



Recognizable Offering.....\$8,689.00
Loose Cash \$550.00
Total Weekly Offering..... \$9,239.00
Retirement Fund for Religious \$935.00
Mass Attendance Dec 8/9 341



Dec 17-23
MondayWendy Klesch(liv)
Wednesday.....Vilma Grimm(+)
ThursdayTrey Corbitt(+)
FridayArlene Mauceri(+)
Saturday.....Michael Ibañez(+)
SundayKen Dellner(+)(8:00 a.m.)
.....**St Peter Parishioners(10:30 a.m.)**



In Loving Memory and lasting peace for all who have died, especially our parishioner Arlene Mauceri and Ollie Ballares, brother of our parishioner María Bridges. Pray for the consolation of their families as they mourn the loss of their loved ones.

Faith Formation Holiday Break
This weekend was the last meeting for 2018. All religious education programs will start back up again on Sunday, January 6th. May the birth of Jesus ignite the love of God in all the hearts of our parish families, and may your faith be renewed with the gift of His joy. See you in the New Year!



Many, many thanks to those who gave blood during the most recent blood drive. In spite of the great amount of people battling colds and flu, One-Blood was able to collect 13 pints, which has the potential to help up to 39 people in serious need.
Thank you, as well, to our Knights of Columbus for their continuous dedication in preparing a delicious breakfast in support of the drive effort, and to the Anonymous winner of the 50/50 draw who donated her \$30 winnings to support vocations.
We will kick off next year's blood drives on February 10, 2019 so make sure to mark your calendars, now!



Weekly Calendar of Events

12/16 3rd Sunday of Advent
VPK - 5 PREP - 9:15 a.m.
Adult Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.
SPYRIT Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m.
12/17 Rosary after morning Mass
12/19 Legion of Mary Meeting - 8:30 a.m.
12/20 Rosary after morning Mass
12/23 4th Sunday of Advent



Religious give thanks. **"This money is pure gift,"** writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. **"It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters."** Your gift last week helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

The Music Ministry would like to invite anyone and everyone who would like to participate in the Christmas choir to come every Sunday at noon to go over the mass parts and three or four choir songs. Singers and instrumentalists - third grade to senior citizens- are ALL welcome. O come, let us adore!



EMERALD COAST WALK FOR LIFE RALLY AND WALK
Saturday, January 12, 2019
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Emerald Coast Walk for Life will gather at the Maritime Park (301 W. Main St.) in Pensacola to listen to, and be inspired by speakers that stand for life. Learn how you can help women in unplanned pregnancies. The featured speaker is Dr. Alveda King. Having grown up with her father and uncle in the Civil Rights movement, she now has an outreach called Civil Rights for the Unborn, declaring that this is the civil rights issue of our time. Other speakers will talk about abortion pill reversal, adoption, and the many resources available in this region to help women and families. After the rally, the group will take their witness into the streets with a positive message, "Choose Life." For more information, call Jane Witzman at (850) 398-0473 or email her at jane@eccfl.org



Weekend of Dec 22/23

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Reese Armstrong
Extraordinary Ministers: Patty Shawbitz, Al Perreault, Louise Perreault, Joanna Farnum, Teresa McClure
Lectors: Ron Berthelette, Ruth Sykes
Ushers: Mickey Shawbitz, Cora Podrang, _____
Greeter: Shareen Ketchem
Sacristan: Jean Jordan

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Emily Moore, _____
Extraordinary Ministers: James Johansen, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie, Paul Johansen, Susan Johansen
Lectors: Michael Moore, Kathy Moore
Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Maria Bridges
Greeter: Cathy McKnight
Sacristan: _____

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jay Risher, Jack Risher, Savannah Risher
Extraordinary Ministers: Rick Grecco, Alicia Grecco, Therese Sweeney, Pam Wall, Stacy Fralic
Lectors: Cindy Day, Mark Day
Ushers: Cord Grogan, Stewart Grogan, _____
Greeter: Terri Turnbull
Sacristan: Bill Roth

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, contact Angela Zangerle at (808)295-2587 or email her at stpeter.prayerchain@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*, Lois Lange*, Christian Irwin*, Carol Dineen*, Anni Labatte*

Tuesday Mary Eichler, Hiram Alaniz, Danny Labatte, Mike Kutcher, John Osborn*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Bette Dellner*, Aurora Beard, Kim Glenn, Terry Bradley

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Connie Batten, Addison Brenci

Friday Lloyd Biehl*, Doug Babiak*, Rick Zern*, Chuck Gober*, Cheryl Darby, Judy Holzschuh*

Saturday Peter Adam*, Mary Anyel*, Harper Spear, Cathy Clark*, Jane Van Dorn

Sunday Ann Hart, Samara Gillespie, Donnie Simmons*, Serena Armstrong*, Arlene Mauceri*

*Indicates our parishioners.



We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out **this thanks, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them! As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.**

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

Fear and Intimacy

This bronze shows the young John pointing as if responding to a question or pointing the way. There was anxious anticipation amongst the Jews about the coming Messiah. Yet, we have no reason for anxiety.

Anxiety comes from fear of the unknown. When we're unsure of how things will turn out, we get anxious. When we lack control or can't plan for our security, we get anxious.

Fear and anxiety are the enemies of intimacy and love. Fear makes us run far enough away so we feel removed from danger, safe from the aggressor. Or it drives us to hold someone, seeking strength in attachment. But fear doesn't create space for true intimacy. It either creates excessive distance or suffocating closeness.

John didn't want to create fear or caution of God. Rather, he wanted to open hearts to receive God in love. Ours is not a God of fear, but of love.

In Jesus' Incarnation, he shows just how much he wants to be with us. He comes to make his home among us, while waiting for us to accept him and make room for him. He doesn't force, but comes with patience and love.

Knowing that he loves and wants the best for us, we merely need to make ourselves known to him by revealing our deepest needs to him with prayer.

John the Baptist came to prepare the path for the Messiah, and many responded by asking, "What should we do to prepare?" Put aside anxiety and fear, simply prepare a home for him, and then let him in.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: The Young St. John the Baptist
Date: 1955
Artist: Francesco Messina
Location: Vatican Museums

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Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10
Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday

DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
Jer 25:5-8
Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday

DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
Igs 15:2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1:5-25

Thursday

DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

Friday

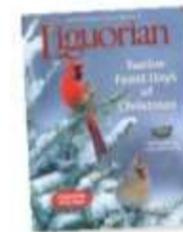
DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-45

Saturday

DECEMBER 22
Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

Sunday

DECEMBER 23
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Mi 5:1-4a
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45



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Dear Padre,

What do we really know about John the Baptist and how do we know it?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. During his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a desert hermit. In his late twenties John began his public ministry in the Jordan River Valley. He followed a long line of Jewish prophets who preached against evils of the day, demanding inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued to preach in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him. He is the patron of monastic life, people with epilepsy and other compulsive disorders, lambs, printers, blacksmiths, and tailors.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR
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For Reflection

What causes me fear or anxiety?

Can I give my anxiety to Jesus and ask him to bring me a greater sense of peace this Christmas?

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.

Philippians 4:6



A Word From Pope Francis

Let us implore from on high the gift of commitment to the cause of peace. Peace in our homes, our families, our schools and our communities. Peace in all those places where war never seems to end. Peace for those faces which have known nothing but pain. Peace throughout this world...Simply PEACE.

—Address at Ground Zero Memorial, New York City, September 25, 2015



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