

Sacrificial Giving

Recognizable Offering.....\$4,908.00
 Loose Cash.....\$512.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,420.00
 Mass Attendance Mar 19/20 350

Mass Intentions

Mar 28 - Apr 3
 Monday.....Barbara Kirschten(liv)
 Tuesday.....Richard Alberghini(+)
 Wednesday.....Coleen Davison(+)
 Thursday.....Steve Jordan(liv)
 Friday.....Trey Corbitt(+)
 Saturday.....Stephen Fowler(+)
Sunday.....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)
Mike Morrison(+)(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 3/27 Easter Party/Egg Hunt - after 10:30 a.m. Mass
 No K-5 Faith Formation
 No HS/MS Meetings
- 3/28 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 3/29 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
- 3/30 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 3/31 Adoration - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
- 4/03 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
 Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour - 3:00 p.m.
 HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

CRS FAIR TRADE The Fair Trade Community Sale was very well supported. Over \$1,000 of merchandise was purchased and came in within a week of the order. Your support benefitted the artisans and farmers whose products you received as well as a percentage of sales going to support CRS. The Around Town Ministry donated all of the profit, \$293.35 to Ronda Coon Women's Home. Thank you for your participation.



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HUNGERING FOR CELEBRATION

 We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we celebrate! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl ends in our own hearts, where Jesus reigns forever. Let us rejoice in our risen Lord—and in the lives we've changed this Lent in Colombia, Laos, Rwanda, Honduras, Madagascar and all over the world! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the Hospitality cart.

A REASON FOR PURPLE GLUE & STICKY FINGERS

 The spring mail out for Shelter House is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th. We have over 4,500 envelopes to stuff and need volunteers to come for an hour or as long as they can stay. We will begin in the parish center at 8:30 a.m. With enough hands, we should be done by early afternoon.

March 27, 2016

Dear Padre



Why aren't heaven's gates open to all of humanity?

 If God loves everyone, why aren't all of us saved?

When we picture heaven, we imagine a place where everyone is happy, loving, and at peace. If this is perfect bliss, then why wouldn't the Lord send everyone there? It is certainly a loving attitude to desire that all of our friends, family, and community enjoy the victory of union with the Trinity. When Jesus died and rose, he opened the door for all of humanity to enter eternal life. If we want everyone to be saved, and God wants everyone to be saved, what could possibly keep a person outside the Pearly Gates?

The answer lies in the very nature of God's love for us. Not everyone is saved because God wants us to choose salvation freely. While a person who loves God and willingly obeys his commands will find the kingdom blissful, a person choosing pride or selfishness would not. Would heaven really be paradise if people could choose to be bullies, murderers, or abusers? If I reject God's love because I don't want anyone telling me what to do, I would not freely submit myself to the Lord's authority. God has given us free will, and that means we are free to reject him and his kingdom. For heaven to be heaven, everyone there must be submissive to God's will and each other. Jesus loves us too much to force us to be saved.

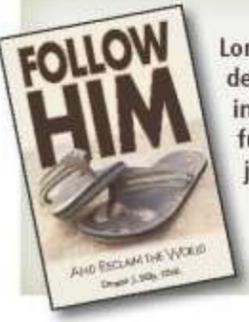
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FOLLOW HIM

Lord, your love is stronger than death. Rather than the end of existence, death is a passageway to a new life, one that transforms us and carries us into the presence of our Father in heaven. Your paschal mystery reveals our future hope. You took our humanity with you so that we might one day join you in this resurrection.

—From *Follow Him and Reclaim the World* by Dennis J. Billy, CSSR (826504)

To see sample pages from this book, visit Liguori.org and type the title or 826504 in the search bar, or call us at 800-325-9521.

