Saint Peter
Roman Catholic Church

The Eucharistic Parish — *Merchantville, NJ 08109*

Served By

Rev. Timothy E. Byerley, Ph.D., Pastor
Rev. John D. Wasilewski, Parochial Vicar
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A Program for Catholic Living

Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening	5:00pm
Sunday	7:30, 9:00, 10:30am & 7:00pm
Weekdays	6:45 & 9:00am
Saturdays	9:00am
Holy Days	watch the bulletin for schedules

Miraculous Medal Novena: Monday, 7:30pm - Rosary 7:05pm (except first Monday of the month which is a Mass of Reconciliation at 7:00pm)
Recitation of the Rosary: Monday through Saturday after 9:00am Mass
24 Hours Daily: Chapel of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Sign up for a holy hour. Call 856-665-4833 or 856-662-4338 or 856-304-2261

Information

Rectory: 43 West Maple Ave.
856-663-1373 Fax 856-488-0647
Rel. Educ.: 43 W. Maple Ave., 856-663-4490
Website: www.saintpetermerchantville.com
Senior Apostolate: 856-662-7577
School: 51 W. Maple Ave., 856-665-5879
Website: www.stpeterschool.org
Advancement Director: 856-665-5879

Education

St. Peter School

To register your children, please call the principal at 856-665-5879.
Religious Education: 856-663-4490
Public School CCD Classes
Kindergarten through 8th grade.
Tues. 5:30pm St. Peter School (all grades)

July 28, 2019 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are celebrated every Sunday at 12:15pm. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism class. Please call the Rectory to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents and children are welcome to attend.

Sacrament of Marriage - In order to accommodate our own Parishioners, only Parishioners of St. Peter (Bride or Groom) will be able to be married in St. Peter Church. Couples planning to marry at St. Peter are expected to contact the priest to arrange a date and time first. Second, they must attend the Pre-Cana Conferences as mandated by the Bishop. The period of preparation for marriage is a minimum of six months to ensure completion of all arrangements before the wedding date. For Pre-Cana reservations call 663-1373. Only Parish Musicians are permitted for Wedding Masses. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Sacrament of the Sick - The priests may be called at any time day or night for the Sacrament of the Sick. Furthermore, the priests will be happy to visit the Sick with Holy Communion upon request.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - (Confessions) Saturday from 4:00-4:55pm and 7:30-8:00 pm or contact one of the priests.

Funerals - The proper form of Church burial for a baptized Catholic is the Mass of Christian Burial, not a service at a funeral home. Viewings in the Church are not permitted. Funeral Masses are scheduled at 10:00am. No eulogies in church, and only Parish Musicians are permitted for Funeral Masses, NO EXCEPTIONS.

New Parishioners - **All are Welcome** - Please register with the parish... so we know who you are, so if you ever need a letter, etc., you're on record, so you can be on our mailing list, and most importantly, so we can serve YOU!

From the Pastor

Ask a Priest

Dear Friends,

Here is my first response to two questions posed by fellow parishioners. There will be more **Qs & As** to follow, but not necessarily every week.

Q 1: After you said you can't hear confessions because there are just two priests, I was very sad. Can you try to extend your hours so we can all be sure to be heard each Saturday? Thank you. **[Actually, we have not reduced our confession hours, but we have gone from three priests to two.]**

Q 2: Would you please give us more time for confessions – please – like from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM or 4:45 PM? We need you and will pray for you to have strength to do it. Thank you.

These questions were prompted by an announcement I made after we were reduced from three to two priests on July 1. I noted that this reduction in personnel, not in confession time, may effect the availability of confession, especially when one priest is away.

A: For decades, we have had confessions at St. Peter's on Saturdays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM and again from 7:30 – 8:00 PM; and anytime by appointment. The practice has been that the priest who is celebrant at the 5:00 PM Mass leaves his confessional in time to vest for the Mass, and the other priest (previously, two priests) continues to hear confessions until around 5:30 PM or so. Then he must go up to the altar to help distribute Holy Communion. Occasionally, it does happen that a penitent is left in line at this time, not having reached the confessional.

