

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 8:30 AM	August 8 St. Dominic Elizabeth Liguori
TUESDAY 8:30 AM	August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Rosalie Losito
WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM	August 10 St. Lawrence Edward McCann
THURSDAY 8:30 AM	August 11 St. Clare Dr. Rico Bernard
FRIDAY 8:30 AM	August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal Michael Mander
SATURDAY 8:30 AM	August 13 St. Pontian Paul & Virginia K. Nicoladse James Gahan Ann Phillips Richard Brereton Angelina Ciotolli
5:00 PM	Mary Jane Murphy Bonaventura Candela Phil McElhennon Helen Ryan Rose Lawrence
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM	August 14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time John Meehan Rosalie Losito James Gahan



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays, 11:30 am to 5:30 pm
Benediction at 5:30 pm

“Visit the Lord in that heart-to-heart contact that is Eucharistic Adoration. You will receive new energy to help you bring comfort to the suffering and peace to the world.”

John Paul II

SCRIPTURE READINGS

August 14, 2011, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

Week of August 7, 2011

**Eucharistic Bread and Altar Wine,
In memory of *Sally Froccaro***

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Raimo



Please pray for...

The Sick: Hank Brakman, Rose Cassino, Sabina Climaco, Margaret M. DeMeo, Bee Hickson, Tom Kelly, Janette Potkaletski, Joseph Rizzo, Philip Spinnato, Anna Tagliatalata

The Deceased: Lucy DiStefano

If you have placed a loved one on the sick list, please keep us informed. Thank you

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Have you never been baptized or received little or no instruction in the faith and want to learn more? Call the rectory at 883-6675.

SAINT PETER’S REACHES OUT TO THOSE WHO MOURN

Bereavement Support Group meets every Friday at 8:00 pm in St. Peter’s Pastoral Center. For more information, call Rose Osterberg at 767-1460, or Yvonne Calabrese at 883-4817, email ycall10@verizon.net. *Children’s Bereavement:* Individual counseling is available. Please call Sr. Peggy Tully at 883-2782 for assistance.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Are you seeking guidance on your journey of faith? Call any of the four trained Spiritual Directors at St. Peter’s: Carol Breslin~767-7603; Kathy McIntyre~767-1792; Eleanor Roth~767-6185; Sr. Peggy Tully, O.P.~883-2782.

SOME SIMPLE RULES

To make attending Mass more pleasant for everyone, cell phones should be turned off before entering the church. The Missals are needed for Mass, so please don’t take them home. When Mass has ended kindly take out everything that you brought in with you so the pews will be presentable for the next Mass. And **please** use only designated parking spaces-don’t park just anywhere. Thank you.

WEDDING BANNES

Third Time

Mary Elizabeth Houlihan, St. Peter’s and Michael Phipps, St. Charles, Orlando, Florida

Third Time

Dina Ramirez, St. Peter’s and Edwin Hernandez, St. Peter’s



Second Time

Elvira Lonardo, St. Anthony’s, Bronx and Christopher Gibaldi, St. Peter’s

AUTOMATED GIVING

Instead of writing out checks each week, parishioners may donate once a month with their credit cards or deductions from their checking accounts. For more information, please speak to Susan at the rectory at 883-6675.

***CARD DONORS:** Please remember to notify the rectory of changes to your card’s expiration date or account number.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

From Art to Legal and Marketing to Videography, the Helping Hands of St. Peter’s are eager to help out! Need a Helping Hand? Call us, *The Stewardship Committee*. Contact Terry Zenobio at 516-883-3456.

