WELCOME TO

Saints Peter & Paul The Apostles

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sept. 19
2021

Pastor
Fr. Mark Heuberger

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Fr. Anthonio Jean

Parochial Vicar
Fr. Phillip Schweda

Weekend Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday:
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Daily Masses
Mon, Wed, Fri: 11am
Tue, Thur, Sat: 8am

Holy Days
Holy Day Vigil: 4:30pm
Complete schedules are listed in the bulletin prior to the Holy Day

Confessions
Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:20pm

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 6:30-7pm preceding the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

"First Friday" of every month, 11:30am-3pm

"Do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us?"
—St. Teresa of Avila

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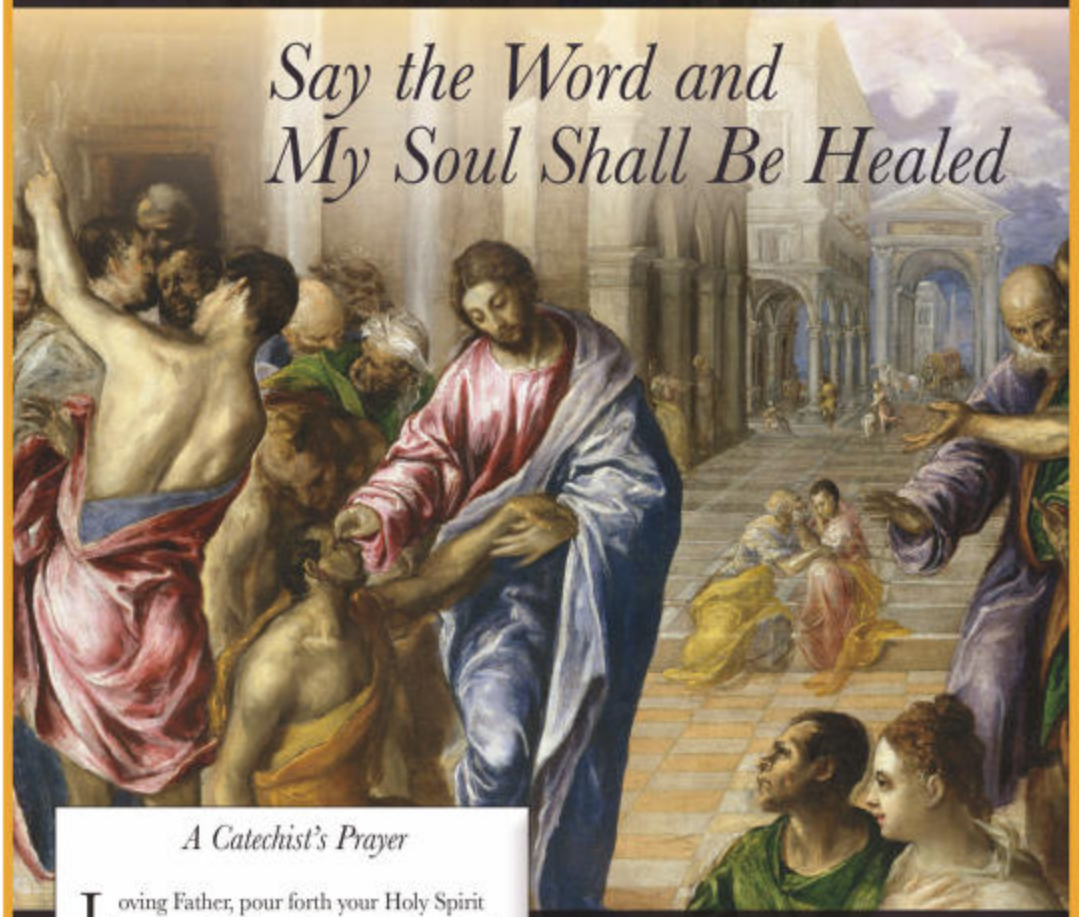
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ.

Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive.

Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son.

