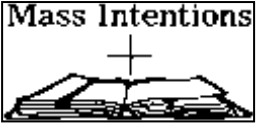



Recognizable Offering..... \$7,430.00  
Loose Cash ..... \$824.00  
Total Weekly Offering ..... \$8,254.00  
Mass Attendance July 29-30            385



Aug 7 - 13  
Monday .....Marcia J. Harville(+)  
Wednesday.....María Z. Vega Hernández(+)  
Thursday .....Al Landry(+)  
Friday .....Barbara Kirschten(liv)  
Saturday .....Elton Rushlau II(+)  
Sunday .....Al Landry(+)(8:00 a.m.)  
.....**St. Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**

### Weekly Calendar of Events



8/7    Rosary after morning Mass  
8/8    Bunco - 9:30 a.m.  
         Catechist meeting - 6:30 p.m.  
8/9    Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
8/10   Rosary after morning Mass



Do you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a member of the Catholic Church? If so, please contact Fr. Paul at 850-581-2556, or email [pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:pastor@stpeter.ptdiocese.org). He would like to meet individually with those who are interested before the sessions begin. We will begin meeting on Monday, August 28, and every Monday after that in the Administration Building from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### You can be a Catechist!

Join us August 10th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at our PREP Catechist training meeting in the Pastoral Center, Room 1. A light dinner will be served; please RSVP to Susie at [dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org) or 581-7263 so we know how much to prepare.





### Confirmation class forming now—you have been CHOSEN!



This engaging program is for teens, 9th grade and above, seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Interested teens and their parents should attend the SPYRIT Kickoff on Sunday, August 20th from 6-8 p.m. for registration and a brief information meeting. Call Susie for questions at 581-7263 or [dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:dre@stpeter.ptdiocese.org).

### SPYRIT Middle and High School Youth Groups Kick-Off on August 20th from 6-8 p.m.


We invite all 6th-12th graders to join us for fellowship, food, games & prizes! Be sure to wear sneakers so you can get in on the action and have some fun-movie style! *Parents are kindly requested to come for dinner and a brief information meeting.*



### Young Adults

Group Outing for Young Adults (ages 18 -39) Sunday, August 13th, 4:05 p.m. Tickets are \$9 and you must purchase them in advance by calling/texting Sr. Margaret (850)-982-5539 if you reside in Pensacola or Susie Rushlau (850)-362-8066 if you reside in FWB/Niceville.



**In Loving Memory** and lasting peace for all who have died, especially **Elton Rushlau II**, father of our parishioner Joe Rushlau. Pray for the consolation of his family as they mourn the loss of their loved one.

### Religious Ed Registration

begins August 6th-7th. K-5 Faith Formation will be held on Sundays from 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. and begins September 10, 2017. We also offer classes for Middle School, High School, Confirmation, and Adults. We look forward to seeing you!



### Church in Latin America

Next week, you will have the opportunity to contribute to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).


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.

## Liturgical Roles\*

Weekend of Aug 12/13  
5:00 p.m.  
Altar Servers: Aidan Murray  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joanna Farnum, Louise Perreault, Teresa McClure, Doug Hoover  
Lectors: Jan Comstock, Lynn Griggs  
Ushers: Dan Brenton, Heather Metruck, Cora Podrang  
Greeter: Lynn Brenton  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Doug Hoover

8:00 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Jack Risher, Savannah Risher  
Extraordinary Ministers: Jean Jordan, Nancy McCreary, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen  
Lectors: Don Dineen, \_\_\_\_\_  
Ushers: James Johansen, Maria Bridges, Cathy McKnight  
Greeter: Kathy Cauley  
Sacristan: Jean Jordan  
Elijah Cup: Cathy McKnight  
Coffee & Donuts: Gary Jordan

10:30 a.m.  
Altar Servers: Celeste Clayton, Micayla Colwell, Joseph Sweeney  
Extraordinary Ministers: Stacy Fralic, Melody Grogan, Pam Wall, Ray Schlitt, Jean Schlitt  
Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day  
Ushers: Stewart Grogan, Cord Grogan, Brian Prescott  
Greeter: Karen Clayton  
Sacristan: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elijah Cup: Stewart and Melody Grogan  
Coffee & Donuts: Tom Blossman, John Fay



The Book of Daniel, from which our First Reading is drawn, was written some two centuries before the birth of Christ. This is only significant in that many of the prophets (Daniel is considered one of the major prophets) lived as many as six centuries before Christ. However, regardless the timeline, we need to be moved by and appreciative of the prophecies we find in the Old Testament. In the particular passage in today's reading it states, **"The one like a Son of Man received dominion, glory, and kingship."** Today, of course, is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and this reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the **"Son of Man,"** which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself. **We have referenced this fact previously. In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term.** (It appears 32 times in Matthew; 15 times in Mark; 26 times in Luke; and 12 times in John, and it is in John where it is used twice by someone other than Jesus.) The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more.

