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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14th, 2024

CLERGY-

Rev. Fr. Daniel Brouillette, Pastor Rev. Fr. Chinedu Daniel Okafor, Parochial Vicar Deacon Dennis Adams, Deacon Brian McKnight Deacon Francisco Rodriguez (ChiChi) RECTORY OFFICE—125 E. 19th Ave., Covington, LA Mon- Thurs: 8am -4pm, Friday: 8am - Noon Closed for Holy Days of Obligation & Holidays SAINT PETER CATHOLIC SCHOOL 130 E. Temperance St. Covington, LA 70433

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday8:00, 9:30 &	11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Monday & Saturday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday - Friday	
Youth Mass 5:00 p.m. las	t Sunday of the month
SACRAMENT OF R	ECONCILIATION
Sunday	4:00–4:50 p.m.
Monday - Saturday	
Saturday	
1 st Saturdays	
and by appointmen	

UPCOMING EVENTS

985-892-1831, Michael Kraus, Principal

JANUARY

13th - Altar Server Training Cancelled-Reschedule TBD

14th - Fellowship Coffee & Donuts after Sunday Morning Masses/St. Mary's Hall

15th - Rectory Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr Day

16th - 21st - March for Life in Washington, DC

20th - Young Ladies Sodality @9:30am

"Stand for Life" Life Chain with the Knights of Columbus from 1:00pm—2:00pm in Mandeville by Fazzio's Restaurant. On Hwy 190.

27th & 28th - Pro-Life Calendar Sales

FEBRUARY

12th - 14th - Rectory Office Closed - Mardi Gras Holiday

14th - Ash Wednesday @ 8:30am Mass, 12 Noon Ashes Service, 7pm Mass

17th - Family Praise and Worship @ 6:30pm/Church

22nd - St. Peter Presents - Chris Carsens on Eucharist in the Mass/Church

24th-25th - Married Couples Retreat @ St. Joseph Abbey

Eucharistic





RECTORY Main Number......985-892-2422 *Tom Fisher - Bookkeeper ext #3001* Joan Schaff - Parish Administrator & Bulletin Editor DIRECTOR OF PARISH MINISTRY Anne Simpson......ext #3011 or 985-893-2535 DIRECTOR OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE Brenda Ortiz.....ext #3008 or 985-892-9353 MEDIA COORDINATOR *Jenny Schexnaydre*ext #3009 or 985-892-2568 MUSIC MINISTRY *Br. Ken Boesch, FSC*985-966-1134 *Anne Simpson*ext # 3011 or 985-893-2535 OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Ellen Frederickext #3014 or 985-893-2446 Confirmation - Ashley Gervais ..ext #3016 or 892-8994 FACILITIES MANAGER *Nick Doucet*.....ext #3010 or 985-893-2047 YOUTH MINISTRY ROCK (Jr High), CYO (High School) & Young Adults: Ashley Gervais/Stacie Reynolds ext #3016 or 892-8994 SACRISTAN *Kathleen Montgomery.....*985-892-2422 PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL Ethel Ganucheau......985-630-9016 RCIA & RCIC Rev. Fr. Chinedu Daniel Okafor— 985-892-2422 St. Peter Charities ext#3015 985-214-8618

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM, SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE & FUNERALS Call Rectory in advance.

stpetercharities@stpeterparish.com

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 13th - Vigil - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM <u>Vigil Mass</u>— Wayne Desdier, Payton E. Strain, Ashley Taylor, Ted Wall, Lucia Ann Comenge, Annabell Dinett, Sam Latino, Sr., Audrey Cooper, Howard & JoAnn Guidry, Kathleen Wolfe Kemp, Mr. Chad Collings (L), Wendy Sliman, Lilly Orpanello, Ronnie Tromatore, Domenic Ricca, Patti Westgate, Pat Bernhard, Betty Messina, Mother Angelica, Beverly & CJ Domico Rose & Charles Weigel, Jr., Barry Johnson, Jr. & Barbara Johnson, Bruce & Trudy Pohlmann (L), Jack Grace (L), Michael Dickinson (L), Annette Doskey (L), Jim, Lee & Doug Womack, Josephine & Philip Culotta

<u>Sunday, January 14th – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u> 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 | Ps 40 | 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 | Jn 1:35-42

