

**February 19, 2012  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship . . .  
A Way of Life**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK**

**Mon. Feb. 20**

6:20 a.m. IHS  
9:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

**Tues. Feb. 21**

6:20 a.m. IHS  
9:00 a.m. Dora Mae Jacobs, RIP

**Wed. Feb. 22**

6:20 a.m. Claire Westhoven, RIP  
9:00 a.m. Paul J. Spina, Sr., RIP  
12:00 Noon Vincent Petix, RIP  
6:00 p.m. Albert St. Raymond, Jr., M. D., RIP

**Thurs. Feb. 23**

6:20 a.m. IHS  
9:00 a.m. Catherine Sullivan, RIP  
6:00 p.m. Tito Lebron, RIP

**Fri. Feb. 24**

6:20 a.m. Paula Cardwell, RIP  
9:00 a.m. Virginia Crudo, RIP

**Sat. Feb. 25**

9:00 a.m. Frank Tezak, Jr., RIP

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."  
1 Pt. 4:10



**ADULT EDUCATION SESSIONS  
Sunday – 9:45 – 10:45 a.m.  
Holy Family Room**

Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Christianity in India – Fr. Joy Nellissery

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup> Father Barron's Catholicism, Part 1  
Deacon Christopher Rosko

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

February 12, 2012

<u>OFFERTORY FUND</u>	\$ 22,317.51
<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	\$ 1,824.00
<u>POOR BOX</u>	\$ 1,920.92

Thank you for your generosity!

**THANK YOU!** Mrs. Mary Jo Nicastro and Bill Borgini for flowers at the Blessed Mother this weekend in memory of **VINCENT J. NICASTRO**



**ASH WEDNESDAY – February 22, 2012**

**MASS SCHEDULE**



6:20 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
12:00 Noon  
6:00 p.m.  
7:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**All Ash Wednesday Masses are in the Church**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT**



**Thursdays 6:30 p.m. Chapel**  
**Fridays 12:00 Noon Chapel**

**DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday – Friday 6:20 a.m.  
Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
Thursday evening 6:00 p.m.

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Feb. 25th	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Donohoe
Feb. 26th	7:00 a.m.	Fr. Joy
	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Robinson
	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Joy
	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Kelly
Spanish	7:00 p.m.	Fr. Kelly



**POOR BOX** – A Poor Box has been placed in the Church for acts of almsgiving – one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Please donate generously!



# Coming this Week!

## Monday, Feb. 20th

- 6:45 a.m. Men's Lectio Divina Grp. - HFR
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Handbells
- 6:00 p.m. K of C Assembly Mtg. - 211
- 6:00 p.m. K of C Auxiliary Mtg. - HFR

## Tuesday, Feb. 21st

- 7:00 a.m. CDC Pictures - 212
- 8:00 a.m. Martha & Mary Scripture Group - HFR
- 9:30 a.m. Contemplative Prayer Group - Library
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA - HFR

## Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - ASH WEDNESDAY

- 6:20 a.m. Mass - Church
- 9:00 a.m. Mass - Church
- 10:00 a.m. Fiber Guild - HFR
- 12:00 Noon Mass - Church
- 6:00 p.m. Mass - Church
- 6:30 p.m. Regnum Christi - 214
- 7:00 p.m. S.T.E.P. Parenting Class - 202
- 7:00 p.m. Chamber Choir - Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group - YR/Gym
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Mass - Church

## Thursday, Feb. 23rd

- 7:00 a.m. Cursillo Prayer Group - Rm. 202
- 7:00 a.m. CDC Pictures - 212
- 6:00 p.m. Mass - Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. Folk Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Returning Catholics Mtg. - HFR

## Friday, Feb. 24th

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Friday Bible Group - HFR
- 7:00 a.m. CDC Pictures - 212
- 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross - Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry - PH
- 6:30 p.m. Hispanic Children's Group - 202
- 6:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group - Chapel

## Saturday, Feb. 25th

- 3:15 p.m. Confession - Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Guadalupe Missionary Grp. - 202/203

## Sunday, Feb. 26th

- 9:30 a.m. Jerome Tanner Scripture Grp. - Office
- 9:45 a.m. Parish School of Religion - FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Confirmation Parent Mtg. - PH "A"
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Education Session - HFR

## Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> continued . . .

- 3:00 p.m. SPA Girl Scouts - 215-225
- 1:00 p.m. Spanish Baptism Prep - HFR
- 4:00 p.m. Zumba Class - Gym
- 5:30 p.m. Spanish PSR - 202/211-214 & Library
- 6:00 p.m. LifeTeen - YR/Gym

## **FAST and ABSTINENCE**



"All persons who have completed their fourteenth year are bound by the law of abstinence; all adults are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their sixtieth year. Nevertheless, pastors and parents are to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance." (Canon 1253) Abstinence means abstaining from meat. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two lighter meals in the course of a day to maintain strength.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat, as well as days of fast.

