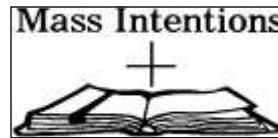


Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering.....\$7,681.00
Loose Cash \$704.81
Total Weekly Offering..... \$8,385.81
Mass Attendance Nov 8/9 317



Mass Intentions

Nov 17 - Nov 23
MondayJohn E. Lange(liv)
TuesdayHarvey L. Font(liv)
Wednesday.....Maria T. Beard(liv)
ThursdayJames A. Lange(+)
FridayJerry Vesely(+)
SaturdayOpal Lemieux(+)(5:00 p.m.)
SundaySusan Erwin(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

11/ 16 **Faith Formation - 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**
Last 2014 Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast
H.S. & M.S. Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

11/ 18 **Bunco - 9:30 a.m.**


11/ 19 **Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.**
RCIA - 7:30 p.m.

11/ 20 **Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.

11/ 22-23 **Parish Meeting with Architect**
(After All Masses)

11/ 23 **Faith Formation - 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.**
Thanksgiving food for Shelter House Deadline
Youth Group Family Thanksgiving Dinner

"The meaning of Advent"....




K-5th grade faith formation students and their parents are welcome to join us for the class on Sun., **Nov. 23rd** (9:15-10:15am) when Sr. Margaret Kuntz will present a fun and interactive session about the season of Advent!



Celebrate Faith 2015: Hearts on Fire


Registration is now open. It will be held on January 24, 2015 at the Emerald Coast Convention Center on Okaloosa Island. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Father Thomas Rosica, CSB, and Sara Torres. \$20 per individual/ \$50 per family. Seating is limited: register today! Sponsorships also available.
Register online at: www.ptdiocese.org




The renovations at Shelter House are rapidly taking shape. Now more than ever, volunteers are needed to help. The main problem is, we do not get a lot of advance notice, and most work has to be done on the weekdays. The majority of the work is not hard but it is time consuming – lots of painting. Our parish has pledged 1000 hours of labor toward this renovation and the Around Town Ministry could use some help.

If you would like to offer some of your time and talent, please contact Joni, 830-2875 or flanaganj@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

We Need You!





Thanksgiving for Shelter House

Our Around Town Ministry is providing Thanksgiving meals to 32 clients of Shelter House, a shelter and outreach for domestic and sexual violence victims. If you would like to help in providing meals you can stop by the Hospitality Cart and sign up for item(s) you may wish to supply or drop off a monetary contribution. Our parish will purchase turkeys to complete the baskets. Please return items by Sunday, November 23rd. Thank you.

Parish Meeting with Architect

On the weekend of **November 22-23** there will be an information session after all masses with the architect who produced the concept drawings for the possible renovation of the church. During the parish meetings on October 18 -19 many liked the idea of meeting the architect. It will be a time to hear him speak about the vision for the possible renovation, as well as a chance to ask questions concerning issues with our present church building and questions about the proposed building.



November 16, 2014

dear Padre

How long should Mass be?

Q How long Mass is supposed to last? My sister leaves after an hour even if the priest is still talking. Shouldn't she stay until it's over?



There's no rule about how long Mass should last, but it's inappropriate to arrive late or leave before the final blessing or the end of the recessional song. People should leave early only if they get sick or if they're doctors, police officers, and fire fighters called away for an emergency.

Weekend activities should be scheduled around Mass. Saturday night Masses were designed for people who work Sundays and for parishes with too few priests to accommodate everyone on Sunday—they weren't designed to make it easier to get a good tee time on Sunday morning.

It's also important to remember that local customs and traditions affect the length of Mass. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, Sunday Mass could go on for nearly three hours. When I celebrated Mass in Scotland, the pastor said I had to be done in a half hour.

Most areas have more than one church. Encourage your sister to either grow accustomed to the tradition of the parish she attends or look for another church. As a rule, I don't think it's good to "shop around" for Mass, but if your sister is that bothered by the length of the Mass at her current church, it might be better for her to go elsewhere.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSSR
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FREE GIFT



Liguori wants to give you a free eBook!

