

Recognizable Offering..... \$10,844.00
 Loose Cash..... \$623.00
 Total Weekly Offering..... \$11,467.00
 Mass Attendance Apr 2/3 409



Apr 11 - Apr 17
 Monday.....Vincent Byrne(+)
 Tuesday.....Communion Service
 Wednesday.....Jim & Laura Smith(+)
 Thursday.....Makamae Ibañez-Burgess(liv)
 Friday.....Kanani Hirst(liv)
 Saturday.....Sherwood Fowler(+)
 Sunday.....Katherine Martin(+)(8:00 a.m.)
St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

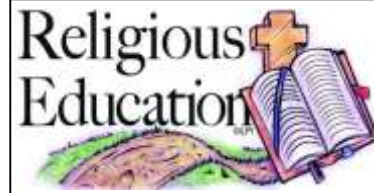


From Blue To Better

From Blue to Better is a regional movement to raise awareness about child abuse prevention during the month of April, NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS month. Around Town Ministry will ask your help in creating a PINWHEEL garden in front of the church. This garden will be a visual reminder of those who strive to prevent and eliminate child abuse. Ministry members will be available before or after each Mass April 9th – 24th to give out pinwheels for donations. Donations will be given to our partner, Santa Rosa Kids' House. Wear BLUE day is Friday, April 8th to raise awareness for child abuse prevention. Additional information may be found on the bulletin board.

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 4/10 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
MS Meeting (No HS Meeting)- 6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Study - 6:00 p.m.
- 4/11 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4/12 Rosary - after 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
- 4/13 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.
- 4/14 Adoration - after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Women's Study Group - 9:30 a.m.
- 4/17 K-5 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
MS/HS Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Study - 6:00 p.m.



The parish is still in need of a Director of Faith Formation. Ideally, this person would work full time and coordinate all of the youth faith formation programs within the parish—K-12, Sacramental preparation, Children's Liturgy of the Word, VBS, etc. The position does require a person who is a practicing Catholic, fully adhering to, and modeling, the Church's teachings in faith and morals. The ideal candidate would have a BA in Religious Education, Theology, Pastoral Studies or Education with catechetical and administrative experience. Our previous search did not turn up the "perfect" fit. If you, or someone you know, are interested in this position and are reasonably qualified for the job, please contact Paul Johansen for more details.

THANK YOU!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say **THANK YOU!! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the Hospitality cart.**



SPRING GARDENING
 We'll be getting a shipment of mulch this week and welcome your help to refresh the landscaping anytime it's convenient for you. We will have a work day on Saturday, April 23rd to finish up the work. You DON'T have to be responsible for a specific part of the garden to help with this project. Please lend a hand to help beautify our grounds.



If I'm not Catholic, is Mass a must for the kids and me?



My husband is Catholic, but I am not. I know he is supposed to attend Mass every Sunday. What about our children and me—Do we have to go, too?

If your children were baptized in the Catholic Church, then yes, they have to attend Mass. If you or they are not baptized, attendance is not required. One of the basic precepts of our Catholic faith is the obligation of the faithful to attend Mass on Sundays. ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.") This assures our regular participation in the eucharistic celebration and commemoration of the Lord's Resurrection (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042).

I know some other churches don't have the same understanding of obligation as Catholics do, but all Christian

churches gather on Sundays. God's third commandment is, "Remember to keep holy the LORD's Day" (Exodus 20:8). It can be argued that there are many ways to keep the Sabbath holy, but Christ, the Church, and I believe that the best way is to participate in and partake of the Eucharist—to remember his saving acts, especially the act of dying and rising, and receive his Presence within us. I encourage you to attend your own church or to go to Mass with your spouse and family. Not only will you keep the Lord's day holy, but God will make you holy as well.

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A MEDITATION FOR SPRING

An old saying reminds us that where there is life, there is hope. But isn't it also true that where there is hope, there is life? We can look forward to spring because the past has taught us that spring always comes. Life is more powerful than death because life is a gift from the God who is love, and love is eternal.

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

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Monday
 APRIL 11
 St. Stanislaus,
 Bishop and Martyr
 Acts 6:8–15
 Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday
 APRIL 12
 Easter
 Weekday
 Acts 7:51—8:1a
 Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday
 APRIL 13
 Easter
 Weekday
 Acts 8:1b–8
 Jn 6:35–40

Thursday
 APRIL 14
 Easter
 Weekday
 Acts 8:26–40
 Jn 6:44–51

Friday
 APRIL 15
 Easter
 Weekday
 Acts 9:1–20
 Jn 6:52–59

Saturday
 APRIL 16
 Easter
 Weekday
 Acts 9:31–42
 Jn 6:60–69

Sunday
 APRIL 17
 Fourth Sunday
 of Easter
 Acts 13:14, 43–52
 Rv 7:9, 14b–17
 Jn 10:27–30

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Third Sunday of Easter C 1
Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41

Living a Different Law

During the 1960s many Americans pressed for civil rights through civil disobedience. They broke the laws they thought were unjust, to force the creation of new laws. As a result, greater freedoms came for all Americans.

When Peter and John preached the good news of the resurrection, they were arrested and stood trial before the Sanhedrin. They had disobeyed the law. The rulers **had asked them not to talk about Jesus, but they “filled Jerusalem” with their teaching.**

In reply, Peter and John did a very clever thing. They **preached about Jesus to the Sanhedrin. “God exalted Jesus as leader and savior to grant forgiveness of sins,”** they said. They disobeyed the law again, right in the face of the legislators.

The religious freedom that exists in most countries of the world came at a dear price. Believers spoke out in the face of oppression. Many of them suffered imprisonment. Some of them died. But their cause has endured. One of the most basic human rights is to speak about what one believes.