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Susi Evers at 664-9165 or email her at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto: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

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

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

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson

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.

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

**August 6, 2017**  
*Transfiguration of the Lord (A)*  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mt 17:1-9

## Leave the Mountain

Our walk with Jesus is full of contrasts: human and divine, grace and nature, sin and mercy. *The Transfiguration* by Raphael Sanzio, like the Scripture that inspires it, is also full of contrasts. The composition is in two registers. Up above we have the heavenly glory of Christ enveloped in a fantastic aura of divine light symbolizing his divine Sonship. The power of the experience leaves the disciples prostrate while the two Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah float in suspended adoration. Down below, we have the other apostles, dealing ineffectively with a possessed boy. There is obvious chaos, with fingers pointing everywhere and faces turning in all directions. There is the serenity of heavenly white against the diabolic and earthly darkness.



Piece: *The Transfiguration*, circa 1518  
Artist: Raphael Sanzio  
Location: Pinacoteca, Vatican Museums

This contrast is present in our own lives. We feel a call to the beauty of God's life, we want it wholeheartedly, and we resolve to make that beauty a reality. But we also know that when we come down the mountain and into our daily lives, we struggle with confusion, temptation, and earthly concerns. It is easy in Christ's glorious presence, but when we get into traffic, our offices, or the trials of raising toddlers or teenagers, it isn't so simple.

Here is where we need the power of God's mercy and love. Peter wanted to stay in Christ's presence and enjoy it, soak it up, remain, and never go down the mountain again. He heard the Father's voice, knew he should listen to the Son, and was resolved to do so! Although

he wants to stay, listen, and learn, Christ touches him and tells him to not fear, get up, and get going. We need to go down the mountain and into our lives. That is where the faith and love we learn from Jesus in prayer is needed. He lets us see his glory so we can go down and bring that glory into a needy world.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*For Reflection* Do you spend enough time in prayer to face your daily activities with serenity? Are there days when you would rather stay in prayer than face your earthly commitments?

*"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain" (2 Peter 1:17-18).*

## Calendar

**Monday**  
August 7  
*Weekday*  
Nm 11:4b-15  
Mt 14:15-21

**Tuesday**  
August 8  
*St. Dominic, Priest*  
Nm 12:1-15  
Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday**  
August 9  
*Weekday*  
Nm 15:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 54-55  
Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday**  
August 10  
*St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*  
2 Cor 9:6-10  
Jn 12:24-26

**Friday**  
August 11  
*St. Clare, Virgin*  
Dt 4:32-40  
Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday**  
August 12  
*Weekday*  
Dt 6:4-13  
Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday**  
August 15  
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-15a  
Rom 9:1-5  
Mt 14:22-35

## Dear Padre,

**Now that I'm retired and my kids are grown I'm feeling directionless. Even my faith life doesn't feel like it used to. How can I recapture a feeling of purposefulness in my faith?**

People may long for liberation from their job and for an "empty nest" at home; yet, when some find it, they lose a clear sense of identity, purpose, or fulfillment. This loss can lead to depression, but many people are unable to name it or cope with these life-changing realities.

Is getting through the day more exhausting than a full day's work before your retirement? Do you prefer to live in the past? Are you burdened with lingering feelings of guilt or regret that need healing? Do you feel like a burden? What are your reasons for living?

Faith and spirituality are connected to the physical, mental, and emotional dimensions of our life. It is often easier to recapture vitality in faith when we recapture a purpose in other dimensions of life. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Balance your active outreach with introspection. Go on a retreat and reflect on what you're grateful for. Your relationship with the Lord in prayer may be affected by your lack of direction and purpose, but even a persistent emptiness in prayer can be an opportunity to have God fill the void—by focusing more on God than on what's presently lacking in your life.



Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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## A Word From Pope Francis

*"By [Jesus'] Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven. Perhaps our eyes are a little sick because we see so many things that are not of Jesus, things that are even against Jesus: worldly things, things that do not benefit the light of the soul. And in this way, this light is slowly extinguished, and without knowing it, we end up in interior darkness, in spiritual darkness, in a darkened faith: darkness, because we are unaccustomed to looking and imagining the things of Jesus."*

—Homily, second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2014



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