Advent Meditations With Fulton J. Sheen (863899)

Let Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, the unforgettable preacher who used television to touch millions of lives, lead you through Advent with eloquent reflections and beautiful Scriptures. Simply visit Liguori.org/Sheen and use **special discount-code 15555** when you check out. Offer expires Dec. 5, 2014. Thank you for letting us walk with you on your spiritual journey.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A Woman of Valor

The role of women continues to evolve in society and in the church. We have become more aware of the gifts women have to offer and the benefits of placing those gifts in service to the community. Women who generously offer their wisdom and talents have made the world a better place to live.

Hundreds of years before the dawn of Christianity, the Book of Proverbs praised the gifts of a worthy wife. It is interesting to look from this distance at what that culture valued. The book warns against the charm and beauty of certain women. Those qualities will not last. Instead, Proverbs praises the wife who brings good to the home, who obtains wool and flax, who spins fabric with proficiency, and gives to the poor.

A good wife, then, was one of noble character, who used her skills for the community, and who performed charity.

Although our image of women has changed, some values have remained constant. Women who devote themselves to faith, family, and work can still rejoice in the praise of the Book of Proverbs. The entire community thanks God for their inspiring service and care.

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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The End

If we knew when the end of our life would be, we could get ready for it. We could have our wills prepared, our possessions disposed, funeral arrangements made, and goodbyes said. We would also have plenty of time to repent for the sin we had committed.

Evildoers would also know how much time they still had to commit sin before they needed to repent.

God does not give us this information. We do not know when our life will end or when Christ will come again. God's hope is that we would be ready all the time, and that we would live each day as if it were our last.

The First Letter to the Thessalonians says, "You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night."

God's day will come suddenly, when we do not expect it, and it will rob us of what we hold dear, as a thief does at night.

Throughout the month of November we reflect on the end—the end of the church year and the end of life. It is a mournful time, but a beautiful time. We remember all the saints and all the souls of the faithful departed. We thank God for the fruits of the earth, and we prepare ourselves for the eternal harvest in heaven. We do not know when it is coming, but we want to be ready.

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Weekend of Nov 22/23

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Van Dorn, Joe Davison, Joanna Farnum, Louise Perreault, Alice Thompson
Lectors: Julie Martinez, Abigail Zaleske
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Cora Podrang, Eric Van Dorn
Hospitality: Joni Flanagan
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Peggy Pilgrim

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: Brendan Cauley, Nanette Bell, Paul Johansen, Bobby Stockbridge, Kathy Stockbridge
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Cathy McKnight
Ushers: Maria Bridges, Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Eric Miller
Hospitality: _____
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Coffee & Donuts: Carol and Don Dineen
Elijah Cup: Wilda Mayhew

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Killian Casey, Karly Casey, Cord Grogan
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathleen Garcia, Bill Roth, Barbara Russo, Penny Sweeney, Therese Sweeney
Lectors: Warren Cabral, Ana Fails
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Brian Smith, Mike Smith, Patrick Sweeney
Hospitality: John Fails
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Bill Spangenberger
Elijah Cup: Kathleen Garcia

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayer-chain@gmail.com or call her at 664-9165.

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*, Charles Cummings*, Gene Bauchwitz*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Rein Podrang, Fay Stockbridge, Pam Duncan

Tuesday Carl Shaw, Randy Stokes, Lynn Graham*, Charlie Cospelisch, Martha Marshall, Anthony Michael Merrique

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, James & Laura Smith*, Steve Powell*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato*, Rene Morago-Barton

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder*, Phil Pendergrass, Jennifer Cruz

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, John Paul Wilson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adams*, Mary Anyel*, Manuela Silva, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves*, Ronald Smith Jr., Harvey L. Font

Sunday Maureen O'Neil*, Michael Adam*, Theresa Fowler*, Brian Prescott*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE:

To enroll, please go to our web page and click on the "Online Giving" button to review the options and set up an account.



In the words of an ancient letter to Diognetus, "Christians are indistinguishable from other [people] either by nationality, language, or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow an outlandish way of life. . . . And yet, there is something extraordinary about their lives" (*Liturgy of the Hours*, Vol. II, p. 840). We are ordinary people sent forth to live extraordinary lives, lives like Christ's own life—pouring ourselves out for others in prayer, service, and love.

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“Well done my good and faithful servant.” With those words the master in Jesus’ Parable of the Talents smiles and rewards his servant. We often cite the Parable of the Talents in relation to stewardship. Because of our understanding of “talent,” we may assume that this is a parable about skills and those kinds of gifts.

