

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

Stay

"I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." This is an impressive promise. In essence, it is a promise to **stay** with each other, whatever the circumstances of life. This is not an easy promise to make, nor is it an easy promise to keep. For those who enter marriage as more than a human covenant but as a sacrament, the promise takes on special meaning.

When a baptized man and a baptized woman promise in faith to stay with each other, they draw their *inspiration* and their *power* from Jesus Christ. "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age," he says at the very end of Matthew's Gospel (28:20). Elsewhere, he says, "I will not leave you orphaned." (John 14:18) The grace of permanence in marriage is truly a grace, not a human achievement.

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Mass Schedule

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



Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up

Third Sunday of Lent - March 8, 2015



Righteous Anger

Why do we become angry? What kinds of things do make us angry? Anger is something dangerous; it can cause us say or do something we will later regret. But anger can be a good thing, for it can spur us to react on something wrong and put it right. If we see an unjust situation we should be outraged. Anger in itself is just a feeling, it is neither good nor bad morally. Anger can be an expression of love. We have to look at the things that make us angry. It is said that you can measure the size of a person's soul by the size of things that make him angry. The motive for one's anger is the one which determines the goodness or the badness of anger.

The gospel of today depicts an angry Jesus with a whip in his hand. This image of Jesus doesn't sit well with the traditional image of meek and humble Jesus. It seems to be so out of character with what we know of Jesus from the rest of the Gospels. Still it comes as a shock to see Jesus not just angry, but furious. And see him resort to what looks like a form of violence. We may have been taught that all anger is sinful. But in itself anger is just a feeling, and as such it is neither good nor bad morally. Jesus didn't get angry on his own account. His anger resulted from his love of God and of his neighbor.

Jesus was protesting that Israel had failed to fulfill her universal mission to human kind. Religion had become narrow, nationalistic and exclusive. The Temple which was meant to be a house of prayer for all nations, become a place of segregation and exploitation. Jesus was doing away with exclusiveness. Salvation was not just for the Jews, but for all peoples. Also, Jesus was attacking the very nature of Jewish worship. The whole Temple worship with its rituals and animal sacrifices was irrelevant and could do nothing to bring people to God. He was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship. Worship demands a lot more of us than the offering of things to God and the performance of certain rituals. What God wants above all is the worship of our lives.

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Lector's Schedule



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.

Bake Sale

Saints Peter and Paul will be conducting a bake sale at the weekend of March 28-29. Anyone willing to donate items should drop them off before Mass on March 28th or 29th.

This is one of our fundraisers to increase our parish revenue.

Thank you for your support.

PARISH NEWS

UPDATE ON TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS: To Teach who Christ Is Campaign is well under way. In these days some of you have met with one of the members of the Campaign Executive Committee and 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 **132%** of the pledges of our goal. This means, we have exceeded our goal! Thanks 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.

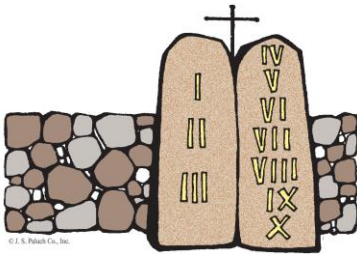
Liturgical Committee Meeting will be Saturday March 14 at 10:00am in the rectory.

The next **Financial Council Meeting** will be March 18 at 7:00 pm in the rectory.

THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase 'the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

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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, Joyce Schultze.

Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List. Remember to pray for the deceased of SS. Peter and Paul Parish.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt. 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21
Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, March 8, 2015 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- +Beatrice Kerner - Mike Kerner

5:00 pm – Louise Rummage, intentions – Gloria Violante

Monday March 9, 2015

6:45am- Mary Napoli, intentions – Gloria Violante

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

6:45 am- +John P. Joynes – D. Pettis

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

6:45 am – Anderson Family, intentions – Napoli Family

Thursday, March 12, 2015

6:45 am – For the religious – People of the Parish

Friday, March 13, 2015

6:45 am – For the Sick of SS Peter and Paul – The people of the Parish

Saturday, Vigil, March 14, 2015

4:00 pm – For the homebound - People of the Parish

Sunday, March 15, 2015 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- +Bornhardt Bolz – Talaski Family

5:00 pm – For peace - 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.

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2015**

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

DESTROY
THIS TEMPLE
AND
IN THREE DAYS
I WILL
RAISE
IT UP



- **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 - \$3,621

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 15 - Aid for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

March 22 – 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.