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OCTOBER 4, 2020

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*"The stone that the builders rejected has become
the cornerstone." - Mt 21:42ab*

The Power of Prayer

The Apostolic Nunciature of the Holy See to the United Archbishop Christophe Pierre expressed his heartfelt greetings and spiritual closeness of Pope Francis during the 16th Annual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 in Washington D.C. held in a virtual event.

The Apostolic Nuncio reminded us that:

"The Holy Father unites himself with you in prayer, wishing to convey his particular closeness to the people of the United States, not only fondly recalling his pastoral visit there five years ago, but also knowing the difficulties the nation is facing in the midst of civil unrest, racial tension, political polarization, and the COVID-19 pandemic. It is certainly hoped that pausing for prayer and invoking the Divine Mercy of God will lead to healing, reconciliation, and spiritual renewal.

As you gather virtually for the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, **it is important to recall the power of prayer**. In his reflections on the Lord's Prayer at his Wednesday audiences last year, Pope Francis said:

Prayer always transforms reality, always. If things around us do not change, at least we change; our heart changes. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to each man and to each woman who prays.

We can be certain that God will respond. The only uncertainty is due to time but let us not doubt that he will respond. Perhaps we will have to persist for our whole life, but he will respond. He promised us this...

There is nothing more certain: the desire for happiness which we all carry in our heart will one day be fulfilled. ... Prayer transforms reality; let us not forget this. It either changes things or changes our heart, but it always transforms. Henceforth, praying is victory over solitude and desperation. (POPE FRANCIS, WEDNESDAY AUDIENCE, 9 JANUARY 2019)

Knowing the reality which we face, including the solitude and desperation faced by so many during this time of pandemic, and trusting in Divine Providence, I encourage all of you to enter deeply into prayer, beseeching the Eternal Father for an outpouring of grace that will lead to happiness and victory over the challenges of these times, according to His will and His Plan.

Commending all those joining this Virtual National Catholic Prayer Breakfast to the protection of Mary, the Mother of the Church, His Holiness cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in Christ Jesus.

Please know that I too will be united with you in prayer. May God bless you all."

Their parishioner of the Church of St Peter last Sunday we did our prayer pledge card during our **Stewardship as a Way of Life** year and we are one more called to entrust us, the Church and the Country to the "**power of prayer**" that transforms reality.

Your pastor in Christ Fr. Ettore Ferrario, FSCB

Parish Councils and Leadership Committees Meeting Excerpt

In this time framed by so many changes in our life we believe that to foster the culture of unity, good communication, teamwork and leadership are essential. The priest invited all council members and leadership committees to meet on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. The meeting included the Finance Council, Parish Council, School Representative, Faith Formation, Synod and the Stewardship Committees.

The meeting consisted of introducing our new Pastoral Council members, hearing from the Leadership on the School, Parish, Financials, Faith Formation, Lay Advisory Board, and Stewardship Committee.

Here are a few highlights from the meeting:

- Introduction of the new Pastoral Council members, Joseph Odell, Jennifer Kleynhans, Denny Reber and Susan Brackins.
- Keenan Raverty will remain as Chair of the Pastoral Council and Meri Jo Tepe remains as Chair of the Finance Council.
- Our school Principal, Alison Dahlman shared the work the staff had completed to open our school on August 31.
- The Pastoral Council Chair, Keenen Raverty announced that Pastoral Council Meetings will be held quarterly for the coming year as bylaws indicate.
- Connie Roering and Joey Odell communicated that due to the pandemic the Deanery Consultation component of the Synod process had been postponed until January and February of 2022. More information to come from the archdiocese in the near future.
- Kari Erpenbach and Fr. Pietro shared the work the Stewardship committee had done over the year as well as the plans for the continuation of Stewardship in the parish.
- Jeff Peterson provided insights to some key Capital Improvements that will be needed in the coming year such as the need to convert the church lighting to LED and replacing the church audio system.
- Fr. Stefano walked the group through the plans for the Faith Formation program for the upcoming year. Barb Waldorf will be leading the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd again this year and Jennifer Greger will continue to work with Fr. Stefano on our Youth Group programs.

As always, the full version on minutes from any Finance Council or Pastoral Council meeting are available for review at the front desk of the Parish office.

Outlined below are the upcoming dates for the Pastoral Council and Finance Council Meetings.

Pastoral Council

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Tuesday, February 9, 2020

Tuesday, May 18, 2020

Finance Council

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Tuesday, January 26, 2020

Tuesday, April, 27, 2020

Tuesday, June 8, 2020

Any question, please contact Jeff Peterson, Chief of staff at jpeterson@stpetersnsp.org or 651-894-6154

CHURCH OF ST. PETER PASTORAL COUNCIL



Keenan Raverty



Joseph Odell



Kate Ehrenberg



Susan Brackins



Jennifer Kleyhans



Jake Koller



Denny Reber



Henry Schultz



Jacob Sanyi

Mission Statement:

The church of St. Peter is a Roman Catholic Community of disciples that strives to continue the saving work of Jesus Christ. For our members the larger community and the Universal Church by our commitment to hospitality, formation, worship and service.

