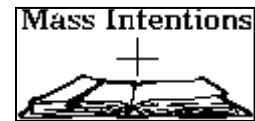





Recognizable Offering.....\$8,321.32  
Loose Cash.....\$671.02  
Total Weekly Offering.....\$8,992.34  
Mass Attendance Apr 29/30 372



May 8 - May 14  
Monday .....Steve Lange(liv)  
Wednesday.....James Lange(+)  
Thursday .....Owen & Verna Demoruelle(+)  
Friday .....Kaiana Walsworth(liv)  
Saturday .....Alice Thompson(liv)  
**Sunday...Owen & Verna Demoruelle(+)(8:00 a.m.)**  
**.....St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

 **In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Neal Horton**, grandfather of our parishioner Stacy Fralic. Pray for the consolation of her family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

**Save the Date**  
VBS Volunteer Training  
Monday, May 22, 2017  
To volunteer to be a group leader or helper, please call or email Susie Rushlau for more information at 581-7263 or dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.

VBS Decorating Parties are ongoing every Monday evening, 7- 9:00 p.m. We will paint, glue, cut, and build to create a Mighty Fortress!




**Registration Continues for VBS!**  
**June 5-9 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.**  
Registration forms can be picked up and returned, at the Hospitality cart. Hope to see you there!

### Weekly Calendar of Events


- 5/7 1st Communion - 10:30 a.m.  
HS/MS Youth Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- 5/8 Rosary after morning Mass
- 5/10 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
Around Town General Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
- 5/11 Rosary after morning Mass
- 5/14 **Mother's Day**  
No HS/MS Youth Meetings

Many, many thanks to those who gave blood last Sunday—we had one of our best turnouts. **OneBlood** was able to collect 21 pints, which has the potential to help up to 63 people in serious need. Thanks, too, to our Knights of Columbus for preparing another awesome breakfast in support of the drive.



 Our parish outreach ministry, would like to invite all ministry members as well as anyone who might like to get involved in outreach to come to a general meeting on May 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the high school youth room. We will be making plans for summer activities so bring your calendars and your ideas. Contact Joni Flanagan, 830-2875 for more information.



 **Hear Ye... Hear Ye....**  
VBS is in need of donations. If you could please drop off at the Hospitality cart: CLEAN 1/2 Gallon plastic milk jugs and paper towel tubes.

**Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive**  
K of C Council 8910 is sponsoring our Annual Baby Bottle Drive supporting local right to life programs. We will be handing out baby bottles during Mother's Day Weekend masses and collecting the full ones during Father's Day weekend. Last year the parish donated \$2,000 to provide spiritual support and enrich the lives of homeless and/or pregnant women and their babies. Please help us continue to make this drive successful.



### Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of May 13/14

5:00 p.m.  
Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III  
Extraordinary Ministers: Anni Labatte, Carrie Gagnon, Ron Berthelette, Mary Van Dorn, Doug Hoover  
Lectors: Dan Brenton, Paul Gagnon II  
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Bob Flanagan, Heather Metruck  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Eric & Mary Van Dorn

8:00 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Alina Schorzman, \_\_\_\_\_  
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Susan Johansen, Nancy McCreary, Kathy Stockbridge, Eden Carter  
Lectors: Susi Evers, Don Dineen  
Ushers: Arnold Soto, Frank Schorzman, Cathy McKnight  
Greeter: Deidre Henderson  
Sacristan: Bobby Stockbridge  
Elijah Cup: Paul & Susan Johansen  
Coffee and Donuts: Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Ganon Casey, Kadi Casey, Killian Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Susie Rushlau, Joseph Rushlau, Bill Roth, Pam Wall, Pat Casey  
Lectors: John Fay, Mark Day  
Ushers: Brian Prescott, Mike Sweeney, Jim Wise  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: Mike Brennan  
Elijah Cup: Kathleen Garcia  
Coffee and Donuts: Alicia & Barry Graham

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, 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, Margie Wadsworth\*, Al Landry

