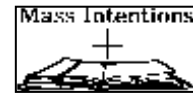




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Mass Attendance Aug 19/20 386



Aug 28 - Sept 3
MondayBarbara Kirschten(liv)
Wednesday.....Ken Dellner(+)
ThursdayThe unborn children of the world
FridayTrey Corbitt(+)
SaturdayMark Ibañez(liv)
SundayGary Jordan Jr. (liv)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

Adult Faith Opportunities

Beginning in September, we'll offer two different opportunities for adult faith growth. They will cover different topics, so feel free to attend both. We will use materials available to everyone through our FORMED subscription, so if you miss a session, you will be able to catch up. There is NO homework! Just watch a video and share your thoughts.

Beginning Sunday, September 10, **we'll have a session in the high school youth room between the masses.** Mike and Kathy Moore will be your hosts. Grab a cup of coffee and a doughnut and head over. You do NOT have to have children in RE to attend! Childcare will be available in the nursery. On Wednesday, September 13, **we'll inaugurate a monthly dinner and discussion session in the parish center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., moderated by Fr. Paul.** These gatherings will take place on the second Wednesday of the month, so mark your calendars, now!

These are tangible ways to live our parish vision: A family of joyful disciples striving for an ever-deepening relationship with Jesus.

P.R.E.P. for K-5 Faith Formation and Confirmation registration is ongoing. For your convenience, all registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the Hospitality Cart. Classes begin September 10, 2017.

Weekly Calendar of Events

8/28 Rosary after morning Mass
8/29 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.
8/30 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
8/31 Rosary after morning Mass



Great job blood donors!!!

Our last blood drive collected 17 pints! Thank you for your support and life giving gift. We also want to express our gratitude to the Knights of Columbus who consistently support our blood drives by providing a wonderful breakfast for all to enjoy. Congratulations to Susie Rushlau, winner of their 50/50 ticket raffle.

Young Adults: Mark your calendars!

- Dinner and Adoration Tuesday, September 12 at Christ Our Redeemer Parish. Dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by Adoration at 7 p.m. Please RSVP by noon the day before (757-777-5006) with number of adults and children.
- Discipleship on Draft Monday, September 18 at 3rd Planet Brewery in Niceville from 6:30-8 p.m.



On September 3rd, Catholic musicians Ike Ndolo and Sarah Kroger will be visiting Village Baptist in Destin. Joining them will be award-winning singer-songwriter, Josh Wilson, who has had a dozen top 10 songs on Christian radio. The show is being put on by Little Flower Events, a company dedicated to sharing the Catholic faith through music.

It's going to be a special night of stories, songs, and worship and we're hoping for a full house. We would love for your youth group, their families, and other parish members to come join us.

For more information or to purchase tickets, you can visit www.littleflowerevents.com. Tickets are \$20 and groups of 10+ receive a 10% discount.



Weekend of Sept 2/3

5:00 p.m.

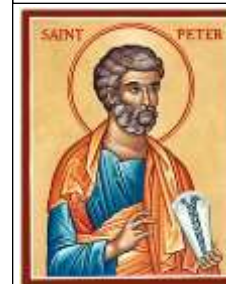
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Extraordinary Ministers: Ron Berthelette, Joanna Far-num, Louise Perreault, Al Perreault
Lectors: Lynn Griggs, Mary Pinsoneault
Ushers: Cora Podrang, Bob Flanagan, _____
Greeter: Liz Simmons
Sacristan: Stan Griggs
Elijah Cup: Liz Simmons

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore, Emily Moore
Extraordinary Ministers: Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, James Johansen, Nancy McCreary
Lectors: Kathy Moore, Michael Moore
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Frank Schorzman, Kathy Cauley
Greeter: Maria Bridges
Sacristan: Joe Davison
Elijah Cup: Michael and Kathy Moore
Coffee & Donuts: Richard Kalie

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Celeste Clayton, Micayla Colwell, Joseph Sweeney
Extraordinary Ministers: Katherine Colwell, Penny Sweeney, Melody Grogan, Mike Brennan, Becky Bittakis
Lectors: John Fay, Warren Cabral
Ushers: Mike Sweeney, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan
Greeter: Donna Fetter
Sacristan: Petey Brennan
Elijah Cup: Mike and Penny Sweeney
Coffee & Donuts: Karen Clayton, Tom Blossman