I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year's theme is: "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed." Catechists of our parish will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Weekly Mass Intentions

† Deceased ♥ Living

Monday, Sept. 20
Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Martyrs
Ezr 1:1-6 • Lk 8:16-18
11am † **John & Jeannette Weslosky**

Tuesday, Sept. 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 • Mt 9:9-13
8am † **Alvera Biacamano**

Wednesday, Sept. 22
Ezr 9:5-9 • Lk 9:1-6
11am † **Brian Gobin**

Thursday, Sept. 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Hg 1:1-8 • Lk 9:7-9
8am † **William Cunningham**

Friday, Sept. 24
Hg 2:1-9 • Lk 9:18-22
11am † **Frank Smiggen**

Saturday, Sept. 25
Blessed Virgin Mary
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15 • Lk 9:43b-45
8am † **Bradley Forness**
4:30pm ♥† **SSP&P Parishioners**

Sunday, Sept. 26
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nm 11:25-29 • Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
7:30am † **Fr. Donald Baier**
9:30am † **Howard Sam Yourick**
11:30am † **Yvonne Strasser**

Go Deeper Into the Gospel

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy. ©LPi

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

If you have a **medical need** to avoid gluten, please see the sacristan at least 10 minutes before Mass begins to request a low-gluten host.

Next Sunday's Readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers	11:25-29
James	5:1-6
Mark	9:38-43, 45, 47-48

DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 10, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the recent devastating impact of Hurricane Ida across several states, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling upon all Dioceses to support those impacted by Hurricane Ida.

The powerful category 4 Hurricane caused devastation to parts of Louisiana, before moving across northeastern states bringing record rainfall to Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Complicating matters further is the COVID-19 pandemic, as outbreaks of the Delta Variant have left hospitals at or near capacity, and in some cases, flooded and without electricity.

Hurricane Ida severely damaged and destroyed homes, schools, hospitals, businesses, and churches. More importantly, lives have been lost and communities are truly struggling. Help is needed to aid the victims of this storm and to assist in their well-being.

Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will take up an emergency collection the weekend of September 25 and 26, 2021. Through the Catholic Charities Network your donations will be distributed to support those who are the most vulnerable, providing humanitarian aid (water, food, shelter and medical care), as well as long-term efforts to restore communities after widespread destruction. Thank you for your generosity and kindness to our brothers and sisters in these very difficult times. Please continue to pray for victims of all-natural disasters!

This opportunity is taken to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Frank J. Dewane

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Bishop of the Diocese of
Venice in Florida

**"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers.
You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus."**
— Father Mike Schmitz

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for your commitment to support your parish!

September 5-11

Attendance...	657	Debt Reduction....	$ 535.00
Offertory...	$9,064.00	*Online Giving....*	$ 3,471.00

Parish Directory

Church Office
2850 75th Street West
Bradenton, FL 34209
(941) 795-1228

Office Hours
Mon-Fri 8:00AM-4:00PM
Phone Hrs 8:30AM-12PM
and 1:30PM-4:00PM
Closed for Lunch
NOON-1:30PM

Website
www.sspeterandpaul.org

Email
parishoffice@sspeterandpaul.org

Fax
(941) 794-0127

Msgr. Moretti Center
(941) 795-2540

St. Vincent de Paul Society
(941) 794-1328

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Parent baptism instruction is required; call the office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Call office to schedule.

MARRIAGE
Please contact a priest at least six months prior to wedding date.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:
MONDAYS AT NOON; watch bulletin for early holiday deadlines

Et Cetera

Knights of Columbus
1st Wednesday/Month: OFFICERS PLANNING MEETING at 6pm.
2nd Wednesday/Month: MONTHLY MEETING at 6:30pm. Both meetings are open to all members. Meet in Council Room at MMC.
Tex Johnson: (941) 704-2822
Bill Dunn: (941) 840-3653

Poor Boxes
are located at each doorway as you exit the church. All donations benefit our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Green donation envelopes are in the info boxes at exits.

Holy Water
To refill your personal holy water bottles, please use the holy water dispenser and the small funnel. Holy water is located in the vestibule.

Votive Candles
are located in the vestibules of the church and the chapel.

Religious Articles Store
is closed until further notice.

Altar Flowers
parishioners Mark & Susan Clark of ***Flowers by Edie*** donate the altar flowers.

Grief Support
call (941) 795-2540

Marriage Preparation & Marriage Encounter
call (941) 795-1228

Retrouvaille
to heal and renew marriages
call (239) 395-0810

Many saints have left us essays, books and other writings. But some have left us their own journals. What better way to start thinking like a saint than to read a first-hand account of their journey to sanctity?

Sometimes the saints feel far away. It's tempting to consider their thinking as too far above us, a mentality that we can't understand or attain. We might give up on imitating them, or, even worse, start to believe that we can't become saints ourselves.

