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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday 9 AM to 4 PM, Friday 9 AM to 4 PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE
Written submissions are due Monday at noon.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Please check bulletin or website for Mass times.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS
First Saturday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Anointing of the Sick takes place after Mass. Please join us for breakfast and fellowship in the church hall after Mass.

FAMILY ADORATION
English: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM with confessions

Parish website: www.st-peter-church.com

Baptisms
English: Baptisms are on Saturday mornings. Please call the office to set a time and date with Fr. Sabo.
Spanish: Kindly request the “Baptismal Orientation Document” from the parish office and follow the written instructions.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Couples must be at least nineteen and meet with the priest six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Pastoral Care
If you anticipate hospitalization or require sacraments, please call the parish office. The sacrament of the Anointing is on 1st Saturdays after the 8:00 AM Mass. You may also call the parish office.

Confessions
Mon: after the 7:00 PM Mass, Tues—Fri: after the 7:00 AM Mass Tuesday: 7:00-8:00 PM during Family Adoration
Sat.: 3:45-4:45 PM & after 6:30 PM Mass (Spanish and English confessions are offered.) Sunday: after the 9:30 AM Mass

New Parishioners
Please contact the office to register.
Monday, October 16th
St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
7:00 PM  Phillip Schmitt Birthday
†Linnea Pospischil
Tuesday, October 17th
St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
7:00 AM  †Elizabeth Cerrentano
8:15 AM †Ervin Rollette
Wednesday, October 18th
St. Luke, Evangelist
7:00 AM †Glenn De Mars
8:15 AM Sarah Nutter Lawn
†Eugene Paulick
Thursday, October 19th
Sts. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests & Companions, Martyrs
7:00AM †Merry Robyn Urrea Stuthers
8:15AM †Glenn De Mars
Friday, October 20th
St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
7:00AM  Fr. Anthony Catella
8:15 AM †Art Williams
Saturday, October 21st
8:00 AM †Tim Hickey
5:00 PM  Pro Populo
6:30 PM †Ervin Rollette
Sunday, October 22nd
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM †Howard Sigman
9:30 AM Msgr Thomas Brady
†Andrew Pasquali
11:00AM Special Intention
12:30 PM †Holy Souls in Purgatory

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Behold, I have prepared my banquet—Jesus Christ

What is your first response whenever you receive a personal invitation to a party? Do you: (1) throw out the invitation; (2) do you: save the date; or (3) do you procrastinate? Your honest response is necessary if you are to profit from the personal wisdom in the parable this weekend, taken from the Gospel of St. Matthew (22:1-14). If we do not pray, we may betray common sense! Our Blessed Lord has much to teach us this weekend, namely: about (a) the wedding guests, (b) the wedding garment and (c) the wedding gift! The Gospel acclamation sums it up best: May the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Jesus Christ continues His catechesis on the kingdom of heaven, by using a parable about a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Pope Francis responds by saying: something surprising happens. None of those chosen decides to go to the celebration. St. Matthew provides the proof: the invited guests refused to come! How well do we deal with the disappointment caused by other people who refuse to complete our joy? This refusal pushes the king to extend the invitation to all the other people. The Gospel, rejected by some, finds a surprising welcome in so many hearts. The goodness of God does not have limits and does not discriminate against anyone... He gives everyone the possibility of responding to His invitation, to His call, to His path. No one has the right to feel privileged or to claim exclusivity (Pope Francis).

The next point of reference from this teaching relates to the question raised by the king: My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment? Within this invitation to the feast there is a condition: to put on the wedding garment, that is to give concrete testimony of concrete charity to God and to neighbor (Pope Francis). St. Augustine of Hippo joins in the conservation by raising a question: What is the wedding garment that the Gospel talks about? Very certainly, that garment is something that only the good have, those who are to participate in the feast.

Finally, may we never overlook the best part of the wedding feast, the gift! Pope Benedict XVI shares some of his wisdom with us: From Christ’s Cross comes the gift... brought by Him... it lives on for ever in the Blessed Eucharist. Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ: that He may help us to joyfully accept this invitation to love Him more and more! : )

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS’ SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS:

PRAY FOR THOSE HOMEBOUND & THOSE IN ASSISTED LIVING OR NURSING HOMES:
Nancy Aiello, Cookie Belken, Matilda De Falco, Pat Heiderscheit, Grace Ingoglia, Julie Kulawinski, Virginia Madru, Charles Qualizza, & Meda Qualizada.

For a priest visit or sick call, call the parish office (815) 525-3400. For the prayer chain, please call Ed and Linnea Van Barriger. (815) 629-2405. If you have a loved one who should be added to the sick or homebound list, please call the office.
I wish to express my sincere gratitude for honoring an Emeritus Pastor on the occasion of his 90th birthday. I will always recall my years serving the people of this parish as the most memorable time of my priestly life. The people of this parish have never changed in their love of God and their commitment to His mission of loving one another as He has loved us. I would like to end by singing back the song to Father Sabo that he sang to me last Sunday … “For he’s a jolly good fellow!!!” — Msgr. Thomas Brady

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the Disaster Relief Fund. Your generosity and kindness will bring comfort to many families in need at this time. St. Peter Parish donated $12,831.75 to this cause.

**Sunday Collection**

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**SCHEDULED PARISH EVENTS**

- ALTAR & ROSARY 2nd Thursdays 6:30pm Parish Center
- CHOIR Thursdays 6pm to 7pm Choir Loft
- ESCUELA DE LA CRUZ Sun. 9:30 & 11:30am Church Hall
- MARIAN PRAYER Monday 5:15pm Church
- MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS CROCHET & KNITTING 1st & 3rd Thursdays 3pm to 5:30pm Parish Center
- Beginners welcome!
- LITURGY OF THE HOURS Mon. 6:30pm Church Hall
- SEWING GROUP Tues. 9:00am Church Hall
- 20’s & 30’s YOUNG ADULT GROUP Sun. 6pm Church Hall

**What's Happening Around the Parish**

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**
Sunday, October 22, 2017
Church Hall After 7:30 & 9:30 Masses

**Taco School Fundraiser**
Sunday, October 22, 2017
10:30am—3pm Didier Hall

**Altar and Rosary Fall Luncheon**
Thursday, October 26, 2017
Didier Hall
11:00am—1pm
Donations needed for salads and pies
Tins and recipes will be available for pick-up in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend and next.

**Vocation Corner: Will You Accept the Invitation?**

As a priest, people often ask me to tell them my vocation story. There is just something about recognizing the work of the Lord in a person’s life that is fun for people to listen to. Depending on the situation, I have different versions of the story that I can tell which all have varying amounts of detail. However, one of the details that always makes it into the story is what made me start to turn back to my faith when I was in college. Tragically, a friend of mine passed away at a young age, and it was something that started to make me think. I started to realize that none of us really know how much time we have here on earth and that my time to meet Jesus could come just as suddenly as my friend’s did. The more I thought about this, the more it scared me because I realized something in myself: I had been rejecting the invitation that the Lord was sending me. In our Gospel this weekend, we see just how offensive it is to the Lord to reject his invitations. When those who were invited refused to attend, the king killed them and burned their city! I knew that I did not want to show up to the wedding feast unprepared, or worse, not show up at all. All of us will have to appear before our Lord one day for our judgment. When you get there, will you be able to say that you have accepted your invitation to the life the Lord has planned for you?

Fr. Bobby Gonnella, Assistant Vocation Director

**Readings for the Week of October 15 2017**

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, II:Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-II:Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 11:4, 6/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

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