Our Vision?

A people ALIVE with love for God...ready to serve

Our Mission?

To live our lives centered on Christ in the Eucharist, sharing the Good News of Salvation and serving others with special concern for the poor and suffering

THE HOLY FAMILY JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome! Please stop at the Rectory to register in person or complete a form found at the rear of Church and drop it into the Usher’s basket.

BAPTISMS
Baptisms are scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm. Families must be members of the parish for three months prior to Baptisms. Please make arrangements at the Rectory.

PRE-BAPTISM SESSION
A Baptism class is required for all parents and is held on the first Sunday of the month after the 9:30 Mass in the Religious Education Center. To register, please call the Rectory at 847-395-0274.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday ......  8:30 am and by appointment

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MASS SCHEDULE
M, T, W, Th, Sat .................7:30am
Friday................................8:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass.............4:30pm
Sunday Mass....................6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Holy Day Masses..............7:30, 9:30 am & 7:30 pm
Saturday Confessions...........8:30 am
Holiday Masses......................9:30 am
In the Church calendar, the Sunday after Christmas is the feast of the Holy Family. How appropriate! Immediately after the arrival of a newborn, we celebrate one of God’s first and most basic gifts to us – the family into which we are all born. In today’s world, family can be based on several things – relationships (mother, father, sister, and brother), legal ties, emotional ties, community ties. But what makes a family holy?

It’s easy to say “doing God’s will”, but what is God’s will within each distinctive family? For Joseph, probably a teenager entering into an arranged marriage, it came to him in a dream. Knowing Mary was pregnant with a child not his own, he was of a mind to put her away, which was legal, and entirely within his right. But to do so quietly – in other words, without making her already difficult situation worse, that was kindness. And kindness is one essential in a constructive, nurturing family. But Joseph went a step further – he accepted Mary as his family, forgave what appeared to be a mistake, and went forward with his commitment to her because he understood that to be God’s will for him, and he was totally committed to God. We all make mistakes – some deliberate, but many more, unintentionally. Treating each other kindly when we goof up is part of what can make a family holy.

Think of the word “holy” – from the sound of it, it could have two meanings – holy, in the sense of sacred and wholly, in the sense of entire. Both are important in the grouping we call family. Our relationships with others are sacred – they are given to us by God and intended to be for the good of each other. Those relationships help make each of us whole – in the sense of realizing our highest potential. Fear restricts our willingness to be what we know to be our best selves. But the family which provides support and commitment, which is unwavering and unrelated to whether we agree with what is going on, approve of what is going on, or are angry at what is going on honors our essential humanity and the individuality given to us by our loving God. Care for each other – in whatever form of family we are considering – is one way of making our families “wholly” and “holy”. Asking the question, living the question as Joseph did, will always keep us seeking God’s will, both for ourselves and for our families. Scripture tells us that “Mary pondered all these things in her heart”. We must be ponderers as well, and ask ourselves often “what is God asking of me in this situation?” Do we teach our children to be reflective? Do we set an example at home? Do I give reflective time to my spouse, or do I drain their resources in the service of my own personal agenda?

Mary trusted an angel. Joseph trusted an angel. Jesus trusted and became a little child subject to his parents. Trust is one characteristic of a holy family. Jesus trusted Mary and Joseph. Can He trust us?

St. Joseph embraced his vocation, God’s call out of love. For those who are discerning their vocation in life and for those who are already living theirs out, St. Joseph remains a model of how to live out our baptismal call to holiness and how to do it well.

With every blessing at Christmastime and in the New Year!
MASS SCHEDULE

December 28, Monday The Holy Innocents  
7:30am  Eileen Marren  
-  Intention Of Dottie Brandt By John & Marian Rohde

December 29 Tuesday 5th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of The Lord, St. Thomas Becket  
7:30am  Richard Hayes By Mikes Family

December 30, Wednesday 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of The Lord  
7:30am  Communion Service Only

December 31, Thursday 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of The Lord  
7:30am  All Deceased Parishioners Of St. Peter Parish 2015

4:30pm  Parishioners Of St. Peter Parish

January 1, Friday Solemnity Of Mary The Holy Mother Of God  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, World Day Of Peace, New Year’s Day

7:30am  All Homebound Parishioners Of St. Peter Parish & Their Families

9:30am  Parishioners Of St. Peter Parish

January 2, Saturday SS. Basil The Great and Gregory Nazianzen  
7:30am  Tom Miklautsch By Family