Some of these holy men and women, however, have brought their thinking down to earth for us by leaving us readable, reachable journals of their spiritual lives.

Indeed, some of these journaling saints are the ones who seem the most inaccessible—those whose lives were marked by intense mystical experiences. Their diaries offer us a wonderful way to overcome our intimidation and meet them as they really are.

Let's introduce ourselves to some of these saints.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux. St. Thérèse's spiritual memoir, *The Story of a Soul*, is a classic for Catholics. In it she recounts her childhood, her entry into Carmel and its challenges and joys, and the development and essence of her "Little Way."

St. Faustina Kowalska. Entitled *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, St. Faustina's diary was written in obedience to her spiritual director. She discusses her profound relationship with Our Lord, her conversations with Him, and His visions and messages to her regarding His Divine Mercy.

St. John Paul II. The written reflections of Pope St. John Paul II, dating from 1962 all the way to 2003, were recently published in English for the first time. In them, the Pope relates his own concerns, spiritual insights, and thoughts on his ministry from the time he was bishop of Krakow through almost the entirety of his pontificate.

St. Gemma Galgani. Like St. Faustina, St. Gemma wrote her diary out of obedience. A soul whose mystical experiences were equaled only by her intense sufferings, St. Gemma spoke with Our Lord and her guardian angel, bore the stigmata, and even had her diary stolen by the devil! (He apparently did not want us to benefit from it.) You can see the original diary—burn marks and all—at the Passionist monastery attached to the Basilica of Saints John and Paul in Rome.

Sainthood is not beyond your reach. It isn't a special prize God gives to some and not to others. He calls all of us to heroic virtue, which is the essence of sainthood.

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Volunteer Needed — We need someone to Livestream the 11AM Mass on Wednesdays. This special ministry helps homebound parishioners to watch and be part of our Mass. Livestreaming is easy to do and we will train you. Call Kim at 941-795-2540 if you are interested.

Shadie Pearl's To-Do List:

- ❑ Chase tennis balls
- ❑ Go to the Animal Blessing on Sunday, October 3
- ❑ Take naps
- ❑ Chase more tennis balls
- ❑ Eat favorite treats
- ❑ Take more naps

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 3, 2021
2:00PM

On the north side of the church by the Memorial Garden.
In case of rain: meet under the canopy of the main entrance.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the **Prayer Shawl Ministry** is ready! They have been busy making pink lap blankets as gifts for anyone going through treatment or anyone who has gone through treatment.

The lap blankets will be available on three weekends:

October 2/3, 16/17, and 30/31

after all Masses in the front vestibule. Please stop by if you know someone who would like to receive and be encouraged by a lap blanket.

Helping Hands

Sometimes we NEED a helping hand.

Sometimes we can BE a helping hand.

Either way, here are some great places to start.

Our Daily Bread
(941) 745-2992
6:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SOLVE Maternity Homes
(941) 748-0094

St. Joseph Food Pantry
(941) 756-3732

Bethesda House
(941) 366-1886

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Do you have a neighbor or friend who is in temporary need because of a job loss or an illness?
Please leave a message for us… we want to help!
941-794-1328

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
Come in to shop or donate or both! Please call if you are donating larger items… we can pick them up.
1111 8th Ave. W., Bradenton
(941) 746-0622
Mon-Fri 10-3 • Sat 10-2
www.stvdpstore.org

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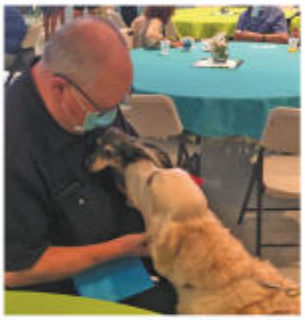


Support and encourage our future priests!

Venice Diocesan

Council of Catholic Women

VOCATION FUND

The Council of Catholic Women of the Diocese of Venice invites you to join them in celebrating

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

September 26, 2021

in a special and lasting way —by sending a donation to the **VDCCW Vocation Fund** "In Honor of" the priest(s) in your Parish. Our diocese is educating 16 MEN in various seminaries so YOUR donation of ANY AMOUNT will be a GREAT HELP!

To take part, please send $1.00 for EACH card in addition to your donation. The extra $1.00 covers the cost of the **"IN HONOR OF" card(s)** and mailing them to you so you can deliver to your Priest(s).