Part of the message of that is that the Kingdom of God is open to and offered to all peoples. This week we hear Jesus say to St. Peter in the Gospel from Matthew, **"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven."** An important part of the Vatican flag is two keys. Those keys, of course, represent the keys to the kingdom to which Jesus makes reference. Were you aware that one key is gold and the other silver? Interpretation is that the gold key represents spiritual power and the silver key represents worldly power. We are also fond of images showing Saint Peter at the gates of Heaven deciding who is admitted and who is not. Nevertheless, the keys are reinforced in the Acts of the Apostles, and it is perhaps not that Peter opens the gates of Heaven, but Peter (and Paul as well) through his ministry and explanations make it clear that heaven (the kingdom) is available to all, Jews and Gentiles. The **Catechism of the Catholic Church(#1023)** states, **"Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God forever, for they 'see him as he is,' face to face."** Pope Francis has spoken on this more than once. Recently, he stated, **"The Lord has redeemed all of us, all of us with the Blood of Christ. However, we must meet one another doing good."** Our call is clear.

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*, Steve Lange, Clare Van Zelfden, Carlos López

Tuesday Tori Roth, Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Joe Rushlau*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Barbara Kirschten*

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Ann Crouch*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Rick Zern*, Harper Spear

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Jennifer Draper, Bob Seitz*

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

In last week's Gospel, we heard the story of the Canaanite woman (a Gentile) who appealed to Jesus for help, and her prayer and plea were answered.

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 27, 2017
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20



Piece: *The Throne of Saint Peter*, 1647-53
Artist: Gian Lorenzo Bernini
Location: St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

Upon This Rock

Saint Peter's Basilica is built on the tomb of Peter, which literally serves as the rock on which the church is built. Peter states his faith, acknowledging Jesus as Messiah and Son of God, in the name of the other apostles. In reply, the Lord reveals his intended mission for Peter: to become the visible foundation of the Church.

This account also tells us that Peter's act of faith did not come through "flesh and blood," that is, through his human abilities, but through a particular revelation from God. By contrast, right afterward, as Jesus foretells his passion, death, and resurrection, Peter "began to rebuke him," denying that this would ever happen (Matthew 16:22). Jesus scolds him in return.

Peter shows his human weakness and what he is: a stone along the path on which men can stumble. In this scene, the drama of each soul and the history of the papacy and Church itself are anticipated. There is the joint presence of divine assistance by which the papacy constitutes the Church's foundation throughout history, and human weakness, which is also evident through the centuries and can be transformed only through abandonment to God's action.

In today's Gospel, Jesus clearly promises the forces of evil will not prevail. Prophets such as Jeremiah (1:18-19) were threatened only by human enemies, whereas Peter will have to be defended from a supernatural evil. Jeremiah receives a promise that affects him as a person and his prophetic ministry; Peter receives assurances concerning the future of the Church and the new community founded by Christ "upon this rock."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection Peter's mission is to confirm the faith of the other apostles. How willing are you to let the pope, Peter's successor, confirm your faith today? What are you doing to ensure your faith is built on a solid foundation?

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

Calendar

Monday
August 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday
August 29
Passion of St. John
the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1-8
Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday
August 30
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9-15
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday
August 31
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7-15
Mt 24:42-51

Friday
September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:1-8
Mt 25:1-15

Saturday
September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 4:9-11
Mt 25:14-30

Sunday
September 3
Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27

Dear Padre,

I am a huge fan of Pope Francis. However, I know some people feel his messages to be against Church teachings. How can the people criticize the pope when we believe our Lord has put Pope Francis in the chair of St. Peter?

Spoiler alert: I'm a big fan of Pope Francis, too! I believe he's doing much to bring people back to the Church. If you look closely at the pope's message, I think you'll find the difference is not one of content but of emphasis. Pope Francis has not changed any Church teaching, but he is shining the spotlight on some areas in particular.



Pope Francis has put a great deal of emphasis on mercy, simplicity, the poor, and immigrants. These things have always been part of the Catholic Church. Our pope has decided that today these things need to be brought to the forefront.

As Catholics, we are free to say things like, "I wish the pope would put more emphasis on doctrine," or, "I wish he would talk more about what we need to do to be saved." There's even nothing wrong in saying, "I liked Pope Benedict better." But, because Francis is in Peter's chair, we must always first ask ourselves, "What is Jesus saying to me through the messages of Pope Francis?"

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"Peter knocks at the door. Behold! There is joy, there is fear... 'Do we open, do we not?'... Fear paralyzes us, it always paralyzes us; it makes us close in on ourselves, closed to God's surprises. This detail speaks to us of a constant temptation for the Church, that of closing in on herself in the face of danger. But we also see the small openings through which God can work... Prayer enables grace to open a way out from closure to openness, from fear to courage, from sadness to joy... from division to unity."

—Mass and blessing of the sacred pallium for new archbishops,
Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, June 29, 2016



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