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TO

# Saints Peter & Paul The Apostles

Jan. 9  
2022

CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Pastor

Fr. Mark Heuberger

## Parochial Vicar

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

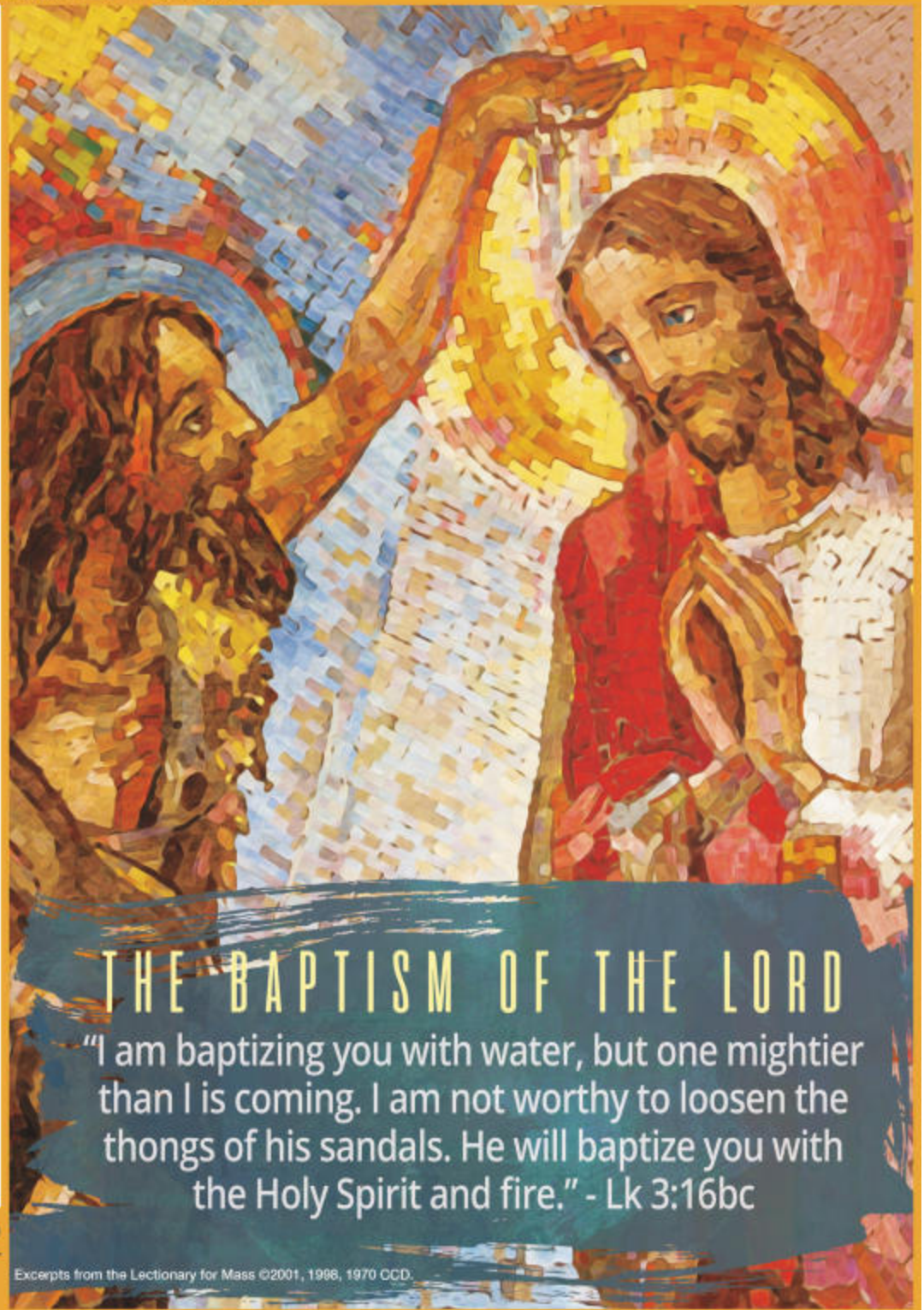
Wednesdays 3-3:30pm  
preceding the  
Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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“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