Your donation amount will not be revealed to the Priest(s). And please remember that this is a gift that keeps on giving!

Please send $1.00 plus your donation to
(made out to VDCCW Vocation Fund)

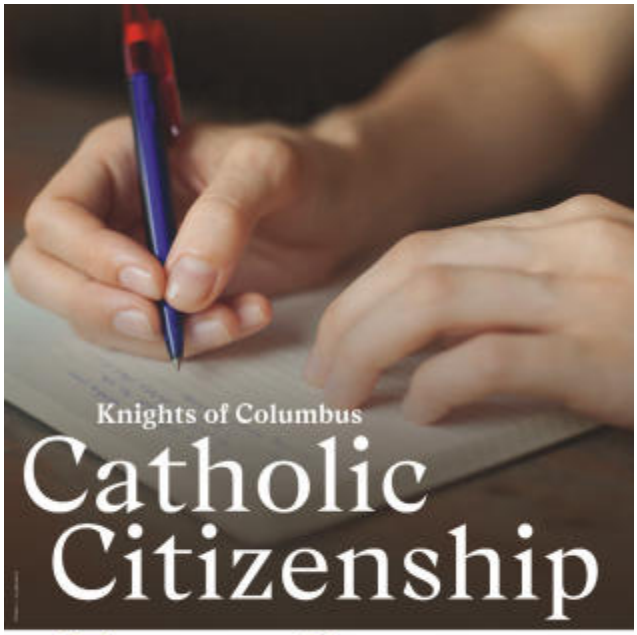
Cornelia Zanetti

5808 Gulf Drive, #204,

Holmes Beach, FL 34217.

Questions? Please email me at Corniez@aol.com

THANK YOU, AND GOD BLESS, Cornelia



Essay Contest

THEME:

"Overcoming Everyday Obstacles to Living a Life of Authentic Faith"

In an essay of 500-750 words, describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow.

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." - James 1:2-4.

GUIDELINES: **Open to Catholic students (public, private, parochial schools) in grades 8-12.** Essays must reflect the assigned theme and be the student's original work. Essays must be typed on 8.5 X 11 paper, single-sided, double-spaced with 1" margins. Essays must be between 500 and 750 words in length; essays shorter or longer than this will be disqualified. The students name should appear ONLY on the official Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Entry Form, which must be stapled to the essay. Forms are available in the parish office.

MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CHURCH OFFICE BY 4PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

Questions? Call Steve Watkins at 727-527-0390 or Dave Schuster at 941-209-0303

Prizes

The top essay in each grade will win a $25 gift card!

Faith Formation News ***See Calendar on Pages 9 & 10***

Students, come Meet Your Teacher next Sunday, September 26

after the 9:30am Mass come to the Moretti Center for donuts, orange juice and coffee with the teachers

Parents, Register Online for Faith Formation Classes!

Go to www.sspeterandpaul.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.
Download 3 files: 1) Registration Form 2) Release Forms 3) Schedule

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Total cost per student: $40
Grade 2 (First Communion)	Total cost per student: $80 per student
Grade 10 (Confirmation)	Total cost per student: $115 per student

Scholarships are available for tuition; call 941-795-2540 if you need financial assistance.

Come One, Come All

All Parish Women — CWA members or not — are invited to the

CWA Open House

Thursday, October 7, 2021 • 3PM in the MMC

Come, be our guest at our first meeting.
Our special guest speaker is our own Fr. Phillip Schweda.
Fr. Phil will share the journey and stories of his priesthood that took him to exotic places.
Join us for prayer, fellowship, and loads of laughs.

Discover CWA!

CWA
FAITH FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

NEW! Faith Formation Class Schedule 2021-2022

Class Starts at 10:00AM & Ends at 11:15AM

Please Check in at 9:45AM

GROUP A

1st , 2nd , 3rd, 4th

Sept. 19 - Catechist Sunday for Catechists & Catechist's Assistants at 9:30am Mass - reception and short meeting following)
Sept. 25 (Sat.) - Catechetical Conference - Encountering Christ in the Classroom Ft. Myers
Sept. 26 - Students and parents invited to have donuts with their teacher after the 9:30am Mass in Monsignor Moretti Center
October 3 - 1st Day of Class
October 17 - Class (Safe Environment)
November 7 - Class (don't forget the Parish Fall Event next Sunday Nov. 14 with AGT's Dewayne Hill - Magician and Comedian)
November 21 - Class
December 5 - Class
December 19 - Class (St. Nick Visits)
2022
January 2 - NO Class
January 16 - Class
February 6 - Class
February 20 - Class
March 6 - Class
March 20 - Class
April 3 - Class - Reconciliation for 3rd - 5th grades. Easter Bunny visits all Classes.
April 17 - HAPPY EASTER! NO Class
April 30 - 1St. Communion Rehearsal - 10am
May 1 - Last Class
May 7 - 1st Communion - 10am
Total Hours - 16.25 plus 16.25 bi weekly home assignments = 32.50

