



SAINTS PETER & PAUL FAITH COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**WE'LL MISS YOU!
THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!
HAVE A BLESSED RETIRMENT!**



IRISH BLESSING

**May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
May the rains fall soft upon your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in
the palm of His hand.**

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The Nation Makers
by Howard Pyle

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All Weekday Masses are Celebrated at
Saint Joan of Arc at 8:00 am.



Recitation of the **Rosary for Peace**
before daily Mass at 7:30am.

Monday, July 1

8:00 Emily Valasina / June & Joan Grigonis
SS Peter & Paul
June Velasco / Knights of Columbus St. Joan of Arc

Tuesday, July 2

8:00 Placido Lumbay / Rosary Salinas SS Peter & Paul
Health & Blessings for Joyce & Larry Beishline /
Frank & Alice Gorski St. Joan of Arc

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 Leonard Tomaszewski / Mrs. Dorothy Ann Swike
SS Peter & Paul
Becky Zawacki-Bauer / Dan & Barb Sopczak
St. Joan of Arc

Thursday, July 4 - INDEPENDENCE DAY

8:00 All Serving in the Military

Friday, July 5

8:00 Marie & Jerry Ehram / Family SS Peter & Paul
People of God St. Joan of Arc

Saturday, July 6

4:00 Edward Zimmerman / The Szallers SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, July 7

10:00 Tom & Kim Petrites 50th Anniversary / Family
SS Peter & Paul

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS

The Serra Club of Northwest Indiana prays daily for the priests in our diocese. Listed below are the individuals and days of the week on which Serra members will be praying for them. You are also invited to pray for our priests and seminarians.

- July 01 Reverend Sammie L. Maletta
- July 02 Reverend Mikolaj Markiewicz, S.D.S.
- July 03 Reverend Carlos Martinez
- July 04 Reverend Ted J. Mauch
- July 05 Reverend Douglas J. Mayer
- July 06 Reverend Kevin P. McCarthy
- July 07 Reverend Keith McClellan

**THE LAST "NORMAL" SUNDAY:
"Let me go first and bury my Father"**

This 30 June is the last Sunday for our Music Minister, Laura Monteen, to be with us. It is the last weekend where Fr. Meade will only have to be with SS Peter and Paul and St. Joan of Arc without involving other priests in the Mass Schedule so that St. Andrew parish can be accommodated. Your pastor wishes he could throw some cloak over another person, as did the prophet Elijah, to obtain some regular help. We are grateful for the ready aid of Fr. Andrew Corona and Fr. Lourdu Pasala who will be celebrating liturgies with us in July.

Change is inevitable, growth is optional. We make the decision with God's help to confront our situations in order to discern and obey His holy will. The French say that, "to change is to die, a bit." It is also the only proof that any person, parish, or anything is really alive. We reject the passive complaint that things are merely 'happening to me.' If we are human, we are free.

Even in the Middle East to this date you will hear the excuse a person offers for not trying something new, even if it looks advantageous: "Let me first bury my Father." You will often be surprised to discover that the old man is in rather good health. The argument is that Dad's way is still working, Dad's way is how it has always been and should be, and it would be disrespectful to alter anything or become somebody other than Dad's boy or girl. Later, when debts to parents or the past no longer compel, then can one strike out on something like one's own life.

We heard St. Paul say today that "for freedom Christ saved us and set us free." All other things in nature move by the compulsion of any creature's predetermined nature. The very essence of humanity, though, is freedom with the terrible burden of personal responsibility for one's choices. Thus, St. Paul sees sin, as a sort of anti-nature, a deceit, and something surreal, and it infects, debilitates, and robs a person of self-control. Thus, he wants us to avoid with aversion any new bondage.

The changes we have in our lives, which occur in the lives of people we love, calls for a response in us. The English say that we must be something, either bitter or better. Whatever our excuses for fear, we have reasons to trust in the all-powerful and resurrected Christ.

Week June 10 - June 16, 2019

Weekly Offerings	\$3,979.00
Vanco Online	\$160.00
Total Income	\$4,139.00

The sponsor of this week is **Ivy Tech Community College**. To view their full ad, see the back of our bulletin. Thank you to all sponsors as they make our bulletin possible!

Pastoral Staff

Reverend James W. Meade, Pastor
Deacon Malcolm Lunsford
Laura Monteen, Director of Music
Bill Mindas, Buildings and Grounds
Roxanne Poturalski, Bookkeeper

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Lord's Day Masses-Ss Peter & Paul

Saturday at 4:00 pm
Sunday at 10:00 am

Lord's Day Masses-St. Joan of Arc

Sunday 8:30 am
Sunday 11:30 am

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday at 8:00 am
at St. Joan of Arc
200 E. 78th Ave. Merrillville

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ss Peter & Paul Chapel
Wednesdays 1:00 pm - ?

