



Recognizable Offering..... \$7,654.00
 Loose Cash..... \$703.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,357.00
 Mass Attendance Mar 23/24 342



Apr 1 - 7
 Monday.....Kenneth Sheets(liv)
 Wednesday.....Maureen Korsmo LeCompte(+)
 Thursday.....Jenn Varga(+)
 Friday.....Trey Corbitt(+)
 Saturday.....Jeannie Slaughter(+)
 Sunday.....Roseann Nelson(liv)(8:00 a.m.)
St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Our **Lenten Penance Service** will begin at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, April 4th**. For parishioners who may not be able to attend our service, other Penance services in the area will be at:

- St. Mary in FWB - April 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- St. Sylvester has been offering additional reconciliation time every Tuesday night during Lent, from 7 - 8:00 p.m., with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during the Lenten season. Consider including them as part of your Lent prayer journey.

Fourth Week of Lent

Encounter Kumba
 We encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crricebowl.org for more.



Blood Drive! The **Big Red Bus** will be here next Sunday, from **8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Spread the word and invite friends and neighbors to give the gift of life to those in need. Afterwards gather up your strength while you enjoy a hearty pancake breakfast cooked by the Knights of Columbus.



Weekly Calendar of Events

3/31 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
5th Sunday Rosary - Following 10:30 a.m. Mass
HS/MS Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

4/1 Rosary after morning Mass

4/2 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
VBS Decorating Party - 6:30 p.m.

4/3 Legion of Mary - 9:00 a.m.

4/4 Rosary after morning Mass
Lenten Penance Service - 6:30 p.m.

4/5 Holy Hour - 8:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.

4/7 Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
No HS/MS Meeting

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Please pray for these innocent young victims who are so vulnerable and taken advantage of by others in such a horrible way.



VBS Decorating Parties!
 Are you creative, handy, or willing to fake it? Looking for a fun way to share your faith? Look no further! VBS Decorating Parties will be held Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. beginning on **April 2, 2019**.

Come join us in the Parish Center and be sure to dress in old, comfy clothes. We will paint, glue, cut, and build to create an Intergalactic Dimension! Please call or email Susie Rushlau for more info at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org

The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** serves to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Parishioners who do not receive offertory envelopes and wish to contribute can use an envelope in the pew. If you are using electronic giving you can log on to your account and make a one-time gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer.



Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Apr 6/7
5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Reese Armstrong
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Joanna Farnum, Joyce Klickovich, Michael Klickovich, Louise Perreault
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Ruth Sykes
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, _____
Greeter: Al Perreault
Sacristan: _____
Elijah Cup: Al and Louise Perreault
8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Emily Moore, Evan Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Nanette Bell, Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, Susan Johansen
Lectors: Michael Moore, Jessica Risma
Ushers: James Johansen, Gary Jordan, Cathy McKnight
Greeter: Maria Bridges
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Jessica and Jacob Risma
K of C Pancake Breakfast
10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Kadi Casey, Gannon Casey, Micayla Colwell
Extraordinary Ministers: Alicia Grecco, Pat Casey, Stacy Fralic, Rick Grecco, Barbara Russo
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Sheri Roe
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Ray Schlitt, Rob Zaleske
Greeter: Ron Fetter
Sacristan: _____
Elijah Cup: Rick and Alicia Grecco
K of C Pancake Breakfast

For too many of us, Lent is a season of doom and gloom, a time to feel bad about all the ways we are not “measuring up” in our spiritual lives. But this view could not be further from the truth. Lent is a season of refreshment and love, of awakening and rebirth. The Gospel Reading, the parable of the Prodigal Son, is filled with this theme of awakening and the extravagant, life-changing love that the Father has for each one of us. We are all familiar with this amazing story - the bratty younger son who has the audacity to ask his dad for his inheritance early, only to squander it sinfully away. It makes us bristle instinctively at his nerve when we read it. But isn’t that exactly what we do when we selfishly turn away from God (in big or small ways) in our own lives? We squander away the inheritance of grace He has given us. In desperation from the mess he had made of his life, the son finally “comes to his senses” -awakening to the truth that he is a beloved son of a loving and merciful father - and decides to return home. His contrition is faltering and imperfect and seems motivated in large part by his growling stomach. But it is enough for the loving father. In fact, as soon as the father catches sight of his son he is “filled with compassion for him” and immediately sets about preparing a feast and fine clothes for this son. What an extravagance of love! What a beautiful picture Jesus gives us of our Father’s love and mercy. Oh, how this should fill us with gratitude for such a Father! And how should it inspire us, with just the tiniest bit of spiritual “spring cleaning”, we can be sure we will be swept up in our Father’s loving embrace and find ourselves feasting in His presence. That is what Lent is all about.

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at 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*, Lois Lange*, Christian Irwin, Carol Dineen*

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

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Carl & Darlene Winbauer

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Chuck Gober*, Cheryl Darby

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark*, Jane Van Dorn

Sunday Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons*, John Sedlacek*, L.P. Henley

*Indicates our parishioners.
Please contact the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 31, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)
Jos 5:9a, 10-12
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Living, Loving in the Here and Now

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Can I let go of the past and set aside worries of the future to find God in the only place he can be found—in the present moment?

If not, how about asking Christ for that grace today?

Piece: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* (detail), 1662-1669
Artist: Rembrandt van Rijn
Location: Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



REMBRANDT VAN RIJN/STERN OF THE PRODIGAL SON/RODOLFO GALETTI/ART PROJECT/WIREIMAGE

[Jesus said,] "Now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

Luke 15:32

Calendar

Monday

APRIL 1

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:45-54

Tuesday

APRIL 2

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

APRIL 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

APRIL 4

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7-14

Jn 5:31-47

Friday

APRIL 5

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

APRIL 6

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

APRIL 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21

Phil 3:8-14

Jn 8:1-11

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

For more than fifty years, Redemptorists have ministered

compassionately with those struggling with scrupulosity.

For more information and to sign up for our free monthly newsletter, visit:

ScrupulousAnonymous.org



Dear Padre,

Going to confession has lost its meaning for me. I wish I could get more out of this sacrament.

The Catholic Church has always treasured the sacrament of reconciliation. But as adults we need to center on the spiritual depth of this sacrament and gain a new appreciation of it.

Reconciliation is a healing sacrament, meant to mend the rift created between ourselves and God and ourselves and others by our sins. God does the healing; we seek to open ourselves to God's power by asking forgiveness from God and from others. It can be a powerful experience to receive the words of forgiveness, spoken by the priest, as the very words of Jesus healing us and sending us forth to live a more loving life.

This sacrament helps us confront weakness and malice in our life. We all do some shameful things. Sometimes we think, "If others only knew what I think or what I have done, they would not accept me!" When we come to confession with sorrow for our sins and a desire to amend our lives, we are assured of God's complete pardon and acceptance no matter what the sin. If God accepts and loves us, surely we can accept and love ourselves.

Reconciliation also is a beacon to help keep our life on a straight course. We all have faults centering on gossip, selfishness, impatience, and anger. At penance time we take stock of our direction in life and, with God's help, recommit to a more loving path. I hope you can fully unite yourself with the forgiving Jesus and the forgiving Church and receive the grace of the sacrament this Lent.

Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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A Word from Pope Francis

Jesus takes from us our diseased humanity and we take from him his sound and healing humanity. This happens each time we receive a sacrament with faith: the Lord Jesus "touches" us and grants us his grace....We think especially of the sacrament of reconciliation, which

heals us from the leprosy of sin.

—Angelus, February 15, 2015



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