



Pastor's Corner

The Sacraments ~ Sacraments of Healing

Last Sunday, we reflected upon the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion); now, we consider the Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

Reconciliation (known also as Penance or Confession) was instituted by Christ as recorded in John 20:23. While Reconciliation is perhaps the most frequently spoken-about and preached-about of the Sacraments, it is also perhaps the most neglected. Which is truly a shame because as Pope Francis has famously said, the confessional is the chapel of mercy; if the Church is a field hospital on mission in this ongoing spiritual war with Satan, then the confessional is the emergency room. If our souls are wounded by sin (mortal or venial), then our souls need healing, which is freely and mercifully given in Reconciliation.

"But why do I have to go to a priest? How come I cannot just confess directly to God in my personal prayer?" Why do we have to go to a priest? Because the Bible tells us so. In the Gospel passage referenced above (John 20:23), Jesus commissions His Apostles – the first priests of His newborn Church – for the merciful mission of forgiving sins. Also, Saint James says that we must confess our sins to one another in his biblical epistle (James 5:16). Furthermore, not only does the Bible tell us to go to confession, the Bible warns us sternly against receiving Holy Communion in a state of sin; Saint Paul tells us in 1 Cor 11:27-29, "whoever eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the Body and Blood of the Lord.... For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the Body, eats and drinks judgment on himself."

Prior to entering the confessional, the penitent needs to go through an examination of conscience, wherein the penitent calls to mind what sins they have committed and how many times, and that is all that needs to be confessed – not the circumstances for each sin, not an explanation or a justification, but simply what sins and how many times, or at least an indication of how frequently that sin is committed.

The priest then may offer some words of consolation and advice, then offers a penance, and after that, the penitent prays the Act of Contrition. The priest then prays the prayer of absolution, which forgives the sins, and the Sacrament is concluded.

Anointing of the Sick not only gives us spiritual healing but also assists in the physical healing of those in near danger or near proximity of death. For example, upon getting a diagnosis of cancer, a person may receive this Sacrament. And if the cancer worsens, the person may receive this Sacrament again. People going into surgery may receive this Sacrament, not to protect them from accidents on the part of surgeons or nurses but in fact to aid those surgeons and nurses in their work. Also, elderly people by virtue of the fact of their old age are potential recipients of this Sacrament, as well as people suffering chronic illness that may cause life-threatening harm at any time, such as people suffering from Lupus.

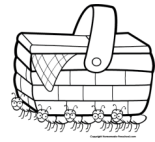
Next week, we will consider the Sacraments of Vocation: Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders. ~ Fr. Lewis

Mass of Installation for Fr. Jeff Lewis

Please join fellow parishioners for Fr. Lewis' Mass of Installation on Sunday August 27th at 10:30a.m., Bishop Thomas Daly presiding. This is a special day for our Parish and our new Pastor.

Parish Picnic

The annual Parish Picnic/barbecue will follow the celebration in the Parish Hall and on the Church Grounds. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks provided. Please find information regarding sign-ups for side dishes and volunteering to help with set-up and clean-up at a table in the Church Narthex.



New Confession Schedule

In consultation with the Pastoral Council and with a number of other parishioners, the confession schedule for St. Peter will be changed beginning the week of Labor Day. The new schedule is as follows: Confessions will be heard Fridays (beginning Friday, September 8th) from 6:00 to 7:00p.m. with Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel during this same time. Saturdays will remain the same; Sundays (beginning Sunday, September 10th) confessions will be heard from 7:00 to 7:30a.m. The Friday and Sunday confessions will be heard by Fr. Lewis and the Saturday confessions will continue to be heard by Fr. Haspedis.

St. Peter, help Peter!

As of August 13th \$7,410 has been received for the Summer Collection. Thank you to all those who have contributed to this special collection. If you have not had a chance to participate please consider doing so.

Youth Ministry

Summer Schedules for Youth Ministry are on our bulletin board in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy and join us for summer social events!

For more information regarding Youth Group please contact Sr. Christiana Marie at 534-2227, ext. 226.

Religious Education

Beginning in September: Family Faith Formation nights will be held on Wednesdays at St. Peter Parish! The objective of the program is to bring Religious Education for children alongside Youth Ministry, as well as incorporate parent formation. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings and stay tuned for more information.

