



Pope Francis on Gender Ideology



Most are aware that there is a movement in society today which is forcefully advancing a new ideology (a system of thought) about human sexuality. This ideology is causing great confusion, especially among young people. It is the “ideology of gender”, which claims that someone’s gender (male or female) is a personal choice that is not necessarily connected to his or her God-given biology. This ideology seeks to mandate its own principles of sexuality, reproductive rights, abortion, homosexuality and transgenderism upon the entire world.

The most overt source of pressure for changing the perennial understanding of human sexuality is UNESCO (United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture). Planned Parenthood Global is also strongly promoting a brand of reproductive and sexual rights in concert with this ideology. American billionaire George Soros is funding and organizing this movement around the globe as well.

Pope Francis believes that this movement is disastrous for children, for marriage, for the family and for society in general. Last year in Brazil, at World Youth Day, Pope Francis explained his position to millions of young people in no uncertain terms:

“In Europe, America, Latin America, Africa, and in some countries of Asia, there are genuine forms of ideological colonization taking place. And one of these – I will call it clearly by its name – is [the ideology of] ‘gender’. Today children – children! – are taught in school that everyone can choose his or her sex. Why are they teaching this? Because the books are provided by the persons and institutions that give you money. These forms of ideological colonization are also supported by influential countries. And this is terrible!”

Last year, in his Apostolic Exhortation entitled *The Joy of Love*, Pope Francis similarly declared that we should embrace the sexual identity God gave us in accord with our biological constitution (no. 56). We are most grateful for the Holy Father’s clarifications on this issue. We pray that his words will dispel this confusion and lead people to the healing and mercy of Jesus.

There is no doubt that people have great struggles and trials in life. These take a variety of forms. The prophet Isaiah reminds us that the Lord is compassionate and understanding. The prophet says, *A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench* (Is 42:3), meaning that God is most tender with the vulnerable and the wounded. Jesus only wants that we be healed and liberated by his truth and grace. He proclaimed, *If you live according to my teaching, you are truly my disciples; then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.* (Jn 8:32)

Servant of God, Maria Esperanza, pray for us!

Fr. Jim Byerley

Pastor

Maria Esperanza Intercessory Prayer

Merciful Father,

You blessed Maria Esperanza with an abundance of spiritual gifts for the consolation of your people. She served You as wife, mother, and missionary to promote the unity of the family and the reconciliation of all peoples. You enabled her to be the central figure in the manifestations of the Virgin Mary, under the title of Reconciler of all Peoples and Nations, in Betania. Grant us the grace to follow her example of humility, hope and unconditional love.

Through the intercession of your servant, Maria Esperanza, we pray for the healing and reconciliation of our families, and for the fraternal unity of the entire human family.

Especially, we beseech You to grant us the favors we now request (mention your intentions here) through the merits and prayers of your servant. Likewise, we humbly implore that she be inscribed in the Church’s catalogue of saints, as a universal model of the beatitudes.

We pray all this according to your holy will, cherished by your servant until the end, through Jesus Christ, your Son Our Lord.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

**Mass Celebrant Code:*

TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – FK = Fr. Francis Kim – MS = Deacon Mike Scott

<i>Intentions:</i>	<i>Requested by:</i>	<i>*Mass Celebrant</i>
Monday, August 21st		
6:45 AM Antionette Phillips	Brother, Sal	TB
9:00 AM Mary Tomko	Family	TB
Tuesday, August 22nd		
6:45 AM McMenamain & Mooney Families	Estate	TB
9:00 AM Mary Rambone	Son-in-law Frank	FK
Wednesday, August 23rd		
6:45 AM Stephen J. Tiver, Jr. & Family	Estate	FK
9:00 AM Frank Bellwoar	Mary Anne	FK
Thursday, August 24th		
6:45 AM Robert E. Kelly	Maureen & Paul Finnegan	TB
9:00 AM Carmen Joseph Gioiella	Elaine & Norm	FK
Friday, August 25th		
6:45 AM Alfred & Catherine Tomaselli	Their Daughter	FK
9:00 AM Francisco Robles	Rosario Avila	TB
Saturday, August 26th		
9:00 AM Henry Kabel	Mary Jane Mallon	TB
5:00 PM Loretta Fratto	Her Family	FK
Sunday, August 27th		
7:30 AM Barbara Gilbride	Rosemarie Sullivan	TB
9:00 AM Kathy McGarrigle	Dan	FK/MS
10:30 AM Phyllis Mignogna & Family	Estate	TB
Jesus Figueroa	Margaret DeSimone	TB
Robert L. Henley	Chip McBride	TB
Kelsey Moran	Greg Neild	TB
Marie Gledhill	Dot, Lois & Mary	TB
7:00 PM Susan Quaranto	Her Son	FK
Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		FK