 FOLLOW HIM AND RECLAIM THE WORLD
 Dennis J. Billy, CSSR

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Monday
 MARCH 28
 Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:14, 22-33
 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday
 MARCH 29
 Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:36-41
 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday
 MARCH 30
 Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:1-10
 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday
 MARCH 31
 Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:11-26
 Lk 24:35-48

Friday
 APRIL 1
 Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:1-12
 Jn 21:1-14

Saturday
 APRIL 2
 Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:13-21
 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday
 APRIL 3
 Second Sunday of Easter
 Sunday of Divine Mercy
 Acts 5:12-16
 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
 Jn 20:19-31

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Easter Sunday ABC 1
Acts 10:34a, 37-43

All Is New

“What’s new?” That is what we ask when we want to hear a story. Stories celebrate the great moments of life. When you hear one, it fills you with delight. When you tell one, you fulfill an inner desire to share what has shaped your life anew.

After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples did not wait for people to ask, **“What’s new?” They proudly proclaimed it: “God raised Jesus on the third day and granted that he be visible to us witnesses.” Now, that is new!**

If you have kept a good Lent, you know very well what is new with you. You are what is new! You have faced your sin, admitted your fault, and accepted your **dependence upon God’s help. You have prayed and fasted with the community. You have loved your neighbor. Because you have emptied a place inside yourself, you created a space for God’s Spirit to enter. Christ is risen indeed, and he has appeared to you!** You are now a witness of all that God can do.

This Easter Day, tell your story. Tell your faith. Let joy radiate from your face and loosen your tongue! Jesus lives!

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Easter Sunday ABC 2a
Colossians 3:1-4

New Neighbors

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. He has entered a new neighborhood, and he has made room for us. After three days in the tomb, Jesus rose again to display his power over death—all death, his and ours. **The resurrection is a sign of God’s power and of human hope. We have nothing to fear. We trust God’s complete desire to end all misery and to raise us up in glory.**

The Letter to the Colossians says, “If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above. ... Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”

With the resurrection of Jesus, we have moved into a new neighborhood. We no longer live in a place of sin and suffering. We live in hope and glory. We sustain this happy life when we seek what is above, not what is on earth. We contemplate the life of prayer, charity and peacefulness, and not the life of greed, selfishness and hatred. We live in a new place away from the addictions of old.

This Easter day brings immense rejoicing. It also brings expectations. It expects that we who are privileged to live with the risen Christ will keep up the neighborhood. We will have all the help we need from the Spirit who dwells within us. This Easter, let us joyfully think of what is above and place ourselves at the service of the One who will raise us up in glory.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Apr 2/3

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Aidan Murray, Paul Gagnon III
Extraordinary Ministers: Alice Thompson, Al Perreault, Patty Shawbitz, Doug Hoover, Joanna Farnum
Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Mary Pinsoneault
Ushers: John Fails, Cora Podrang, Mickey Shawbitz
Greeter: Ana Fails
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Al & Louise Perreault

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, Audrey Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathy Stockbridge, Paul Johansen, Nancy McCreary, Gene Valentine, Eden Carter
Lectors: Paul Landry, Patty Dominitz
Ushers: James Johansen, Cathy McKnight, Tina Henderson, Gary Jordan
Greeter: Deidre Henderson
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge
Elijah Cup: Tina Henderson
Coffee & Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Karly Casey, Killian Casey
Extraordinary Ministers: Luisa Martinez, Melody Grogan, Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco
Lectors: Margie Wadsworth, Carolyn Alaniz
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Jim Wise, Ray Schlitt
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Petey Brennan
Elijah Cup: Al & Melinda Sousa
Coffee & Donuts: Ron & Donna Fetter

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at saintpeterparishprayerchain@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*, Charles Cummings*, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting, Julie Bourg

Tuesday Lynn Graham*, Thomas Holdsworth, Pam Stockbridge, Ashley Marie Code, Mary Eichler

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Ken and Bette Dellner*, Caroline Frederick, Pam Holt, Barbara Kirschten*, Wilda Mayhew*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Robert Welniak, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Vera Thornburg*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Joel & Leo Grieves*, Dan Brenton*, Harriett Warren

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

[Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.](#)

Steubenville Atlanta July 8-10

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3 Meals & Conference

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April 17th

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The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that “Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the ‘Feast of feasts,’ the ‘Solemnity of solemnities,’ just as the Eucharist is the ‘Sacrament of sacraments.’ The mystery of the Resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to Him.” (#1169)



It is difficult for us to fully comprehend the importance of this day and its meaning for us, its fulfillment of hope for us. We consider this to be the most important day on our Church calendar. If we have properly approached the Lenten period, this day comes at the end of a period of prayer and fasting and almsgiving. We should have been prepared to spiritually die with Christ, and to rise as He did on this day to the promise of new life both in this world and the next.

