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	Sunday	8:00 and 11:00am
	Weekdays	9:00am
	Saturdays	9:00am
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Information

Rectory: 43 West Maple Avenue
Phone 856-663-1373 Fax 856-488-0647
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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through Friday
9:00am-12:00Noon and 12:30pm-3:00pm

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ST. PETER SCHOOL

To register your children, please call the principal at 856-665-5879.
Religious Education: 856-663-4490
CCD for Kindergarten-Grade 3 is a family based program on Sunday mornings 9am twice a month.
Grades 4-8 classes are weekly on Tuesday at 5:30pm.

OCTOBER 18, 2020 - TWENTY-NINTH 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 - Tuesday 12 Noon-1:00pm; Saturday 2:30-3:30pm and 7:00-7:30pm

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!





Catholicism and Socialism



The proposition of Socialism as a viable system for organizing public and private life has gained some traction in recent years. Thus, it is worth viewing the plausibility of Socialism in light of our Catholic Faith.

Let us begin with some papal pronouncements on this topic. Between the 1840s and 1940s, the papacy released eight major encyclicals dealing with Socialism. Pope Pius IX called the theories of Socialism and Communism wicked theories bent on “overthrowing the entire order of human affairs with their perverted teachings”. Pope Leo XIII called Socialism a “deadly plague” that sows a “harvest of misery”. Pope Pius XI declared that “Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever”.

Today some believe that it is possible to have a soft form of Socialism that avoids a totalitarian state as we see or have seen in Soviet Russia, China, Vietnam, Cuba, etc. Many have forgotten that Socialism according to Karl Marx, its founder, entails the government ownership of the entire economy and the abolition of private property. Pope Leo XIII said that this key tenet is contrary to the natural human right to own property.

Proponents of Socialism attempt to distinguish it from a harsher Communist state, but this is impossible in the long run. Vladimir Lenin, the head of Soviet Russia from its inception until 1924, declared that, “The final goal of Socialism is Communism”. Lenin is famous for the Red Terror that killed millions of his own people in the violent campaign to implant Communism in Russia. Socialism is not an end in itself, it is only a step in the process of imposing Communism upon a people.

For Catholics, there is another great concern regarding the Socialist/Communist ideology. As Marx said, “Communism begins where atheism begins”. The Communists not only want to seize all sectors of the economy and eliminate the right to own personal property. They want to completely do away with every religion, the nuclear family, and all morality. In *The Communist Manifesto*, Karl Marx wrote that Communism seeks to establish “the most radical rupture in traditional relations” and “abolish the present state of things”. The stated goal of the *Manifesto* is to “openly declare that their ends can be attained only by forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions”. Communism is equivalent to violent revolution.

Vladimir Lenin insisted that “there is nothing more abominable than religion”. Nikolai Bukharin, founding editor of the Soviet-state newspaper *Pravda*, stated: “A fight to the death must be declared upon religion, take on religion at the tip of the bayonet”. This is precisely what happened in every country that Communists conquered, either through fomenting internal revolution or outright invasion. History bears witness to the fact that in each newly-conquered nation, the first target to be crushed was the Christian Church. The litany of Christian martyrs in Communist states in the twentieth century numbers in the millions. The life of St. John Paul II is a profound witness to these historical facts and sufferings. This diabolical legacy continues today in places like China. Note also that Karl Marx despised Jews and Blacks as well.

The Church’s condemnation of Socialism and Communism is quite prescient in our times, where the spirit of revolution, violence and attacks on Christian (especially Catholic) Churches continues to mount.

Can a Catholic embrace Socialism? Pope Pius XI answers this question directly: “Religious Socialism, Christian Socialism, are contradictory terms . . . no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true Socialist”.

St. John Paul II, pray for us!

Fr. Tim Byerley, Pastor

Recommended by Servant of God Maria Esperanza to be said **DAILY** during times of Crisis.



Servant of God, Maria Esperanza, pray for us!

Your eyes have only to look
to see how the wicked are repaid,
you who have said: "Lord, my refuge!"
and have made the Most High your dwelling.

With length of life I will content him;
I shall let him see my saving power.



He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children for ever.



Remember Our Sick

May God heal them in mind, body and spirit!

Monday - Saturday 9:00 am
Saturdays 4:00 pm
Sundays 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Closed Noon to 12:30 pm

PARISH PRAYER BEFORE THE ELECTION



We will have a period of adoration beginning after the 11:00 am Mass on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1, 2020. We will conclude with the Rosary and Benediction at 4:00 pm. The intention of this prayer period is to intercede for our beloved nation on the Sunday before the Presidential election.