8:00 AM Clotilde Mena Ero, Emmanuel Hebert, Jr., Howard & JoAnn Guidry, Wesley Favaloro, Special Intention, Henry (Max) Smart, Lucie Commenge, Jennifer Wieland (L), Joan Bordelon (L), Carol & Jack Nelson (L), Eric Matthews & Family (L), Randy & Jackie Stewart, Patricia Phillippi (L), Jonah Phillippi (L), Joshua Phillippi (L), Clare Phillippi (L), Gianna Phillippi (L), Joe Mariano (L), Terri Rodriguez (L), Blecky Plauche Bean (L), Audrey Cooper, Faith Monitreuil, Henry Gaffney, Reid Bateman

9:30 AM St. Peter Parish Parishioners

11:30 AM Pete Caruso **5:00 PM** RCIA Team

Monday, January 15th - Weekday

1 Sm 15:16-23 | Ps 50 | Mk 2:18-22

8:30 AM Reid Frances (L)

Tuesday, Jaunary 16th - Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13 | Ps 89 | Mk 2:23-28

6:30 AM Manny Hebert

8:30 AM LCpl Justin McLeese

Wednesday, January 17th - St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 | Ps 144 | Mk 3:1-6

6:30 AM Kathleen Montgomery (L-BD)

8:30 AM Randy Keller

Thursday, January 18th - Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 | Ps 56 | Mk 3:7-12

6:30 AM Chester Laine

8:30 AM Rev. Clair Cazayoux, S.J...

Friday, January 19th - Weekday

1 Sm 24:3-21 | Ps 57 | Mk 3:13-19

6:30 AM Donald G. Pechon

8:30 AM Gene Schoen

Saturday, January 20th - St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr; St.

Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 | Ps 80 | Mk 3:20-21

8:30 AM Kathryn Currier (L-BD)

This week the Sanctuary, Mother Mary & Adoration Chapel Candles burn for....



Mother Mary Lamp
In Thanksgiving for

Fr. Daniel



<u>Sanctuary Lamp</u> In Memorial of

Sam Latino, Sr.

The Adoration Chapel Lamp





Blessed Mother Flowers

In Memorial of Margaret Mannino

Parish Stewardship Report



Parishioners, your generous support is received with much appreciation.

Week ending January 7th 2024 Contributions in Church, ACH and Online

General Offertory in Church	\$ 45,471.38
General Offertory Online Giving	\$ 13,245.20
Maintenance & Building Fund in Church	\$ 7,221.16
Maintenance & Building Online Giving	\$ 1,744.30
Total Contributions	\$ 67,682.04

If you not using Parishioner Envelopes and you know your envelope number please add it to the memo line on your checks. Thank you for your assistance





St. Peter Parish offers
Online GIVING
Thank you for your support!

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Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January for the gift of diversity in the Church

We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church. Amen



Please pray for sick relatives and friends of St. Peter Parishioners and those that have been called to "Active Duty."

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God

Vigil Mass January 20th 4 PM—Legionary Priest/Dcn Brian

Sunday January 21st

8 AM-Fr. Bru/Dcn Brian 9:30 AM—Fr. Bru/Dcn Brian 11:30 AM-Fr. Michael/Dcn ChiChi 5:00 PM—Fr. Micahel/Dcn ChiChi

Committed Adorers & Prayer Partners Needed for the Adoration Chapel



Sunday: 1pm

Monday: 4pm*

Wednesday: 1am*

Friday: 1am*, 5pm

(* most urgent need)

Chapel Coordinator:

Ethel Ganucheau @ 985-630-9016 or email ganucheau3794@bellsouth.net

9 DAYS FOR LIFE



NOVENA FOR LIFE

Please join the Knights of Columbus as we pray a Novena for Life after the morning Mass beginning on Thursday, January 11th until January 19th We will meet and pray by the Monument to the Unborn.



FAITH FACTS

Reproductive Technologies

What does the Church teach about THE ANSWERS YOU NEED ON: reproductive technologies?

To read more on this topic pick up you copy that are available in the back of church and on our parish and school websites.





Rosary for Peace join us on Fridays at 3:00pm in church. May God Bless America.



Mandeville "Stands for Life!" Life Chain - January 20, 2024

Mandeville - Life Chain Event

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Beside Chase Bank (St. Peter Council 12906) 3500 US-190 W, Mandeville, LA 7047, Mandeville, LA.

