

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

Seal

Rite of Confirmation contains these essential words for the conferral of the sacrament: "Be **sealed** with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." The exact meaning of these words may elude us. What does it mean to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit? To seal something can often mean to enclose it, but clearly that is not the meaning of Confirmation. Another meaning is to certify or to guarantee. When something is sealed or has a seal affixed to it, we know that it is real and genuine.

As we try to follow Jesus and live his way of discipleship, we may be uncertain. And we should be, especially if we are relying on ourselves and our own efforts. In fact, when we are his confirmed disciples on whom the seal of the Holy Spirit has been set, we can be absolutely certain. We live and walk, not on our own, but by the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

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



Peace be with you

Third Sunday of Easter - April 19, 2015



“Peace be with you”

On Easter Sunday evening the apostles were gathered in the upper room with the doors locked. The room was haunted by absence, and was full of bitter-sweet memories for them. It was in the same room the Master had washed their feet and celebrated the last Supper with them. It was also in that room they had sworn loyalty to Him, a loyalty which did not even see the night through. It was in the same room Jesus came in after His resurrection.

When Jesus appeared to His apostle after rising from the dead He greeted them with the greeting of peace. The apostles had no peace in their hearts. There are a number of things that took away their peace, these include: fear of the Jews, doubt of what they had believed, guilty of betraying Jesus, grief and despair because of the death of their Master. Also they were wounded collectively because their unity was broken. Because of the pain they had erected a barrier around themselves. Jesus came to them while they were still fearful and guilty –ridden. He broke through two types of barriers; the physical barrier of the walls of the room and the barrier built around their hearts and he stood among them. He didn't blame them or even scold them for failing Him. Instead he brought them peace because He knew how they were feeling, and He knew that they were desperately in need of peace.

The gentleness of Jesus and the way he approached them struck the apostles, they experienced a new life: death, evil, sins and betrayal had been overcome. Jesus had triumphed over all the evil forces. A fresh start was possible. Jesus, who triumphed over death, gave courage to the crushed apostles, healed their wounds, renewed their hope, gave them life and empowered them.

We may have similar experiences of being wounded and being in pain because what we have done to others or what others have done to us. As a result we build barriers and lock ourselves in guilty, fear, and pain. We live without peace. In all these, the resurrection of Jesus gives us hope of new life. It does introduce a new element into our lives. It gives a meaning to our pain, and it lights it up with hope. All is different because Jesus is alive and speaks gently his words of peace to us as he spoke them to the apostles, “Peace be with you!” When we fail under trial and temptation we can draw encouragement from the story of Jesus’ own disciples, all of whom failed during the passion. If we believe that Jesus conquered death, we may have a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death.

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Lector's Schedule

April 18 @ 4:00pm – M. Talaski

April 19 @ 8:30am – N. Bell – J. Maslanka – E. Sturgies

April 19 @ 5:00pm – Y. LeJeune – C. Juarez

April 25 @ 4:00 pm – L. Rummage

April 26 @ 8:30 am – D. Pettis – B. Taylor – J. Vaughn

April 26 @ 5:00pm -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.

The **Sts. Peter & Paul Women's Club** plan to participate in the annual ACCW/Vicariate VI Spring Report on Sunday, April 26th, 2015, 1:30pm at St. Joachim Church, 700 E. 91st in Chicago. Spring Report provides an opportunity for the various Women's Clubs, Guilds, CCWs (Councils of Catholic Women), *etal.* to gather, fellowship and report on events or projects they have taken on during the year. As in the past the Spring Report attendees also support a local charity. This year's charity is Aid for Women. Aid for Women reaches out to thousands of women every year throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, who find themselves in unplanned pregnancy situations. Founded on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church, Aid for Women provides each client the support and resources needed for her to choose life instead of abortion for her unborn baby. They also provide counseling and housing. Items most needed by this organization are: Baby wipes, disposable diapers (newborn up to size 6), newborn clothes (in neutral colors e.g. yellow, white, light green), paper towels, toilet tissue, paper dinner plates, paper napkins and cups are needed. Please no toiletries. We are asking everyone to support us in this effort. Donated Items can be left in the vestibule (baskets). Monetary donations are acceptable. Make checks payable to Aid for Women.