St. Vincent dePaul Society



We are currently preparing for our October Pantry Day. Our shelves are very low from the slow summer months. When our shelves are low, we must shop at Aldi to purchase the food we need to complete our food

baskets for Pantry Day. Due to the food shortage all supermarkets are facing, they have put a limit on how many items you can buy. Most items have either a 2 or 4 limit. We are feeding 50 families, some are large enough to need more than one of each item, so we are having a problem meeting the demand.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We need canned corn, green beans and peas, canned soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, tuna, boxed potatoes, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. If you cannot donate food, you can put a monetary donation in the poor boxes around the church. Thank you for your generosity to our organization. We would not be able to help others without your help. If you or anyone you know needs assistance, please call our hotline at 856-904-7397.

FALL CLEANUP

September 22 through October 24

Assistance is requested conducting Fall clean-up. As you know our beautiful Parish campus is roughly 4½ acres and this often equates to plenty of weeds and debris. We have divided the Church property into small manageable areas where support weeding and mulching would be most helpful. Individuals and families are encouraged to reserve an area (or more) for a one-time fall clean-up. Thank you for your support. Sign up and instructions may be found on the Church website, at the following link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa5ab2aa5fac70-saint> or by contacting Dave at 830-837-3108.

Help Wanted – Scouting Volunteers



A bright future begins with YOU. Today's youth are tomorrow's future. You can make a difference by leading the way to help create a bright future for today's youth by becoming a Cub Scout leader. Our youth are living in a world of virtual reality where basic life skills seem to have been lost. We need strong leaders who are willing to instill the forgotten art of cooking, carpentry and basic survival skills through fun activities such as camping, hiking and fishing.

We are especially appealing to former Scouts who have benefitted from the many skills learned in scouting. This is your chance to give back to this much-needed ministry, which has been known to build confidence and character, and ensure a successful future for many generations.

Help rebuild the St. Peter's Cub Scout pack, which serves the entire Pennsauken/Merchantville community. In this role, you will contribute to the positive character formation to children of ages ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade. Please consider this important opportunity. It just may be the most rewarding decision you ever made.

For more information, please contact: Annette Marinelli, Chartered Organization Representative at nettiemarinelli@hotmail.com



TB = Fr. Tim Byerley ~ WP = Fr. Wilson Paulose ~ CT = Fr. Cesar Tolentino ~ MS = Deacon Mike Scott

Intentions:	Requested by:	*Mass Celebrant
Monday, October 19		
9:00 AM Lee Catani	Her Children	TB
Tuesday, October 20		
9:00 AM Sally Bispels	Sally & Len Burdock	CT
Wednesday, October 21		
9:00 AM Virginia "Ginny" Holt	Pat & Debbie Moran	WP
Thursday, October 22		
9:00 AM Marie & Tom Rabbittino	Brother, Sal	WP
Intentions of Ray & Barbara Peterson	DeRose Family	WP
Friday, October 23		
9:00 AM John Dunn, Jr.	John & Karen Dunn	TB
Saturday, October 24		
9:00 AM Edward Byerley	Anthony & Anne Maccariella	WP
4:00 PM Vera Manasek	Lorraine & Family	TB
Sunday, October 25		
8:00 AM Edward Byerley	Decker/Kursman Family	WP
Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		WP
11:00 AM Francis, Rita & Bonnie Walker	Family	TB
Edward Byerley	Faust Family	TB
Eileen Wojie	Lorraine & Friends	TB
Dianne Connor	Lorraine & Family	TB
Stanley Szafran	Czeslawa & Ted Redziniak	TB
Margaret McMonagle	Her Son, Joe	TB

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of the Kane & Catani Families the week of October 18 – October 24 requested by the Garrison Family.

Father's Quick Quote: "Yours is the gigantic task of overcoming all evil with good, always trying amidst the problems of life to place your trust in God, knowing that his grace supplies strength to human weakness. You must oppose every form of hatred with the invincible power of Christ's love."
~ St. John Paul II

Parish Weekly Offerings

First Collection for the weekend of October 10 – 11 was **\$11,148.00**. Second Collection (Hurricane Relief which is sent directly to the Diocese) was **\$1,040.00**. Forty Hours Closing Mass Collection was **\$1,281.00**.



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

Readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 18, 2020

Reading I – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

***R.* Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

***R.* Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

***R.* Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

***R.* Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

***R.* Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Reading II – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel – Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."



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