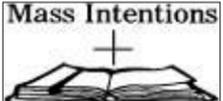


 <p>Recognizable Offering..... \$5,145.00 Loose Cash \$548.93 Total Weekly Offering..... \$5,693.93 Mass Attendance Nov 28/29 331</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Calendar of Events</p> <p>12/06 K - 5 Faith Formation Christmas Choir Rehearsal - 12:15 p.m. HS/MS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/07 Rosary - After Morning Mass</p> <p>12/08 Feast of The Immaculate Conception - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>12/09 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>12/13 K - 5 Faith Formation Matt Maher Concert - 6:00 p.m.</p>
 <p>Dec 7 - 13 MondayDcn. Dave Robinson(liv) TuesdayBarbara Kirschten(liv) Wednesday.....The Cauley Family(liv) ThursdayTess Cavallucci(liv) FridayThe Conversion of Souls SaturdaySt. Peter Parishioners(5:00 p.m.) SundayEloi Owen Demoruelle(+)(8:00 a.m.)Barbara Kirschten(liv)(10:30 a.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Christmas Angel Tree</p> <p> Please follow the guidelines on the tags; however, you may also return gifts to the foyer of the parish center through noon on December 10th, if you prefer. Please note that gifts should NOT be wrapped, this year. Thank you for your continued generosity in our community.</p>
<p>The Lord hears the cry of the poor For the month of November Sharing and Caring: \$260.00 Alms Dispensed: \$373.96</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holiday Card Mailing Assembly Thursday, December 10, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.</p> <p>We need your help spreading holiday cheer! Come out for an hour or spend the morning stuffing Shelter House holiday cards into envelopes.</p>

We are looking for 45 more people to help in various different areas like set-up and take down of equipment, merchandise sales, security etc. The following is a schedule that includes times and number of people needed for the bulk of the work to be done.

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PARISH PENANCE SERVICE & SUPPER
Wednesday, December 16th
A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. in the parish center followed by the parish advent penance service at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up at the hospitality cart or call the office so we can properly prepare.

LITURGICAL UPDATES FOR NEXT QUARTER NEEDED
Ministry Scheduler updates are needed before December 16th to complete the January – March schedule. If there are specific days you cannot serve, please update your profile online. For those who do not have email, call Joni 830-2875, to update for the next quarter. There are still many positions available for the Christmas Masses. Please consider serving if you will be attending Mass here.

+ December 6, 2015

dear Padre

Monday
DECEMBER 7
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 35:1-10
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday
DECEMBER 8
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday
DECEMBER 9
Advent Weekday
Is 40:25-31
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday
DECEMBER 10
Advent Weekday
Is 41:13-20
Mt 11:11-15

Friday
DECEMBER 11
Advent Weekday
Is 48:17-19
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday
DECEMBER 12
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday
DECEMBER 13
Third Sunday of Advent
Zep 3:14-18a
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

Santa Claus: Christian or secular?

 I have two friends—one atheist, the other a Christian fundamentalist. Neither is carrying on the tradition of Santa with their children. The atheist claims he is a Christian symbol; the Christian thinks he's a secular figure. Who's right?

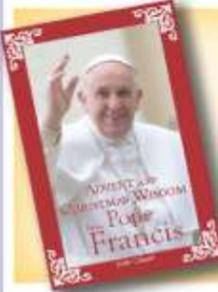


As strange as it may sound, both are correct. The myth of Santa Claus is based on the real life of St. Nicholas, a Catholic bishop. Born in the third century, his parents were wealthy but died when Nicholas was very young. His faith led him to dedicate his life to the service of God and others. He gave away his entire inheritance to help the poor and suffering.

Like Christ himself, Nicholas is known as a giver of gifts. Stories of St. Nick's generosity form the basis for some of our current Christmas traditions. According to one story, the bags of gold he tossed through an open window landed in stockings hanging above the fire to dry. Some put food for Nicholas and straw for his donkey outside their homes, hoping he will replace their gifts with his.

December 6 is now an annual feast commemorating this saint. Most today know Santa as coming from the North Pole with his red-nosed reindeer Rudolph and bringing toys and treats made by elves. This is certainly a secular image, but however we celebrate Advent and Christmas, we must remember and lead others to their true purpose and meaning.

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During this Advent season, "remember the real gift: God giving himself to us through the Incarnation. Reflect on yourself. In how many ways can you become a gift from God to those you know and to those you do not?"

—From *Advent and Christmas Wisdom From Pope Francis* by John Cleary

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Second Sunday of Advent C 1
Baruch 5:1-9

Restoring the Lost

If something you loved was ever taken away from you, you know the feelings of loss, invasion, injustice, **and confusion.** “Why would someone take from me the desire of my heart? Why would someone hurt me? How can this happen when I lead a good life? How will I **continue in the face of this loss?**”

The one who suffered a loss in this passage from Baruch was not a person. It was a city. Jerusalem had lost many of her inhabitants to invaders, many of her treasures to thieves. The entire city was cloaked in mourning and misery.

But Baruch urges the people to stand on the heights and look east. There they will see their scattered children brought together again. Carried away by enemies, they return on thrones. God promises that the hills will be leveled and the valleys will be filled. Those returning will speed their way on the road home.

Jerusalem suffered immeasurable loss. Those returning had been changed by their experience of exile and redemption. Those at home had been changed by their hurt and their hope.

During Advent, we celebrate God’s promise of restoration. If we have suffered a loss, God can make things new again. We might be changed by what we experience. The memory of our ache may never fade. But God can restore trust, hope, and confidence for all who have lost what they most loved.

