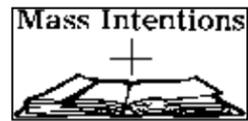


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 Loose Cash \$405.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,877.78
 Mass Attendance Apr 23/24 366



May 2 - 8
 MondayVincent Byrne(+)
 TuesdayPeter Adams(liv)
 ThursdayBarbara Kirschten(liv)
 FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
 SaturdaySherwood Fowler(+)
Sunday.....Jim & Laura Smith(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

Daily Mass Schedule Change
 Please note that we will no longer offer a Mass/Service on Wednesdays unless otherwise notified in advance.



Consider celebrating the Month of Mary by joining the Legion of Mary and fellow parishioners as they recite the Rosary on Mondays and Tuesdays, right after the morning Mass.

Upcoming Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast

Every 8 weeks the parish provides a way for those who are able to donate blood by having the One Blood Bus on campus. May 15th is our next drive, from 8:30-12:30. We rely on a core group that seems to always roll up their sleeves but really want to encourage those who may have never tried to give blood to step up. The process only takes 20-30 minutes, is very safe, and helps our community with the demands of an ongoing need for blood locally. The Knights of Columbus offer a superb breakfast to energize donors, friends, and families who are with us. Just follow the smell of the sweet bacon to the parish center after Mass. There is no cost but love offerings are always accepted.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 5/1 First Holy Communion - 10:30 a.m. Mass
 Crowning of Mary statue after 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 5/2 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5/3 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 5/4 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 5/5 Adoration - 8:15 a.m.
Women's Study Group last meeting- 9:30 a.m.
- 5/8 Divine Mercy Study - 6:00 p.m.

EJJYC June 6 – August 11

Around Town Ministry will be working with Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center this summer, providing hot lunches Monday through Thursday. This will be our 5th summer with the youth. **It's fun working in the kitchen, getting to know other parishioners and serving the youth a balanced meal each day.** We are currently scheduling volunteers. It takes 2-3 people per day to cook in the parish center, transport the meal and serve at the center, and come back to do dishes. If you would like to get involved by offering your time a few days during the summer, or want additional information, please contact Joni, 830-2875.



A total of \$972.28 was raised through "Rice Bowl" collections this Lenten season. On behalf of our poor brothers and sisters around the world who will benefit from your generosity, we would like to extend a heartfelt appreciation for your sacrifices and donations. They are the weapons continuously used in the fight against hunger.

Catholic Communication Collection

The Catholic Communication Collection is scheduled for next weekend, May 7/8, 2016. This collection is used to communicate the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enrich our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous and add your envelope to the regular collection. 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.

May 1, 2016
dear Padre



KENNETH SPONSLER / SHUTTERSTOCK

Spiritual direction vs. advice



What is spiritual direction? How does it differ from counseling and simply asking for religious advice?

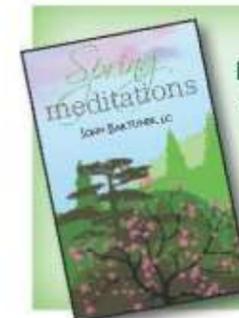
In spiritual direction, a person is guided in a process of reflection, self-discovery, and recognition of God's presence in human experience; the primary focus is on this individual's relationship with God. Thus, in one sense, it is the Lord himself who is the "director" in all spiritual direction.

In counseling, a person is also guided in a process of reflection and self-discovery; but the primary focus is on human growth and development. Counseling does not presuppose a person's faith or relationship with God; spiritual direction cannot be complete without it.

Both spiritual direction and counseling share the same expectations of openness and honesty in the process;

they share the same standards of confidentiality and professional conduct. Moreover, spiritual direction is similar to counseling in its aim toward human growth and development; but it further aims toward holiness and "toward ever more intimate union with Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2014). That union is twofold: a personal relationship with Christ and one with Christ's Church. "This union is called 'mystical' because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments" (CCC 2014). "All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity. All are called to holiness: Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (CCC 2013).