The Fridays of Lent in the United States are days of abstinence from meat.

Besides fast and abstinence, the interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways: prayer, exercises of devotions and charity (almsgiving), denying oneself by fulfilling responsibilities more faithfully, efforts at reconciliation with neighbors, etc. (cf. 1434-1439 Catechism of the Catholic Church and Canons 1249-1254 Code of Canon Law).

## **LENTEN MEDITATION**



St. Elizabeth's Guild will again host a Lenten Meditation on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Holy Family Room, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Father John McDonald, formerly assigned to St. Peter's and presently Principal of John Carroll Catholic High School and Associate Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

All women of St. Peter's parish are invited to attend. Tickets are **\$8.00** which includes a box lunch and drinks. Tickets will be on sale in the foyer of the church on the weekends of February 25-26 and March 3-4. Tickets will also be available in the church office.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Peggy Ash           | Philip Oinos      |
| Jackie Boyle        | Joel Peresmik     |
| Alex Carcioppolo    | Roger Richards    |
| Judy Carcioppolo    | Tom Rosenstiel    |
| Jim Carter          | Dan Sanpietro     |
| Tim Cullighan       | Sam Savage        |
| Melinda DiBenedetto | Norman Schifano   |
| Kathy Fowler        | John Schopp       |
| Tom Gorman          | John Simonetti    |
| Pat Herrin          | Lisa Stearns      |
| Anthony James       | Meaghan Valentine |
| Jackie Kennedy      | Angela Weather    |
| Tina James          | Barry Wilkens     |
| Matt Laws           | Bob Wiseman       |
| Barbara Naccari     |                   |

*Names on our "Pray for the Sick" list will remain for six weeks. Please notify the parish office if you would like to place your family member on the list.*

Mr. John Simonetti would like to thank the parishioners of St. Peter's for your prayers, cards and well wishes during his recent illness. Please continue to keep him in your prayers!



**SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION**

The Spirituality Commission seeks and develops ways to promote the spiritual growth of the parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. We meet about 12 times a year at various times – usually at night at the church. In addition, members are encouraged to participate in the various spiritual activities the commission sponsors. Some of these activities are Missions, special rosary prayer services, and our Focus small prayer groups.

The commission will sponsor an upcoming series for Lent entitled "The Monastery". A DVD series will be presented on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Family Room from March 4<sup>th</sup> until March 25<sup>th</sup>. The series is about five women who spend forty days with the Cistercian sisters at the Lady of the Mississippi Abbey in Iowa. It has a great message and some good interaction with the nuns as well as a view of cloistered life. Mark your calendars and join us for this upcoming series.



**Please pray for our parishioners' family members who are serving in the military overseas . . .**

- Spc. Samuel Alfano, Jr.,  
Nephew of Rita Caldwell
- Spc. Jordan Broadwell,  
Grandson of Tom & Ginny Gorman
- Spc. Christopher Calma  
Grandson of Carmella Calma
- Lcpl. Alex Carcioppolo  
Nephew of Johnny & Debbie Carcioppolo
- Capt. Ryan Donohoe  
Nephew of Father Richard Donohoe
- Seaman Christopher C. Evans  
Grandson of Esteban & Rosaura D'Amico
- Sgt. Steven Mulholland  
Grandson of Margaret Mulholland
- Capt. John Oliver  
Son-in-law of Rick & Jane Abernathy
- Capt. John Sheridan  
Nephew of George Styslinger

**IN MEMORIAM**

Sympathy to . . .



Mrs. Ilse Diasio on the death of her beloved father,  
**GOTTFRIED WOLFARTSBERGER**

Mrs. Emma Gentle on the death of her beloved brother, **CECIL QUATTLEBAUM**

May they rest in peace . . .



**RESPECT LIFE**

"The only differences between the Herod of old and the Herods of today are in the weapons used and the number of victims. Herod used swords and spears to kill the Holy Innocents. Today's Herods use abortion, "The Pill" and other chemical weapons. And whereas Herod killed a relatively small number of babies, today's Herods have butchered literally hundreds of millions . . . with no end in sight!"  
Msgr. Ignacio Barreiro-Carambula, HLI Interim President, Spirit & Life Newsletter, December 8, 2010.

Please join us in praying for the entire world to appreciate and value the wonder of life from conception to natural death.

Respect Life Committee

# Youth Ministry

## Jr. High Wednesdays

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

### **Wed. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>: “ASH WEDNESDAY MASS”**

Kick start your Lent with good friends, great music, and comfortable seating on the couches in the Youth Room at our very own Jr. High Youth Mass with Fr. Joy in the Youth Room! (No PSR on this night! See you promptly at 7:00! Please be on time!)