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of Arthur Szykalski the week of August 20th – August 26th requested by his Wife, Carole.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Holy Souls in Purgatory the week of August 20th – August 26th requested by A Parishioner.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of Denis Collopy the week of August 20th – August 26th requested by Andy & Maria Lipenta.

Father's **Q**uick **Q**uote: *“When we serve the poor and the sick we serve Jesus. We must not fail to help our neighbors, because in them we serve Jesus.”*
~ St. Rose of Lima

September 2017 – PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Sunday, August 20th

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
 Second: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Monday, August 21st

St. Pius X, Pope

First: Judges 2:11-19
 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22nd

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

First: Judges 6:11-24a
 Gospel: Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23rd

St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

First: Judges 9:6-15
 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24th

St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast

First: Revelation 21:9b-14
 Gospel: John 1:45-51

Friday, August 25th

St. Louis

St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

First: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22
 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26th

First: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17
 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27th

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 22:19-23
 Second: Romans 11:33-36
 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Parish Sick List



Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.

Joan Anders, Vincent Barone, Buzzy Bianco, Theresa Brown, Carol Burg, Eva Burgess, Barbara Burkhardt, Matt Curley, Ray Dick, Louis Grosso, Joe Junikka, Maryann Kearney, Alicia Kureczka, Irving Lamb, Jr., Agnes Marcella, Salim Mikhael, Mary Moran, Carmel Naples, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, Linda Petrilli, Bob Piekarski, Mark Stevens, Joe Teti, Roe Wackerle, Grace Walter, Alan Young, Andrea Young.

May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!

Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.

PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 when your loved one has recovered!

Adoration Chapel



You are cordially invited to come and spend an hour a week in adoration of Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel!

24 hours a day! Pick your hour!

Jesus asked His Apostles, "Could you not watch one hour with Me?" He is asking all of us the same question today. Won't you say "Yes" to Him?

All hours are available most especially:

Sundays ~ 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sundays ~ 11:00 AM – Noon

Sundays ~ 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Sundays ~ 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mondays ~ 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fridays ~ 5:00 AM – 6:00 AM

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261

or

Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

Thank you to those who have signed up for an hour.

Intercessory Rosary Group

The Group will not meet during the Summer. Please join us in the Convent Chapel @ 3:00 PM Wednesday, September 6th!

Parish Weekly OFFERINGS



Due to a publishing deadline, Collection Totals for the weekend of August 12th – August 13th will be reported in next weekend's Bulletin.

Thank you for building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!

ST. PETER'S "BIG BUCKS"!



We've launched our traditional "BIG BUCKS" Raffle here at St. Peter's once again. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold.

Our First Prize will be **\$20,000**, Second Prize **\$15,000**, Third Prize **\$5,000**, Fourth Prize **\$5,000** and Fifth Prize **\$5,000**. These are nice take-home winnings, and you have an opportunity to support your beloved parish. The funds from this raffle will go toward the repair of the plaster around the seventh station in our church which has suffered water damage, and other important projects.

The winnings to be distributed total **\$50,000**, and the other **\$50,000** will go to the parish. Prizes are based on the sale of all 2,000 tickets.