Near Fazzio's Restaurant — Signs are provided







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Little Light Food Pantry

Donations can be dropped off in the back of the church, Rectory Office or Ministry Center

LLFP is open on Thursdays from 1-4pm in the Ministry Center.
Use QR to sign up as a Volunteer or go to:



https://signup.com/client/invitation2/ secure/347000899029480012/false#/ invitation



Prayer Blankets
Pocket Prayer Quilts

Available at the Parish Office for those in need.

Blessed Blankets and Pocket Prayer Quilts (small enough to keep in your pocket) are available if you or someone you know would like one.

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ST. PETER PRESENTS

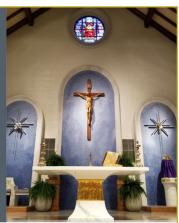
Chris Carstens

How to Pray the Mass

Better

based on his book

Devotional Journey into the Mass



EXPLAINING THE SPIRITUAL MEANINGS BEHIND THE SIGNS AND SYMBOLS, WORDS AND ACTIONS OF THE MASS, AUTHOR CHRISTOPHER CARSTENS WILL TEACH US SPIRITUALLY-ENRICHING WAYS TO ENTER THE CHURCH BUILDING, MAKE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS, PRAY THE OPENING PRAYER, LISTEN TO THE READINGS, PREPARE YOUR SOUL AT THE OFFERTORY, PARTICIPATE IN THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER, RECEIVE COMMUNION, AND EVEN RESPOND TO THE DISMISSAL.

COPIES OF HIS BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

FEBRUARY 22 6:30-7:30PM IN ST. PETER CHURCH

COVINGTON LOUISIANA

RECEPTION FOLLOWING



Christopher Carstens is director of the Office for Sacred Worship in the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin; a visiting faculty member at the Liturgical Institute at the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, Illinois; editor of the Adoremus Bulletin; and one of the voice on The Liturgy Guys podcast. He is author of A Devotional Journey into the Mass and A Devotional Journey into the Easter Mystery (Sophia), as well as Principles of Sacred Liturgy: Forming a Sacramental Vision (Hillenbrand Books) He lives in Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin, with his wife and eight children.



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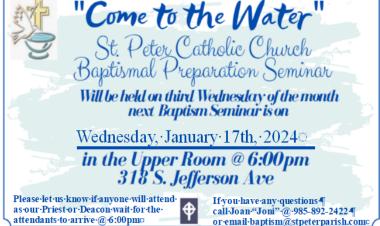
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Little Light Food Pantry

please consider donating toward our ongoing needs





OF FAITH
PLEASE REMEMBER
ST PETER PARISH
IN YOUR WILL



"The Divine Mercy Hour of Prayer" join us on Tuesday from 3:00-3:45pm in church.

Women's Frayer Group

Lectio Divina is a traditional Catholic practice of praying with the Holy Scriptures. The main goal is making time to listen & allow God's Word to guide us. In addition, our women's prayer group will again be using the book, "Inviting God In", by Joyce Rupp.

Meetings are: Every other Friday in the Ministry Center @ 9:15am to 11:30am.

Please join us as we pray on the following dates: Jan.19 & Feb 2,16.

If interested, please call or txt Helena @. 662-312-4477

Young at Heart

Social, Service & Spiritual for 55+ yrs

Meetings - 1st Thursdays of Each Month Place - St. Mary's Hall Time - 6:00PM Next Meeting - February 1st, 2024

> For more information contact Susan & Charles Furlan furlancharles@yahoo.com



Rosa Mystica Trayer Group for Triests

Our Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Cenacle meets every Monday morning in Church at 10:30am. Please come join us as we pray for our priests, for their sanctification and holiness, for the seminarians in their discernment process, as well as for an increase in furture priestly vocations. For more information contact

Cindy Garrett @ 985-892-6381



Formed 14 1/2 years ago The Men of St. Joseph has been continuously meeting on Tuesday Mornings @ 6:30am.

Pleased to announce that we are now in the St. Peter Ministry Center

Attendance is open to all men of the St. Tammany Deanery.

For more information please contact Matt Hardey @ 985-373-3950 Email: hardey@me.com



Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Seeking to be the best man you can be? Come join us! We welcome newcomers and we welcome you back if you have been away for a while.