Christ has saved us, and that alone is reason for our joyous celebration. By receiving the Eucharist (communion) on this day, we make a visible sign of our faith and our participation in the Kingdom of God.

Some are here today who may only come to church once a year, but this is the day to come to be sure. We welcome you with the love of Christ, and as good stewards, we invite you to become a more intimate part of our faith community, so that you, too, can realize that “God is good — all the time.”

Living God’s Word

We pray to God on Easter that we shall never again see darkness. We ask God to open our eyes to know him in the breaking of bread and we ask for the strength to follow him in his risen life.

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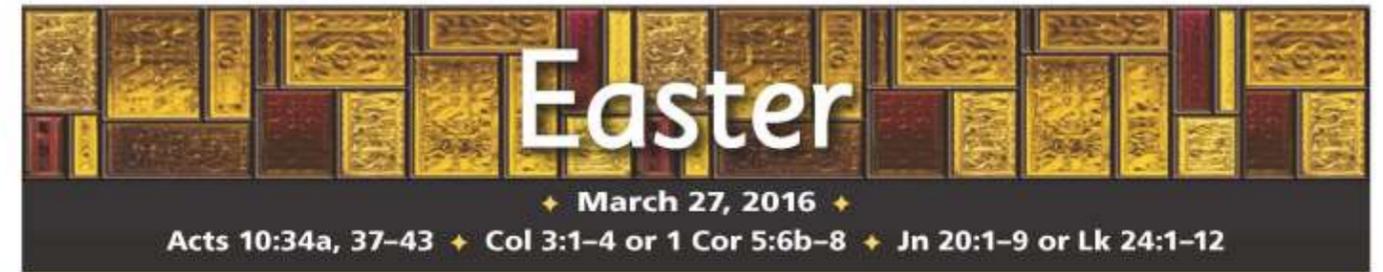
The High School Youth at St. Peter would like to thank everyone for their help with our food drive for Food For Thought.



Because of the Parish’s generosity we were able to provide \$2,224.00 worth of food to this wonderful food pantry.

We would also like to thank Joni Flanagan, who helped to coordinate this drive for us, and Stewart Grogan, from the

Knights Of Columbus, who helped us deliver the food to the food pantry.



My daughter was about four when we went to the local department store to do some shopping. I was looking over some item when I turned and realized that she wasn’t beside me. It was not like her to wander away, and I spent a frantic fifteen minutes before I located her sitting on the floor playing with a doll from a display. I was at once relieved and angry, but more scared than anything else. What if something had happened?

When Mary Magdalene went to the tomb that early Sunday morning, she expected to find Jesus’ body and mourn the loss of this man whom they all loved. Not finding him where she expected was an utter shock. I can only imagine there was some fear and anger: “Who took him? Where did he go? How could someone do this?” Her words tumbled out to Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They, too, were astounded to find his burial cloth and though they believed, they did not understand what the empty tomb signified.

I can also imagine what they felt when they finally saw Jesus—surely relief and wonder, but there may have been a little anger that he had left them and fear for all that meant. Maybe that’s how God feels about us when we wander away. We were lost, and God sent the prophets first and then his only Son to find us and lead us home. Out of love, Jesus gave his life and conquered death itself. In this Easter season, let us take great care neither to wander away nor to lose sight of the Lord. He is the source of our life. We belong to him.



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A Word From Pope Francis

“[God] does not like to lose what is his, and in order not to lose it, he goes out from himself, and ... searches for all those who are far from him... And how does he search? He searches to the very end.”

—Morning meditation, November 7, 2013



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