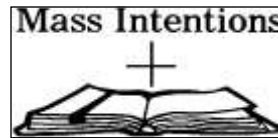




Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering.....\$5,848.39
Loose Cash\$641.16
Total Weekly Offering.....\$6,489.55
Mass Attendance Nov 15/ 16 355



Mass Intentions

Nov 24 - Nov 30
MondayMike and Penny Sweeney(liv)
TuesdayPeg Vesely(+)
Wednesday.....The Homeless & Hungry in the World
ThursdayNicola Cannella(+)
FridayAmelia Cannella(+)
SaturdayCherryl Ann Farnum(+)(5:00 p.m.)
SundaySt. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
.....Peg and Jerry Vesely(+)(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

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

11/26 **Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.**
RCIA - 7:30 p.m.

11/27 **Thanksgiving Day - Office will be CLOSED**
Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.
NO Adoration

11/30 **First Sunday of Advent**
No Faith Formation
No HS/MS Meeting

Advent Penance Service



Mark your calendars for our Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, **December 16, at 7:00 p.m.** We will gather in the Parish Center for a simple meal at 6:00 p.m.



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.


We Need You!




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

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 **Knights of Columbus** will be collecting jackets and coats your children no longer need for the **Coats for Kids** program throughout the month of **November**. Your donations can be dropped off in the Parish Center.



...When I was naked,
You clothed Me...

The coats will be delivered to local children's support facilities to help the kids stay warm as the temperatures drop. For more info, please contact Eric Van Dorn, 939-9830.




Keynote speakers:
Chris Turner & Katie Prejean
Music with
Out of Darkness

Friday, January 30 - Sunday, February 1, 2015

Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City Beach

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee Youth Conference



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



November 23, 2014

Monday
NOVEMBER 24
Saint Andrew
Dung-Lac,
Priest, and
Companions,
Martyrs
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 25
Weekday
Rv 14:14-19
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 26
Weekday
Rv 15:1-4
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday
NOVEMBER 27
Weekday
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23;
19:1-3, 9a
Lk 21:20-28

Friday
NOVEMBER 28
Weekday
Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday
NOVEMBER 29
Weekday
Rv 22:1-7
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday
NOVEMBER 30
First Sunday
of Advent
Is 63:16b-17,
19b; 64:2-7
1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37



November 23, 2014

dear Padre

Did Jesus exist before his earthly birth?

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I want to know whether Jesus existed before his earthly birth. I realize nothing is impossible with God, but this certainly adds to the mystery.



Jesus explains his relationship with God the Father in John 14:10-11 when he asks Philip, "Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me."

But how did Jesus exist before he was born of the Virgin Mary? Origen, one of the early Church Fathers said,

That there was never a time when he did not exist is to be taken with a certain allowance. For these very words 'when' and 'never' are terms of temporal significance, while whatever is said of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is to be understood as transcending all time, all ages, and all eternity" (*The Fundamental Doctrines*, 4:4:1).

Jesus was physically born into this world and Jesus is fully human, but he is also fully divine. We cannot equate Jesus' birth with our birth. Jesus transcends the limits of time and space.

So how did Jesus exist before his birth? We cannot know. Is that part of the mystery? It most certainly is.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time A 1
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Our Gentle Judge

God will judge us. Our belief in that promise fills us with anxiety and hope.

When we remember Christ the King, we acknowledge that he came to us, taught with wisdom, performed miraculous deeds, formed a community of disciples, died on the cross, and rose again. We believe that this Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.

If we read the prophet Ezekiel, though, the coming judgment need not frighten us. Ezekiel reveals God as a shepherd who bends over backward to tend the flock. When the sheep get lost on a cloudy day, God rescues them. When they grow tired, God lets them rest. When injured, God binds them up. When they are sick, God heals them.

Before God is a judging shepherd, God is a tender shepherd.

The good news about judgment is what precedes it. God's care comes first. When we get lost amid the challenges of life, God rescues us. When we are tired and ill-mannered, God gives us rest. When we are injured by sin, or sickened by depravity, God will grant forgiveness. There is no judgment before there is care.

God's first wish is not the destruction of sheep. God's first wish is salvation.

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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King
Last Sunday in Ordinary Time A 2
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Harvest Time

Farmers still delight at the first fruits of the crop. Planting and raising crops takes a great deal of time and skill. But it also relies on the weather. Many farmers pray for favorable weather and a bountiful crop, so that the world can continue to enjoy the fruits of the earth. And when the crops first bring forth fruit, it is time to give thanks.

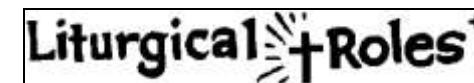
In some ancient communities, the farmers offered the first fruits of the crop back to God. They brought them to the temple or offered them in sacrifice. They believed that God was good to them, and they wanted God to know their gratitude.

