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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23



Fr. Stefano Colombo

Hello, I'm Fr. Stefano (accent on the first syllable, it's difficult in English, but "Stefáno" sounds weird) and I am the newbie at St. Peter.

Though new here among you, I've been a priest for 21 years now. I joined the Fraternity of St. Charles late in my youth, at 28, after a couple of years of discernment; I like to take my time...

Had you asked me when I was younger, I'd never have bet on myself becoming a priest. It was not and it still is not a "career choice".

We are all called. First by the voice of God, who with our parents, picks the name that He wants for each one of us when we are baptized. Later in life God keeps calling at all the decisive twists and turns that mark our lives, that same voice who called us and all the universe out of nothingness. God's voice has all the different hues and tones of the human voices that shaped our personality and touched our heart and mind, to make us who we are. The voices of my friends are especially important, right there with my mom and dad's.

In Italy 56 years ago, everybody was default-Catholic. But default is not enough, the time comes when your heritage must be sifted through and accepted or rejected. I was lucky enough to meet people who had done exactly that, and instinctively I wanted to imitate them: people of faith who were happy and willing to be serious about it.

So, I decided to "get serious" myself, I wanted more than a career, having a family sounded great but somehow never got concrete for me. Out of the blue a friend of mine decided to go to Africa, to help build a hospital; then he became a priest.

Once again that calling came, this time as a challenge to my own expectations. I was about 25. It took me a while, but when I met some priests from the Fraternity of St. Charles, their way to live and serve as priests and friends seemed a natural segue.

Well, I guess I used up all my space here, if you want more details, just ask!

Fr. Stefano Colombo, F.S.C.B.

JULY 5, 2020

## Statement on Navy Orders Prohibiting Participation in Off-Base Indoor Religious Services



ARCHBISHOP  
TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO

WASHINGTON, DC – His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, issued the following statement today on the prohibition by some commands in the US Navy against participation in off-base indoor religious services:

*For Immediate Attention: COVID-19 Orders– U.S. Navy*

A few nights ago I watched *Silence*, a movie about the persecution of Catholics in Japan in the 1600's. The persecution was systematic and destined to eradicate the faith from the islands. While the current situation in the US is certainly not one of persecution, the movie does invite the viewer to recognize values, determine how important they are, and decide what value merits a sacrifice, even the ultimate sacrifice. Several of the faithful whom the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, is privileged to serve have brought to my attention the recent prohibition by the US Navy in some commands of participation in indoor religious services off base. Service members are required to sign that they have received the FRAG orders. Those who disobey will be held accountable.

The orders also add that “civilian personnel, including families, are discouraged from” indoor church services, as well.

The provision is particularly odious to Catholics, because frequently there is no longer a Catholic program on naval installations due to budgetary constraints or many installation chapels are still closed—even though many of them could well ensure appropriate social distancing.

Of course, the Navy cannot legally prohibit family members from frequenting religious services off base. Those family members return home where the military member lives. What is the protective effect of the prohibition for the Navy personnel? Zero.

Upon receiving this information I immediately contacted the Navy Chief of Chaplains' Office. They have been unable to offer any relief from these provisions. My attempt to contact the Chief of Naval Operations has not even been acknowledged.

Participation in the Sunday Eucharist is life blood for Catholics. It is the source and summit of our lives and allows us to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord. Certainly, the Navy personnel who fall under this restriction are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, because no one can be required to do what is impossible.

However, given the great lengths to which Catholic churches (and I presume others) have gone in order to ensure social distancing in seating, receiving Holy Communion, and even adjust the liturgy to avoid any contagion, I wonder why the Navy has decided to prohibit the faithful from something, which even the Commander in Chief has called an essential service.

I want to assure the Navy Catholic faithful of my prayerful solidarity, invite them to continue to participate in Masses that are broadcast or live-streamed, and to be fervent in their faith. This situation will pass and, as Pope Francis reminded us, Christ is in the boat with us.

It seems tragic to offer these reflections on the Independence holiday when we honor the bravery of those who forged this Nation to ensure self-evident truths about the endowment by the Creator of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Should those who swear to protect and defend the Constitution be obliged to surrender their First Amendment Rights?