For the evening set of confessions from 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM, the priests always remain in the confessional until the last penitent has had the opportunity to confess. Most of the time we hear until 8:30 PM, frequently much later. We never turn anyone away during this evening period.

The suggestion to begin the first set of confessions at 3:00 PM instead of 4:00 PM is not feasible. Most of the people who confess in this afternoon slot usually go to the 5:00 PM Mass. Few parishioners will come to church and wait around for two hours or so for Mass. Most will continue to come to confess at 4:00 PM or later. Thus, if a priest starts at 3:00 PM, he will be sitting in the confessional mostly idle for the first hour and still continue to hear until 5:30 PM, if he does not have the Mass. Case in point: In recent years, we have started confessions at 3:30 PM on the Saturdays immediately before Christmas and Easter. Virtually no one came until 4:00 PM as usual. I cannot ask any priest assigned to our parish to do this, plus cover the evening confessions as described above, on a weekly basis.

I do intend to expand the Saturday evening schedule of confessions, starting a half hour earlier; 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, beginning on September 7, 2019. As always, we will stay for the last penitent, no matter how late. On certain holidays, however (like Memorial Day, July 4th weekend and Labor Day), I will be cancelling the second set of confessions in the evening. During these holidays we sit idle in the evening, except for an occasional penitent.

I am sorry that the reduction of priests here has impacted the convenience that our parishioners are accustomed to, but, as I said, we turn no one away on Saturday evenings. Likewise, we will continue to offer extra hours close to Christmas and Easter. Some Catholics do not really believe that there is a priest shortage until they are a little inconvenienced. I also wish to note once again, that in many neighboring parishes priests are often idle in their confessionals on Saturday afternoons. I recommend that this opportunity be taken advantage of by those who are seriously inconvenienced by the new situation at St. Peter's. Please pray for vocations!

St. John Neumann, pray for us.

Fr. Tim Byerley
Pastor

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Mass Intentions

Mass Celebrant Code: TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – JW = Fr. John Wasilewski – MS = Deacon Mike Scott

Intentions:	*Requested by:*	*Mass Celebrant*
Monday, July 29		
6:45 AM Conrad Benetz	Karen & Delores	TB
9:00 AM Mary Nicoletto	Valerie Middleman	JW
Tuesday, July 30		
6:45 AM Eugene Pedrick	John & Karen Dunn	TB
9:00 AM Dolores Tocco	Lucy Thum	JW
Wednesday, July 31		
6:45 AM Msgr. John Fallon	Estate	JW
9:00 AM Evelyn Molloy	Pat & Mary Burke	JW
Thursday, August 1		
6:45 AM James & Anne Flynn	Estate	TB
9:00 AM Raymond F. Smurlo	St. Peter Senior Ministry	JW
Friday, August 2		
6:45 AM Rose Bilodeau	A Friend	TB
9:00 AM David Earl Bradian	Family	TB
Saturday, August 3		
9:00 AM Purgatorial Society		TB
5:00 PM Frank Schmidt	His Wife	JW
Sunday, August 4		
7:30 AM Tadeusz & Helen Kanigowski	Kanigowski Family	TB
9:00 AM Florence Hogan	Mary Anne	JW/MS
10:30 AM Susan M. Russo	Son, John	TB
Rose Bilodeau	Laughlin Family	TB
John DiCiurcio	Chillem Family	TB
Deceased Pastors of St. Peter Parish		TB
7:00 PM Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		JW

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Raymond F. Smurlo
the week of July 28 – August 3
requested by Knights of Columbus Council #6735.

Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the
Holy Souls in Purgatory
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Father's Quick Quote: "There can be no perfect virtue, none that bears fruit, unless it be exercised by means of our neighbor."
~ St. Catherine of Siena

August 2019 – PARISH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MASS CELEBRANT CODE TB = Fr. Tim Byerley JW = Fr. John Wasilewski DK = Fr. David Klein MS = Deacon Mike Scott				**1** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – JW	**2** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**3** 9:00 am – TB 4:00 pm – (Confession) – TB/JW 5:00 pm – JW 7:30 pm – (Confession) – TB/JW
4 7:30 am – TB 9:00 am – JW/MS 10:30 am – TB 12:15 pm (Baptism) – JW 7:00 pm – JW	**5** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – JW 7:00 pm (MASS OF RECONCILIATION) TB	**6** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – JW	**7** 6:45 am – JW 9:00 am – JW	**8** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – JW	**9** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**10** 9:00 am – JW 4:00 pm – (Confession) – TB/JW 5:00 pm – TB 7:30 pm – (Confession) – TB/JW
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18 7:30 am – JW 9:00 am – JW 10:30 am – DK 12:15 pm (Baptism) – JW 7:00 pm – JW	**19** 6:45 am – JW 9:00 am – TB 7:00 pm – Novena – JW	**20** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**21** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**22** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**23** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**24** 9:00 am – TB 4:00 pm – (Confession) – TB 5:00 pm – TB 7:30 pm – (Confession) – TB
25 7:30 am – TB/MS 9:00 am – TB/MS 10:30 am – TB 12:15 pm (Baptism) – MS 7:00 pm – TB	**26** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB 7:00 pm – Novena – MS 8:00 pm – Baptismal Prep – MS	**27** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**28** 6:45 am – JW 9:00 am – JW	**29** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – JW	**30** 6:45 am – TB 9:00 am – TB	**31** 9:00 am – JW 4:00 pm – (Confession) – TB/JW 5:00 pm – TB NO EVENING CONFESSIONS

Adoration Chapel

Please consider signing up for a Holy Hour.
All hours are available most especially:
Sunday ~ Noon – 1:00 PM
Wednesday ~ Midnight – 1:00 AM
Wednesday ~ Noon – 1:00 PM
Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261
or
Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

Intercessory Rosary Group

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month
@ 3:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.
All are welcome!

"Have You Received a Favor from Eucharistic Adoration?"

The next time you visit the Adoration Chapel you will find a red box on the table

FAVORS RECEIVED WITNESS BOX

As God meets your need would you consider briefly describing (on the form provided) the blessing you have received as a result of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer? This report may be read aloud or printed in the bulletin as a record of what God is doing among us. You may choose to be anonymous.

You may also share your favor received by sending an email to adorationchapel24@gmail.com. You will be sent a reply with a google document where you can share your favor received. ***Thank you for your testimony!***

Adoration Chapel Testimony

"Adoration and Rosary was my key to coming back to the church. I grew up here at Saint Peter's church in the 1960s. Through my job and education, I moved away and through the workings of the Lord, He brought me back to this church that I knew had 24/7 Adoration. When I was a young boy, 10 years old, I found a picture of a naked girl in my father's toolbox. From then on, I sought out pornography and was ashamed to confess it. My life was riddled with ups and downs, trying to come back to my Catholic faith, and trying other Christian churches. My relationships were never long lasting and now I'm 68 years old. And through a long series of events, Adoration and Rosaries on and off for 15 years, and more recently daily Adoration and Rosaries multiple times a day, and the intercession of Mary, the Lord revealed what my problems were that were keeping me away from Him and what my life was going to be like if I didn't come back to the Church. Through Adoration and the Rosary, I was able to confess sins that were deeply suppressed and this allowed me to start the healing process and come back to the Church and make it stick. If there are any parents with pornography or something undesirable/ungodly in their house, they risk causing their children years of heartache and spiritual pain. May it never be said that anyone who sought the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary was left unaided."