WEEKLY REPORT ON FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week’s Collection Basket	\$15,038
Automated Giving	\$2,400

“Thank you for your generous support of our parish”

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday, August 13

5:00 pm Fr. Pat

Sunday, August 14

7:30 AM Fr. Pat

9:30 AM Fr. Pat

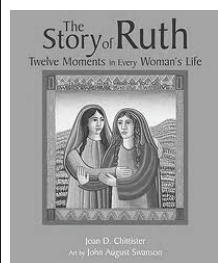
11:30 AM Fr. Pat

9:30 AM School Church (Spanish) - Fr. Arnulfo

BECAUSE **THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** FALLS ON A MONDAY THIS YEAR, (AUGUST 15TH) IT IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. WE WILL CELEBRATE MASS AT 8:30 AM.



PARISH READING GROUP



We are starting our sixth year!!!

Come join us for a discussion of the book

THE STORY OF RUTH -

Twelve Moments in Every Woman's Life

by Joan D. Chittister, OSB.

The Martha and Mary Room

Monday, September 12 at 7:30 pm.

This is not only a women's book - we can all learn from Sr. Joan's reflections on Ruth's story. I hope that men will see it as an opportunity to grow in awareness and sensitivity.

There is a healing that takes place when someone accompanies another on life's journey, especially when this journey is filled with struggles. In the story of Ruth and Naomi, we see hope emerge out of loss and tragedy.

If you have any questions, please call Sr. Peggy at 883-2782 or email at oceanpeg2@verizon.net



In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to the elderly who are not able to find relief from the summer heat, and you will bring them faith and hope!

If you wish to join The Society of St. Vincent de Paul or learn more about it, please call Carolyn at 944-7057 or John at 767-0616.

WEEKEND MINISTERS SCHEDULE

AUG. 6	LECTORS	GREETERS	EUCCHARIST MIN.
5 pm	N. Brooks	J. Hackett, S. Nunziata	K. & R. Hickson, P. Kane, J. Labellarte, J. Lynch
AUG. 7	LECTORS	GREETERS	EUCCHARIST MIN.
7:30	F. Burke	K. Lynch	K. Lynch, V. Manzo, M. McCollum
9:30	M. Connelly	A. & J. Malloy	A. Mellert, I. Moody, J. Morris, G. Mulligan
11:30	A. D'Angelo	M. Nuzzolese	C. Murro, M. Nuzzolese, C. Occhi
AUG. 13	LECTORS	GREETERS	EUCCHARIST MIN.
5 pm	M. DeMarino	J. Palawsky	J. Palawksy, J.P. Paolino, M. Pusey, N. Py, T. Schweitzer
AUG. 14	LECTORS	GREETERS	EUCCHARIST MIN.
7:30	E. Flood	L. Murphy, C. Roth	C. & E. Roth, C. Seguritan
9:30	D. Franklin	Y. & B. Wright	I. Sinkinson, A. Stanton, L. Steinmann, M. Stiuso, J. Tan
11:30	M. Giordano	T. Zenobio, M. DeNisco	P. Tarpinian, J. Traynor, M. Wade

APOSTOLADO HISPANO

SERVIDORES DE HOY, 7 DE AGOSTO

ACÓLITOS: Mark Arias, Yesica Quintanilla, Michael Gallardo, Ana Parra

LECTORES: Rosario Espichan, Graciela Lugo

ANIMADORES: Rudy Gonzáles

MINISTROS: Stephanie Lugo, Hugo y Hortensia Melgar

CAFÉ: GRUPO #11: Antonio y María Sandoval

SERVIDORES DEL DOMINGO PROXIMO, 14 DE AGOSTO

ACÓLITOS: Christian Altamirano, Michelle Garay, Verónica Rivas, Yarlín Arias

LECTORES: Martha Anyarin, Rene Salvador

ANIMADORES: Julia Altamirano

MINISTROS: María Parra, Orlando y Dora Castillo

CAFÉ: GRUPO #1: Celina Castillo

MATRIMONIOS Y QUINCEAÑERAS

Aquellas parejas que desean contraer matrimonio y la familia de las niñas que quieren celebrar los quince años deben contactar al P. Arnulfo Jara al menos SEIS MESES antes de la fecha en que desean la celebración. Se les recuerda que no es aconsejable separar salón para la fiesta, antes de haber contactado al Padre y haber separado una fecha para la celebración.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

DESPERATELY NEED COFFEE, SHAMPOO, SOAP & CANNED PASTA!!!