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Jessica Spear

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Barbara Kirschten\*

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

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

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Dan Brenton\*, Rick Zern\*

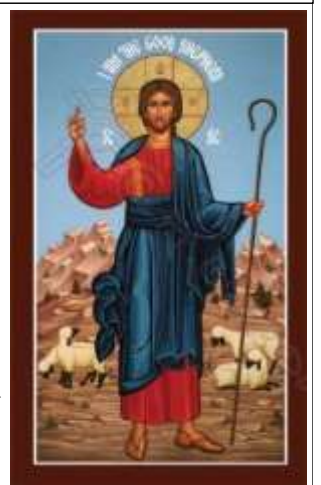
Sunday Ann Hart, Bonita Long, Kimberly Arnold and unborn twins

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Shepherds and sheep were so much a part of life for Jesus and those from Galilee. Galilee was, after all, largely a rural area and raising sheep and shepherding was an intricate part of their lives. That is why the image of a shepherd with his sheep was so often used during biblical times. It was a connection with which people could identify.

It is equally important for us today to understand this important cultural connection for them. Shepherding was all about feeding the lambs and the sheep (recall that Jesus tells Peter "Feed my sheep."), bringing them to good pasture lands and water ("The Lord is my shepherd...He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters; he restores my soul."); going after lost lambs ("Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"); and protects the sheep in the field and the fold ("The watchman opens the gate, and the sheep listen to his voice.").

Our Gospel reading today comes from St. John 10: 1-10. In St. John 10: 11, the next verse, **Christ declares "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." As Catholics and Christians, we, too, are called to be Good Shepherds to all those with whom we come in contact. It may be from another culture than ours, but we should understand full well the implications of that.**





# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 7, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Easter (A)  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
1 Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10

## Our Shepherd's Voice

Saint Peter, the first pope, zealously preached the word of God, challenging the Romans and the Jews to believe. Astoundingly, on various occasions their hearts were moved and they asked, "What are we to do?" The answer from the apostles was often twofold: Be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. Both are necessary first steps.

The same is true today: We receive baptism and confirmation. We keep cultivating this gift of faith and life in the Holy Spirit, listening to Jesus and the Spirit's promptings so they blossom and take over all of our life.

The Good Shepherd verses found in John 10 reveal that there are many messengers who promise fulfillment and happiness. Jesus warns that these others try to slip in the back door of our souls and trick us into following them. Initially their message is only slightly different than Jesus' message, but once they lead us out of his fold, we can end up in very distant fields, and it is a long, hard path back home.

How do we distinguish Jesus' voice from the others? Compare their words with the words of Jesus and his Church. If they don't align, beware. Another criterion is to see if there is an element of the cross and true peace. Jesus reminds us that the shepherd lays down his life for his sheep and leads them to pasture and rest. The cross, although not everything, is always a part of the shepherd's path.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, L.C.

### For Reflection

How often do I listen to the Good Shepherd over the other messages around me? How do I stay informed of what the pope and other shepherds of the Church are saying?



Plaque: Christ the Good Shepherd, circa third century  
Artist: Unknown  
Location: Pio Christian Collection, Vatican Museums

*"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25).*

## Calendar

### Monday

May 8  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:11-18

### Tuesday

May 9  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-50

### Wednesday

May 10  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday

May 11  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:15-25  
Jn 13:16-20

### Friday

May 12  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday

May 13  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

### Sunday

May 14  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 6:1-7  
1 Pt 2:4-9  
Jn 14:1-12

## Dear Padre, If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships.

For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The *Catechism* doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship

owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185).

However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be.

So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



### A Word From Pope Francis

*"[The] people followed Jesus because he was the good shepherd. He wasn't a casuistic and moralistic Pharisee... nor a contemplative from a monastery. He was a shepherd. [He] spoke the language of his people, he made himself understood, he spoke the truth, the matters of God."*

—Morning meditation, June 26, 2015



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