

**YEAR OF SACRAMENTS**

**ONE WORD AT A TIME**

**Tell**

We were probably very young at the time of our first confession. Inevitably, someone—a teacher or a parent—told us, “Tell your sins to the priest.” Ever since that time, we may have been reluctant or we may have been relieved, but we have always known what we must do. We must tell our sins. Perhaps we have never quite grasped the reason for telling our sins. Actually, it’s pretty simple.

When we tell our sins, we honestly own what we have done and what we have failed to do. When we tell our sins, we let them go into God’s merciful hands. When we tell our sins, we acknowledge the next steps we must take, where we must go.

Finally, we understand. This is not about embarrassment. It’s about freedom and change. And that is the work of God’s grace.

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# Mass Schedule

Weekdays ~ Mon-Fri 6:45am ~ Saturday Vigil 4pm ~ Sundays 8:30am & 5pm



*Jesus cured many who were sick*

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 8, 2015**

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## Why there is Suffering in the World?

The problem of suffering has been a concern throughout our history of salvation. Christians as well as other religions believe that the world was created by God Who is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent and Benevolent. If the God we believe has all these attributes why then do we find evil in the world? Why doesn't He use His power to eliminate evil? Why does He allow evil to happen? Why do the innocents suffer? Why? Why? Why? ... There are many endless whys.

The question of human suffering, especially that of the just, was a big problem in biblical times. This was the problem Job was struggling with. Job was a good man yet he suffered terrible tragedies. Suffering is still a big problem. There are a lot of people today who could identify with Job. Think of all who suffer from poverty, hunger, sickness, injustice, oppression, tragedy, etc. The people of the Old Testament thought that people who suffered had sinned; suffering was a punishment from God for their sins they had committed. This idea was proved wrong when Job who was a righteous man encountered suffering. He asked the same questions, but did not get the answer.

We might be having similar questions. But there are no easy answers. What we know is that evil is the work of the devil. And also moral evil is the outcome of the misuse of human freedom; people choose to act against God's will, as consequence they cause suffering to themselves and even to the innocent. God is always good and powerful; He is working in order to eliminate suffering. This is why He sent His Son Jesus Christ whose mission was to eliminate suffering as we read in the gospels. We see in today's Gospel, Jesus does not give an answer to the question 'why suffering?' He does not accept the view that suffering was a punishment from God. Instead He engages in a healing ministry. Seeing people who were suffering from various illnesses and who were possessed by demons, He gives himself to each one of them, He heals them one by one and drives out demons who are the source of all evils and suffering. By doing this Jesus shows that God's power surpasses that one of the devil. The climax of God's power over evil was manifested by the resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. By raising His Son Jesus Christ from the dead, God has proved that He is Omnipotent.

We are invited to participate in the healing ministry of Christ and alleviating people from suffering. We can accomplish this ministry by taking care of people who suffer and also by avoiding to inflict pain and suffering to our brothers and sisters.

Father Honoratus Mwageni

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### Lector's Schedule

Feb 7 @ 4:00 pm – R. Sikora

Feb 8 @ 8:30 am – M. Reed/ Walter Collins/ B. Pointer

Feb 8 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ c. Juarez

Feb 14 @ 4:00 pm – M. Talaski

Feb 15 @ 8:30 pm – Lavoris Howard/ J. Maslanka/ J. Jamison

Feb 15 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ c. Juarez

Feb 21 @ 4:00 pm – R. Sikora

Feb 22 @ 8:30 am - B. Randall/ N. Bell

Feb 22 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ c. Juarez

Feb 28 @ 4:00 pm – L. Rummage



Welcome to everyone who worships with us, whether visitor, long-time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form on the table at the back of the church. Include your name address and phone number.

**Parish Leadership Day (PLD)** will be at Marist High School on Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. PLD is for every ministry leader, parish pastoral council member and other parishioners considering a more active role in the life of the parish. The program is designed to provide you and the parish with knowledge and opportunities to bring faith and spirituality to our parish. The parish of SS Peter and Paul has ten spots available for interested parishioners. Please contact the rectory.

**The Knights and Ladies of St Catherine of Genoa Council 236** newly elected officers of 2015-2016 are:  
Grand lady: Lady Michelle Reed, Vice Grand Lady: Lady Barbara Booker, Financial Secy: Lady Barnetta Pointer, Recording Secy: Lady Barbara Rucker, Treasurer: Lady Betty Taylor, Jr. Daughter Counselor: Lady Staci Jamison, Mistress –At-Arms: Lady Beulah Reed, Outer Guard: Lady Barbara Brewer, Inner Guard: Lady Vera Gardner, Board of Trustees: (3yrs) Lady Rita Kyles, (2yrs) Lady Beulah Reed, Lady of Prayer: Barbara Randall, Lecture Lady Ella Foster, Sick Relief: Lady Hannah Griffin, Chaplain: Fr. Honoratus Mwageni

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful year. The Knights will elect officers at a later date.