A Precious Time of Adoration
August 4 close of the 10:30 AM Mass

"And behold, I am with you always…" (Matthew 28:29)

On Sunday, August 4, at the close of the 10:30 a.m. Mass, we will enter into a time of adoration before Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Even if you do not usually attend that Mass, we invite you to come at 11:30 and experience this special time before our Lord.

"Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love Thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee!" ***~ St. Margaret Mary Alacoque***

Five First Saturdays Devotion
Next First Saturday is August 3!

With the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Go to Confession
2. Receive Holy Communion
3. Pray 5 decades of the Rosary
4. Keep Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more of the mysteries of the Rosary.

You are cordially invited to remain after the 9 am Mass on First Saturday to recite the Holy Rosary with your fellow parishioners. What a beautiful way to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

FIRST MONDAY MASS
August 5, 2019

6:30 pm – Rosary
7:00 pm – Mass
8:00 pm – Healing Prayer
for Families and Individuals

Come and pray together for
peace and reconciliation
in our country, in our world, in our families.

Parish Weekly Offerings

First Collection for the weekend of
July 20 – July 21 was **$11,240.34.**
Second Collection was **$1,563.00**
for a total of **$12,803.34.**

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

Upcoming Baptismal Classes

Monday, August 26
Monday, September 16

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.

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday, July 28
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First: Genesis 18:20-32
Second: Colossians 2:12-14
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Monday, July 29
St. Martha
First: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Tuesday, July 30
St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
First: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
Gospel: Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
First: Exodus 34:29-35
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, August 1
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
First: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
Gospel: Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, August 2
St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
First: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3
First: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
Gospel: Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, August 4
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
First: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Second: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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PLEASE NOTE

NO evening (7:30 PM – 8:00 PM) confessions
on
Saturday, August 31
Due to Labor Day Holiday Weekend
EXTENDED evening confessions begin on
Saturday, September 7
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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.*
Please pray for: Fr. Ronan Murphy, Darlene Amato, Mike Amato, Steve Bagocius, Mildred Battista, Joseph Blahut, Theresa Brown, Maddox Carmona, Vincent Catania, Anthony Ciarroccki, Sara Dawson, Ray Dick, Barbara DeFranco, Rose Marie Finnegan, Louis Grosso, Regina Gurecki, Matthew Harrington, Maddie Harris, Donna Hartman-Maglio, Matthew Herb, Tim Hesser, Wayne Hocking, Bridget Hopkins, Hailey Hunt, Kathy Iezzi, Lynelle Jackson, Joseph Jefferson, Thaddeus Kanigowski, Lori Kauffmann, Henry Kwasniewski, Joseph Lesniak, Rogelio Lopez, Pat Lyons, Joseph Manghan, Jim Maryanski, Angelicque McCarty, Scott McDowell, Mary Moran, Matthew Moran, Mary Narleski, Marilyn Ott, Frank Pedano, John Petrowsky, Bob Piekarski, James Poulson, Dean Russell, Mary Russell, Richard Saunders, Steven Schatzle, Barbara Schiavo, James Shue, Theresa Smurlo, Mark Stevens, Traci Tambussi, Frank Tarantini, Joe Teti, Alan 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!**

St. Peter's Upcoming Youth Group Event

(High school age, only!)
Sunday, August 4, 2019 @ 7 PM

Post Millennials (Generation Z)
A discussion with Fr. Tim
The Foster Residence
102 Penn Street ~ Riverton, NJ 08077

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Sunday, August 18, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Defeo Residence
313 Hialeah Drive ~ Cherry Hill 08002

Call the rectory @ 856-663-1373
for more information.

Join the St. Peter School Cross Country Team!

Registration is open to all students in grades 3 – 8 who attend St. Peter School or St. Peter School C.C.D. Our first practice is Monday, August 5th at 6 PM at Pennypacker Park on Park Boulevard (Cherry Hill) by the softball field. Parents interested in running with the team are more than welcome to join us! You can register on-line:
http://www.stpeterschool.org/athletics/cross-country/

St. Peter School Playground and Mister Softee Night
August 6th – 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Join us for some playground fun!
Meet our Pre-K teachers & make new friends before school starts in September!
We will be behind the convent at the Pre-K Playground.
All families are welcome!
For more info, call Kathy O'Callaghan at 856-665-5879.