St. Andrew
Wednesdays
5:45 pm - 6:15 pm

(I will leave the confessional ten minutes after my last penitent has finished.)

Circle of Prayer: Prayer requests email at sspchurch@msn.com or drop your requests in an envelope in the collection basket marked "Maria".

Michael Cierski

Mike Cierski resides in Hobart, IN with his wife Rossi and their beloved dog Buster. They love outdoor activities, motor sports, gardening and relaxing with friends and family. From an early age Mike has been passionate about music. He started his formal music education when he was around 5 years old taking piano lessons and singing in the St. Victor Parish choir, Calumet City, IL under the direction of Laura Monteen. At the age of 9 he joined the St. Victor children's choir and knew he wanted to make music a part of his life. Exploring the music world more in high school, he attended Art of Music Camp at Concordia University in River Forest, IL for 3 years. He also played piano/organ for numerous choirs and churches developing his music skills. After high school Mike started his college career at South Suburban College in South Holland, IL where he would major in music and organ performance under the mentorship of Albert Jackson. During that time he was elected to the board of directors of the American Theatre Organ Society where he developed youth programs such as the Theatre Organ Summer Camp, Youth Corner (articles of youth related topic in ATOS bi-monthly publication of Theatre Organ), Award recognition for outstanding theatre organ students, and producing and presenting lectures and concerts for students at college campuses to promote the theatre organ art form. During this time Mike wanted to give back to the community which gave so much to him. He decided to become a music teacher and inspire the next generation of musicians. Mike graduated from Chicago State University with a Bachelor in Music Education with Honors. He continued his education at VanderCook College of Music and earned his Master in Music Education degree with a 4.0. Mike currently teaches general music and choir at West Harvey/Dixmoor Illinois School District 147 and produces/directs the musicals at South Suburban College. He also directs the Southlake Children's Choir, Crown Point, IN. Mike and his wife Rossi are excited to be part of St. Peter and St. Paul family. Please pray for them as they start their new journey in faith.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
CHANGE IN CONFESSION TIMES

Confession times have been rescheduled. The next opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation for SS Peter & Paul, St. Joan of Arc and St. Andrew Parishes will be as follows:

WEDNESDAYS
BEGINNING JULY 3, 2019
1:00pm—? AT SS PETER & PAUL
5:45-6:15pm AT ST. ANDREW

This means that the Tuesday 7:00pm time at St. Joan and the 3:00pm Saturday time at St. Andrew are now suspended and moved to the above stated Wednesday times. The now suspended Tuesday 7pm St. Joan confession time did not prove to be of much service to many people. Our Lady of Consolation maintains its 3pm confession time.

Bishop Hying's Birthday Bash & Farewell Celebration

Mark your calendars for August 6th for Bishop Hying's Birthday Bash & Farewell Celebration at U.S. Steel Yard, home of the Gary South-Shore RailCats. Tickets will be available for purchase through the parish office or online at www.catholicfuture.org. There are three options for tickets: \$10 for game; \$30 for game + BBQ; \$45 for game + BBQ + beer/wine wristband; children under three are free. \$20 Limited Edition Bishop Bobble head. All proceeds benefit the Mercy Fund to benefit works of mercy in the Diocese of Gary. All are welcome to join Bishop Hying at a special Mass at the ball park at 5:00 pm, otherwise, gates open at 6 pm.



THANK YOU FROM DENISE & LIZ -- Thanks again to all parishioners who saved plastic caps for the parish's second free recycled bench and to the Lake County Solid Waste Mgt. District for sponsoring the Cap-A-Thon program. This bench is located to the east of the front doors of the church. Special thanks to parishioner Pete Giannini for driving to the Solid Waste office in Hammond last week to pick up the bench! Next time you come to church, have a seat and chat with a fellow parishioner after Mass!

FROM OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

A Rachel's Vineyard retreat for post-abortion healing will take place the weekend of Sept 13-15. This retreat is open to any woman or man who is suffering from the emotional and spiritual effects of a past abortion(s). The retreat consists of scripture based meditations and exercises designed to help those affected by abortion to work through their pain, along with others who share this silent grief. The retreat is facilitated by compassionate and knowledgeable team members, helping all to come to a place of healing and hope. The retreat and all correspondence are completely confidential. Call 219-552-2944, or email nwinrv@outlook.com for more information.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (Galatians 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

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CASH REWARDS EARNED WHEN YOU SHOP:

Gordon Food Service: Saints Peter & Paul receives rebates for the Parish from your purchases. You must mention Saints Peter & Paul Church in Merrillville for us to receive the donation.