

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

ST. PETER PARISH

Petersburg, IL

PARISH INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION

New Parishioners

We welcome you to St. Peter Church and invite you to call the Parish Center to register.

Baptisms

Anyone interested in having their infant baptized is asked to attend a pre-baptismal class. Call the Office (632-7118) to register.

Matrimony

Couples planning to marry are to contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick

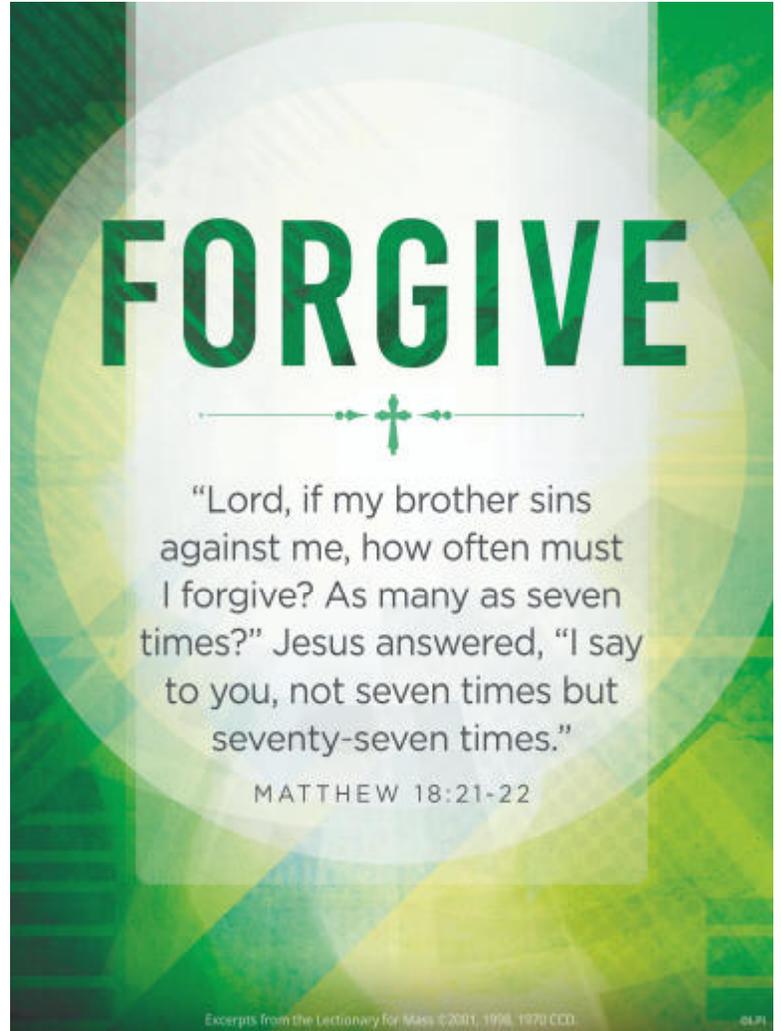
Notify the parish office when a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound. Communion is available.

GIFT (Growing in Faith Together)

Contact Monique Sullivan (971-1704)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Anyone wanting to learn more about the Catholic faith or to join our Catholic faith call 632-7118.



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Peter Church

Saturday4:00pm

Tuesday.....8:00am

Sunday.....8:00am

Wednesday.....8:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday.....3:00-3:45pm

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 9/14

NO MASS

Tuesday, 9/15

8:00am

† Mike Rebbe

Wednesday, 9/16

8:00am.

† Dwayne Alan Rebbe

Thursday, 9/17

NO MASS

Friday, 9/18

NO MASS

Saturday, 9/19

4:00pm

† John & Mary Margaret Murphy

Sunday, 9/20

8:00am

Intentions of Parishioners

Attendance at Mass will be on a first come, first seated basis. If you arrive for Mass after we have already reached our seating limit of 58 people, you will not be able enter for that Mass. We hope you understand and have patience with the changes.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/September 13, 2020

First Reading:

Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. (Sir 28:2)

Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion. (Ps 103)

Second Reading:

For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. (Rom 14:8)

Gospel:

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

(Mt 18:21-22)

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Observances for the week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents' Day

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian,
Bishop, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Saturday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catechetical Sunday ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE September 13, 2020, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others? ©LPi

SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY CONTRIBUTIONS

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020	ACTUAL	NEEDED
Envelopes (32)& Loose Cash	\$3093.00	\$2802.00
Building Fund	285.00	
Capital Campaign (Windows)	350.00	
"GIFT"	40.00	
Micro Food Pantry	620.00	

MICRO FOOD PANTRY

"Take What you want, give what you can."

St. Peter Church would like to fill the shelves at the Micro Food Pantry located at the former Family Video Entrances. Food and monetary donations can be placed in the food pantry baskets in the back and south entrances of St. Peter Church or at the parish office. **Write checks to St. Peter Church with memo Micro Food Pantry.** Please pray for those suffering with food insecurity during these difficult times. Call Claudia McEvers (632-2337) with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARRIAGE ON TAP STL, TUESDAY, SEPT. 15, 7-8PM This will be a virtual session.

Marriage on Tap offers an evening of marriage enrichment rooted in the Catholic faith but is open to all married couples. This evening is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and is offered at no cost. RSVP's are required: send your names to marriageontapstl@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE AWAY FROM THE CHURCH SEPTEMBER 15, 7:00PM AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is hosting a Holy Hour for anyone whose heart is troubled because a loved one has fallen away from the practice of faith. Join us on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows and bring a friend.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH

The current COVID-19 pandemic concerns many countries and in many of them preventative measures precluded the normal celebration of Holy Week in which the Holy Land collection is normally received.

The Christian communities in the Holy Land, also exposed to the risk of contagion and living in contexts already full of serious sufferings, benefit every year from the generosity of the faithful from all over the world. This solidarity enables them to continue their evangelical presence, in addition to maintaining schools and social structures that assist all citizens with healthcare, education, and peaceful coexistence, attending above all to the weakest and poorest.

For this reason, Pope Francis has approved the collection for the Holy Land, for the year 2020, take place on Sunday, September 13, near the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

The celebration that commemorates the discovery of the Relics of the Cross by Saint Helen also marks a new beginning of public worship in Jerusalem, with the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher. May it be a sign of hope and salvation after the Passion to which many peoples are now associated, as well as solidarity with those who continue to live the Gospel of Jesus on the Land where "it all began."

I am writing to ask for your financial support of this collection as an act of mercy and charity. I know that I can count on your generosity. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

BUILDING ON THE PAST..... INTO THE FUTURE NEW ADDITION UPDATE

Total Construction Cost	\$ 655,928
Amount received to date	\$ 640,584
Diocesan Loan Balance	\$ 11,179

Amount received includes Capital Campaign donations and Diocesan Investments, all Fundraisers and Memorials. Construction expenses include Construction Contractors and supplies, windows, pavers, and landscaping expenses. Thank you to those who have supported this campaign. If you would like more information contact the parish office at 632-7118.



Cremation and The Church

Question: Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care. ©LPi



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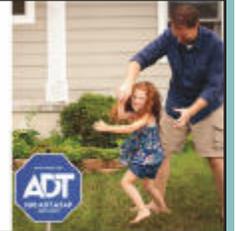
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