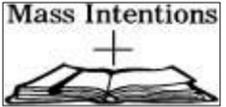




**Sacrificial Giving**

Recognizable Offering.....\$4,248.94  
Loose Cash.....\$550.00  
Total Weekly Offering.....\$4,798.94  
**Peter's Pence Collection**.....\$347.50  
Mass Attendance June 27/28 328



**Mass Intentions**

July 6 - July 12  
Monday.....Pam M. Holt(liv)  
Tuesday.....Linda Dyer(liv)  
Wednesday.....Merlene Beck(liv)  
Thursday.....Mary Griewisch(liv)  
Friday.....Michael Fails(liv)  
**Saturday.....Tony & Marina Vitale(+)(5:00 p.m.)**  
Sunday.....St Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)  
.....**Mario Donato(+)(10:30 a.m.)**



**Twinkle, Twinkle**

The parish will host a baby shower for three of the moms-to-be from the Ronda Coon Home Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Ronda Coon Home is a transitional residence for ladies who are working toward self-sufficiency. The moms-to-be, Arle, Jasmine and Amanda are very excited knowing that they will be the guests of honor. They each have made the choice to keep their baby even though they are struggling to thrive. Your generosity of coming to celebrate with them, pray for them and shower them with gifts will be most appreciated. There will be a sign up sheet next week if you will be attending. The theme will be **"Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, What a Miracle You Are"**.

**Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving**

Many have found electronic giving a convenient way to automate their regular weekly offering.

You can go to our parish website at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history.

**Weekly Calendar of Events**

7/06 Rosary - After Morning Mass  
7/07 Bunco - 9:30 a.m.  
EJJYC Youth Day - 10:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
7/08 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
**"Revelation" Adult Faith Series** - 6:30 p.m.  
7/09 Adoration 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
7/12 Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

**Blood Drive & Pancake Breakfast**  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30- 12:30

Eight weeks ago, the parish blood drive exceeded a goal of 20 pints and collected 21. We hope you are ready again to fuel the blood bank during the crucial days of summer. Recruit your friends, neighbors and family to roll up their sleeves. Please go to our parish website, or stop by the Hospitality Cart, to sign-up for a donation time.

Then after you give, celebrate with other parishioners over a delicious pancake breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus, #8910. The breakfast is offered for free to everyone. Anyone wishing to make a love offering is welcome to do so.

**Youth Day at Parish**  
10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the youth from Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center will be our guests for a fun day of games, crafts, and a **"buggy" cook-out. Our theme is all about insects and we'll be exploring many of the natural areas on the church campus.** Both youth and adult volunteers are needed to assist.

All parishioners, especially parishioners with elementary age children, who would like to come and play with our EJJYC friends are welcome to attend. If you would like to assist and/or are bringing children, please sign up at the Hospitality Cart or call Joni at 830-2875 so we know how many children to prepare for.



**THE HOLY ROSARY**

Join the Legion of Mary in the recitation of the Rosary every Monday morning after daily Mass.



July 5, 2015

# Dear Padre

## Should we confess sins of the past?

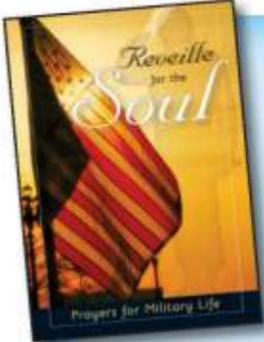
**Q** I keep reading that people with scrupulosity shouldn't confess sins from the past they're sure they confessed, but is that true for the general population?

**Scrupulosity is religion-based** obsessive-compulsive disorder. People with scrupulosity obsess about sin and thus feel a need to confess past sins over and over. They may fear that they have not confessed correctly or even doubt the mercy and love of God. But the Bible teaches us that God is slow to anger and rich in mercy (Exodus 34:6).

If a person goes to confession and honestly confesses the sins he remembers, then his sins are forgiven. We all have left the confessional and then remembered something we should have said. As long as this was unintentional, we can trust in God's love and mercy and simply mention the sin at our next confession. God understands that we do not have a perfect memory. However, people who intentionally omit a sin are lying in the confessional and not showing true contrition, so their sins have not been confessed—and still need to be.