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A MEDITATION FOR SPRING

Like spring, we, too, can begin again. Failure is never final in this life or on this beautiful, God-given earth. We can always have a fresh start. The circumstances will be different. The losses from what passed before are real, and we can't ignore them. The damage from winter is true damage. But even so, we can always begin again.

—From *Spring Meditations* by Fr. John Bartunek, LC (825613)

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Monday
 MAY 2
 St. Athanasius,
 Bishop and Doctor
 of the Church
 Acts 16:11-15
 Jn 15:26—16:4a

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

Wednesday
 MAY 4
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday
 MAY 5
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:1-8
 Jn 16:16-20

Friday
 MAY 6
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:9-18
 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday
 MAY 7
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 18:23-28
 Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday
 MAY 8
 Ascension of the Lord
 Acts 1:1-11
 Eph 1:17-23
 Lk 24:46-53

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Sixth Sunday of Easter C 1
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Resolving Conflicts

There were two main issues that threw the apostolic church into its first internal crisis: legislation and authority.

Paul and Barnabas had been preaching to Gentiles that new converts did not have to become Jews in order to become Christians. Not all Christians agreed. The questions were simple. Did Paul and Barnabas know the legislation correctly? Did they have any authority to preach it? After all, neither of them was one of the Twelve, and Paul had persecuted Christians before becoming one.

The apostles and elders met in Jerusalem to consider the questions. It was the first time that leaders of the church gathered together to resolve an important issue. **Today some people call this “the Council of Jerusalem.”**

The gathering reached these conclusions: Yes, one could become a Christian without first becoming a Jew. And yes, Paul and Barnabas had the authority to speak for the church. But, just in case the believers in Antioch **didn't accept these decisions, the believers in Jerusalem sent along a couple of extra representatives to reassure them.**

Issues of legislation and authority continue to vex the church. Sometimes people wonder if pastors and bishops have the authority to make rules. Sometimes they question if the rules are in keeping with the spirit of the church. Such questions are as old as the church. They can usually be resolved in charity and with reassurance.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter C 2
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Lights Out

A power outage eliminates the usefulness of many appliances. Computers and mobile phones have batteries, but they have to be charged. Kitchens rely on electricity for food preparation. The garage door opener fails. And, of course, the lights go out. In fact, people sometimes describe a power outage in those terms: **“Our lights went out.” Much more went out, but the lights mean more to us than anything else.**

In the days before electricity, the sun and the moon provided much-needed light. Without them, life would be unthinkable. The night brought terrors and insecurities long forgotten by more civilized societies.

So when the Book of Revelation envisions living in a world without sun and moon, the image is inconceivable. But here was a city gleaming like a jewel, fortified with walls, and penetrated by twelve magnificently harmonious gates, named for the tribes of Israel. Revelation says the heavenly bodies served no luminous purpose for this **new Jerusalem. “The glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.” No other light was needed.**

Each of us has known a time when the glory of God was our only light. Our lives were dimmed by loss of income, friends, authority—or electrical power.

When the light of our eyes finally closes, when the gathering darkness of death envelopes us, one light shall shine to dispel our fear and bring us home: the light of Christ.

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Liturgical Roles

Weekend of May 7/8

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: _____, _____

Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Dan Brenton, Joanna Farnum, Alice Thompson, Anni Labatte

Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Mary Pinsoneault

Ushers: Joni Flanagan, Rachel Metruck, Heather Metruck, Bob Flanagan

Greeter: Lynn Brenton

Sacristan: Joe Davison

Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, Audrey Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: Eden Carter, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Gene Valentine, Nancy McCreary

Lectors: Don Dineen, Joshua Soto

Ushers: James Johansen, Arnold Soto, Dan Cauley

Greeter: Kathy Cauley

Sacristan: Stan Griggs

Elijah Cup: Lynn and Stan Griggs

Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Christopher Manion, Alexandra Manion, Joseph Sweeney

Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Stacy Fralic, Penny Sweeney, Becky Bittakis

