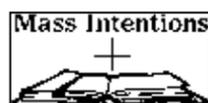




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Loose Cash	\$1,148.60
Total Weekly Offering	\$10,176.60
Shrines of the Holy Land	\$693.00
Education of Future Priests	\$503.00
Mass Attendance Apr 20/21	598



Apr 29-May 5

Monday	Chuck Gober(liv)
Wednesday.....	Judy Robinson(liv)
Thursday	Dcn. Dave Robinson(liv)
Friday	Trey Corbitt(+)
Saturday	Rick Zern(liv)
Sunday	Rita Cox(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....	St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

CRS RICE BOWL If you still haven't turned in your Rice Bowl donations, please send them directly in to CRS. For information on how to do so, go to www.crsricebowl.org/give. Thank you for your sacrifice and support!

Smile....Cheese!

On Sunday, May 5th, the photographer coming for First Communion photos has graciously offered to open up her services to our parish families.



If you are interested, you can get an order form and have your picture taken between Sunday Masses in the Parish Life Center on that same day.



Congratulations to Joseph Staudt! He has been awarded a scholarship to attend the Franciscan Lead Program at Steubenville Florida this July. Thank you to Knights of Columbus Council 8910 for your generous support!

Franciscan LEAD is a five-day, Christ-centered, sacrament-soaked, prayer-fueled immersion in Catholic teachings on leadership, evangelization, and discipleship inspired by the life and witness of St. Francis of Assisi. Their philosophy is founded on the belief that leadership flows from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Therefore, they first give the participants tools to deepen their relationship with Jesus and then equip them for leadership and evangelization.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 4/28 **K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.**
Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 p.m.
HS/MS Meeting - 4:00 p.m. at Rushlau Residence
- 4/29 **Rosary after morning Mass**
- 4/30 **Bunco - 9:30 a.m.**
VBS Decorating Party - 6:30 p.m.
- 5/1 **Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.**
- 5/2 **Rosary after morning Mass**
Ladies Faith Group - 9:00 a.m.
- 5/3 **First Friday Holy Hour**
- 5/5 **First Communion - 10:30 Mass**

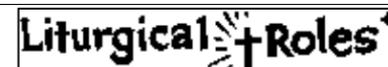


VBS Decorating Parties!

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 every Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. 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

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations support programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions 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 onetime gift or use an envelope in the pew, if you prefer.



Weekend of May 4/5

5:00 p.m.
Altar Servers: Reese Armstrong
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Joanna Farnum, Teresa McClure, James Johansen, Al Perreault
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Angela Zangerle
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan, Cora Podrang
Greeter: Lynn Brenton
Sacristan: _____
Elijah Cup: Fred and Shareen Ketchem
8:00 a.m.
Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Emily Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Eden Carter, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Nancy McCreary
Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day
Ushers: Gary Jordan, Maria Bridges, Cathy McKnight
Greeter: Kathy Cauley
Sacristan: Jean Jordan
Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight
10:30 a.m.
Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Kiera Ross, Devony Ross
Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Barbara Russo, Pam Wall, Bill Roth, Pat Casey
Lectors: Sheri Roe, Carolyn Alaniz
Ushers: Jim Wise, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan
Greeter: Karen Clayton
Sacristan: Katherine Colwell
Elijah Cup: Tim and Duscha Ross
First Communion Reception

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*, 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, Terry Jack

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

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

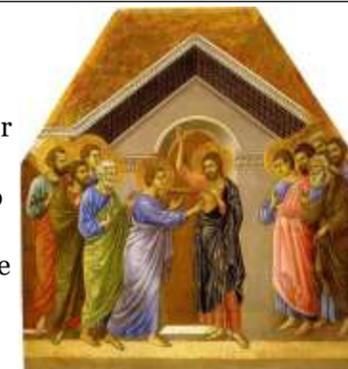
Sunday Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons*, John Sedlacek*

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel reading from St. John is often called the story of "Doubting Thomas" but the passage involves so much more than the encounter with the skeptical apostle. It is rich with lessons of Christ's mercy to all, including an encouraging word from our Lord especially for us, His modern-day disciples. While Thomas traditionally takes all the bad rap for his doubts, we see that none of the Apostles were at their best when Christ first appeared to them after His resurrection. They were actually in hiding, cowering behind a locked door, paralyzed by fear and doubt. But Jesus appeared right in their midst in spite of the lock on the door. Was it to rebuke them for their lack of faith? Quite the contrary. He comes on a mission of mercy. He comes to offer them peace and the restoration of their relationship with Him. And even more, He commissions them to become ministers of His mercy, by giving them authority to forgive sins. At that moment Christ gives to all of us the supreme gift of mercy — the sacrament of Reconciliation. What a precious and powerful gift!

This Sunday is a perfect time to reflect on how well we make use of this gift. Do we really appreciate its healing power? Could we become better stewards of this gift by going to Confession more often? We must also reflect on how well we extend mercy to others as Jesus did to Thomas that day. Let's commit ourselves to becoming faithful disciples and stewards of Christ's mercy. We will be those very ones to whom Jesus gave a "shout out" during His encounter with Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" — in His merciful love.