## PARISH NEWS

### To Teach Who Christ Is Campaign

To Teach who Christ Is Campaign is under way. This campaign aims to help parishes with integral needs, as well as provide a strong foundation for Catholic education and faith formation across the Archdiocese. It is exciting to know that 60% of all funds raised will stay right here at Saints Peter and Paul. We will use this portion to make necessary repairs and improvements at the parish, including renovating the bathrooms to make them handicap-accessible, replacing the gutters, and painting the interior and exterior of the church. In the coming weeks, the following members of the Campaign Executive Committee who are volunteers from the parish, Larry Campbell (Chairperson), Eva Sturgies, Betty Taylor, Dr. Donald A. Pettis, Beulah Reed, Saundra E.S. Spaulding, Barnetta Pointer and Karl Goss will speak to you on my behalf about the campaign needs and ask for your support. In case you have not received a letter from Fr. Honoratus which requests you to support this campaign please call the rectory.

**The next Pastoral Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Social Center.

**Tax Records** for the year 2014 are available at the back of the Church after every Mass. In case you don't find yours please call the rectory.

**Celebrating Our Cultural Heritages:** As you are aware Saints Peter and Paul Church is a multicultural community. We would like to share the richness of various cultural heritages. In the month of February we celebrate the African American heritage. We will be reflecting on some of the contributions of African Americans to our Catholic Church and society. If you want to share other cultural heritages please call the rectory.

### HEALING MINISTRY

During Jesus' ministry "he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons." This is the case in today's Gospel. Jesus fulfills the vision of Psalm 147: "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."

Jesus knew, however, that he couldn't possibly heal all the illness in the world. No matter how many people he cured or how many hours he ministered, there always would be more suffering people like Job who craved his healing touch. His primary mission was not to rid the world of all suffering. His "purpose" was to preach the coming of the reign of God that heals, yes, but ultimately transcends and transforms earthly suffering. With Paul, Jesus could have said, "Woe to me if I do not preach" that good news.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDA

February 2

Chrystyna Peter Chambers

February 4

Goldie Glass

February 8

Congratulations

**Knights of Saint Peter  
Claver Ladies of Grace for  
your 34th Anniversary!**

The Catholic Community of SS. Peter and Paul Church is dedicated to nurturing Christ's love among God's people. Our Mission is the mission of Jesus Christ as stewards of God's Gifts, we strive to fulfill His plan by exercising our rights and responsibilities.



### **We are committed to:**

Living God's Word in our lives, providing for education in faith to our members, sharing our faith with others, and serving our sisters and brothers. Through our participation in prayer, the Eucharist and the Sacraments, we express our unity in Christ.



Patricia Baylock, Jean Bosak, Thomas Burkhart, Gayle Campbell, Larry Campbell, June Carlson, Jim Carter, Debra Coursey, Arlene Cuprisin, Frank Dabrowski, Robert Davis, Kathe Dulinskas, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry, Margaret Hillyard, Jozefa, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Edmund Mitchell, Opis Murray, Chuck Napoli, Jim Paul, Tanis Pedretti, Jeanne Peredna, Elizabeth Sanders, Julia Schade, Dolores Scott, Deborah Sharbak, Barbara Talaski, Steve Tolnai, Herman Vallo, Dan Vicario, Gloria Violante, Madeline Wellard, Rick Riley, Susan Vicario.

**Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List.  
Remember to pray for the deceased.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56  
Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13  
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23  
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30  
Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37  
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10  
Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;  
1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



# Mass Intentions for the Week



**Sunday, February 8, 2015 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am-** + Beatrice Kerner – Mike Kerner

**5:00 pm** – Volunteers of the Parish – People of the Parish

**Monday, February 9, 2015** -- Saint Scholastica, Virgin

**6:45am** –Religious Men and Women – People of the Parish

**Tuesday, February 10, 2015**

**6:45 am-** Special intention – People of the Parish

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015** – Our lady of Lourdes

**6:45 am** – For the Homebound – People of the Parish

**Thursday, February 12, 2015**

**6:45 am** – For the Terminally ill – People of the Parish

**Friday, February 13, 2015**

**6:45 am** – Special intention – The People of the Parish

**Saturday, Vigil, February 14, 2015** – Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

**4:00 pm** – Carlson Family, intentions – Carlson Family

**Sunday, February 15, 2015 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:30 am-** SS Peter and Paul, intentions – The People of the Parish

**5:00 pm** – Deceased Members of SS Peter and Paul– People of the Parish

**This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Living and Deceased Members of SSPP**

There are still many available dates for Mass intentions in 2015. Please call the rectory if you need to request for Mass intentions.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 8, 2015**

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars  
and calls them by name.

— *Psalm 147:4*



- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** 30 minutes before every weekend Mass and other times by appointment
- **MARRIAGES:** **MUST** contact the Parish at least four months in advance and **MUST** participate in the (Pre-Cana)
- **BAPTISMS:** Arranged in advance. Please contact the Parish for additional information
- **SICK CALLS/COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Contact the Parish immediately **773-785-1200**
- **FUNERALS:** Please contact the Rectory prior to making any arrangements
- **MOVING:** Please notify the Rectory as soon as possible so Parish records can be updated

## Weekly Collections

### STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

**We are always grateful to the trust given through the weekly offerings may God continue to bless us with prosperity.**

Offerings \$1,848.00

Weekly Budget - \$2,771.78

If you are unable to attend Mass, we remind you to either mail in your offering or drop your envelope in the basket next time you are present at Mass. Thank you.

#### **UPCOMING SECOND OFFERINGS**

Feb 15 – Loan Reduction

Thank you for your many gifts. "The gifts build the church and the builder provides the gifts." (Eph 4:7) It is never too early to plan for the future. Please remember Sts. Peter and Paul Church in your will.