Next Meeting Date: January 17th, 18th & 19th

Wed 1/17 @ 6-7 PM in the School Cafeteria **OR Thurs 1/18** @ 5:45—7:15 AM in St Mary's Hall **OR Virtual Zoom on Fri 1/19** @ 7:15-8:00 AM

Session 14: Perfect Harmony No More

- Presenter: Mike Discosola
- We have been called
- God's plan from the beginning
- Hiding as a reality of the fall
- By himself, man is incapable
- The ultimate desires of your heart
- Practical steps to make progress in the spiritual life

For more information please call: Vincent Bologna 504.319.9828

ST. PETER MEN'S ASSOCIATION



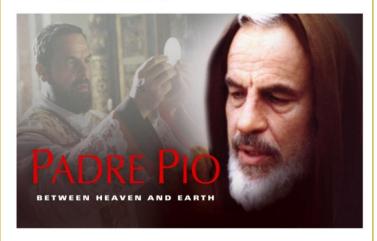
All men of the parish are invited to the Men's Association monthly meeting Third Tuesdays of each month. Come learn more about this men's parish service group. Meeting on Third Tuesdays of the Month

The next meeting is being held on:

Tuesday January 16th @ 7:00pm Upper Room. (318 S. Jefferson Ave)

Questions? Contact Eric Carter at 985.807.4997.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH.



Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

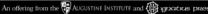
Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

Go to formed.org/signup

Select our parish by entering "St. Peter Covington" and/or "70433"

Enter your name and email address

Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.









Married Couples Retreat

February 24-25

Attention Married Couples: Would you like to spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Then join us on our parish sponsored married couples retreat at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey!

growing Together in Faith





Register at FaithandMarriage.org

Interested in **RCIA** Becoming Catholic?



We invite you to register for RCIA. Contact Fr. Daniel at (985) 892-2422

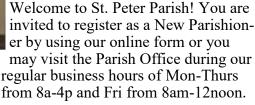
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm January 17th-Sacraments of Matrimony & Holy Orders



visit our website: https://stpeterparish.com/ rite-of-christian-initiation-adults-rcia



New Parishioner Registration





Are you already registered and need to update your info? CHANGE OF AD-**DRESS? NEW BABY?**



As a member of the St. Peter Parish family, it is essential that we work with the most accurate and up-todate information possible so that we can serve you better.



If you have new family information or new contact information, we ask you to please take a few moments to fill out the following online form.



Please stay connected to and updated on all the latest from our vibrant parish!



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To the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis has named the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as **Sunday of the Word of God**. This is an annual observance aimed at helping us grow in a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures.

When we gather on Sunday or for any Mass, God speaks his word to us through the Scriptures. Our desire is to open our ears and our hearts to listen attentively. May I suggest that we could more effectively do this by reading the Sunday Scriptures before Mass in order to prepare our hearts to receive his word.

As we reflect on the importance of the Word of God in our lives, it would be an opportunity to give some consideration to joining a Bible study group, reading a few verses of Scripture every day or reading a book explaining the Scriptures.