It's OK for people who don't have scrupulosity to recall past sins that they've confessed as long as doing so educates them on their weaknesses and sins and helps them avoid those sins in the future. However, people with scrupulosity should trust their confessor when he tells them they've completely confessed their sins and need not confess those sins any more.

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**A Serviceman's Prayer:**

"Almighty God, you've blessed me with a wonderful family who loves and supports me in this mission to serve my country. Now, as I find myself separated from them by many miles, their welfare weighs on my soul. Dear God, bless them every day. Keep them safe in your arms. Remind them of my great love for them...."

—Excerpted from *Reveille for the Soul: Prayers for Military Life* (818783)

Share God's hope and promises with our men and women in uniform. For every individual purchase of *Reveille for the Soul* (#818783) made at [Liguori.org](http://Liguori.org), Liguori will donate a copy to our armed services. Exclusions apply. **Expires August 15, 2015**



**Monday**  
JULY 6  
Weekday  
Gn 28:10–22a  
Mt 9:18–26

**Tuesday**  
JULY 7  
Weekday  
Gn 32:23–33  
Mt 9:32–38

**Wednesday**  
JULY 8  
Weekday  
Gn 41:55–57;  
42:5–7a, 17–24a  
Mt 10:1–7

**Thursday**  
JULY 9  
Weekday  
Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29;  
45:1–5  
Mt 10:7–15

**Friday**  
JULY 10  
Weekday  
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30  
Mt 10:16–23

**Saturday**  
JULY 11  
St. Benedict, Abbot  
Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a  
Mt 10:24–33

**Sunday**  
JULY 12  
Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Am 7:12–15  
Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10  
Mk 6:7–13



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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 1  
*Ezekiel 2:2-5*

## Speaking When No One Listens

Whenever you have something to say, not everyone is going to listen. Some people will roll their eyes. Others will wait until you're done and then change the subject. You don't always get the admiring audience you want.

For some reason, this never stops God from putting passion into the human heart. Our faith becomes a part of us. We link our identity to it. When we see someone challenging something we believe in, we cannot keep quiet. We have to speak up.

It feels good to say what we think. It feels good to let the strongest beliefs inside us have voice and air. It feels good to have other people know what matters the most to us.

**But some people don't listen. They do not heed the word we speak. They patronize us with kind looks or light applause.**

But God keeps putting the word into the human heart.

**When Ezekiel spoke God's word to people who were hard of face and obstinate of heart, God knew the word might not change them. But some good would come. "They shall know that a prophet has been among them."**

Even if people do not listen to our words, they know that a prophet was there.

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time B 2  
*2 Corinthians 12:7-10*

## A Thorn in the Flesh

If you touch a thorn on a rose, you pull your hand right away. **But when Saint Paul talked about "a thorn in the flesh," he described something worse. He felt a constant pain, a thorn stuck there "to beat me, to keep me from being too elated."**

No one knows what it was. An illness like shingles? Or something more psychological, such as an annoying co-worker or threats from an enemy? **Paul doesn't say.**

**But he didn't like it. "Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me." If such an affliction tormented us, we'd probably not stop after three prayers. We'd pray constantly for relief.**

Why only three times? Perhaps because Paul got an answer to his prayers. It brought spiritual relief, but not physical relief. **"The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.'" It wasn't the answer he wanted. But it was the answer he got.**

The hardships we endure remind us of our frailty. **We'd like to think we can handle any task, overcome any challenge. But sometimes we cannot. And no one can help. We are left with this stark realization: we are weak.**

It is then that Christ can help. The grace of Christ sustains us in good times and in bad, but we only realize it **when things go wrong. "When I am weak, then I am strong."**

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Weekend of July 11/12

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Kevin Van Dorn, Erin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Maria Bridges, Dan Brenton, Mary Van Dorn, Barbara Kirschten, Shareen Ketchem

Lectors: Ruth Sykes, Ron Berthelette

Ushers: Eric Van Dorn, Cora Podrang, Bob Flanagan

Greeter: Joni Flanagan

Sacristan: Doug Hoover

Elijah Cup: Gloria Mulligan

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Joshua Soto, Jared Dunn

Extraordinary Ministers: Eric Miller, Nancy McCreary, Bruce Brandewie, Nancy Brandewie