+Timothy P. Broglio  
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA

<https://www.milarch.org/statement-on-navy-orders-prohibiting-participation-in-off-base-indoor-religious-services/>

## RETURNING TO MASS DURING THIS TIME



It is such a wonderful sight to see so many parishioners returning to Mass. Praise be to God that he has provided us the ability to come and receive the Blessed Sacrament. **We give thanks to all of those volunteers who have helped coordinate the masses during this unique time and thanks be to God for all of you to work with the church to adhere to the guidelines from the Government and the Archdiocese.**

As we look forward we want to try and make the process more efficient for everyone and also easier. **We have noticed in the past couple weeks the number of attendees has increased at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass and the Sunday 11:00 am mass, to the point we are closely reaching the 150 people limit.** If you have the ability to attend one of the other Masses, that would greatly help balance the capacity. Because we want everyone to have the opportunity to attend Mass, we will never turn anyone away, but accommodations will need to be altered in some cases.

**Starting July 1, 2020, you will NO longer be required to register to attend Mass.** Instead we invite you to come, but ask you to **arrive early** enough to properly seat people, staying within the 6 foot physical distancing guidelines.

If you have the desire to help with the ushering at a Mass please reach out to Patti Teachout at 651-894-6142 or [pteachout@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:pteachout@stpetersnsp.org). We have only a few folks currently assisting and we could use your help.

## Come join us in saying Goodbye to Fr. Daniele and Giacomo, and Welcome to Fr. Stefano

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We would like to have a (social distant) gathering to welcome

Fr. Stefano and say goodbye to Fr. Daniele and Giacomo, on **Sunday, July 12th immediately after the 11 am Mass.**

We will gather for a moment of celebration next to the playground.



Please register here on the website at:  
**<https://www.churchofstpetersnsp.org/mass-request-form>**  
(or call the parish office).

Light refreshments will be served.

Blessings, The Fathers



## Excerpt from Trey Trembley's Reflection on the St. Peter Mission

St. Peter has truly formed me and each of my classmates into a critical thinker, virtuous leader, and living saint. I've seen it in each of my classmates and myself.

Through my time here I've had countless opportunities to grow in being a virtuous leader. One that I might have been seen doing on a regular basis is altar serving at Mass. This simple action makes a huge impact on younger students. I've taken each of these opportunities to be a leader and role model like the ones I looked up to in my early years at this school. When I was in 2nd grade, my biggest role model was another St. Peter alumni Jonah Hale. Whenever I saw him I almost took notes on everything he did because he was someone I wanted to grow up to be like. And now I see how important in a small school like St. Peter's to always be an example of virtue and lead not just younger students but also classmates to God and virtue through leadership.

Practice makes permanent. Practicing the skill of being a critical thinker each day at St. Peter's will have a permanent impact on my life. There was not one day that I left school without a sore head from pushing my mind to think harder. I can't count the times that I've complained to Mr. Rankin that my head hurt from thinking and he replied with "because it's growing". Even though I didn't really like this response it was what I needed to hear because if our teachers let up on us, my classmates and I would not be as far as we are now. Without Socratic Seminar there is no way I would have been accepted to take Honors English next year at Hill-Murray. In every seminar we read texts that I would have never touched. We're asked to read it but we're also asked to go deeper than the surface shows. Through thought and discussion we can come to a conclusion by critically thinking and elaborating together.

St. Peter's is the best foundation that a living saint could ever ask for. Everyday we're reminded of the importance of living a saintly life. Reminders constantly to treat others as Christ is something I will always miss from this school. Opportunities to grow in the faith are everywhere at this school. Each Lent we have a chance to give to the poor, each Mass we have the opportunity to be an example of faith and discipline to the other students, and once a week we have a chance to give up our time to our faculty and staff and show thanksgiving for everything they do for us through our service period.

If I got anything out of St. Peter's it is the importance of family. I truly believe that each one of my classmates and I are family. We argue like a family, we always have each other's back, and we always bring each other closer to God. Without the help of this school and the amazing teachers that support me to grow to be the person I am called to be, I would not be able to look forward to my bright future of success and saintliness, and for that I am forever grateful.

# Attention all High School Youth!

# HOPE ALIVE

ROMANS 5:5

For the last several years, High School students from our parish have experienced a life-changing encounter with Jesus at the Steubenville Youth Conference. We hope that this year will be no different! Even though the big conference at St. Thomas was cancelled due to COVID, **we can still gather together here at St. Peter** for games, Mass, food, Adoration, and small group discussions related to the inspiring, live presentations that we will watch together. **Current guidelines limit indoor group size, so reserve your spot today** by emailing Jennifer Greger, Faith Formation Assistant: [jgreger@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:jgreger@stpetersnsp.org). The Parish has already purchased seats so no need to register through the Steubenville website.