January 3, Sunday THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
6:30am  Parishioners Of St. Peter Parish

8:00am  Jean Soby By Al & Lu

9:30am  Shirley Fitzgerald

11:30am  Bill O'Donnell By Knights Of Columbus

LITURGICAL MINISTERS  Saturday, January 2 and Sunday, January 3, 2016

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THE CALL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONSIDER A VOCATION may sometimes be a gentle voice stirring the soul or a personal longing in our hearts. It may be the urging of friends or spouses. It can also find birth in the invitation of pastors, deacons and parish leaders to pursue such an inquiry. No matter the source of our questions, each of us needs to be affirmed and encouraged to bring a call to a vocation to prayerful discernment.

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue.

Please join us, with your wives, if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required.

January 14, 2016  University Of Saint Mary Of The Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm Location Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564

February 4, 2016  University Of Saint Mary Of The Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm Location Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564

March 3, 2016  University Of Saint Mary Of The Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm Location Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564

March 31, 2016  University Of Saint Mary Of The Lake, Mundelein, 7:30-8:30 pm Location Prist Center (201P) (847) 837-4564

For more information contact Deacon Bob Puhala, bpuhala@usml.edu or 847.837.4564 or visit us at www.usml.edu.

Application Deadline for 2016-2017 Aspirancy Path is May 1, 2016.
Regretfully, IDS cannot accept late applications for the upcoming formation year.
Spiritual Life

Readings for the Week of December 27, 2015

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: The Holy Innocents
Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year’s Day
Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This New Year’s Eve, at the turning of the year, you may catch a glimpse of the old year, a cartoon figure of a hunched old man with a sickle, Father Time. Where else but in this column could you learn that this is in fact a pope? December 31 was in the old calendar the feast of St. Sylvester. Legend says that Sylvester healed the Emperor Constantine of leprosy, and presided at the liturgy of baptism for the grateful emperor. In 314, he was chosen pope, and it fell to him to organize the peace time church, free at last from persecution. He founded the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome.

In northern Europe “Sylvester Night” is a time of great parties with eating, dancing, and singing—recalling perhaps the joy of the church in the fresh air of Sylvester’s papacy. In Poland, there was great fear as the year 1000 approached that an immense dragon would devour the earth and set fire to the heavens. The people prayed earnestly to St. Sylvester, trusting that the saint would not permit such suffering on his feast day. They’ve been celebrating ever since!

Please read up on these customs and others that have pagan roots, like the British “First Footer” tradition. The idea is that the first person setting foot into your house in the new year determines the luck for the year ahead. The ideal first footer was not a bit like old Pope Sylvester, but rather a tall, dark-haired man carrying the right gift. A handsome first footer meant the year ahead would be pleasant, and if he carried bread or a shovel of coal there would be food and warmth in the future. Who will be your household’s first footer?

Please Pray for

The Book of the Sick

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The Dearly Departed

St. Peter lists the names of active duty military personnel. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom. Please inform us if your service person is no longer active in the military.

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### Shawl Ministry

Anyone, or loved one/friend experiencing illness, hospice, or hospitalization, may appreciate one of our blessed items on hand through this ministry. We craft shawls, lap blankets, walker bags, baby hats and blankets & give them FREE OF CHARGE, to anyone within our parish, as well as outreach ministry. Please contact Valerie @ 847-838-6360 for info.

### Have Drinking or Emotional Problems

**Help is Near!**

Holbrook Counseling Center Of Mundelein, a Program of Catholic Charities, has professional staff who can help with all of your problems. Both of our therapists have experience working with individuals and couples, treating a multitude of problems, including substance abuse and addiction as well as marital conflict, personal issues, family problems and other difficulties. Daytime and evening appointments are available. Our fees are reasonable, and we respect your privacy.

Phone: (847) 566-5168 
Address: 998 E Maple Ave, Mundelein, IL 60060

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### Pasta@ Pete’s

Next
Saturday January 9
5:30 PM TO 7:00PM
Father Frawley Hall

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### ATTENTION SCRAPPERS!

Our next event “CROP ’TIL YOU DROP” is coming up soon—January 9th, 2016! Look for our registration form in the bulletin soon or email us at: stpetescrappers@gmail.com to have a registration form emailed to you or for more information. Happy scrapping!!!!