In the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul called Jesus the first fruits of those who had fallen asleep. Human burial is like the burial of any seed. It produces changes, and the changes bear fruit for the good of the world. Jesus rose from the dead like the first fruits bursting from the crops. He completed the offering of himself to God.

But Jesus is only the first of the fruits. There will be more. "In Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ."

We all live in God's garden. When we die, when we are buried in the soil, we await our resurrection. God will raise up the faithful in a glorious harvest, when death shall be no more, and life reigns over all.

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Weekend of Nov 29/30

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Carrie Gagnon, Elizabeth Baldwin, Shareen Ketchem, Patty Shawbitz, Alice Thompson
Lectors: Paul Gagnon, Mary Pinsoneault
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz, Eric Van Dorn
Hospitality: Shareen Ketchem
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Lois Lange

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: _____, Nancy McCreary, Bobby Stockbridge, Kathy Stockbridge
Lectors: Paul Landry, Eric Miller
Ushers: Maria Bridges, Eden Carter, Jim Guris, James Johansen
Hospitality: Kathy Cauley
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Coffee & Donuts: None this weekend
Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Micayla Colwell, Abigail Zaleske
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Zaleske, Stacy Fralic, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco
Lectors: Therese Sweeney, Terri Turnbull
Ushers: _____, Brian Smith, Mike Smith, Jim Wise
Hospitality: Karen Clayton
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Coffee & Donuts: None this weekend
Elijah Cup: Lori and Patrick Dierig

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.

"OH BABY"our annual Advent charity drive to help infants in our local area through Family Life Ministries will **begin on Sun., Nov. 30th and end on Dec. 14th.** As we await the birth of the infant Jesus, we have the opportunity to reach out to the tiny infants around us who are in desperate need. Items most needed include diapers (0-6 months), bottles, pacifiers, blankets, onesies, sleepers, baby soaps, etc. Gently used infant clothing is also welcome. Donations may be dropped off at the Parish Office or at the Parish Center. Thank you!





“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” Jesus does not make it easy for any of us when He says that. Even those who practice stewardship faithfully, even the best among us, have times when they may turn their back on those in need. The Solemnity that we celebrate today is popularly known as Christ the King.

It is, in Church terms, relatively new. Instituted in 1921 by Pope Pius XI, it was originally on the last Sunday of October. It was renamed in 1969 by Pope Paul VI and moved to its present date, which is the last Sunday in the liturgical year, the last Sunday before Advent. The edict issued by Pope Pius XI in 1925 was called

Quas Primas. It stated “It has long been a custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of ‘King.’ He is King of Hearts by reason of His ‘charity which exceedeth all knowledge.’”

Today’s readings trace our Lord Jesus Christ from “the shepherd who tends his flock” to the “first fruits” to the “king.” As stewards of His Word, His Kingdom, and His Hope, He invites us to see Him in everyone we see and everyone we encounter so that we can finally hear His glorious declaration, “Come, you who are blessed by my Father.”

Living Stewardship Now

A Prayer to Christ the King from the liturgy:

Almighty and merciful God, you break the power of evil and make all things new in your Son Jesus Christ, the King of the universe. May all in heaven and earth acclaim your glory and never cease to praise you. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen. *(The Roman Missal, Opening Prayer for Our Lord Jesus Christ the King)*

St. Peter youth who attended the Diocesan Youth Rally last Saturday did something to make a difference in the world. We helped package 30,000 meals for Burkina Faso, an impoverished nation in West Africa. We also learned how Catholic Relief Services gives a hand-up, not just a hand out, in the places that it works. Additionally, we enjoyed prayer, fun, fellowship and Mass with Bishop Parkes. Thank you for helping make this event possible, through your generous donations, a few weeks ago



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

◆ November 23, 2014 (A) ◆

A little over a year ago, many people were eager to hear about the birth of the newest heir to the British throne, Prince George.

What makes people so interested? Does the whole idea of royalty capture our imagination and give us a “fairy tale” moment—a chance to live in a simpler time (at least to our childhood selves)?

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This story is emphatically not a fairy tale, and not like any king we’ve experienced or read about here on earth.

This King comes as one who was obedient to his Father, even to death on a cross.

This King comes, raised from the dead, to destroy death and put all things under his reign.

This King also comes as a shepherd to gather his scattered sheep, bind their wounds, and give them pasture.

And this King gathers the nations before him to judge not by how powerful they were, but how they cared for the least among them.

On the last Sunday of the Church year, before we turn our faces again toward incarnation and birth, we remind ourselves that we are still on a journey with the King of kings and that he will come again. It’s part of the Eucharistic Prayer in the Acclamation of Faith at every liturgy: “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection *until you come again*” [emphasis added].

Let us strive to be even more eager, more joyful, and more prepared for this King to come than we were for Prince George.

Let us begin now to live into the new life he has given us.

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“We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.”



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