Thank You.

Betty Taylor , President Women's Club

PARISH NEWS

Operation Rice Bowl: If you have not turned in your Rice Bowls please do so as soon as possible.

Confirmation: The classes for Confirmation have already started. They will be taking place every Sunday at 1:00pm in the rectory beginning April 19th. In case you think you missed a class please call the rectory in advance to inform us.

Thanks be to God! The **Sts. Peter and Paul Women's Club** had their inaugural meeting on Sunday, March 22, 2015 with 16 women in attendance. Fellowship, coffee and cake primed us, an opening prayer by member Nellie Bell was our prompt and we all responded by getting down to business. An executive board was established and our first outreach activity is scheduled for April 26th. We invite all women of the parish to join us. Our next meeting is **April 26th** after the 8:30 am Mass. Hope to see you there. Betty Taylor, President. CBR 773 568-1104

Sunday, April 26, 2015 Bible Study will take place after the 8:30am mass in the Rectory. All are invited.

Summer jobs: Any youth ages 16-24 years of age interested in Summer employment. Please go online @ www.1summerchicago.org, follow the prompts. For more information contact Sandra Spaulding at the rectory.

Offering envelopes: Those who do not have envelopes please call the rectory. Those who use visitor's envelopes for offering should write their names on the envelopes and the amount so that we can keep a record for the tax return.

SAVORING THE EXPERIENCE

One of the wonderful things about vacations is the time we spend two or three weeks afterward savoring the experience, sharing vacation photos and memories with our family and friends. This kind of reflection puts us back in touch with the original experience and reminds us of the relaxation and wonder the vacation afforded us. Today, on the Third Sunday of Easter, the Church blesses us with reminders of what we celebrated two Sundays ago. All three readings are reflections on the meaning of the death and resurrection of Christ. One of the threads running through these reflections is that the purpose of the Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection was to save us, to forgive our sins. We are given fifty days to ponder this reality—fifty days to savor the experience of Christ's dying and rising for us.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Call the rectory if you want your birthday to be recognized.

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, Frank Dabrowski, Robert Davis, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry, Fr. John Harvey, Margaret Hillyard, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Opie 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, Hannah Griffin, Jessye Henderson, Deacon Clayton Kort, (Caringbridge.org), Nate Beck, Shawn Higgins

Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List.

Remember to pray for the souls of Doris DeMorst, St. Helena parishioner, Arlene Cuprisin and all deceased of SS Peter and Paul.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 ;Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, April 19, 2015 – Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 am- +Beatrice Kerner – Mike Kerner
5:00pm – For the sick of SS Peter & Paul – People of the Parish

Monday April 20, 2015 – St. Marcellinus
6:45am – Kristen Greiner – Grace Greiner

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – St. Anselm
6:45 am - Dione Napoli, intentions – Grace Greiner

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 – St. Leonides of Alexandria
6:45 am –Thad Stewart – Napoli Family

Thursday April 23, 2015 – St. George, and St. Adalbert
6:45 am –Jean McHugh, intentions– Grace Grenier

Friday April 24, 2015 – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
6:45 am – David Greiner– Grace Greiner

Saturday, April 25, 2015 – St. Mark, Evangelist
4:00 pm – Rocky Bischoff – Linda

Sunday, April 26, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 am- †Eugene Napoli – Napoli Family
5:00pm – +Wybrand & Mildred Koppers – Bob Koppers & Family

Pray this week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Deceased of SS Peter and Paul.
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 Easter
April 19, 2015

You alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

— *Psalm 4:9*



- **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 - \$2252.00

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

April 19 – Loan Reduction

May 3 - Monthly Sacrifice

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.