

YOUNG ADULTS EVENT CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

1	SEP, THU	6:30 – 7:30pm	Young Adult Book Study Parish Center
2	SEP, FRI	6 – 9pm	Game Night Parish Center
7	SEP, WED	6:30 – 7pm	Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
8	SEP, THU	6:30 – 7:30pm	Young Adult Book Study Parish Center
9	SEP, FRI	6 – 9pm	Barcade Night! RadBar 119 Staff Dr NE, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, United States
10	SEP, SAT	6:30 – 9pm	Movie Night - Ben-Hur Part 1 Parish Center
14	SEP, WED	6:30 – 7pm	Young Adult Rosary - LED BY BIRTHDAY BOY JORDAN! St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
15	SEP, THU	6 – 8pm 6:30 – 7:30pm	Pub Theology Props Brewery / Grill 255 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Unit 19, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, United States Young Adult Book Study Parish Center
16	SEP, FRI	6 – 9pm	Game Night Parish Center
17	SEP, SAT	7am – 2pm	Pensacola Day Trip St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
18	SEP, SUN	10:30 – 11:45am	Adult Faith Formation Parish Center
21	SEP, WED	6:30 – 7pm	Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
22	SEP, THU	6:30 – 7:30pm	Young Adult Book Study Parish Center
23	SEP, FRI	5 – 8pm	3rd Planet Night 3rd Planet Brewing 1400 John Sims Pkwy E, Niceville, FL 32578, United States
25	SEP, SUN	10:30 – 11:45am	Adult Faith Formation Parish Center
28	SEP, WED	6:30 – 7pm	Young Adult Rosary St Peter Catholic Church 100 Francis St, Mary Esther, FL 32569, United States
29	SEP, THU	6:30 – 7:30pm	Young Adult Book Study Parish Center
30	SEP, FRI	6 – 9pm	Game Night Parish Center



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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Weekday

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Holy Hour Adoration

Fridays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:30 -- 10:00 a.m.
And by appointment

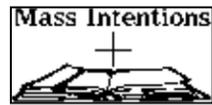
*Information on Sacraments of
Baptism, Matrimony and Anointing
of the Sick may be obtained at
www.saintpeter.me*

PARISH OFFICE & LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Identifiable Offering \$7,541.00
Loose Cash \$1,068.00
Total Weekly Offering \$8,609.00
Mass Attendance Aug 27/28 335



Sept 6 - 11
Tuesday Frank Schorzman(liv)
Wednesday Karen Cargill(+)
Thursday Mary Pinsonault(+)
Friday Walter Peterson(+)
Saturday Jim Riley(+)
Sunday St Peter Parishioners (7:30 a.m.)
..... Virginia Carlton(+)(9:30 a.m.)



The parish office will be **CLOSED** in observance of the holiday.
Your St Peter Parish staff family wishes you a safe, happy and fun celebration!

Today's readings make very clear the demands that will be made of those wanting to be called disciples of Christ. We must be prepared to give our all to Him. But in the end, the life of discipleship — the stewardship way of life — is the only life that can truly satisfy.

In the Gospel passage from Luke, Christ says, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Our Lord is speaking here not of emotions but rather of priorities. He must come first in all aspects of our lives. Period.



He goes on. "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." In other words, it's all or nothing. Compromise is simply not possible. Christ wants us to give all of ourselves, all aspects of our individual lives, our family life, our parish over to Him and to the pursuit of His kingdom. And just when we think our

Lord might soften His message to make it a little more palatable, He goes further! "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Why is our Lord being so demanding? Only because He knows us so well and loves us so much.

He knows that if we do not live by putting Him first before all else, we will easily be swallowed up by the earthly cares that weigh us down — our material things, our status, and our egos. He knows these things cannot satisfy us. He knows this because He is our Maker, and He made us for more. We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom. Embracing stewardship as a way life allows us to count the cost, and then run after Him with all our might.

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 Deborah Babiak*, Patty Dominitz*, Jean Schlitt*

Tuesday Danny Labatte, Ana Livoti*, Betty Caruso

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard*, Aurora Beard, Sandy Hoyer

Thursday Pam Bauchwitz*, Johanna Malura

Friday Doug Babiak*, Cheryl Darby, John Fails*

Saturday Cynthia Dixon, Frank Schorzman*

Sunday Karen Clayton*, Paul Livoti, Heidi Tye*

*Indicates our parishioners.

Do you know an adult who has never been confirmed?