Andy Lipenta has agreed to head our "BIG BUCKS" raffle this year. He is going to need people to help him sell tickets. Please call Andy @ 856-665-0528. Tickets will be sold after the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses in Pastors' Hall, and at the rectory during regular office hours, beginning in August. We hope for others to take 10 or more tickets and sell them among family and friends. Tickets cost \$50.00 each.



The "BIG BUCKS" Raffle drawing will be held on **Saturday, October 21, 2017** at 6:30 pm in Pastors' Hall

Upcoming Baptismal Classes
TOMORROW - Monday, August 21st
Monday, September 18th
Class begins at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.



You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class. Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.



Religious Education

Direct Phone Number: 856-663-4490

C.C.D. Registration Deadline has been extended!

New deadline - Tuesday, August 22nd



Please note the dates of the first day of Religious Ed. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will start one day earlier than the other grades *for the first week only*.

Monday, September 11th

Grades Kindergarten and Grade 1 with parent @ 4:30 PM, meet in the Church. Will dismiss from school classrooms.

Tuesday, September 12th

Grades 2 through 4 meet @ 4:30 in the Church. Grades 5-8 meet @ 6:30 PM in the Church. Will dismiss from school classrooms.

KINDERGARTEN C.C.D.

Please register your Kindergarteners for Religious Education this year! Our beautiful faith is introduced in a fun and lively way.

8 - 10 slots are available

Classes are Tuesday afternoons 4:30 - 5:40 pm September through May



Copy paper, poster board, colored copy paper, glue sticks, children's markers, pens, pencils, bags of large cotton balls





The Senior Center will be **CLOSED**
Monday, August 21, 2017

to

Monday, September 4, 2017
and will **REOPEN**

Tuesday, September 5, 2017 @ 10:00 AM

Looking forward to seeing you in September!

ATTENTION CHOIR MEMBERS



Choir Rehearsal begins on

Thursday, September 7th @ 7:00 PM in Church



WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!

Doors open at 5:30 PM. BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.
Admission is \$3 & includes cards for
7 regular games.

Thank you for supporting our Bingo!

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BINGO at Saint Peter's

Service Dates for Bingo Teams

August 23rd – Team A ~ August 30th – Team B

☛ POSITIONS REMAIN OPEN ☛



The Bingo Committee is in immediate need of parishioners to join our team. Please commit to working bingo at least once a month and support your parish and your fellow parishioners in this important fund raising endeavor. One Wednesday a month is all it takes. The work is not difficult nor demanding, but it is very gratifying.

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 or Pat Leone at 856-486-4357 or just come out on

Wednesday to sign up and we will put you straight to work! Thank you in advance for answering this call for help!

“Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us!”

Community News

Knights of Columbus

Monthly Business/Social Meeting

Monday, August 21st @ 7:30 PM in Knights' Room

Tim Hesser

Grand Knight

Bob Blessinger

Membership Director

BNABLES315@verizon.net

(856) 317-5855



To Benefit St. Peter's Knights of Columbus Council

Date: Saturday, August 26, 2017

Where: Pennsauken Country Club

4:30 pm first tee time

(followed by 10 minute tee times
until 6:00 pm).

Cost: \$50 which includes:

9 holes with cart; 3 tickets to use in any combination after the round for beers and/or hotdogs; 1 FREE Block in our \$100 payout block pool; admission to the Mayweather/McGregor boxing match to be shown on the outside deck of Bob Altenbach's house at 7409 Githens Avenue, Pennsauken. Additionally, there will be Closest to the Pin and Putting contests.

You can come as a single/double/ triple or foursome. MUST have payment upfront to reserve your spot. Checks can be made out to the Knights of Columbus Council #6735, and sent to: Bob Altenbach

7409 Githens Avenue ~ Pennsauken, NJ 08109

For further information contact Bob Altenbach at:

410-336-2209; 856-663-2115 or email him @

baltenbach@nbcllc.com

Around the Diocese

Collegium Center for Faith and Culture

301 White Horse Pike ~ Haddon Heights

856-534-0400

Upcoming Events

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Thursday, August 24th - 7:00 PM

Healed Through the Mass

Demaris Hernandez

*A Personal Testimony to the Power of the Mass and
an Instantaneous Healing*

Come to be inspired and have your faith
strengthened!