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier  
than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the  
thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc

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## Weekly Mass Intentions

† Deceased ♥ Living

### Monday, January 10

1 Sm 1:1-8 • Mk 1:14-20

11am † Joseph Racz

### Tuesday, January 11

1 Sm 1:9-20 • Mk 1:21-28

8am † Claude Parker

### Wednesday, Jan. 12

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 • Mk 1:29-39

11am † Dolores Villa Hernandez

### Thursday, January 13

St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of  
the Church

1 Sm 4:1-11 • Mk 1:40-45

8am † Katie Saur

### Friday, Jan. 14

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a • Mk 2:1-12

11am † Philip Mulvey

### Saturday, January 15

Blessed Virgin Mary

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 • Mk 2:13-17

8am † Dennis Capozella

4:30pm † Giuseppe Mazzotta

### Sunday, January 16

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 • 1 Cor 12:4-11 • Jn 2:1-11

7:30am † Peter Wong Leong Kai

9:30am ♥† SSP&P Parishioners

11:30am † Verna Boynton



*“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”*

– Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. © LPi

### Next Sunday's Readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah	62:1-5
1 Corinthians	12:4-11
John	2:1-11

On **January 15/16** there will be a special collection for the  
**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA**



## 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](http://www.sspeterandpaul.org)

### Email

[parishoffice@sspeterandpaul.org](mailto: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

On behalf of the CWA who put up  
the Giving Tree and The Society of  
St. Vincent de Paul who found the families,  
*we thank you!*



Your generosity, during these  
challenging times, helped make  
this blessed Christmas season  
brighter for many people.

### 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.



## Stewardship of Treasure

*Thank you for your commitment  
to support your parish!*

### December 19-25

Attendance...	979	Debt Reduction....	\$ 695.00
Offertory...	\$15,767.50	Online Giving....	\$ 4,397.50
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Christmas – Attendance:	1,595	Offertory:	\$23,946.00

### December 26 - January 1

Attendance...	634	Debt Reduction....	\$ 215.00
Offertory...	\$10,729.50	Online Giving....	\$ 1,257.00
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Holy Day (1/1) – Attendance:	165	Offertory:	\$2,609.00



## 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

### Retrouaille

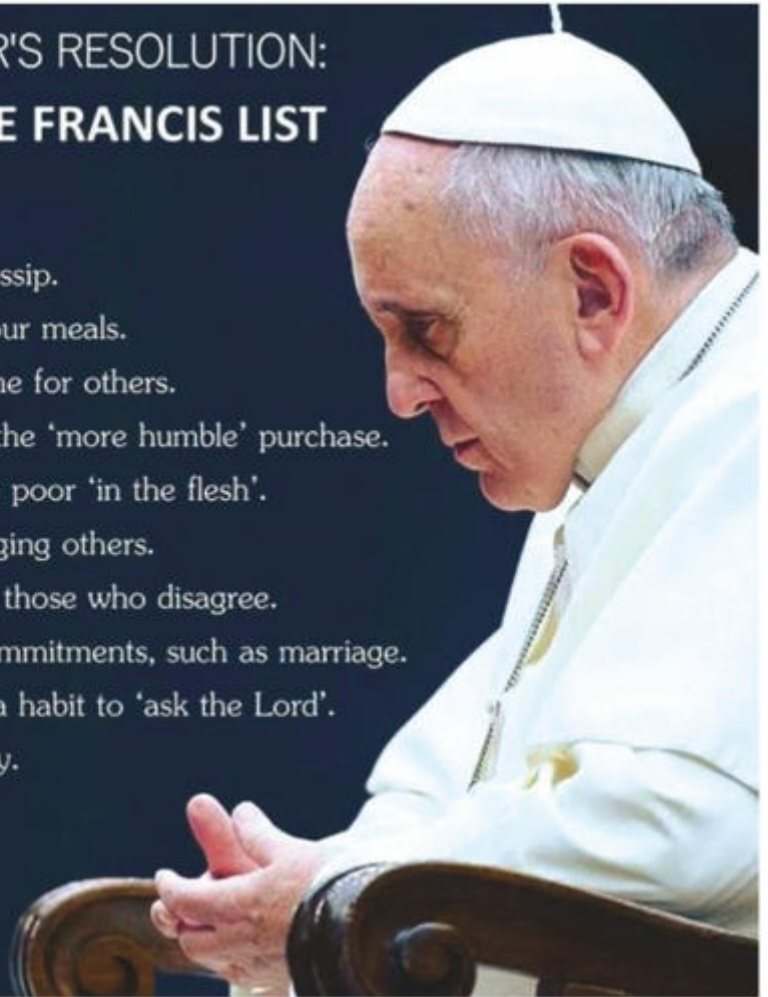
to heal and renew marriages  
call (239) 395-0810

## NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh'.
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord'.
10. Be happy.

*Paradiso*

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## Do you have unused iPads, tablets, cell phones, and laptop computers?



Please donate them to

### Fr. Antonio's Annual Tech Drive

to benefit classrooms in Haiti. This effort has been very successful the last few years thanks to your willingness and generosity. Bring your used tech (in good condition) to Susan in the Church Office (Mon-Fri, 8:30am-12pm & 1:30-4pm). Fr. Antonio will get it to the students in Haiti who need it most. Thank you for sharing!



### GOT THE PARISH APP?

DOWNLOAD from your smart phone's app store. Search for:

## WeConnect Parish App

then search and choose Ss. Peter and Paul the Apostles





**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**MEMBERSHIP DRIVE  
THIS WEEKEND**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is an international order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council, Ss. Peter & Paul the Apostles #15231, will be holding a membership drive on JANUARY 8 & 9, 2022. You will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.**

**Come to the Msgr. Moretti Center after the 9:30am Mass on January 9th**

**and talk with some of our Knights.**

**Coffee and doughnuts provided for all who stop in.**



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

at 6:30PM in the Church

The mandatory Rehearsal will be

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

12:30PM in the Church, following the 11:30AM Mass

*Save the Date!*



The Catholic Women's Association regrets to announce that the annual **Floral Show** featuring Mark Clark of Flowers by Edie is **cancelled** this year due to the virus. Such a large number of people attend every year, making this event too risky. Let's all continue to be cautious and safe in the new year.



**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**



### Volunteer Without Saying a Word!

Our Music Ministry needs “clickers” for the visual aids projected onto the walls during Mass. As part of the audio/visual team, you will advance the PowerPoint slides with a handheld remote, and learn how to power up or shut down the audio/visual system. It is very straight forward and easy to learn. You can be scheduled for a certain Mass and time, or be on-call; it is your choice.

Please see Sheila after any weekend Mass to enquire about this important team.

### Choir Members to Receive New Hymnals

All Music Ministry members will get their own personal 2022 Breaking Bread hymnal with easy-to-wipe-down covers. They will be distributed at the

**Choir & Cantor Rehearsal – Tuesday, January 11, 7:00PM**

Masks are encouraged.

### Breaking Bread APP Now Available

The pandemic has prohibited our communal use of hymnals.

Fortunately, the 2022 Breaking Bread Hymnal is now available as an app for your smart phone.

It works with both Apple and Android devices and offers instant access to daily readings, the Order of Mass, and all songs in Breaking Bread from the convenience of your smartphone, tablet or iPad.

Refer to the info box at right.

Your Parish Missal  
is now available  
as an app

Simple and easy to use, the USCCB-approved *Breaking Bread 2022 eMissal* app is a wonderful resource for active participation in the liturgy and for personal devotion.

**Just \$4.99!**





Dear parish family,

I would like to update you on **Logan Bergacker** for whom so many of you have been praying. His family has been deeply appreciative of your prayers.

Logan underwent a heart transplant, then subsequently developed cancer. After considerable suffering and difficulty, he passed away on December 21st. His family, although heartbroken, is resolved and at peace that God called him home.

I thank you again for all the prayers, gifts and cards that were sent, plus the pop tops that Logan's mom continues to save. (The Pop Top Tabs Program benefits the Ronald McDonald House.) The Bergackers are truly and deeply grateful.

– Fr. Mark Heuberger

*Logan loved all things Disney, so this was the image used for his memorial card.*



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

We meet at 10:00AM starting JANUARY 10 in the Moretti Center, then on the first 2 Mondays of the month.