Lectors: Mark Day, Cindy Day

Ushers: Dan Cauley, Kathy Cauley, Arnold Soto, Eden Carter

Greeter: Alma Battaglio

Sacristan: Maria Bridges

Elijah Cup: Chris and Shelia Casselberry

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Karly Casey, Kadi Casey, Killian Casey

Extraordinary Ministers: \_\_\_\_\_, Barbara Russo, Pat Casey, Penny Sweeney

Lectors: Pete Kuhns, Nadine Kuhns

Ushers: Mike Sweeney, John Fails, Ray Schlitt, Brian Prescott

Greeter: Ana Fails

Sacristan: Bill Roth

Elijah Cup: Al and Melinda Sousa

## Revelation - Adult Faith Series Begins

An adult faith formation series titled *Demystifying the Book of Revelation* presents a challenge to us to live according to the gospel. The format will be to meet three nights, July 8, 15, 22 from 6:30-8:30p.m. The video series is done lecture style with Fr. William Burton, OFM followed by group discussion. If you are interested in participating, sign-up at the Hospitality Cart, through our parish website, or call the office during regular business hours.

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com or call her at 664-9165.

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Steve Lange, Mike and Jeanne Trueting

Tuesday Lynn Graham\*, Anthony Michael Merriquer, John Clark\*, Bobby Stockbridge\*, Stacie Tippett

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Jim Losco, Pam Holt, Robert Tinney

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Theresa Stegall, Connie Jordan, Lucille Kesler, Clare Van Zelfden,

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, Betty Kever, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adam\*, Mary Anyel\*, Joel Grieves\*, Dan Brenton\*, Skye Mahosky\*, Gene Valentine\*, Mary Valentine

Sunday Maureen O'Neil\*, Michael Adam\*, Theresa Fowler\*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly, Jeff Harp

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

## 2015 Parish Directory

The Parish Directory has been updated. If you need a hard copy, please sign-up for one at the cart. We encourage parishioners to get the Instant Church Directory mobile app on their phone instead of a hard copy. The app updates continually as people change their contact information.

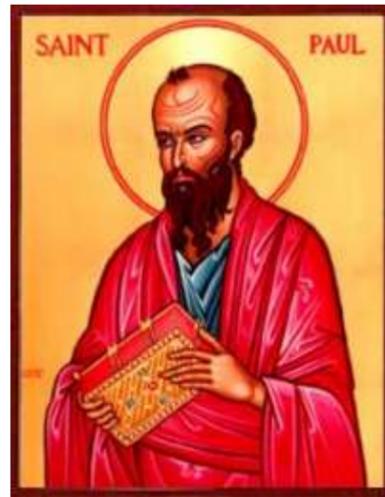
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St. Paul declares in his letter to the Corinthians, the Second Reading, "For when I am weak, then I am strong." Certainly anyone who knows much about St. Paul would not view him as a weak man. This is a man who, through his strong faith, put his life in jeopardy constantly. He endured imprisonment and shipwrecks. Yet, he admits to having weaknesses.

There is something humiliating in admitting one's weaknesses. Humility is an important trait in living a life of stewardship. Being able to recognize and admit our shortcomings is essential for us to have the strength Paul demonstrates. That is his point in today's reading, and it contains an important message for each of us.

The reason St. Paul finds strength in his limitations is because he is aware that the Lord will provide the power needed in the midst of those deficiencies. Paul's life is God-centered. Living life that way is exactly the way one can best follow stewardship as a way of life. Paul prefaces his statement about being weak and strong by writing the message he has been given by the Lord, who said to him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." May we pray for the strength of God's presence, and may we be willing to seek humility to truly find our strengths.



### Living Stewardship Now

Part of good stewardship is to be welcoming, inviting, and hospitable, with no strings attached. Speak to people before and after Mass. Volunteer as a greeter, or with a ministry serving returning Catholics. Be a sponsor for someone in RCIA. Welcome newcomers in your neighborhood.

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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As most of you know our youth group went on a mission trip to New Orleans a few weeks ago. While we were there we were able to visit the elderly at nursing homes, take care of kids at a youth camp, and work with adults with mental disabilities. During this time we were able to get to know them and built relationships with the people with whom we had been working. Most of them told us about their experiences and struggles after Katrina and the suffering that many people went through. It's crazy how much heartache is still prevalent in their community even though it's been almost eleven years since Katrina hit. However, with the suffering and heartache came unity within their area. We were able to see this unity for our jobs were mainly to show our support and help them in any way possible. Coming back from the mission trip we hope to try to achieve the same amount of unity in our area and use them as inspiration to bring everyone together. As the youth who went on the trip, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support for it is all greatly appreciated!