Lectors: Pete Kuhns, Nadine Kuhns

Ushers: Brian Prescott, John Fails, Mike Sweeney, Ray Schlitt

Greeter: Ana Fails

Sacristan: Jean Jordan

Elijah Cup: Barbara Russo

Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, Micayla Colwell



PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

Over the last 3 weeks with the help of Around Town ministry members and your generosity, a delightful pinwheel garden bought attention to child abuse and the goal of prevention. The garden yielded \$683.00 in donations **for Santa Rosa Kids' House.**

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*, Ann Crouch*

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

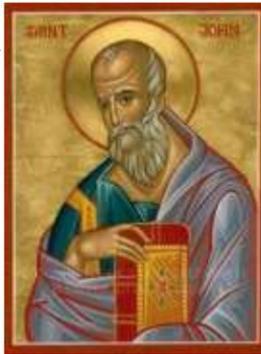
Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Jeff Harp, Ann Hart, Russell Clawson

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

SNAP (FOOD STAMPS) SERVICES AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida is now assisting those who are interested in applying for Food Stamps (new and re-enrollment). They will be taking walk-in appointments on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:00 am, and 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Please bring valid ID and Social Security Card.



Our Gospel Reading from John 14 recounts what Jesus says to His disciples as He prepares to leave them. Specifically the Lord says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” You may be aware that in Jesus’ time (as well as in many parts of the world today) the common greeting was Shalom. That means, of course, “peace.” It is nonetheless not only a greeting but it is also what people said when they parted.

Jesus makes a point of making it clear to His followers and to us that He is not just saying “Peace” the way people usually do, but from Him it is filled with more strength and meaning. It is “Not as the world gives” that Jesus is saying “Peace be with you.” Jesus is telling us that He through the Holy Spirit will always be with us, stand next to us, and strengthen us. That is something we must believe. Trusting in the Lord is a key aspect of stewardship.

In our world we are more likely to say “Good-bye” than “Shalom.” However, even that has a meaning with a much deeper message. “Good-bye” derives from the farewell “God be with you” or “God be with ye.” Thus, when we say “good-bye” we are also giving someone the same message that Jesus gives us. God is with us — always. He loves you.

Living God’s Word

We pray that God will continue to send the Holy Spirit so that we might retain what is life-giving from the past and be open to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead. We pray that our community may see in diversity a gift that can enrich.

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Garden Angels

Mountains of mulch were spread across the parish campus gardens thanks to the many volunteers who joined forces on April 23rd for the spring gardening day. With the guidance of Alicia Graham, the ministry coordinator, a huge task was accomplished. There were also parishioners who worked throughout the week to get the gardens prepped for the big day. It is always refreshing to see people working together for the common good. More pictures are posted on our website for those of you who would like to have a better visual of this labor of love. If anyone would like to get more involved in this gardening ministry, please contact Alicia, 850-376-7713.



For many Catholics, Vatican Council II was a watershed moment in Church history. I remember the nuns in our school turning on the radio to listen to reports. They shared what Pope St. John XXIII said at the start of the council. The media still follow large Church events, but it’s easy to forget that Church leaders have been gathering to talk about the issues of the day since the first century.

In the first reading, we hear (in fairly abbreviated form) about the Council of Jerusalem. The apostles and other leaders of the Church came together to discuss whether Gentiles had to be circumcised (a tenet of Jewish Law) before they were baptized. There were legitimate claims on both sides. Remarkably, the leaders prayed, talked, and prayed some more. They spoke from their experience and their faith. They assumed that all the assembled were people of faith, and so they wrestled together to find the answer most in keeping with the commands of Jesus.

In the end, when they decided to admit Gentiles without circumcising them, the whole community recognized that the Holy Spirit was at work, and the letter sent to the various churches began, “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us...” The Council of Jerusalem gives us a model for resolving our differences: pray, dialogue, and pray some more. This week, read all of Acts 15 to see what happens when we trust the Spirit to guide us rightly: arguments fall silent, and we find delight, strength, and peace (see 15:12, 31–32; John 14:27).

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A Word From Pope Francis
“Leadership also means making the most just decision after having considered all the options from the standpoint of personal responsibility and concern for the common good... When leaders in various fields ask me for advice, my response is always the same: dialogue, dialogue, dialogue.”
Meeting with Brazil’s leaders of society, July 27, 2013



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