**Who:** Youth who have just completed grades 8-12

**When:** Friday, July 17, 5-9pm and Saturday, July 18, 1pm-9pm

**Where:** St Peter Church, Fellowship Hall

**Why:** "We've all experienced our fair share of sufferings during these past few months. So much about our lives has changed, and it hasn't been easy. But through it all, one thing hasn't changed: Jesus Christ is still with us and he loves us beyond measure." **The theme this year is Hope.**

**Cost:** \$20, scholarships available

For more information, visit:

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/live/>



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## Summer High School Youth Group

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 Church of  
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Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm  
July 8, 15, 22, 29  
Aug 5, 12, 19  
Meet on the playground!

Questions:  
[jgreger@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:jgreger@stpetersnsp.org)

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## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please pray for  
**Mary Adam** and **Mathew Vasilj**  
who will be married  
next weekend.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of **Donna Olson** who died this past week and for:

**Willard Parenteau, Morgan Olchefske,  
Janice Glaus, and Judy Robinson**

whose funerals were celebrated this week.

 *Rest in Peace*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of July 12 - July 19, 2020

Sunday: 8:00 AM Church of St. Peter Parish  
 11:00 AM †Elmer Birkeland  
 6:00 PM †Glenn O’Kane  
 Monday: 8:00 AM †Mona Greavu  
 Tuesday: 8:00 AM †Lynn Benepee  
 Wednesday: 8:00 AM †Norman Hodge  
 Thursday: 8:00 AM †Dennis Weimann Sr.  
 Friday: 8:00 AM †Allison Feldkamp  
 Saturday: 8:00 AM †Mae Jordan  
 4:00 PM †Peggy Turcotte  
 Sunday: 8:00 AM †Chris Allickson  
 11:00 AM †Priscilla Roering  
 6:00 PM Church of St. Peter Parish

### Mass Schedule

Monday thru Saturday 8:00 AM

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Sunday, 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM **Live streaming Mass**,  
 6:00 PM

**Confession/Adoration:**

Thursday, 2:00-4:00 PM

Adoration or personal prayer in the church

**Confession Only:**

Saturday, 9:00-11:00 AM

### Readings for the week of July 12, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9  
 Monday: 7/13 Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1  
 Tuesday: 7/14 Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24  
 Wednesday: 7/15 Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27  
 Thursday: 7/16 Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/ Mt 11:28-30  
 Friday: 7/17 Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8  
 Saturday: 7/18 Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21  
 Sunday: 7/19 Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As of July 5 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$7,727.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$7,729.
<b>Total Amount Collected for Week</b>	<b>\$15,456.</b>
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$24,073.
Collected to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$15,456.
Budgeted to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$24,073.
<b>Percentage Above (or Below) Budget</b>	<b>-35.80%</b>
Amount Above (or Below) Budget	(\$8,618.)

**Current Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Fund balance after the HVAC project is**

**\$77,466.49**

**Donations Received as of July 6, 2020:**

***Thank you for Supporting St. Peter Parish!***

Please consider donating online to help us continue our ministries. To donate online, click "Donate Now" on our parish website or go to [giving.parishsoft.com/stpetersnsp.org](http://giving.parishsoft.com/stpetersnsp.org) or try our new text to give option, text "Give" to 651-240-6260.

## EMAIL OR TEXT SCAM AFFECTING PARISHES

**With the coronavirus there are new attempts!**

**The Archdiocese has been notified that several local parishes have been affected by an email and text scam. Using Priest, Principal or a staff member's name the scammer will create a new email address or text, contact the staff members, parishioners, or volunteers via email or text and then ask for a favor, money or gift cards.**

**PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THESE EMAILS.**

If you receive such a fraudulent email or text from the parish or any staff member, please contact Jeff Peterson, [jpeterston@stpetersnsp.org](mailto:jpeterston@stpetersnsp.org) and notify the North St. Paul Police. **DO NOT RESPOND TO THE EMAIL OR TEXT.** In the case of any email or text asking for funds or appearing to be suspicious, **IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO CONTACT THE PERSON DIRECTLY BY PHONE OR IN PERSON TO MAKE SURE IT IS AUTHENTIC.**

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