Purpose:

The Parish Council is responsible for the pastoral vision and ministry of the parish. It is to be representative of the whole parish in its membership. The Parish Council shall act as an advisory body to the Pastor to assist him with specific tasks in establishing his goals for the parish, and to support the Pastor in his role as shepherd. The Pastor, as the representative of the Archbishop, has ultimate decision making powers in all parish matters.

FALL GATHERING



Although our Fall Gathering didn't go as planned, we are grateful for the generous support we received, and for the parishioners who turned in their raffle tickets.

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Their generous response to Stewardship as a Way of Life is much appreciated and helped us cover our event expenses. Let's all pray for an end to the pandemic so we can gather once again as a community for Fall Festival 2021.

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners

\$2,500 Grand Prize - Sharon Abrahamson
\$1,000 2nd Prize - Anita Giuliani
\$500 - Gale Bush
\$500 - Ed Franzmeier
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LIVING WITH CHRIST

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

How does living as a steward impact your public interactions?



CHURCH OF ST. PETER
STEWARDSHIP AS A
WAY OF LIFE



As we strive to make Stewardship as a Way here at the Church of St. Peter, we would like to **come together as a community in prayer each week**. Prayer is essential to being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Starting this week, we ask all parishioners to pray for the **weekly parish prayer intention**. A suggested prayer for the intention would be the **Prayer to Mary** listed below.

This week's prayer intention is:
End of Pandemic

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly **pray**; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD



Are You Hurting?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the healing mercy of Jesus Christ on our weekend retreat. The next Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreat is October 30-November 1, 2020. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

FAITH FORMATION - STARTING SOON



I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly
John 10:10

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Faith Formation for children in preschool through grade 3 Starts this week!

CGS is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program where children can grow in their relationship with God through a deep engagement in Scriptures and liturgy. Rather than a classroom, the children meet in a specially prepared room called an Atrium where children can come to know Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The Atrium is prepared with materials that aid the children in mediating upon the essentials of the faith found in Scripture and in liturgy. This year, children will be in the atrium one time per month, October-May. Each month will have a theme related to the Liturgical season. Specially adapted extensions and materials will be offered so that the child can continue the work at home. Classes start this week – it's not too late to register! See the Education tab of our website or contact Jennifer at jgreger@stpetersnsp.org or Barb Waldorf at bwaldorf@stpetersnspnsp.com or at 651-777-8304

SECOND COLLECTION - HOLY LAND

Pope Francis has requested us to have a second collection for the Holy Land.

This is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Custody of the Holy Land, The Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

This collection would have taken place during our Good Friday services. Since we did not celebrate public Mass at that time we have been asked to have a collection now.

This Weekend



ST. PETER PARISH OFFICE

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School Principal Alison Dahlman,
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MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 4 - October 11, 2020

Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Veronica Schaber
	10:30 AM	†Duane (Andy) Anderson
	6:00 PM	Church of St. Peter
Monday:	8:00 AM	†George Forliti
Tuesday:	8:00 AM	†Robert Schloesser
Wednesday:	8:00 AM	†Deceased Members of the CWA
Thursday:	8:00 AM	†Kay King
Friday:	8:00 AM	†Bob, Pauline, & Dennis Karr
	9:30 AM	School children only
Saturday:	8:00 AM	†Leonard Sears
	4:00 PM	†Jean Regan
Sunday:	8:00 AM	†Stephen Bless
	10:30 AM	Church of St. Peter
	6:00 PM	†Glenn O'Kane

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN



APPALACHIA CHRISTMAS and PAPAL FOOTPRINTS SHOE BOX MISSION

Bring Christmas joy to families in poverty stricken areas of rural Appalachia. Please consider donating new, unwrapped items and/or a filled shoebox for a child or teen. Gift ideas, directions for shoeboxes and my home address for drop off, contact me: Connie Williamson at conwilliamson@gmail.com. All gifts and filled shoeboxes are being collected at my home **until Sat. Oct. 24th. Thank You!**

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, jpeterson@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.**

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

As of Sept. 27 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$9,502.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$4,311.
Total Amount Collected for Week	\$13,813.
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$16,638.
Collected to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$257,030.
Budgeted to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$264,816.
Percentage Above (or Below) Budget	-2.94%
Amount Above (or Below) Budget	(\$7,786.)

Current Fiscal Year Capital Improvement Fund balance after the HVAC and Audio System project is:

Donations Received as of September 27, 2020:

\$40,707.27

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Saturday, October 10th

12:00 Noon – 6:00pm

Sunday, October 11th

7:30am – 1:00pm

Drop off location:

St Peters Church garage

Recommended items:

Canned Goods, Paper products,
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