*We Invite You to Join Us!*

We'd like to grow our club of knitters and crocheters. You can work with us, or at home. We have yarn available.

Our creations are one of a kind, beautiful, and greatly appreciated and used by many people.

*Have questions? Need info? Call Kathe at 941-792-6915.*

Please contact Kim if you need a shawl, lap or blanket for someone ill or going through any difficulty: 941-795-2540



*Prayer Shawl Ministry*

*2022 Schedule*

- Mon, Jan 10
- Mon, Feb 7
- Mon, Feb 14
- Mon, Mar 7
- Mon, Mar 14
- Mon, Apr 4
- Mon, Apr 11
- Mon, May 2
- Mon, May 9



*More prayer in your week creates more peace in your heart.*

## *The Chaplet of Divine Mercy*

**NOW AT 3:00PM ON WEDNESDAYS**

Eucharistic Adoration, 3-3:30 • Chaplet, 3:30-4





# BOYS & GIRLS

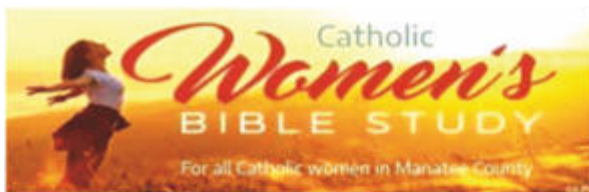
## AGES 9 - 14

*It's time to start practicing those free throws!*

The 2021 Free Throw Championship will take place at the OUTDOOR basketball court at St. Joseph Catholic Church on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022** BEGINNING AT 9:00AM.

ENTRY FORMS will be available on the day of the event. The basketball court is accessed via the driveway at the north end of the parish center. Participants should go through the gate and park in the rear lot.

Questions? Call Dave at 941-209-0303.



Please register now . . .

...for a new year, renewed in the Holy Spirit!

### Register now

- By email to [wbs@sspeterandpaul.org](mailto:wbs@sspeterandpaul.org) or
- By phone to Joelise at 941-730-8335
- Cost \$15 per person
  - Pay at first session, Jan. 12, 2022
  - Cash or check (payable to Gayle Flynn)

### Schedule

- 14 sessions on Wednesday starting Jan. 12
- Arrive 9:30 for social time
- Begin session 10 a.m.; conclude at noon
- Hosted at the Msgr. Moretti Center on Ss. Peter & Paul the Apostles Catholic Church campus, Bradenton
- Baby-sitting provided



### About the study

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This study invites us to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit. We will embark on a 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. The series is shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**





## Next Prayer Vigil: January 13<sup>th</sup>

Saving a life is a great way to start off the New Year!

Prayer Warriors from Ss. Peter & Paul the Apostles will be praying outside the Sarasota Planned Parenthood on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

One hour shifts from 1:00-6:00PM are available.

Your prayerful presence can help save a mom and her baby from the horrors of abortion.

For Phone Registration, Sign Up, or Questions please call Joelise at (941) 730-8335.



### Sarasota's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual

## PRAYER Walk



Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

St. Martha Church, 200 North Orange Ave., Sarasota

8:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Frank J. Dewane  
Additional noon Mass celebrated by parish priest  
Shuttle bus to prayer vigil with round trips between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

(Light refreshments available near bus stop at 7<sup>th</sup> St.)

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!



WWW.9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

## Use the Power of Prayer from your home to Save Lives



(next door to the Sarasota Planned Parenthood)

### Be part of the Pro-Life Solution

Get instant text alerts when an abortion-minded mom desperately needs our **PRAYERS!** AND get text alerts to celebrate when a mom **CHOOSES LIFE!**

To get instant alerts visit:

[www.PrayForBabies.com/cpci](http://www.PrayForBabies.com/cpci)

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

February 12 and February 19, 2022

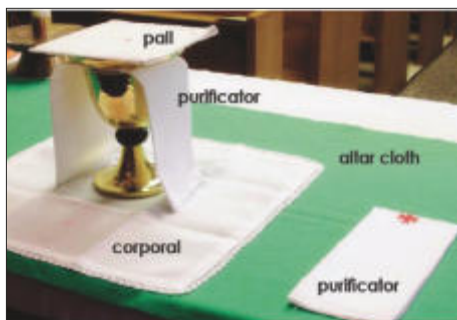
All couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, or more than 50 years of marriage are invited by Bishop Frank J. Dewane



to an Anniversary Mass in their honor. The Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in two locations: February 12th at St. Leo the Great Parish in Bonita Springs at 11am, and February 19th at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, also at 11am. If you'd like to attend please call Susan in the parish office (941-795-1228) to make your reservation.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FROM HOME?