Religious Education ~ C.C.D.
K - 8 Registration for 2019 - 2020

Hard copy packets are available in the R.E. office, the rectory, in church and are also accessible at *www.saintpetermerchantville.com/religious-education*
If you are interested in using your strengths for service, we are looking for hall monitors, office help, assistant catechists, event planners, service project planners and dismissal helpers. Volunteers enjoy a partial waiver on their children's tuition. Contact the R.E. office at (856)-663-4490 or stpeterparish.religious.ed@gmail.com

ST. PETER Senior Ministry
a work of love…

Monday, July 29
Latin Class with Magister Rotondi

Wednesday, July 31
Stretch & Flex with Rossana
Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary

Friday, August 2
Trivia with Rocky

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS!
Doors open at 5:30 PM. BINGO starts at 7:00 PM.
Food available for purchase beginning at 5:30 PM.
NO admission allowed after 7:05 PM.
Admission is $3 & includes cards for 7 regular games.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: BINGO at Saint Peter's
Thank you for supporting our Bingo!

Service Schedule
July 31 – Team D ~ August 7 – Team A

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!
Your help is **desperately** needed to keep our Bingo the BEST in the area! **We currently need 3 volunteers!** Please call Pat Leone @ 856-397-5298 or the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 for more information and to sign up!!!!!

New Jersey Independent Victims Compensation Program

The Diocese of Camden – along with the other Roman Catholic dioceses in New Jersey – has established an Independent Victim Compensation Program (IVCP) to compensate those, who as children or young adults, were sexually abused by a priest of the Diocese.

The IVCP is independently administered by experienced victim compensation experts Kenneth R. Feinberg and Camille S. Biros.

The IVCP will handle the submission, evaluation and resolution of individual claims, and operates independently of the Diocese or any church-affiliated institution. The administrators of the IVCP have complete autonomy to determine the eligibility of a claim with the guidelines of the established Protocol. The amount of the compensation for those who make a claim will be independently determined by the IVCP administrators. All victims – no matter when the abuse occurred – are eligible to participate, and all matters will be handled confidentially.

Victims of clergy sexual abuse of a minor can begin the process of utilizing the program by going to www.njdiocesesivcp.com and reviewing the protocol for submitting a claim.

Bishop Sullivan strongly encourages anyone who was sexually victimized by a priest of the Diocese to participate in the IVCP, and has asked that anyone who knows of someone who was abused to contact them so that they are aware of the IVCP and can participate in it.

Questions?????

Do you have a question about the Catholic faith?

The parish council has placed an
"Ask a Priest"
Question Box in the front vestibule of the church. Answers to the questions submitted will be put in the parish bulletin so that all may grow in the knowledge of our Catholic faith.

Save the Date

Polish-American Festival
Saturday, September 28, 2019
Pastors' Hall
6 PM ♦ Food ♦ Music
More to follow!

St. Peter's Parish Knights of Columbus Golf Fundraiser

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus will be holding their 3rd annual 9 hole golf outing at the Pennsauken Country Club on Sunday, September 15th at 1:00 PM. Cost will be $50 and includes:

- cart
- 2 tickets to be used for beer/soft drinks/hotdogs
- a free block on the 50/50 block pool (winner will receive $100 cash)
- closest to the pin and putting contests

There will be a total of 52 spots available. Ideally, if you can come in as a foursome that would be great. However, if you are a single, double or threesome you will get paired up accordingly.

Please contact Grand Knight Bob Altenbach at 410-336-2209 or email at Baltenbach@nbcllc.com.

This event is open to all!