Cereal, Oil, Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard, Laundry Detergent, Bathroom Tissue, Metro Cards, Gas Station Gift Cards & Laundromat Gift Vouchers

URGENT: SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE VERY LOW WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Our annual collection of school supplies has begun. As usual the needs for school are overwhelming for all families, but especially for those with limited, fixed incomes. Can you please help with donations of the following items?

- Pens (Blue or Black Ink)
- No. 2 Pencils
- Pencil Cases or Boxes
- Crayons
- Hi-Lighters
- Folders
- Loose-Leaf Paper
- Loose-Leaf Binders
- Spiral and/or Marble Notebooks
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Construction Paper
- Glue Sticks or Elmer's Glue
- Colored Pencils
- Colored Markers

Please note that with all items, they should be non-gender specific, in this way it can go to either a boy or a girl. Thank you so much for your generosity & support.

WE HAVE CLIENTS THAT ARE IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

- One (1) Window Air Conditioning Unit
- One (1) Full or Twin Size Mattress w/Box Spring & Bed Frame
- Two (2) Chest of Drawers

IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW HAS THESE ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR DONATION, PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OUTREACH AT 516-883-0365. THANK YOU!

Peace, Lourdes

MINISTERIO SOCIAL PARROQUIAL

LA DESPENSA DE COMIDA NECESITA LOS SIGUIENTE:

DESESPERADAMENTE NECESITAMOS CAFÉ, CHAMPÚ, JABÓN, PASTA EN LATA Y ARROZ!!!

Cereal, Aceite, Mayonesa, Mostaza, Salsa de Tomate (Ketchup), Detergente de Ropa, Papel Higiénico, Tarjetas para Gasolineras, Tarjetas de Metro y Vales de regalo para la Lavandería

¡¡URGENTE: LOS SUMINISTROS ESTAN MUY BAJO Y NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!!

REGRESO A LA ESCUELA ACCIONAMIENTO PARA SUMINISTROS

Nuestra colecta anual de útiles escolares ha comenzado. Como siempre, las necesidades de la escuela son abrumadoras para todas las familias, pero especialmente para aquellos con ingresos limitados y hijos. ¿Puedes por favor ayudar con donaciones de los siguiente artículos?

- Plumas (tinta Azul o Negro)
- No. 2 Lápices
- Estuches o Cajas para Lapizes
- Lápices de colores
- Alumbradores
- Carpetas
- Hojas Sueltas (Loose-Leaf) con Liñas
- Encuadernación de Hojas Sueltas
- Cuadernos Espiral y/o de Mármol
- Reglas
- Tijeras
- Pael de Construcción
- Barras de pegamento o Pegamento de Elmer
- Lápices de colores
- Marcadores de colores

Tenga en cuenta que con todos los elementos, no deben ser específicas de género, de esta manera se puede ir ya sea a un niño o una niña. Muchas gracias por su generosidad y apoyo.

TENEMOS CLIENTES QUE ESTÁN EN NECESIDAD DE LOS SIGUIENTES:

- Un (1) Aire Acondicionado de Ventana
- Un (1) doble o individuo colchón con un somier y estructura de cama
- Dos (2) Cómodas Pequeñas para Ropas

SI USTED O ALGUIEN QUE USTED SABES TIENEN QUALQUIERA DE ESTOS ELEMENTOS DISPONIBLES PARA LA DONACIÓN, COMUNÍQUESE CON EL ALCANSE DE LA PARROQUIA A 516-883-0365. GRACIAS!

Paz, Lourdes

A STEWARDSHIP SAINT FOR AUGUST

**Saint Lydia of Philippi**

Lydia is the first recorded person in Europe to become a follower of Jesus Christ. She was Saint Paul's first baptized convert at Philippi.