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Class Starts at 10:00AM & Ends at 11:15AM

Please Check in at 9:45AM

GROUP B

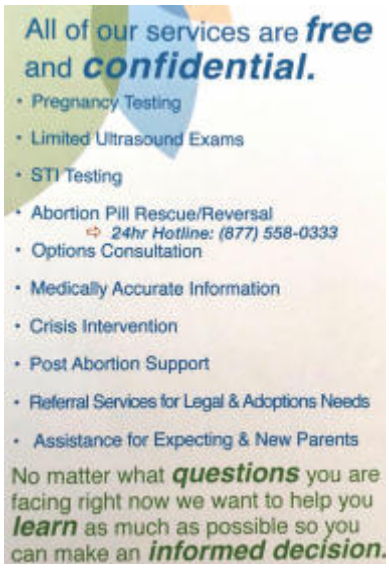
5th/6th, 7TH/8TH, 9th & 10th

Sept. 19 - Catechist Sunday for Catechists & Catechist's Assistants at 9:30am Mass - reception and meeting following.
Sept. 25 - Catechetical Conference - Encountering Christ in the Classroom - Ft. Myers
Sept. 26 - Students and parents are invited to have donuts with their teacher after the 9:30am Mass in the Monsignor Moretti Center
October 10 - 1st Day of Class
October 24 - Class (Safe Environment)
October 31 - Class (extra class due to only one class in Nov. & Dec.)
November 14 - Class (Don't forget the Parish Event today at 1pm with AGT's Dewayne Hill - Comedian & Magician)
November 28 - NO Class
December 12 - Class
December 26 - NO Class
2022
January 9 - Class
January 23 - Class
February 13 - Class
February 27 - Class
March 5 - Confirmation Retreat
March 13 - Class
March 27 - Class - Reconciliation for 6-9th
• Confirmation Date TBA when upon approval from Bishop's Office
April 10 - Class
April 24 - Class - Last day of Class
Total Hours - 16.25 plus 16.25 bi weekly home assignments = 32.50

THANK YOU to our "sidewalk" and "at home" prayer warriors who made our first 40 Days for Life 365 prayer vigil on Sept. 9th a success. We were blessed with proof that our efforts to witness to our love for the moms and babies is effective.

Praise Report: A woman approached us because of her concern that our presence outside the Sarasota Planned Parenthood building was making the mom's in a crisis pregnancy situation even harder. We assured her that our job is to pray for the welfare of both the moms and their babies. We told her about the Community Pregnancy Clinic right next door and gave her a pamphlet (see panel at right) that lists many of the free services that it offers. After reading the list and asking more questions about why we were there, the smile on the inquiring woman's face revealed the change in her opinion of the vigil participants. As she left, she turned and thanked us for being there and exclaimed, "I'm so glad we had this conversation! I have completely changed my mind about the people who are out here praying!"

It rained on us for a half hour, but it didn't dampen our spirits !



SVdP in ACTION

A permanently disabled woman that we helped financially in the past contacted us recently to tell us that Manatee County Redevelopment Department had approved the demolition and rebuild of her home. She needed to move her belongings and could not do it herself, so several of our volunteers began packing boxes for storage and temporary housing. This is one of the many ways we help our poor and needy people in Manatee County..

We are so blessed and thankful for your generosity during this pandemic season which allows us to continue to help the needy. **You can make donations to St. Vincent de Paul in one of five ways:**

1. The green envelopes located in the information boxes at each exit which you can drop in the collection baskets at each door; or
2. On-line at www.sspeterandpaul.org. Click on the line marked "Giving" and scroll down to "Poor Box – St. Vincent de Paul"; or
3. Mailing a check made payable to St. Vincent de Paul to 2850 75th Street West, Bradenton, FL 34209-5395; or
4. Making a donation on our website at www.svdp-bradenton.org; and additionally
5. Pick the Ss. Peter and Paul chapter of the SVdP Society on your Amazon account and they will donate .5% of your eligible purchases to us. Go to: www.smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0589384.