### **Wed., Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>: “Fourteen Courageous**

**Steps”** - Join us to experience “The Way of the Cross for Teenagers”. The Stations of the Cross presented in a contemporary, meaningful way for today’s teens.

## **LifeTeen ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>: Faith Game Night!** “Is the Pope Catholic?”, “Apples to Apples: Bible Version”, “Mad Gab: Bible Version”, “Catholic Pictionary”. Come test your skills and knowledge about YOUR faith with some fun and maybe, even a little informative games.

**Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>: Gimmie a Break!** “It’s a hard knock life for us!” Annie tells us. Since we feel the need to be so busy all the time, LifeTeen will put you to work this week. Once you’re done with your “task”, learn about The Lord’s Day and celebrate it the right way!

### **Youth 2000 Retreat (March 23-25)**

Got no plans for Spring Break OR will you be home by Friday? Then, you have no excuse to miss our spring retreat, Youth 2000! This is an incredible retreat event with Eucharistic Adoration, an opportunity to be with lots of teens from around the diocese, and a chance to meet some super-cool priests, brothers and nuns. Retreat is right here in Birmingham and only costs \$50!!

Information will be given out THIS WEEKEND at LifeTeen. Also, flyers and forms can be picked up in the church office or by contacting Rebecca Murphy directly (rrosko@stpeterapostle.com).

**Don’t Forget! Every Wednesday can be GREAT if you start it off right with Mass at 6:20 a.m. followed by FREE Chick-fil-A breakfast!**



## **SCOUT SUNDAY** **Sunday, February 26, 2012**

All Scouts in the Parish (if you belong to any Pack, Troop, or other scouting unit) are asked to attend the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 26, 2012, and please wear your uniform.

Information tables will be set up in the foyer of the Church for anyone interested in learning more about the scouting program. Our girl scouts will also be selling cookies after the masses.

## **ST. PETER’S** **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER** **FALL REGISTRATION 2012/2013**



### **Mother’s Day Out and Preschool Program**

**Ages: 2 months – 4 year olds**

**9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

### **Full Time Childcare**

**Ages: 6 weeks – 5 year olds**

**7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

### **Summer Program for 2012**

**Full Time & Part Time Program**

**Ages: Kindergarten – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Please contact the school office at 822-9461.**



## **FIRST LIGHT**

**Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** is the next date for St. Peter’s to serve dinner at the First Light Women’s Shelter.

If you would be interested in helping with this ministry by providing a food item, helping serve the meal or wish to make a monetary donation for food items and supplies, just contact Emma Taylor at 988-8321.

**THERE WILL BE NO**  
**PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES**  
**ON ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**February 22, 2012**  
**Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> classes meet as usual!**



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "FISH FRY"

The Knights of Columbus Council #7584 will once again host a "Fish Fry" on 3 Fridays nights in Lent:

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

The Fish Fry will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The meal includes fried catfish filets, shrimp, coleslaw, fries, hush puppies and a drink! Children plates of pizza, fries & a drink will also be available. Beer, wine and soft drinks are also for sale. Please come out and enjoy some entertainment and Bingo after your meal.

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### 2012 Men's Conference **STRONG MEN, STRONG FAITH!** Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

Men – YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS this conference! Please join us on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at John Carroll Catholic High School, for what promises to be an exciting and spiritual event! The conference will feature two nationally known speakers: **Philip Rivers**, Decatur, Alabama native and starting quarterback of the San Diego Chargers football team and **Deacon Alex Jones**, formerly a Pentecostal preacher who entered the Catholic Church in 2001 along with 54 members of his congregation. Today he is a Catholic Deacon in Detroit. This two hour event is open to men 16 years and older. For more information and to register go to [www.strongmenstrongfaith.org](http://www.strongmenstrongfaith.org).

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**Let's Build Another Habitat House!** St. Peter's is building another home in partnership with Greater Birmingham Habitat for Humanity.



We will be working on **One Saturday Only: February 25, 2012 in Pratt City.** We need volunteers of all types. No particular skill is required. Even if you can't swing a hammer or work a saw, you can help by making phone calls, providing food and beverages, coordinating volunteers, being the Project Photographer, or arranging for publicity in the One Voice. Please sign up for the work day in the Church foyer after Mass this weekend. For more information, please email John Cooper at [jcooper@sirrote.com](mailto:jcooper@sirrote.com).

**IMPORTANT!!** Copies of the letter in last week's bulletin from Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi, D.D., Archbishop of Mobile and Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D., Bishop of Birmingham in Alabama regarding the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regulation that strikes at a fundamental right of religious liberty, are available in the foyer this weekend.

To visit the Catholic Bishops website to learn more about this assault on religious liberty go to [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).

