

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

Pledge

To **pledge** is to promise. And at the heart of the sacrament of Marriage are promises made and promises kept. Notice, however, that there is something very special about the pledging or promising that belongs to marriage. Usually, promises are about doing something or keeping something. In marriage, it is different. A man and a woman pledge and promise *themselves*. It couldn't be more personal. They give not something but themselves to each other.

Now we know how fragile our human pledges and promises can be. In the sacrament of Marriage, when a couple pledges themselves to each other, they wrap that promise in faith in God who will sustain the union and keep them faithful. Human pledges and promises are full of risks and unknowns. What makes them real and possible is a love that is more than human. It is God's sustaining love.

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Jesus was transfigured before them

Second Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2015



Transforming Our Lives

The common theme of the Second Sunday of Lent is transformation. The readings invite us to cooperate with the grace of God with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel reveals his glory which He had before His incarnation and the glory which He will obtain after His resurrection. Jesus wanted to show His disciples His glory so that they may have a foretaste of what He is and how He will be after undergoing suffering, death and resurrection. He wanted to show them His glory so that they may know in advance that His suffering and death will lead to His glorification. And if the disciples decide to follow Him in the way He is undertaking, they will also share His glory.

We too, like the disciples are invited to share Jesus' glory, but we cannot share His glory unless we are willing to share His cross. We have to suffer and die with Him and then rise with Him. We die with Him when we transform our lives from sinfulness to holiness. There are three transformations in our journey towards heavenly glory: The first change begins at Baptism which washes away our sins, transforming us into children of God and heirs of heaven. The second transformation takes place through our victory over the trials and tribulations of life. Every challenge, every difficulty, every moment of suffering, is an opportunity for transformation and spiritual growth. The third transformation takes place at death. Eternal life in heaven, perhaps after a period of further transformation in purgatory, is granted to those who have been found worthy. The last transformation or transfiguration will be completed at the Second Coming when our glorified body is reunited with our soul.

All of us in one way or another need transformation in our Christian lives so that our actions may reflect Christ's image; seek reconciliation instead of revenge, love our enemies, pray for those who hate us, give to the needy without expecting a reward, refuse to judge others and make friends with those we don't naturally like, to hold back on harsh words and let love rule, pray for those who give us a hard time, avoid bad-mouthing those we don't agree with and forgive those who hurt us. Only a transformed Christian in the likeness of Christ is able to put into practice these virtues.

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Lector's Schedule

Feb 28 @ 4:00 pm – L. Rummage

Mar 1 @ 8:30 am – J. Jamison/M. Reed/L/Howard

Mar 1 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ C. Juarez

Mar 7 @ 4:00 pm – M. Talaski

Mar 8 @ 8:30 am– J. Maslanka/ B. Taylor/N. Bell

Mar 8 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ C. Juarez

Mar 14 @ 4:00 pm – R. Sikora

Mar 15 @ 8:30 am – B. Reed/M. Gross/B. Randell

Mar 15 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/C. Juarez



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.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

Interested in working with the future of the parish? To enrich and grow our youth ministry, SS. Peter and Paul is searching for leaders to help direct our youth program. The youth ministers will have the support of both the Liturgical Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. Interested candidates should contact the rectory at 773.785.1200 or Sandra Spaulding at 773.896.6888. SS. Peter and Paul is currently hosting training for Vicariate VI parishes getting started in Youth Ministry. These sessions will be every other Tuesday starting February 24, at the Social Center between 6:30pm and 8:30pm.

PARISH NEWS

UPDATE ON TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS: To Teach who Christ Is Campaign is well 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 these days some of you have met with one of the members of the Campaign Executive Committee and you have already made your commitment to this campaign or you are still praying about your sacrificial gift. Some of you are still waiting to meet with a committee member. The good news is that we have already received **102%** of the pledges of our goal. This means, we have exceeded our goal! Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this campaign. For those of you who have not yet made your pledges don't think that the campaign is over because we have exceeded our goal, instead you should be more excited to make your pledge, because from now on **every dollar we get beyond our goal 100% will remain in our parish!**

WOMEN'S CLUB MINISTRY: Based on survey results and inquiries, there is a lot of interest in starting a Sts. Peter and Paul Women's Club. On Sunday, March 22, I am asking all women of the parish who would like to become a part of this ministry to please come to the Social Center after the 8:30 am Mass. Fr. Honoratus.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING will be Wednesday March 4th at 6:00 pm in the Social Center.

LISTEN AND FOLLOW

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." And listen they did. From that moment on, Peter, James, and John were ardent followers, forsaking everything to follow in their Master's footsteps. Like the psalmist crying, "O Lord, I am your servant," the three disciples committed themselves to lives of incredible hardship and indescribable joy. After that day on the mountain, they never again wavered in their chosen vocation.

Though our tests may not be as severe as Abraham's and our peak experiences not as dramatic as the Transfiguration, we all face the daily challenges of walking "before the Lord in the land of the living." As we follow our varied calls to love and serve, let's be comforted by Paul's reminder to the Romans: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 30

Bob Laskey

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, Fr. John Harvey, 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, Rick Riley, Louise Rummage, Elizabeth Sanders, Julia Schade, Dolores Scott, Deborah Sharbak, Barbara Talaski, Steve Tolnai, Herman Vallo, Dan and Susan Vicario, Gloria Violante, Madeline Wellard,

Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List. Remember to pray for the deceased especially Paul Goss, Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/ Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/ Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/ Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/ Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/ Ps 1:1-4, 6/ Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/ Ps 105:16-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]/ Ps 19:8-11/ 1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/ Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, March 1, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- +Charles Jensen - The Napoli Family

5:00 pm – +Frank and Dolores Hlinka - Bob Koppers and Family

Monday March 2, 2015

6:45am –+John Peredna - Jeanne Peredna

Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin

6:45 am- +Jasper Garritano - Linda

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 - St. Casimir

6:45 am – +Frank Napoli, Sr. - The Napoli Family

Thursday, March 5, 2015

6:45 am – +Michael Cistaro - The Napoli Family

Friday, March 6, 2015

8:00 am – +Frank and Edna Napoli - The Napoli Family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MASS

Saturday, Vigil, March 7, 2015 - Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

4:00 pm – For the Intentions of our Parishioners - People of the Parish

Sunday, March 8, 2015 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- +Beatrice Kerner - Mike Kerner

5:00 pm – For the Unborn - People of the Parish

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Souls in Purgatory.

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

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If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*



- **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 - \$2,814.23

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

March 1 - Monthly Sacrifice

March 15 - Aid for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

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.