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JULY 5, 2020 - FOURTEENTH 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 7:00-7:30 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!



The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 5, 2020



For God and Country



As we celebrate the Fourth of July, 2020, we find ourselves burdened by a disconcerting situation in the USA. Our nation is rife with insurrection, which has burst forth even in violent ways, throughout the land. The focus of Independence Day is usually a joyful celebration of our freedoms. Instead, we find ourselves saddened by widespread crimes, injustice and civil unrest.

We desire to celebrate our freedom, yet perhaps our misuse of it has brought us to this moment. Venerable Fulton J. Sheen was quite prescient in regard to this matter. He observed that most Americans have come to believe that freedom is "the right to do whatever we please". But, this kind of freedom yields only anarchy.

The true understanding of freedom, the understanding this nation was founded upon, "does not mean the right to do whatever you *please*, nor the duty to do whatever you *must*; but it means the right to do whatever you *ought* – and oughtness implies law, responsibility, purpose. In other words, freedom is inseparable from the God of Love Who made us," declared Sheen.

Sin is the abuse of freedom. The turmoil we experience today "is not of God's arbitrary making; it is the effect of our own abuse of God's gift of freedom". Our civil strife is a clear sign

that we are not with God as individuals and as a people. It is a product of "the effects of the evil rebellion against God... It is not the systems of the world that have gone crazy, but the hearts," said Sheen.

Our wills have been set against God's will for decades now in the United States. We must humbly enter into a personal and national act of repentance and prayer, like Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. We must obey his commandments and see each American as a brother or sister. As Catholics, we must pray the daily family rosary. The mercy of God can save us, if we convert and beg him.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

Fr. Tim Byerley

Pastor

Prayer for Peace



Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow charity;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, the truth;

Where there is doubt, the faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light; and

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled, as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born
to eternal life.

Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi

POWERFUL PRAYERS

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



Please join with your immediate family and your parish family of St. Peter in praying for an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Mary Esperanza prayed these prayers daily. May she join her prayers with ours at this critical time.

Servant of God, Maria Esperanza, pray for us!

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: "My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!"

It is he who will free you from the snare of the fowler who seeks to destroy you; he will conceal you with his pinions and under his wings you will find refuge.

You will not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the plague that prowls in the darkness nor the scourge that lays waste at noon.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand fall at your right, you, it will never approach; his faithfulness is buckler and shield.

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.

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone, On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: "I am with you." I will save him in distress and give him glory.

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



Canticle of Mary: The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

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.

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Parish Weekly Offerings

Every penny counts!



Thank you for your contribution - big and small!

Due to a publishing deadline, collection totals for the weekend of June 27 – June 28 will be reported in next weekend's Bulletin.

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



Rectory Hours

Monday through Friday ~ 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call
1-800-964-6588



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

Intentions:

Requested by:

***Mass Celebrant**

Monday, July 6

9:00 AM Reparation for the Sins of Our Country and Spiritual Renewal
Louis Cipriani

Rosa Cipriani

TB
TB

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 AM For the Safety of All Health Care Providers and First Responders
David Calder

Schiavo Family

TB
TB

Wednesday, July 8

9:00 AM For the Recovery of All Suffering from the Coronavirus
Jack Mitchell

Work of Love Seniors

CT
CT

Thursday, July 9

9:00 AM Grace Walter
Joseph Vogdes & Kelly Vogdes

Amy & Frank
Family

TB
TB

Friday, July 10

9:00 AM For the Repose of the Souls of All who have died from the Coronavirus
Helen Cooney

Charlotte & Raymond Teel

TB
TB

Saturday, July 11

4:00 PM Intentions of Thomas Blahut
John Patrizi

Patti & Joe
Frank & Diane Sinatra

CT
CT

Sunday, July 12

8:00 AM Phyllis & Andy Zazzera
Jason Romero

11:00 AM Francis, Rita & Bonnie Walker
L/D Mbrs of the Badame/Taddeo Family
Parishioners of St. Peter Church

Zazzera Family
Mom & Dad

Family
Family

CT
CT
TB
TB
TB



Sanctuary Lamp in the Church
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Jack Mitchell
the week of July 5 – July 11
requested by the Work of Love Seniors.

Father's Quick Quote: “**S**inners are led back to God by holy meekness better than by cruel scolding.”
~ *St. Francis of Assisi*

Readings for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5, 2020

Reading I – Zechariah 9:9-10

Thus says the LORD:

Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works. The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Reading II – Romans 8:9, 11-13

Brothers and sisters:

You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Gospel – Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.”

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”



**"For My yoke is easy and
My burden is light."**

Matthew 11:28-29



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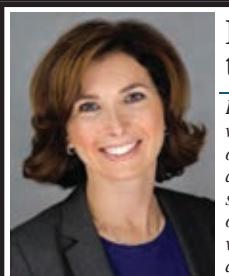
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