God speaks to us in many ways, but in a very unique way, through the Scriptures. By praying the Scriptures, we will know of God's personal love for us and his call to be disciples of Jesus.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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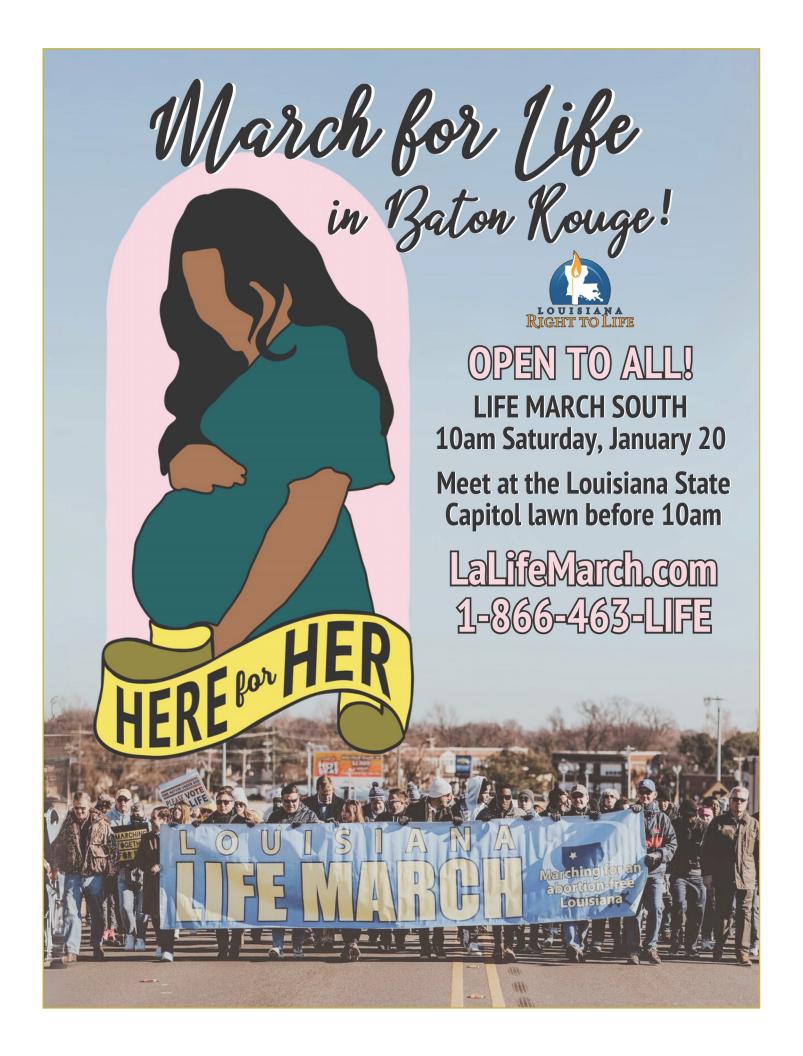
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THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUESTS FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

┃ ■PRAYER SUGGESTION

Eternal Father,
we lift up to you these
and all the priests of the world.
Sanctify them.
Heal and guide them.
Mold them into the likeness and
holiness of your Son, Jesus,
the Eternal High Priest.
May their lives be pleasing to
you. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen (With ecclesiastical approval)

Mass
Rosary
Fasting
Day Offering
Eucharistic Adoration
Offering of Sufferings
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him

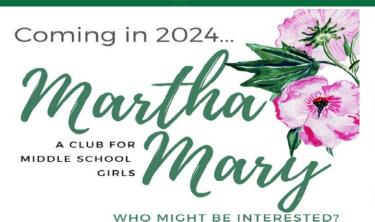
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ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
* Denotes actual birth dates	Rev. Jaime Lorenzo, L.C. (Dec)	Very Rev. Emile G. "Buddy" Noel, V.F. *	3 Rev. John Perino *	4 Rev. David M. Ducote *	5 Rev. Joseph Brickner, L.C. (Dec)	6 Rev. Nathan W. O'Halloran, S.J. *
Rev. Gregory Tung D. Vu, S.D.D. *	Rev. Randy P. Roux (Dec)	9 Rev. William Patrick Mumphrey (Dec)	10 Rev. Vincent H. Phan *	Rev. Maurice J. Nutt, C.Ss.R. (Dec)	Rev. Jerome Aubert, O.S.B.	Rev. Msgr. William M. Bilinsky (Dec)
Rev. James Nguyen Bach (15 th)	Rev. Colm Cahill *	Rev. Cletus Orji (15 th)	17 Rev. Walter J. Austin *	Rev. Mark Hyde, S.D.B. (Dec)	Very Rev. Stephen Dardis, V.F. (20 th)	20 Rev. Byoung- Ok Park *
Rev. Stephen Ryan, S.D.B. (Dec)	Rev. Richard N. Maughan (Dec)	23 Rev. Michael Mitchell *	24 Rev. David Whitney Dufour (Dec)	25 Rev. Damian Zablocki (Dec)	26 Rev. Joseph Man Tran *	27 Rev. Sampson Abdulai *
Most Rev. Fernand J. Cheri, O.F.M.	Rev. Msgr. Terry B. Becnel (Dec)	Rev. Thomas J. Stehik, C.M. (31 st)	31 Rev. Alberto Nator Villosillo *		Distributed by: MPRP Apostolate Gregory Corrente gcorrent@bellsouth.net	





THE MARTHA MARY CLUB WILL BE FOR 6TH AND 7TH GRADE GIRLS WHO WISH TO LEARN HOW TO PRAY MORE INTENTIONALLY BY HELPING TO PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE MOST SACRED LITURGY.