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

Sunday, Sep 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let the Good News resound

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."*

Monday, Sep 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sound the depths of your faith

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."*

Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Let peace begin with me

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

Wednesday, Sep 22, 2021

Share the wealth

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*

Thursday, Sep 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Be an everyday mystic

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

Friday, Sep 24, 2021

Grounded in a sense of belonging

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si':* "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways?

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"In this place I will give you peace."*

Saturday, Sep 25, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ripe with possibilities

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."*

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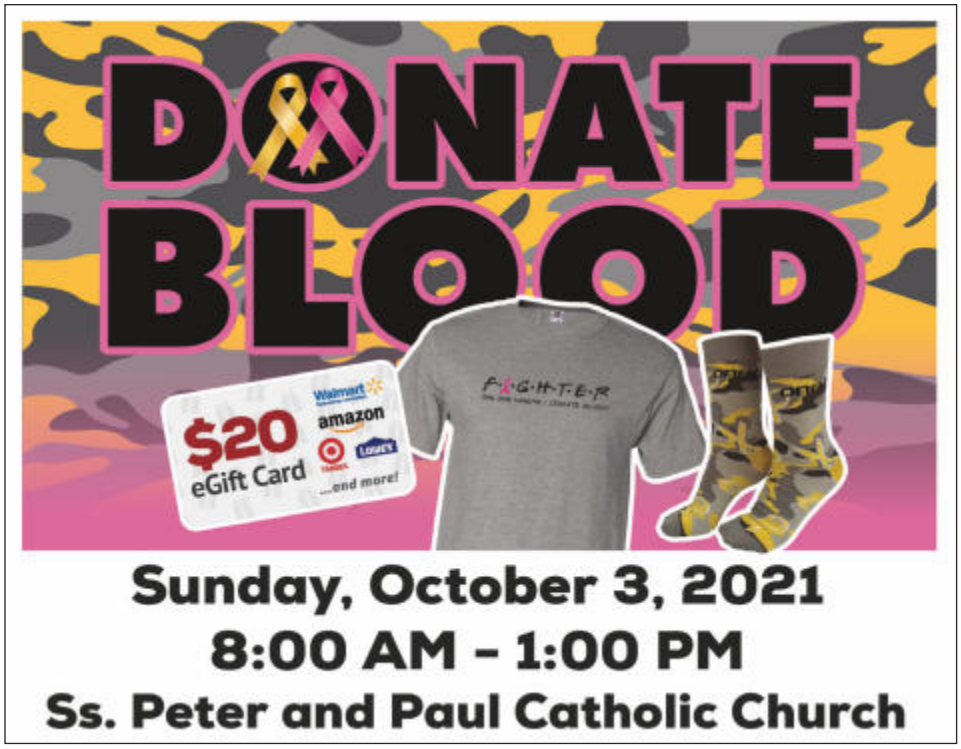

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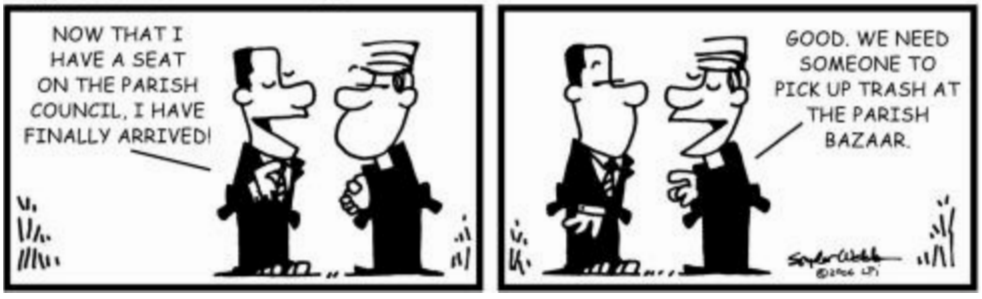

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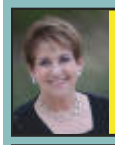
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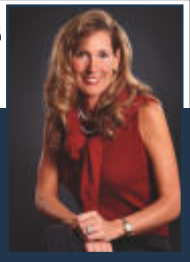
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