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Second Sunday of Advent C 2
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Growing in Faith

We learn a few things as we go through life. We advance in education. We get better at our jobs. We figure out more about politics. We discern what makes people tick. We learn by our mistakes and through the wisdom of others. Our tolerance grows. So does our love. We get wiser in love, more patient with its pains, more grateful for its virtues. We learn throughout our lives.

We also grow in faith. As children our faith is simple, but it grows more complex as we age. We appreciate how deep are the promises of God, how profound is the love of Christ, and how much we need forgiveness as well as redemption. God helps us grow in faith.

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul expresses his hopes as they prepare for the second coming of Christ. Paul believed that Jesus would return very soon. He had **confidence that the Philippians would be all right.** “I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ **Jesus.” Just as we grow in wisdom throughout our lives,** Paul was confident that the Philippians would grow in faith.

As we prepare for Christmas, we have the same reassurance. God, who began a good work in us, will continue it right up to the day of Christ Jesus. May this Advent increase our faith.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Dec 12/13

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn
Extraordinary Ministers: Mary Van Dorn, Joanna Farnum, Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem, Carrie Gagnon

Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Paul Gagnon II

Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Joni Flanagan, Bob Flanagan

Greeter: Paul Gagnon III

Sacristan: Dan Brenton

Elijah Cup: Peggy Pilgrim

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Audrey Moore

Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Nancy Brandewie, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy McCreary

Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Arnold Soto, Jim Guris

Greeter: Cathy McKnight

Sacristan: Joe Davison

Elijah Cup: Bruce and Nancy Brandewie

Coffee and Donuts: Maria Bridges, Stacie Schorzman

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Kadi Casey, Karly Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: Ray Schlitt, Penny Sweeney, Jean Schlitt, Pat Casey, _____

Lectors: Ana Fails, Therese Sweeney

Ushers: Patrick Sweeney, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott

Greeter: John Fails

Sacristan: Stan Griggs

Elijah Cup: Elaine Tennyson

Coffee and Donuts: Micayla and Katherine Colwell

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, Steve Heidbreder

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday Theresa Fowler*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, 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.



Young Adults: Dinner is Served!
Tuesday, December 8 at 6 p.m. at Christ Our Redeemer Parish, followed by Adoration

Join Our Christmas Choir: No experience needed, all ages welcome.

Any children or adults interested in singing in our season choir – please join us! We would love **new members, so if you’ve thought about joining before** – feel welcomed to attend our rehearsals!

Sunday, December 6 12:15 p.m.
Wednesday, December 9 12:15 p.m. (Classroom #3)
Tuesday, December 15 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 20 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday, December 22 6:00 p.m.

For more info, please contact Joey Ferreira at the church office or at music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org.



Prayer should be an important part of our lives as Catholics; prayer needs to be a part of our lives (and our schedule) during this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of Christ. In our Second Reading today, St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians proclaims a prayer for them (and for us as well), "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ."



That prayer is a succinct way of reminding us what we should be doing as part of our Advent preparations. We should be making a concerted effort to love; that we need to increase both our knowledge and our perception of what it means to be a good Catholic, a good steward, a disciple; that we must sort out what is really of value — that can be a challenge in a world where Christmas is so commercialized and the emphasis seems to be placed more on glitz than on faith; and that we should be striving for "righteousness" as we prepare for not just the birth of Christ, but the final coming of the Lord as well.

Living God's Word

Advent is about the very place from which all of our dreams begin—in God. It's where gorges of human pain and suffering are filled and where mountains of injustice are brought low. It's the way God begins to lead the people home to where it all began.

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SAVE THE DATE

St. Peter Catholic Parish and Dynamic Catholic present
Holiness Revolution, featuring Dan DeMatte
February 6th, 2016



This event will open your eyes to the need for change in the world and the role you can play.

Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses beginning next weekend.


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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
ANSEL AUGUSTINE


MUSIC WITH
OUT OF DARKNESS

ALIVE

Early Registration: Due by December 6, 2015
 Cost: \$150.00
 T-shirt: \$12.00 (optional)
 Cost after December 6th: \$170
 Final date to register: January 3, 2016. This price includes food, sleeping accommodations, and transportation to and from Conference.

THIS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE BONES: LISTEN I WILL MAKE BREATH ENTER YOU SO YOU MAY COME TO LIFE - EZ 37:5

Advent

December 6, 2015 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent
Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

One of the most memorable questions I have ever been asked came out of a conversation with a spiritual director. During my marriage-preparation retreat, he asked about the upcoming wedding. I told him about all the preparations and how I felt like I was on top of things. He gently said, "I know you are prepared, but are you ready?" It was the first time I really thought about the difference. We were certainly prepared. The flowers had been ordered, the ceremony set, and the caterer knew exactly what we wanted. We were in control. But being ready for the great unknown of marriage, a lifelong vocation, was another thing altogether. Being ready suggested that we won't always be in control and that, no matter what happens, we were in it for life and would face whatever comes together.

The prophet Isaiah describes John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way of the Lord. He will do this by preaching to and baptizing those who come to him. The preparation for the coming Messiah is in his hands. He poses the question, "Are you ready for the one who is to come?" Thinking beyond our religious practices and Christmas preparations, what does that really mean for us? Maybe this year it means looking into our own hearts for the longing for Christ. Perhaps we will make a room for him in our busy lives and our busier thoughts. We might even stop our preparations long enough to remember just who is coming and invite him in. Are you ready?

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Let every heart prepare him room...


A Word From Pope Francis
 "I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which...will be a Holy Year of Mercy."
 —Homily during penitential celebration, March 13, 2015



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