There may be times when your faith prompts you to speak up. You may put yourself at risk by doing so. You may be criticized. You may even be arrested. But you will have the happiness that comes from beliefs so strong they cannot be kept quiet.

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Third Sunday of Easter C 2
Revelation 5:11-14

Slain and Victorious Lamb

Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, and it also **proclaims the church’s faith in the resurrection of Christians.** Death looms as the fearful fate of every human life, but Easter removes the finality of death and opens a broader vision. It is hard to imagine that one single event could have such an effect on human history, but that was **the meaning of Jesus’ resurrection.**

An image from the Book of Revelation illustrates the point. John saw a huge crowd of angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. There they sang praise to a Lamb—a dead lamb. In the history of animals, no dead lamb has ever left much of a mark on the world. But this one did. The Lamb is Jesus—slain, but standing, and receiving the praise of all living things.

A lamb first entered our religious tradition as a symbol of **Passover. On the night before Israel’s exodus from Egypt,** faithful Jewish families slaughtered a lamb and rubbed its blood on their doorposts. They were spared the worst of the plagues, the death of the firstborn. That **plague finally forced Pharaoh’s hand and set the people free.**

Jesus Christ appears in Revelation as a slain Lamb. His blood protects us from the harm of death and sets us free from sin. Through his death and resurrection, he has brought us forgiveness and opened a way for us through death to life.

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Liturgical Roles*

Weekend of Apr 16/17

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Paul Gagnon III, Aidan Murray
Extraordinary Ministers: Alice Thompson, Shareen Ketchem, Al Perreault, Carrie Gagnon, Joanna Farnum
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Mary Pinsoneault
Ushers: John Fails, Dan Brenton, Cora Podrang
Greeter: Lynn Brenton
Sacristan: Doug Hoover
Elijah Cup: Ron Berthelette

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Joshua Soto
Extraordinary Ministers: Patsy Soto, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie
Lectors: Deidre Henderson, Susi Evers
Ushers: Eden Carter, Arnold Soto, Dan Cauley
Greeter: Kathy Cauley
Sacristan: Maria Bridges
Elijah Cup: Bruce and Nancy Brandewie
Coffee & Donuts: Don Dineen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Austin Wise, Alexandra Manion, Christopher Manion
Extraordinary Ministers: Kathleen Garcia, Mike Brennan, Petey Brennan, Elaine Tennyson, Melody Grogan
Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day
Ushers: Jim Wise, Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Bill Roth
Elijah Cup: Mike and Petey Brennan
Coffee & Donuts: Micayla Colwell, 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, 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*, Jeff Harp

*Indicates our parishioners.

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

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Registration Deadline April 17th

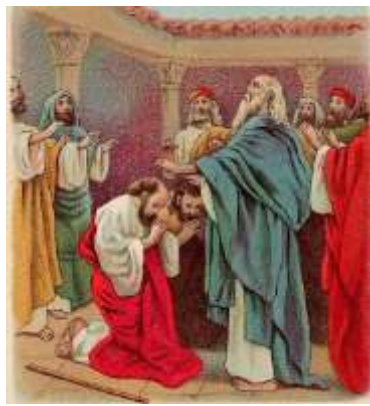
For more information contact hsyouth@stpeter.ptdiocese.org



It is not easy being Christian and Catholic in today's world. Our society, because of the critical nature of the media in large part, tends to view people of faith and morals with some distrust. That is a challenge for us.

Paul and Barnabas experience something similar in today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The people of Antioch in Pisidia "expel (them) from the territory." No one likes or appreciates rejection. It is humiliating and discouraging. There may be times in our own lives when we follow firmly our Catholic beliefs and experience something similar. However, like Paul and Barnabas, we need to become even more determined in our desire to be a Disciple of the Lord.

In their case, they moved on to Iconium and continued their ministry and their message. In fact, Holy Scripture adds, "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." We, too, need to seek that joy and to understand that we have been blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." Like Paul and Barnabas, and Mother Teresa, we need to seek and utilize God's strength.



Living God's Word

We pray that we may grow in courage so that we can willingly and joyfully witness to the Lord, that we may be like Peter and the other apostles who followed Christ through suffering to glory, who were able to respond more than once to his call, "Follow me."

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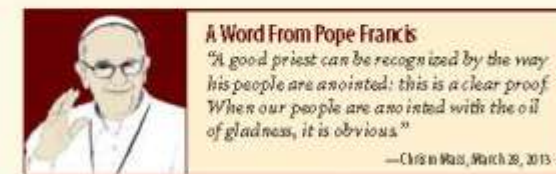
Third Sunday of Easter ♦ April 10, 2016

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 ♦ Rv 5:11-14 ♦ Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

It has become the habit in our family to say, "I love you" at the end of phone calls and emails. I love these frequent reminders that I am valued and worthy of love, and I like the opportunity to remind my daughters and husband that they are the same. We underscore these reminders with little acts of love. Our daughters joke that my husband and I are the only parents they know who still date. And when we do go out, we take turns paying for the other's dinner. My husband once sent me flowers when I didn't get a job I had hoped for. It was a kind and thoughtful gesture.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me" not once, but three times. When Peter responds positively (though progressively with more irritation), Jesus continues, "Feed my lambs...Tend my sheep...Feed my sheep." It isn't enough to say we love someone. We show it by caring for them and for who and what they cherish. The best way that Peter could show his love for Jesus was by caring for the people of God. He could love all the disciples and invite others to follow Jesus as well.

Pope Francis once exhorted priests to "be shepherds, with the 'odor of the sheep.'" Jesus



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is telling Peter—and all of us—much the same thing. To love the Lord is to truly live among his people: to touch them, tell them and show them they are valuable and desired. This is the face of love.

All people deserve to know they are loved, but in our world that is not always the case. How might we respond?

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