Also, you can contact your U. S. Representative in Congress by going to these websites: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) or [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

or

Representative Spencer Bachus  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 224-3121

Senator Jeff Sessions  
326 Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C. 20510  
(202) 224-4124

Senator Richard Shelby  
304 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510  
(202) 224-5744

or

You can call the U. S. Capital switchboard  
at (202) 224-3121



**THANK YOU!** The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary of Council #7584 would like to thank everyone who made the Mardi Gras dinner and dance a huge success, including our cooks, servers, prize donors, and especially our guests. Congratulations to all the silent and live auction winners and a special congratulations to JoAnn Hebert, who won the \$1,000 raffle. All of the money raised that night will be given to various charities. We thank you again for your support! See you next year!!



Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to Mass on Sunday and place it in the grocery carts provided in the upper and lower foyers of the church. These items are given to the Catholic Center of Concern to help feed the hungry in the Birmingham area.



## ATTENTION SINGLES!!

If you are single and would like to join a group of Catholic singles who meet on Monday nights for Dinner at area restaurants please contact Armand St. Raymond at (205) 585-1519. The group will meet on the following dates in February:

Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Fish Market on Hwy 280  
Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> Cheesecake Factory – at the Summit

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### **1-Hour Catholic Lenten Retreat** **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** **7:00 p.m.** **Cathedral of St. Paul**

Singles, married or single again, do you wonder “what matters?” “who matters?”, and “why does anything matter?” Did you see the YouTube: “Why I Hate Religion, and Love Jesus”? Let’s look at how our Catholic religion can be a love affair with God. Please invite someone to join you who needs to look at life in a different way.

Fr. Alex Steinmiller, C. P., a local Passionist missionary, is conducting this 1-hour Lenten “retreat” (more like a “pause”) for young adults in the diocese. **BYOB! BRING YOUR OWN “BUDDY” AND BIBLE.** The season of Lent has so much to offer every life. You will be surprised what the Son of God has in store for those who seek after Him!

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### ***By Little and By Little:*** ***Dorothy Day’s Path to God***

On March 2-4, a weekend retreat – *By Little and By Little: Dorothy Day’s Path to God* – will explore Day’s profound love of God and commitment to the Gospel through her own words. Retreat leader Shelley Douglass lives and works at Mary’s House, a Catholic Worker House in Birmingham, where she makes a special study of Dorothy Day. The retreat will be held at the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman, AL. The cost for the weekend is \$195.00/person for a private room and \$175/person for a shared room; lodging, meals, and linens are included. For registration information, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by email at [retreats@shmon.org](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).

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**REMINDER:** Next weekend, February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a special second collection for the **National Black and Indian Missions.** An envelope for the collection is provided in your packets.

## Vocation Discernment Retreat

St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, Alabama is sponsoring a vocation discernment retreat for Roman Catholic young adults and men ages 18-49 years of age who are in good mental and physical health. Following Christ under a rule and an abbot, the Benedictine monks lead lives of prayer, work, and sacred reading, steeped in the heart and mystery of the Church. You will attend conferences on vocation discernment and monastic life, tour the abbey, and join the community in public and private prayer and at all meals. The retreat is free of charge. Space is limited. You are to arrive on Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. on March 2, 2012 and depart Sunday afternoon on March 4, 2012 unless more time is requested to explore your religious vocation. Contact Fr. Jacob Amos, O.S.B., Vocation Director at (256) 255-5801; Cell: (256) 590-7429; or email: [frjacobosb@yahoo.com](mailto:frjacobosb@yahoo.com) to register.

A “Come and See” weekend is a no-strings attached chance to spend time learning about the life of Benedictine Monks at St. Bernard Abbey. Come pray with us, talk with our junior monks, meet our older brethren, and most of all listen for the voice of Christ who continually calls men to a life of work and prayer.

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### **WOMEN’S EVENING OF REFLECTION** **Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**

All women are invited to an evening of reflection led by Father Dominick Pham, L.C. of Atlanta, Georgia at Our Lady of the Valley. The reflection topic is, “Why you can walk on water, if you keep your eyes on Christ”! The evening is hosted by Birmingham women of Regnum Christi and will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall, Room A. A light meal will be served. For those who can attend, daily mass is offered at OLV at 7:00 p.m. To assist in meal planning and for information, please RSVP by calling (205) 936-7494 or [mraburn@teklinks.com](mailto:mraburn@teklinks.com).

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**40 Days for Life Candlelight Prayer Vigil**  
**Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Planned Parenthood**  
**1211 South 27<sup>th</sup> Place**  
**Birmingham, AL 35205**



**ZUMBA CLASSES**  
**SUNDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**4:00 P.M. IN ST. PETER’S GYM.**  
**ONLY \$5.00 PER CLASS!**