Share the goodness of the Lord by inviting them to accept Bishop Wack's invitation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall. Learn more at <https://www.ptdiocese.org/adult-confirmation> or contact Sister Margaret Kuntz at 850-435-3523 or kuntzm@ptdiocese.org.

The Elijah Cup is Back!

Prayer for vocations to the priesthood is the most powerful way of support. The Elijah Cup is a consecrated chalice used at Mass that is presented to a family or an individual to take home, be set in a place of honor, and used as a focal point for prayer for vocations. Sign up for this ministry of prayer at the Hospitality Cart.



NURSERY CAREGIVER!!!

Our parish is currently in need of nursery caregivers. This is a paid position for adults 18 yrs and older. It is a very important ministry that allows those with young children to participate more fully in the celebration of the Eucharist and our adult faith formation programs. Caregivers are required to undergo background screening and safe environment training. If you enjoy little ones and are willing to share your talents in this way, please contact Paul Johansen (admin@saintpeter.me) for details.



September 4, 2022
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Wis 9:13-18b
Phlm 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14:25-33

No Longer a Slave

Paul urges Philemon to treat a runaway slave, Onesimus, as a brother in Christ, not a slave. He didn't ask Philemon to free the man. Nor did he encourage him to work for the eradication of slavery. Why not? The letter doesn't tell us. Yet if we look deeply at this issue, we might discover that Paul was asking for something much more profound than a change in law.

The United States outlawed slavery more than 150 years ago. But that change did nothing to erase the political, economic, and social biases of many citizens. Some people still consider African Americans and other people of color as inferior, untrustworthy and dangerous. Laws cannot change thinking or prejudices.

Had Philemon simply freed Onesimus, would the slave's situation have been improved? In the ancient world, slaves were often branded, thus alerting

everyone to their servile position in society. Might this have prevented him from living a full life as a free man? Even if the law had changed, would ancient Rome have provided for former slaves any better than contemporary America has?

Paul pressed Philemon to go deeper into his heart, to change his perception of Onesimus' status in his household. Paul is probably not talking about a blood bond, but the bond that joins Christians to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. If we really treat each other in this way, discriminatory customs will crumble and there will no longer be any kind of slavery.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- How do you regard people of different races? As sisters and brothers, or as dangerous?
- How are nonwhites disadvantaged in your community? What might you do about this?

Dear Padre, It seems like the Church always asks for money. Why should I donate?

The Church is a global organization representing institutions with growing needs. - parishes, schools, charities, and mission societies, for example. If it seems like they "always ask for money," it's because there is a constant need to maintain these services. Indeed, the Vatican donates substantial funds to many charities.

Financial support has always been part of Christian community life. Jesus instructed his apostles to rely on the generosity and hospitality of those to whom they preached (Luke 10:7). Early Christians gave contributions to the apostles to be distributed among widows and orphans. In fact, they early Church's charitable activities were so extensive, it led to the formation of the diaconate, with deacons focusing on charitable work while the apostles preached (see Acts 6:1-6).

Some observe that the Church owns splendid churches and artwork. "Why doesn't the Church sell these assets to fund their operations?" they ask. Indeed, as worshipers leave inner-city parishes for the suburbs, dioceses have tried to sell decommissioned churches. They have discovered that few people can or want to buy a church. As for art treasures, they are part to the Church's patrimony from previous generations that continues to inspire Catholics today and into the future.

Ultimately, we give charity, recognizing that it's Christ to whom we give when we give to the needy. Almsgiving is part of Christian life because of what it does for the recipient and for what giving does for the giver (see Acts 20:35).

Fr. Gaary Lauenstein, CSsR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Charity is not a barren service nor a simple offering to be made in order to ease our conscience. What we must never forget is that charity has its origin and its essence in God himself; charity is God our Father's embrace of every person, particularly of the least and suffering.

ADDRESS TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS, MAY 27, 2019

Calendar

Monday
SEPTEMBER 5
Weekday
1 Cor 5:1-8
Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday
SEPTEMBER 6
Weekday
1 Cor 6:1-11
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday
SEPTEMBER 7
Weekday
1 Cor 7:25-31
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday
SEPTEMBER 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1-4a
or Rom 8:28-30
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
or 1:18-23

Friday
SEPTEMBER 9
St. Peter Claver, Priest
1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday
SEPTEMBER 10
Weekday
1 Cor 10:14-22
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday
SEPTEMBER 11
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Tm 1:12-17
Lk 15:1-32
or 15:1-10