

**Faith Formation**

**St. Peter Youth Ministry**



TODAY, following the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses, the parish Youth Group is offering the annual Fiesta Brunch. This fundraiser supports our Youth Ministry activities for the spring semester. Thank you, St. Peter's parish, for your generosity to our teens!

The menu includes beans and rice, scrambled eggs and sausage, and tropical fruit salad. Cost: \$7 for adults, \$3 for children, and family rates are available!

Gingerbread House kits are on sale for \$15. Kits include fresh gingerbread cookie house pieces, frosting and candy to decorate your very own house! Quantities are limited.

**Family Catechesis**

This weekend is our Guided Family Session at 9:10 AM in the Cenacle (not the Parish Hall). Our topic will be the coming of the Messiah. This will be our final session until January. Take some time this week to add an Advent wreath, Nativity scene, and religious custom to your prayer space

**Sacramental Prep** class meets this Monday, December 14th at 6:30 PM. We will begin our study of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule**

**December 19th & 20th**

**SERVERS**

**Saturday 4:30pm** Annika Briggs, DJ & Douglas Finger  
**Sunday 8:00am** Alaina, Jimmy & Susan O'Connell  
**10:30am** Kaitlyn & Taylor Kelly, Rachael Lee

**LECTORS**

**Saturday 4:30pm** Ron Dalla, Frank Carroll  
 Deacon Senger  
**Sunday 8:00am** Larry Grayhek, Nancy Keller  
 Deacon Senger  
**10:30am** Ernie & Andi McGoran  
 Deacon Senger

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday 4:30pm** Kathryn DeLong, Steve Finger, Louise Joss, Denny & Sue Lucas, Charlotte Mansfield, Mary Shea, 1 Volunteer Needed

**Sunday 8:00am** Greg Baerlocher, Marilyn Cain, Mike Carpenter, Shelley Cherry, Gary Joyce, Angela & Jim O'Connell, Cathy Smalley

**Sunday 10:30am** Christina & Max Gallotti, Hilary Hammett, Debbie & Kathryn Lampert, Randy LaPlante, Bridget rogerts, Brenda Senger, Susan Wright

**Evening Prayer at the Cathedral**

On Sunday evenings during Advent, Solemn Evening Prayer will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes. This liturgy begins with a hymn, follows with the chanting of Psalms, and culminates in the proclamation of the Cantic of Mary (the Magnificat). Prayer begins at 4:45 pm.

**Christmas Cookies for Shut-ins**



As part of Parish Outreach we are delivering Christmas cookies to parishioners who are homebound. The following are ways to help with this parish ministry:

**\*Share** two dozen of your homemade Christmas cookies. Deliver to the Parish Office between 8:00am and 3:30pm Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, by 9:00am Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

**\*Packaging** cookies for shut-ins on Friday, December 18th at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

**\*Delivery** of cookies to homebound, Friday December 18th, meeting in the Parish Hall at 1:30 pm.

Sign-up information is available in the Narthex of the the Church. If you know of any homebound parishioners, contact the Parish Office, 534.2227.

**Sing in a Choir of Angels!**

Join the St. Peter's Youth Choir for the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass. All students aged 8-17 are welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals will be every Sundays until Christmas at 9:10 am in the Music Room behind the altar. Christmas Eve rehearsal will be held December 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm. Questions? Contact Director Monica Stenzel at 624.4702 or stenzelm@gonzaga.edu.

**Advent Holy Hour**

Join us on Friday, December 18th, from 6:00-7:00 pm, for a Advent Holy Hour concluding with Benediction. Confession will be available from 6:00-6:45pm.

**The Great Works of Sacred Music**

This Advent we are taking time as a Parish to step back and explore the contexts in which Western sacred music developed, from its use in religious ritual to the concert hall. Our study will be broken into three Thursday evening classes. For our concluding Lectures, December 17th, we will enjoy Handel's Great Oratorio: Messiah and look at the rich tradition of Christmas music. Please join us for this Advent study in the Parish Hall from 6:30-8:00pm.

**DONATE A FLOWER**

**In Memory of a Loved One** ~ Christmas Midnight Mass will be celebrated for special intentions, and your donation will help pay for the flowers used to decorate our church during the Christmas season. Fill our the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. (Suggested donation is \$5.00 per individual)

**Due December 20, 2015**

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 Circle one: (Living) (Deceased) Please Print

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**Icon: *The Ascension of Our Lord***

The icon of the Ascension is unique in Eastern iconography. It portrays both Our Lord's ascension into Heaven on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after His resurrection and the Lord's return in glory, also known as the Second Coming. There are several other mystical meanings to the icon. Regarding our Lady, she is portrayed with hands raised in prayer, the orans positions. She represents the Church both waiting for the Lord and receiving Him as He returns in glory. St. Paul is also depicted in the icon, while he was not historically present at the Ascension, it is he who encountered the ascended Lord on the road to Damascus. The inspiration for the icon is found in Matthew 28:19 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."* To be continued...

**COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 6, 2015**

Envelopes.....	\$ 7,680.78
Parish Outreach.....	\$ 185
Plate.....	\$ 573
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 8,438.78</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

12 Saturday	4:30 pm	Nicole Prentice & Family ☐
13 Sunday	8:00 am	Donna Cozza †
	10:30 am	All Parishioners
14 Monday	7:15 am	Patty Joyce †
15 Tuesday	7:15 am	Special Intention
16 Wednesday	7:15 am	Joe Druffel & Family
	9:00 am	School Mass
17 Thursday	7:15 am	Patricia Stone †
18 Friday	7:15 am	Bev Dolle †
19 Saturday	4:30 pm	Bernice Gese †
20 Sunday	8:00 am	Nicole Prentice & Family
	10:30 am	All Parishioners

**Remember to Pray For:**

Alicia Alng, John Anderson, Gil & Arlene Blazon, Barbara Bonham, Bill Campbell, Karen Cavnes, Shirley Clark, Rev. Darrin Connall, Helen Day, Dave & Muriel DeBurra, Marylee Dobbles, Mary Harro, Camilla Hovan, Shirley Jakubowski, Alana Kaplan, Sally Kerr, Steve Kotz, Estelle Ledger, Janet Linhart, Mitch Lopez, Janet Mason, Cheryl Dunne McIntosh, Will McJimsey, Julia Miller, Tina Millersmith, Mike Nestor, Fr. Matthew Nicks, PJ, Marcus Parnell, Lou Quinn, Pauline Quipao, Chuck Roberts, Sally Robertson, Agnes Ross, Helen Samsel, Jude Schenzil, Eileen Schmitz, Carol Schwartz, Mary Shea, Ed & Carol Sima, Alecia Simpson, Enza Smith, Frances Smith, Kelly Tormey, Barbara Toetly, Bill Weeks, Don Wolfe

**Coming up this week:**

**Saturday, December 12th**

Giving Tree (Last Day for Giving Tree Gifts) Narthex  
 Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM, Church

**Sunday, December 13th**

Giving Tree (Last Day for Giving Tree Gifts) Narthex  
 Mass, 8:00 & 10:30 AM Church  
 Fiesta Brunch, after 8:00 & 10:30 am Masses Parish Hall  
 Family Catechesis, 9:10-10:10 AM Cenacle  
 Youth Choir Practice, 9:10-10:10 AM Choir Room  
 St Gianna's Guild, 9:15 AM

**Monday, December 14th**

Mass, 7:15 AM Chapel  
 Sacramental Prep, 6:30 PM Parish Hall  
 Parish Council, 7:00 PM Upper Room

**Tuesday, December 15th**

Mass, 7:15 AM Chapel  
 Adoration with Benediction 12:00-6:00 PM Chapel  
 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30-5:00 PM Cenacle  
 Choir Practice, 7:30 PM Church

**Wednesday, December 16th**

Mass, 7:15 AM Chapel  
 School Mass, 9:00 AM Church  
 RCIA, 6:30 PM Upper Room  
 Advent Final Book Study, 7:00 PM Parish Hall

**Thursday, December 17th**

Mass, 7:15 AM Chapel  
 Great Works of Sacred Music, 6:45 PM Parish Hall

**Friday, December 18th**

Mass, 7:15 AM Chapel  
 Cookies to Shut-ins, 1:30 PM Parish Hall  
 Holy Hour with Benediction, 6:00 PM Church

**Saturday, December 19th**

Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM, Church  
 Eucharistic Adoration, 12:00-1:00 PM Chapel

**Sunday, December 20th**

Mass, 8:00 & 10:30 AM Church  
 Family Catechesis, 9:10-10:10 AM Cenacle  
 Youth Choir Practice, 9:10-10:10 AM Choir Room  
 Cub Scouts, 1:00 PM Parish Hall  
 Taize Prayer Service, 7:00-8:00 PM IHRC

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**Glove Drive**

"Gloves With Love has reached its goal of 2,500 pairs of gloves for the Christmas Bureau. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity which was above and beyond. So many quality pairs of gloves were donated. Thanks to you, the disadvantaged of Spokane will be able to keep warm this winter, assuming their power doesn't go out again."