April 28, 2019
 Second Sunday of Easter
 or Sunday of Divine Mercy (C)
 Acts 5:12-16 / Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13,
 17-19 / Jn 20:19-31

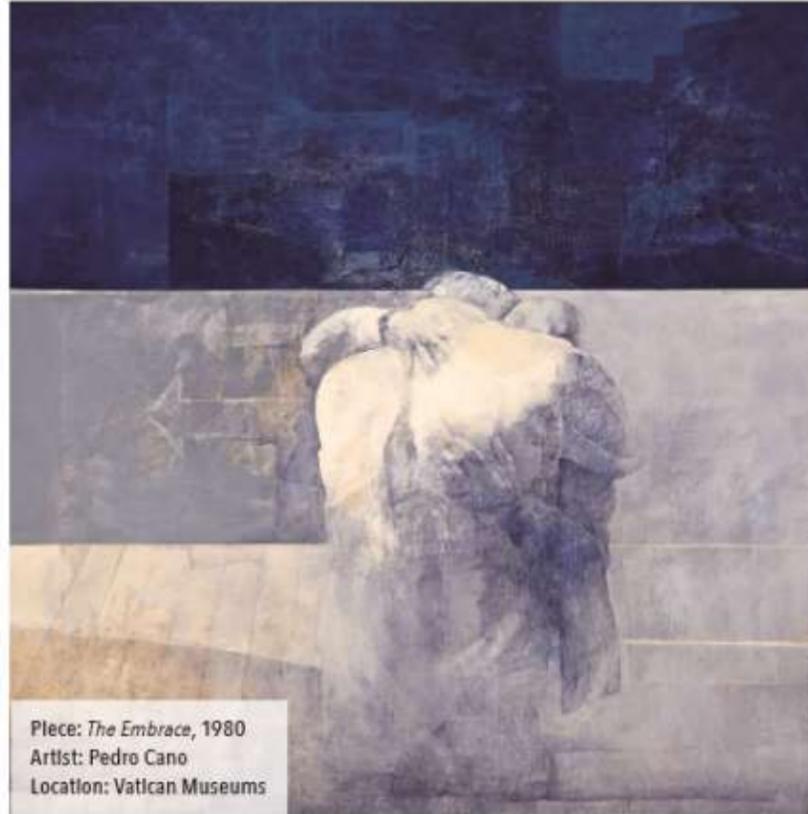
Saved by Christ's Merciful Love

We're not defined by our weakness, but created for greatness! Look at David, Paul, and the sinful woman. David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he wrote Psalms and was Jesus' ancestor. Paul killed one of the first deacons, Stephen, yet became the greatest apostle to the Gentiles. The sinful woman's misdeeds were public, yet what is most remembered is her repentance and love.

Sin is not the last word. God's recreating mercy is. God's mercy asks for a response so all that transformative power can be unleashed in us. The only thing that stands in the way of God's renewal rushing in and totally transforming us is our own lack of acceptance.

Sin wants to stand in the way of this good news. The evil one tries to convince us that we are too sinful; that salvation and happiness might be for others, but certainly not for us.

But David, Paul, and the sinful woman didn't let that sinister message sink in. David was moved to repentance by Nathan's words. Paul accepted that he wasn't saved by his religious fervor or condemned for his errors. He was saved by letting Christ's merciful love embrace him. The sinful woman refused to be defined by her poor choices. She tearfully made penance at Christ's feet, and this act



Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980
 Artist: Pedro Cano
 Location: Vatican Museums

of her brokenness gave off a consoling aroma that filled the house.

Let the power of Christ's love be unleashed in you by forgiving yourself and others. Then your weakness will be the first step toward the greatness God has in store for you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Are there any past errors that I am letting define me?
 What stands in my way of a greater experience of Christ's mercy?

[Jesus said,] "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:22-23

Calendar

Monday
 APRIL 29
 St. Catherine of Siena,
 Virgin and
 Doctor of the Church
 Acts 4:23-31
 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday
 APRIL 30
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 4:32-37
 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday
 MAY 1
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 5:17-26
 Jn 3:16-21

Thursday
 MAY 2
 St. Athanasius,
 Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church
 Acts 5:27-33
 Jn 3:31-36

Friday
 MAY 3
 Sts. Philip and James,
 Apostles
 1 Cor 15:1-8
 Jn 14:6-14

Saturday
 MAY 4
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 6:1-7
 Jn 6:16-21

Sunday
 MAY 5
 Third Sunday of Easter
 Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
 Rev 5:11-14
 Jn 21:1-19 or
 Jn 21:1-14

Dear Padre,

What is spiritual communion?

Spiritual communion is a unique Roman Catholic devotional practice not to be confused with *sacramental* Communion, which is the participation in the mystery of Christ by eating and drinking the Body and the Blood of the Lord.

The development of spiritual communion as a devotion can be traced to St. Alphonsus Liguori. It's a form of spiritual yearning to be in communion with Christ during those times when his sacramental gift can't be shared.



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To share in sacramental Communion, one must be aware of no unconfessed serious sin against God's commands and be in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church. With exceptions for age and health, one must also have fasted from all food and all beverages except water for one hour before receiving sacramental Communion. Some Catholics are unable to share sacramental Communion because of sickness, geographic distance from a Roman Catholic community, or unavailability of priests.

Any Christian who wishes to have spiritual communion with the Lord can do so by taking a moment to consider God's love demonstrated

to us in the life, passion, and death of Christ. Give thanks to God for this wonderful gift, and say a prayer of spiritual communion.

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A Word from Pope Francis

The death penalty is contrary to the meaning of humanitas and to divine mercy, which must be models for human justice. It entails cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment, as is the anguish before the moment of execution and the terrible

suspense between the issuing of the sentence and the execution of the penalty.

—Letter to International Commission Against the Death Penalty, March 20, 2015



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