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### Anyone interested in exploring the Catholic Faith

is invited to call at the Rectory: 847-395-0274.
Merry, merry, merry Christmas! Merry, merry, merry Christmas!

(Did that song pop in your head?) That's the Christmas song in my head today as I write this article.

For the last few years I’ve been kind of an Ebenezer Scrooge when it comes to Christmas music. Which is ironic considering I'm a proud Catholic Christian and I majored in music in college. I think my problem is that a lot of Christmas music can be a little cheesy or embellished, and I find that a little annoying. In the car if I hear Christmas music on the radio before Christmas day, I immediately go to another station. One day I was thinking, what the heck is my problem? It's Christmas music, not an R rated movie. Why do I have such a bad attitude about it?

So, I decided to make a conscious effort to stop being so "scroogy". In the world we live in, it often seems that it's not ok to share our faith with others. Children think it's not ok to pray at school (by the way, it is ok); Christians hesitate about saying "Merry Christmas" to strangers; Christians are scared to share their faith with friends or co-workers because they are afraid of what the outcome could be. The list could go on and on.

The thing is we shouldn't be afraid or apprehensive to share our faith. We should always try to show the light of Christ to others. It says countless times in the Bible, "be not afraid". God is with us always, even if we don't always realize it.

So the next time we hear Christmas songs in the stores, at restaurants or on the radio, we should jump for joy and be thankful that they are playing Christmas music in the first place. So today, this Christmas season and next, I will try to enjoy and be thankful for the music, no matter how cheesy. :)

On a final thought, there's those signs that say "Keep Christ in Christmas", but I encourage you not only to do that this Christmas season, but to keep Christ in our country and in our world. With all the hate and sadness that seems to be in our world today, we as humans need Christ more than ever.

God Bless You and Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Kari Leaf
Director of Religious Education
stpetere@gmail.com
(847) 395-0246

Events coming up in RE:
- Jan. 6-First night for 1st-5th grade RE students! Sign up ASAP if you haven't!
- Jan. 31-Student/Parent Confirmation Meeting at 6pm. (For all 8th grade students and their parents.)
CROP ‘TIL YOU DROP WITH THE ST. PETER’S SCRAPPERS

Saturday, January 9, 2016
9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Join us for 12 hours of scrapbooking fun!

LOCATION: St. Peter School Gym
900 St. Peter Street
Antioch, IL 60002

COST: $20.00 per person (Children over 12 must be registered with an adult. Children under 12 are not allowed)

WHAT TO BRING: A Snack / appetizer / dessert to share
Your scrapbook, pictures and accessories
❖ Lunch and dinner included in registration fee
❖ Coffee, tea, hot cocoa and water included
❖ Separate work and eating areas
❖ Free giveaway and raffle prizes
❖ Stampin’ Up vendor on site – supplies will be available for purchase

GARAGE SALE TABLE
Bring your unwanted scrapbooking items and sell them on the garage sale table!

QUESTIONS? Contact a member of our Scrapbooking Committee: stpetescrappers@gmail.com
Mary Leonard • 847-562-6639  Adele Peterson • 847-395-1510  Carol Keller • 847-838-0491
Terri Pyles • 847-528-4800  Alisa Sippy • 847-838-6522

This is a fundraising event with proceeds supporting the St. Peter Religious Education Program.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT — SPACE IS LIMITED!
Please make check payable to St. Peter Religious Education. Mail or drop off payment along with this registration form to: St. Peter Church Religious Education, Attn: Scrapbook Committee, 900 St. Peter Street, Antioch, IL 60002

Name: ________________________________ Address: ________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ________ Zip: ___________ Phone: ___________

Email Address: ________________________________

If you would like to be seated near a friend, please list their name(s) below:

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Table space is not reserved until payment is received. If space is available on the day of the event, registration will be accepted at the door on a first come, first serve basis. Cancellation: This event is non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel this event if less than 20 participants have registered by January 5, 2016. If we cancel, full refunds will be given.
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If you know of any homebound person who would like Communion brought to them, please call the Rectory at 847-395-0274.

Anyone who is experiencing a family or personal crisis and would like our St. Peter Parish prayer chain to pray for your special needs, please call Lois Pflieger at 847-395-2713.

Please Note:
Confessions
8:30 am Every Saturday Morning
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