Volunteer catechists are needed! Sr. Margarite is in need of excited catechists to assist this program of Family Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings and Sacramental Prep on Tuesday evenings. Catechists will serve in classrooms for children, grades K-5, or their parents. Teachers would receive training and materials from Sr. Margarite. Catechists would need to be available at least 3 Wednesdays of the month. There will be some flexibility with substitute teachers. Please email Sr. Margarite at: smargarite@dioceseofspokane.org for more information about this program.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST

19	Saturday	4:30 pm	Jim and Jean Roeber
20	Sunday	8:00 am	Garrett Dano †
		10:30 am	All Parishioners
21	Monday		No Morning Mass
22	Tuesday	7:15 am	Special Intention
23	Wednesday	7:15 am	Virginia Manion †
24	Thursday	7:15 am	Bill Morgan †
25	Friday	7:15 am	Neil Shoemaker
26	Saturday	4:30 pm	Dorothy Justus †
27	Sunday	8:00 am	Lidwina Dalla †
		10:30 am	All Parishioners

Servers, Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

August 26th & 27th

SERVERS

Saturday 4:30pm	Annika Briggs, D.J. & Douglas Finger
Sunday 8:00am	Three of the Four Reagan Children
10:30am	Eva, Kaitlin and Taylor Kelly, Liam Olson, Josh Millet

LECTORS

Saturday 4:30pm	Joseph Antonic, Charlotte Mansfield, Deacon Victor Lopez
Sunday 8:00am	Dan Kunkel, John Miller
10:30am	Randy LaPlante, John Hofland, Deacon Nick Senger

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4:30pm	Kathryn DeLong, Steve Finger, Denny & Sue Lucas, Charlotte Mansfield, Carole Sima, Peter Fazzari
Sunday 8:00am	Mary Caldwell, Dennis Harkins, Mary Lee, Suzy Miller, Trisha Reagan, Don Williams, Bob Zins, Peter Fazzari
10:30am	Chris or Kile Concienne, Kris Cornwall, Mariam & Tim Flock, Luti Gibbs, Vick Kinzer, Dennis Wetzler, Peter Fazzari, One Volunteer Needed

COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 13, 2017

Envelopes.....	\$ 4,721
Parish Outreach.....	\$ 30
Plate.....	\$ 803
Total.....	\$ 5,554

Building Debt Payment

Total Amount Due:	\$284,237.34
Minimum Monthly Payment:	\$4,500
Donated for Month of August:	\$1,220

Car Needed

Over the summer Seminarian Peter Fazzari has been using one of the Seminary's cars...once the academic year begins the Seminary will need the vehicle back at Bishop White. If there is a parishioner who might have a vehicle they could spare as a loaner for Peter in his Pastoral year at St. Peter it would be most greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office for more information regarding this. Thank you!!!

Coming up this week:

	Saturday, August 19th	
Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM		Church
	Sunday, August 20th	
Mass, 8:00 AM		Church
Mass, 10:30 AM		Church
Baptism, Owen Glenn Crandell, Noon		Narthex
	Monday, August 21st	
No Morning Mass		
	Tuesday, August 22nd	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Church
Adoration, Noon-6:00 PM		Chapel
	Wednesday, August 23rd	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
St. Fiacre Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM		Church Gardens
Adoration Meeting, 7:00 PM		Upper Room
	Thursday, August 24th	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
Moms & Tots Play Group, 10:30 AM		Lincoln Park
	Friday, August 25th	
Daily Mass, 7:15 AM		Chapel
	Saturday, August 26th	
Memorial Service, Dorothy Justus, 10:00 AM		Church
Vigil Mass, 4:30 PM		Church
Blood Pressure Screening, 5:30 PM		Parish Hall
	Sunday, August 27th	
Mass, 8:00 AM		Church
Blood Pressure Screening, Following Masses		Parish Hall
Mass, 10:30 AM	Mass of Installation for Fr. Lewis	Church
Parish Picnic/Barbecue, 11:30 AM		Parish Hall ~ Grounds

Remember to Pray For:

Alicia Alng, Helen Anderson, John Anderson, John Bidwell, Gil & Arlene Blazon, Barbara Bonham, Denise Briggs, Karen Cavnes, Sharon Christodoulou, Shirley Clark, John Clifford, Lorna Cobb, Ray & Linda Egan, Lara Newburn Fritsch, Max Gallotti, Mary Harro, Camilla Hovan, Shirley Jakubowski, Alana Kaplan, Sally Kerr, Steve Kotz, Janet Linhart, Mitch Lopez, Janet Mason, Cheryl Dunne McIntosh, Marilyn McMahan, Halla Miller, Rodman B. Miller, Tina Millersmith, Gregory Morrow, Mike Nestor, Angela O'Connell, Mary Pegg, Dorothy Pernsteiner, Lou Ann Quinn, Robin Quinn, Chuck Roberts, Sally Robertson, Jude Schenzil, Carol Schwartz, Teresa Senger, Joleen Sexton, Alecia Simpson, Enza Smith, Frances Smith, Dianne Sumter, Joe Sutliff, Barbara Toetty, **Wynn Webster**, Bill Weeks.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized

St. Peter Parish welcomes Joseph Bradley Broenneke and Jackson Cole Broenneke. The brothers were baptized on Sunday, August 13th by Fr. Jeffrey Lewis. Joseph and Jackson are the sons of Cole and Hayley Broenneke.



You're Invited ~ Final Profession of Vows

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church joyfully announce the Perpetual Profession of Sr. Mary Joanna Rinalli. You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony of the final profession of vows during Holy Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes with Most Reverend Thomas Daly presiding. Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:00p.m. Reception to follow.