Francesco Mancini
 Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

Does one of the virtues mentioned by St. Paul catch my attention?

Should I pray for and practice that virtue a little more?

And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Luke 2:52

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Dec 29/30

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Cole Armstrong
 Extraordinary Ministers: Ron Berthelette, Shareen Ketchem, Joanna Farnum, Angela Zangerle, Teresa McClure

Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Cora Podrang, James Johansen, _____

Greeter: Keith Lee

Sacristan: _____

Elijah Cup: Bo and Wanda Corbitt

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Emily Moore, Evan Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Bobby Stockbridge, Maria Bridges, Jean Jordan, Nancy McCreary, Nanette Bell

Lectors: Michael Moore, Kathy Moore

Ushers: Gary Jordan, Cathy McKnight, Eden Carter

Greeter: Maria Bridges

Sacristan: Victoria Ballard

Elijah Cup: Maria Bridges

No Coffee & Donuts

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey, Austin Wise

Extraordinary Ministers: Mike Brennan, Becky Bitakis, Pat Casey, Barbara Russo, _____

Lectors: Carolyn Alaniz, Warren Cabral

Ushers: Jim Wise, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan

Greeter: Terri Turnbull

Sacristan: Petey Brennan

Elijah Cup: Duscha and Tim Ross

No Coffee & Donuts

Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Jan 5/6

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: _____
 Extraordinary Ministers: Angela Zangerle, Joanna Farnum, Teresa McClure, Louise Perreault, Patty Shawbitz

Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Ron Berthelette

Ushers: John Ehlers, Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan

Greeter: Al Perreault

Sacristan: _____

Elijah Cup: Ron Berthelette

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, Rhyan Schorzman

Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen

Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Gary Jordan

Greeter: Gloria Sanders

Sacristan: Victoria Ballard

Elijah Cup: Frank and Stacie Schorzman

Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jack Risher, Savannah Risher

Extraordinary Ministers: Joseph Rushlau, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco, Susie Rushlau, Pam Wall

Lectors: Carolyn Alaniz, Sheri Roe

Ushers: Ron Fetter, Brian Prescott, Jim Wise

Greeter: Terri Turnbull

Sacristan: Tom Lehmann

Elijah Cup: Bob and Tere Brenci

Coffee & Donuts: Barry and Alicia Graham

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her to 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, Christian Irwin*, Carol Dineen*, Anni Labatte*
- Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*
- Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Terry Bradley
- Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci
- Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Chuck Gober*, Cheryl Darby, Judy Holzschuh*
- Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark*, Jane Van Dorn
- Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons*, Serena Armstrong*

*Indicates our parishioners.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

True Love Means Sacrifice

God is often present in the little, hidden things of life. Take for example the small town of Bethlehem. This place barely appeared on the maps of the time. Yet in this dull town, overlooked by all, God wished to be born. God isn't into bling.

Look at the ray of light in the painting that shines from the upper left window directly down onto Mary's womb. She carries in her the Light of the World, but it happened in a way unknown to anyone. He is the Light of the World, shining to catch our attention, but he does so in silence, humility, and intimacy.

There is a second aspect of the Incarnation to learn here. Christmas was about a real sacrifice. Mary and Jesus offered their very selves. Hebrews says it wasn't an animal or a wheat offering but Jesus' very body and blood. The same for Mary, as it was her life, her virginity, her very intimacy, that she was opening to God when she agreed to be the mother of the Lord. It's easy to be generous when it doesn't touch too close to home.

So try not to look for glitz and externals this Christmas but for God's hidden presence. And imitate Jesus and Mary by giving of your very self. It's not about a fast, a donation, or extra prayers—as good as

those Advent practices are. But all of this prepares us to give our very selves to him in trust through the hidden acts of love of every day.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: Annunciation, 1427
Artist: Gentile da Fabriano
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

What hidden acts of love can you offer during this upcoming Christmas?

Are there ways you can point out to your children God's presence in the little things?

We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:10

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday

DECEMBER 25
Christmas

Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday
DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen,
The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Thursday

DECEMBER 27
St. John, Apostle
and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Friday

DECEMBER 28
The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Mt 2:15-18

Saturday

DECEMBER 29
Fifth Day in the
Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:5-11
Lk 2:22-35

Sunday

DECEMBER 30
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or
Col 3:12-17 or
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Dear Padre,

Our parish is big into nighttime services. We have the Advent vespers and, of course, Midnight Mass. Is there a reason for doing these services at night?

Both Advent vespers and Midnight Mass center on our expectation of Jesus coming into our midst as the Light of the World. The vespers prayer is usually celebrated at dusk, as day is turning into night. The service proclaims that the darkness of night will not conquer the Light of Jesus. Christian tradition holds that the ecclesiastical day begins at sunset, in accord with Genesis 1:5: "Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." Vespers, or the Office of Evening, is the first hour of the new Church day.

Both the vespers and the Mass at midnight call us to embrace a new beginning, which is Jesus the Light. This imagery is especially appropriate considering the arrival of the winter solstice. In the beginning of Advent, the nights grow progressively longer. Then, right before Christmas, the winter solstice marks the light's reclaiming of the world.

In the early centuries of Christianity, people from the countryside would gather on Christmas Eve in the warmth of the great monastery church. They would go to confession, be forgiven, sing of the newborn Savior, and participate in the Eucharist. After Eucharist, they would join in a great feast that lasted until sunrise. When you celebrate at Midnight Mass this year, recall that you are proclaiming that Jesus the Light has conquered the darkness again—this year and forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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A Word From Pope Francis

Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives. He doesn't do this by magic, with special effects, with flashing lights and fireworks. Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side.

—Meeting the homeless, Washington, DC, September 24, 2015



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