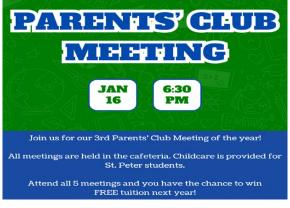
THE CLUB WILL MEET ONCE A MONTH TO PERFORM SERVICE PROJECTS, PRAY FOR PARTICULAR INTENTIONS, AND SHARE FELLOWSHIP. CLUB PARTICIPATION MAY COUNT TOWARD 1/2 OF THE TOTAL SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS.

For more information, see Mrs. Wright or Mrs. Sigler. A "come and see" meeting will be held in January. Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter St. Teresa of Calcutta & Pope Saint John Paul II Virtue Award Recipients for 4th - 7th Grade Students!



Congratulations to our 2nd Quarter St. John Bosco Award Recipients for our 1st - 3rd Grade Students!





Congratulations to our soccer team on a great season!









Dear Friends,

Every morning my alarm goes off, just like it does, I'm sure, for you. Each morning when I hear that alarm I have two choices: hit the snooze bar and roll over, or turn off the alarm and enter into the day where Jesus is already waiting for me. We all know that it isn't always that simple.

Sometimes we really need the extra rest. Sometimes we're ready to bounce right up and face the day head-on. And sometimes we just hit the snooze bar.... It is on those days that I end up scrambling to get going instead of having an orderly start to the new day.

As we enter into this new year, I know the Lord Jesus wants us to experience more order and, ultimately, more peace in our lives. As I'm writing this, I'm thinking about the Order of the Mass, and how the succession of prayers and rituals in the Mass are a wonderful model for ordering our lives.

We begin with the Sign of the Cross, recalling the presence of the Trinity in our lives... and we can do the same thing every morning after we turn off that alarm by praying a Morning Offering. The next thing we do at Mass is participate in the penitential act, asking for mercy for the many times we have failed to love. Asking for forgiveness in our daily lives is sometimes difficult, but it leads to greater harmony and mutual understanding. At the end of the day, we can always pray an Act of Contrition, pleading for mercy after having looked back over all that the day has brought!

Next in the Order of Mass, we enter more deeply into the Liturgy of the Word, hearing the Word of God proclaimed to us. Every time we read the Bible at home, it enriches our lives and nourishes our relationship with God and our experience of the Mass! This is such a strong way to begin the day. The more we allow the Word of God to wash over us, the more we can hear the Lord's still, quiet voice speaking in our hearts.

Finally, we enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and participate in the one Sacrifice of Jesus... and every day, with Jesus, we can choose to make a gift of ourselves to others. I'm reminded of Mother Teresa's words, "Charity begins at home." How different life is when I make little sacrifices of love for those closest to me!

This, my friends, is what it looks like to live a "Eucharistic life," allowing our minds and hearts to be transformed by Jesus in the Eucharist!

I have so much hope for all this new year has in store for us as we live this Eucharistic Revival together. Won't you join me in allowing the pattern of the Mass to become the pattern of our lives so that we may, with Jesus, offer our very selves for the life of the world?



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Five Minutes for Peace

Even though the sun sets within ten minutes of leaving work in December, the sunset fills my nearby church with the most ethereal glow. The warmth of the church envelops me as I genuflect and kneel in the pew, my mind racing over my day in the silence. Most days, I pray with whatever thoughts come flying through my head. Eventually, the absence of noise settles into peaceful, holy, and quiet presence. My struggle to focus on our Eucharistic Lord shifts into the desire to stay put in the silent, golden space for a little longer... Read the rest of Colleen Schena's reflection and access our Christmas gift to you: a Eucharistic Prayer Companion for Peace!

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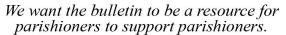
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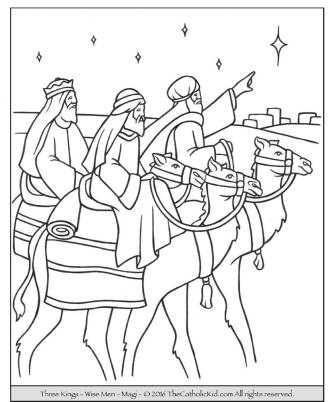


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