Of course, in this case, a “talent” is a unit of money. Scholars assume that the master is wealthy; therefore, whether one received five talents, two talents, or one talent, they most likely received a huge amount of money according to our standards. That is not the stewardship perspective of this parable. Each of us, just as the three servants in the parable, has received multiple gifts from God (the Master). The question posed by Jesus, and the question we must be prepared to answer at our own judgment, is “What have you done with the gifts you have received?”

Everything we have and everything we become are gifts from God. Like the stewards in the parable, we have been given gifts. Do we develop those gifts and do we share them, or do we “bury” them and really do nothing with them? Those who do the former, return them with increase to the Lord, are not only complimented, but embraced and invited: “Come share your master’s joy.”




Living Stewardship Now

“Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What’s a sundial in the shade?”

—Benjamin Franklin (1706–1790), American Founding Father, scientist, inventor, statesman, printer, and philosopher

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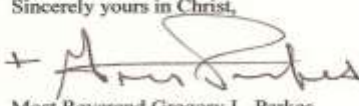
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has come to the aid of communities nationwide for over 40 years in an effort to eradicate poverty. During World Youth Day, July 25, 2013, Pope Francis told us to “never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity.” CCHD puts these words into action by funding housing, education, and the development of job opportunities.

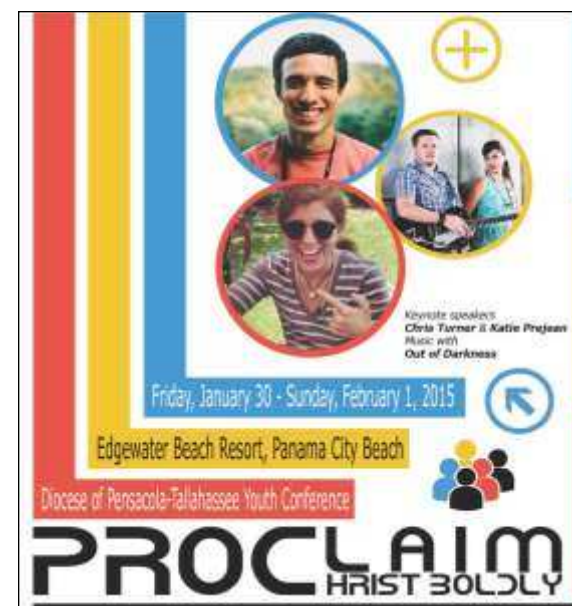
This Collection, which is taken in our diocese November 22/23, is the primary source of funding for CCHD’s anti-poverty grants and education programs. Collection funds offer new hope each year to those living in poverty throughout the United States. And remember, 25 percent of the Collection’s proceeds stays here in our diocese to fight poverty in our communities and defend the dignity of our neighbors. Help us defend human dignity and show Christ’s charity to those in need.

May God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes
Bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee



The Annual Diocesan High School Youth Conference moves to Panama City Beach in Jan 2015. Come be a part of the change, and *be changed!* Parish early registration **deadline** is **DECEMBER 14**, so **REGISTER NOW!** Forms are available at youth group and on the website. For more information, contact Paul Johansen at: 581-2556, or johansenp@stpeter.ptdiocese.org



“Stay awake.” My siblings and I used to huddle in our rooms on Christmas night, determined to stay up for Christmas dawn. We’d inevitably fall asleep, awakening around dawn to find the presents already around the tree and Jesus in the manger.

“Stay awake,” we would say again on New Year’s Eve. This got a little easier as we got older and beat on pots and pans to celebrate the New Year.

Special occasions call for special wakefulness. We anticipate, we watch, we try to glimpse the first signs of the holiday, birthday, or first day of vacation. These are important to us, and we don’t want to miss them.

“Stay alert,” Paul says to us. “Prepare for the Master’s return,” Jesus says to us. At the end of the Church year, everything is about watchfulness. We reflect on the end times, when Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead and draw all creation to himself.

What happens in the end? We show God what we’ve done with his many gifts. We behave as children of light and refuse to fall asleep (a metaphor for turning away from God) so we’ll be found waiting when Christ comes again. We keep the faith, knowing our hope is in the Lord.

When we were children, the temptation to fall asleep was great; we didn’t always make it to the first minutes of celebration.



As adults in faith, the stakes are much higher. If we fall asleep here, we may miss the party altogether.

Let’s encourage one another while we still have time.

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