We need people to wash and iron purificators once a month.



A purificator is a small napkin-like cloth, usually marked with a cross in the center, used by the priest during Mass to purify the chalice and paten after Holy Communion. They are picked up by volunteers twice a week to be washed, ironed, and returned the next day. Each volunteer is scheduled about once a month. We currently need a few more volunteers. If you are interested or have questions please call Susan at 941-795-1228.

**“One of the tragedies of our life is that we keep forgetting who we are.”**

— Henri Nouwen

Grief is as individual as a fingerprint.  
No rule book. No time frame. No judgement.  
Do what is right for your soul.



## Good Grief Group

Grief Support Ministry of Ss. Peter & Paul

We have felt your experience of pain and sorrow after the loss of your loved one. We'd like to partner with you on your grief journey.

Our group sessions are supportive, uplifting, and enlightening.

We'll begin **Tuesday, February 1st**, from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Nine sessions in all, ending March 29.

We meet on Zoom for your safety.

Call Janet at (941) 567-7159 if you are considering being part of the group.



This past July, a man was hit while walking on the sidewalk by an elderly woman who lost control of her automobile. He suffered extensive injuries resulting in an extended hospital stay and is still undergoing physical therapy. Prior to the accident, he was not working and in financial trouble, including foreclosure of his home. He contacted our office seeking help. We were able to restore his electric service and provide him with food, as well as counseling. His neighbor kindly brings him water every day because his past due utility bill is thousands of dollars.



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](http://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](http://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](http://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0589384).



## I Hope I Am Like Him

*"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"*

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist – a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power – a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ – and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament – he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

– Tracy Earl Welliver

## Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

## Monday, Jan 10, 2022

### Give every child a chance

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at [nationalchristchild.org](http://nationalchristchild.org).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

## Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022

### Pray the way to a more perfect union

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshippers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

## Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022

### Here I am, Lord

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: "... how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! But what to those who

find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307).

"Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

## Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

### In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'"

## Friday, Jan 14, 2022

### I feel your pain

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's *faith*; its *importance* in their decision-making; their connection to a *community* of like-minded believers; and the recommended *action* related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309).

"Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk'?"

## Saturday, Jan 15, 2022

### The stone rejected

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310).

"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."







# St. Nicholas Visits the Students

Dec. 19  
2021



## "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" Winners Announced



Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for spreading Christmas spirit to the Faith Formation students through the "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest" and a special visit from St. Nicholas. Not all of the 14 contest winners could be present so some are not pictured.

AGES 5-7: 1st Place **Markus Sielecki**; 2nd Place **Charlie Hainline**; 3rd Place **Gavin Angel**.

AGES 8-10: 1st Place **Kaia Israel**; 2nd Place **Christopher Sielecki**; 3rd Place **Scarlett Knowles**; Honorable Mention **Zavier Israel**.

AGES 11-14: 1st Place **Noah Young**; 2nd Place **Anthony McCormick**.

The three 1st place winners will advance to the district competition. Congratulations!







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January 3, 2022

High Game/Men:	High Series/Men:	High Game/Women:	High Series/Women:
Walt Anderson-268	Walt Anderson-673	Vickie Beck-161	Vickie Beck-389
Walt Anderson-244	Joe Lutte-607	Deb Wooster-149	Maria Israel-358
Joe Lutte-225	Tom Orehowsky-565	Maria Israel-142	Deb Wooster-348

There is value in a good vocabulary. In my retirement, I called an old friend and asked what he was doing these days. He replied that he was working on "aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminum and steel under a constrained environment." I was impressed. Upon further inquiry, however, I learned that he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision.



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