RCIA

Classes begin Thursday, October 17, 2019
7:00 PM in the Senior Center

Name
_____

Address
_____

Phone
_____

I am a non-Catholic ( )

I am a baptized Catholic, but need the following sacraments:
Holy Eucharist ( ) Confirmation ( )
Refresher Course ( )

Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers for August 3 – 4

5:00 PM	P. Bilinsky, K. Burns, C. Gundersen, D. Montes
7:30 AM	P. Leone, C. Leone, N. Perry, M. Ralbusky
9:00 AM	T. Curley, R. Curley, T. Fisher, K. Fisher
10:30 AM	K. Bailey, S. Joseph, M. Kenney, M. Pascale, C. Petrowsky
7:00 PM	M. DiPiero, M. Melia, A. Naidas

Lectors for August 3 – 4

5:00 PM	R. Dominiano & A. Schiavo
7:30 AM	C. Engime & T. Presenza
9:00 AM	J. Chevere & M. Callahan
10:30 AM	A. Marinelli & A. Lipenta
7:00 PM	C. McCoy

Altar Servers for August 3 – 4

5:00 PM	Anthony Schiavo, Justin Schiavo, Nicholas Schiavo, Shane Wood-Embry
7:30 AM	Christopher Basso, Raymond Basso, Christian Stefanski, Julian Stefanski
9:00 AM	Brynn Deiwert, Andrew Rogers, Rachel Rogers, Bridget Twomey
10:30 AM	John Paul Dunphy, Oliver Goldwasser, Anthony Marinelli, Giovanni Marinelli
7:00 PM	Kristofer Froehlich, Cole Pascale, Vincenzo Spinola

Altar Servers for the Week of August 5

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday
9:00 AM Maria Montes & Sebastian Montes

Mass of Reconciliation – Monday – 7:00 PM
Gabe Fowler, Ronan Fowler, Christian Stefanski, Julian Stefanski

Thursday – Friday – Saturday
9:00 AM Michael Ricci & Aidan Riley

Wedding Banns

Please pray for all who are entering into the Holy State of Matrimony most especially:
William Cornely & Sarah Muchowski

Readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 28, 2019

Reading I – Genesis 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8

℟. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name.

℟. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me.

℟. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar. Though I walk amid distress, you preserve me; against the anger of my enemies you raise your hand.

℟. **Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

Your right hand saves me. The LORD will complete what he has done for me; your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

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Reading II – Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and sisters:

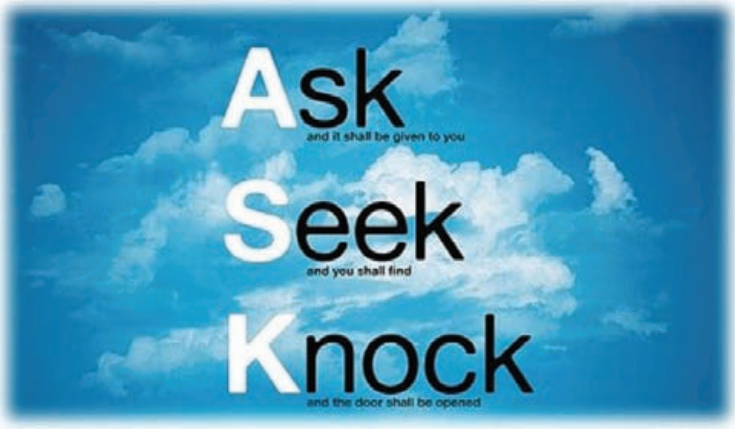
You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Gospel – Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



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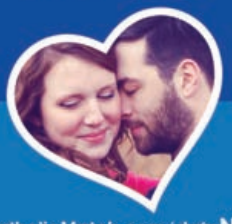
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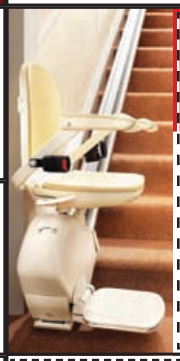

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