Doors open at 6:30. Admission: Free!

Light Refreshments Served.

Invite Your Friends!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We have received information from the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Camden stating that panhandlers have been present in many parish parking lots or near the main entrances to churches holding signs stating that they are homeless and in need. In some instances it is a couple who present themselves. In others it is a family.

You are asked by the Chancery Office and the Merchantville Police Department **not** to give money to individuals panhandling on the church grounds. These individuals should be directed to the Rectory where members of our St. Vincent dePaul Society will assess their needs and address the issues.

Please know that this couple/family has been around for a number of years and has visited more than a few parishes. Attempts to assist them have been made to no avail.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Rectory or the Merchantville Police.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: INSPIRATION OF THE EUCHARIST



Fr. Tim Byerley will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy with the Collegium Center for Faith and Culture
May 21 – May 30, 2018

The pilgrimage will include visits to all of the key religious and historical sights of Rome, a papal audience, the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Catacombs, and day-excursions to Assisi, Orvieto and Siena. Orvieto is the place where the miraculous host is reserved that turned into flesh and began to bleed during Mass in 1236. The cost is \$4,095.00 from Newark.

Receive a \$100.00 discount if registered by October 26, 2017 (\$3,995.00).

For more information, contact Kristine at Select International Tours @ 800-842-4842 or via email @ Kristine@select-intl.com.

Who? What? Where?

Discern your role in the church and the world. The Samuel Group discovers how to make decisions for life's journey. The experience is for those ages 18 – 39 and will be forming this September. Participants are encouraged to bring their unique questions, desires, strengths and weaknesses to God and learn to respond to his loving voice.

Sessions launch on:
September 17, 2017 ~ 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM
St. Thomas More Church
1439 Springdale Road ~ Cherry Hill

To register or for more information visit:
<http://www.camdendiocese.org/samuelgroup/> or
email Sr. Dianna Higgins @
sisterdiannafmij@yahoo.com

Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers – August 26th – 27th

5:00 PM	D. Doyle, E. Kradzinski, B. Kwiatkowski, D. Montes
7:30 AM	P. Bilinsky, M. Carlino, C. Leone, P. Leone
9:00 AM	R. Curley, T. Curley, J. Dymond, A. Lipenta
10:30 AM	B. Boulger, T. Crymes, M. Deluhery, J. German, M. Kenney
7:00 PM	D. Binder, J. Clarke, M. D'Amico, M. DiPiero, C. McCoy

Lectors for August 26th – 27th

5:00 PM	A. Schiavo & J. Badolato
7:30 AM	T. Taylor & J. Foster
9:00 AM	K. O'Callaghan & A. Marinelli
10:30 AM	M. Pascale & W. Hartman
7:00 PM	C. Gunderson & J. Chevere

Altar Servers for August 26th – 27th

5:00 PM	Maria Montes, Sebastian Montes, Anthony Schiavo, Nicholas Schiavo
7:30 AM	Salvatore Leone, Vincent Manfredonia, Benedict Segrest, Anthony Segrest
9:00 AM	Anthony Marinelli, Giovanni Marinelli, Ryan O'Callaghan, Shane Wood-Embry
10:30 AM	Martin Deluhery, Theodore Deluhery, Kristofer Froelich, Aidan Riley
7:00 PM	James Martinez, Christian Rohr, Michael Rohr, Elizabeth Rohr

Altar Servers for the Week of August 28th

Monday through Saturday Morning Masses
See Schedule on Ministry Pro

Miraculous Medal Novena – Monday Night
Rachel Rogers & Andrew Rogers

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 20, 2017

Reading I – Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants - all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm- Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

***R.* O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May God have pity on us and bless us; may he let his face shine upon us. So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation.

***R.* O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the nations be glad and exult because you rule the peoples in equity; the nations on the earth you guide.

***R.* O God, let all the nations praise you!**

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you! May God bless us, and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

***R.* O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Reading II - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters:

I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

Woman,
great is
your
faith.

Mat 15:28