We also wanted you to know that through our fundraising efforts and your generosity, we were able to raise \$1,360.00 above the cost of our trip and have selected the Eleanor J. Johnson Youth Center as the recipient of these funds to further their work with youth in our local community.

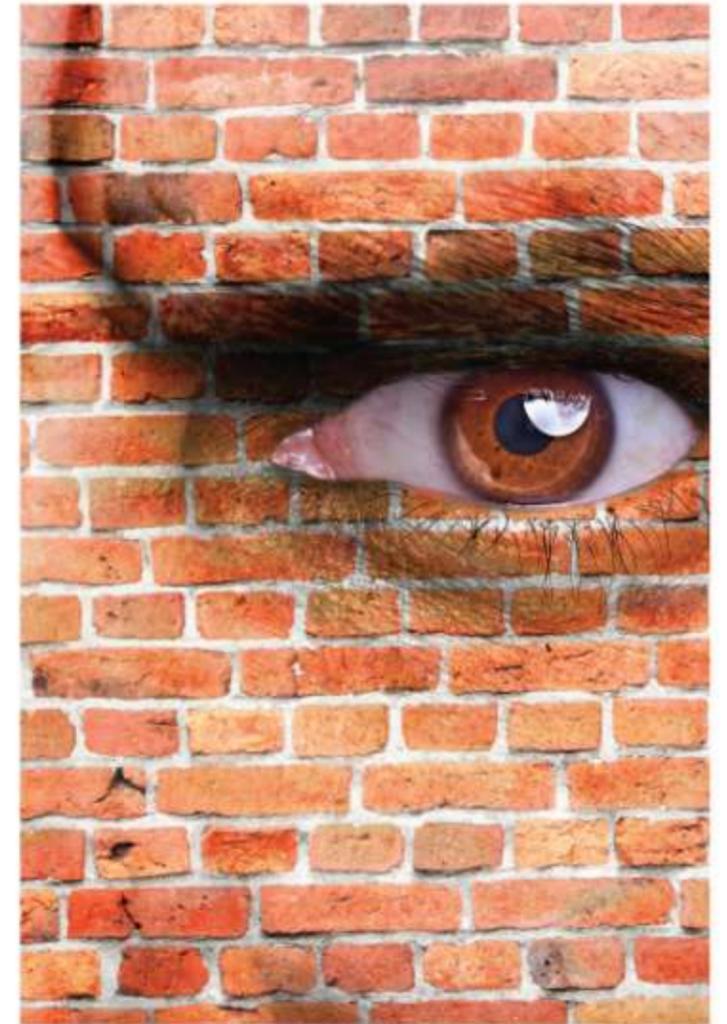
In gratitude,  
Juliana Wall  
Mission Team Member



My mother always thought I was a little bit stubborn. "Not stubborn," I said, "but sometimes, I think things should be done a different way." What I usually meant by that was that things should be done my way. "I know," she said, "stubborn." I recalled that conversation when my daughters reached the same age that I was when I thought my mother was dumb and didn't know anything and my desire was to do always what I thought best. They have since conceded that I might know a little, just as I gave my mother that same credit as I got older. We all have our periods of stubbornness. Sometimes we are right; sometimes we can be persuaded differently, and sometimes we have to persist until our mistakes become evident even to us, even if that means we suffer the consequences of our folly.

The people of Nazareth were astonished at Jesus' teaching and wisdom. Their stubborn refusal to believe in him grew out of their familiarity. "We know him and his family," they thought, "He can't possibly have this power." Stubbornness is a hard thing to overcome. Mark records that Jesus was amazed at their refusal to believe. Their very refusal made it difficult for him to perform mighty deeds (a phrase used of God in the Old Testament), and so he did what he could: He healed a few sick people. Some of us still have a stubborn streak. Has that ever interfered in our recognition of God's power? Do we hang on to our belief that our way is best even if that hurts us? Reflect on that.

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