What we know of Lydia is found in the Acts of the Apostles. She was from Thyatira, an industrial center located in what is now western Turkey. She was a wealthy businesswoman; a manufacturer and seller of purple dyes and fabrics for which the city of Thyatira was noted. Lydia was part of a high value industry. Purple goods were luxury items, used by emperors, high government officials, and priests of the pagan religions.

At the time of the narrative in Acts, Lydia and her household had moved to the city of Philippi, a Roman colony on the Rome-to-Asia trade route. This is where she had her first encounter with Paul on his second missionary journey about the year 50.

While visiting Philippi for the first time, Paul and his party came upon Lydia and a group of women gathered by the river that ran through the city center. He sat down and shared the gospel with them. Lydia listened intently, took the gospel message to heart, and she and her family were then baptized in the river.

Lydia insisted on providing hospitality to Paul and his companions, so they made their home with her while in Philippi. She continued to help them even after they were jailed and released.

As a successful businesswoman, her home would have been spacious enough to welcome guests and to become a place for community gatherings and liturgies.

Paul cherished the members of the Christian community at Philippi and called them his "joy and crown." Undoubtedly, Lydia's generous hospitality and leadership in the founding of this early Christian community contributed to Paul's affection.

Saint Lydia's feast day is August 3.

We encourage you to check out the ICSC Forum at www.catholicstewardship.org under 'members' where members can share ideas and questions. The Parish Stewardship section is reviewed every day by members of the Parish Stewardship Education and Services Committee.

Welcoming Strangers: A Mark of Christian Stewardship

Companies that specialize in household moving tell us summer is their busiest time. Kids are out of school and families make changes. If you're planning an August move, at least in the Northern Hemisphere, there's a backlog for transporting your goods.

The 2010 U.S. Census data revealed that 37.5 million Americans moved that year. Many of them were moving to take advantage of better housing or to find new jobs. Undoubtedly, each of them experienced a certain amount of upheaval and rootlessness.

Worldwide, the United Nations reports over 43 million people are refugees or people displaced within their own countries due to political conflict, persecution, and calamitous natural disasters. And imagine – over half of these are children. These staggering numbers present a challenge and an opportunity for the Catholic steward.

A number of Catholic Charities agencies are actively involved in the resettlement of refugees. In our own country, many citizens have been uprooted from their homes due to recession and foreclosure. Most dioceses and parishes are actively involved in helping the homeless or the newly relocated. It only takes a phone call to discover how you can help with material assistance, food, or mentoring.

Many parishes experience a steady stream of new members, especially in the fall. Sometimes new parishioners slip through the cracks. Does your parish have a welcoming committee? Could you sponsor a welcoming event? If your parish doesn't offer a program to welcome new families, maybe you could get one started.

Recently, a news report featured a young man who had fled with his family to the Syrian-Turkish border to escape the Syrian government's repression. The man held his newborn son up to the camera. One could imagine a similar scene in the Gospel of Matthew where Joseph took Mary and fled with the infant Jesus into Egypt.

The movement of peoples is a story as old as history. At some time in our lives, most of us will probably feel as if we are strangers. How we respond to this feeling in others will be a mark of our Christian stewardship.

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ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 9 am: Blood Drive in Cafeteria 10:30 am: Spanish Coffee Hour in Cafeteria 11:30 am: Spanish Choir in School Church 1 pm Baptism in Main Church</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7:30 pm: Spanish PreCana in Martha Mary Room</p>	<p>10 7:30 pm: RCIA in Convent</p>	<p>11 7:30 pm: Cursillo in Faculty Room 8 pm: Renovación Reunión in Martha Mary Room</p>	<p>12 7:30 pm: Bereavement in Pastoral Center 7:30 pm: Renovación in School Church</p>	<p>13 7:30 pm: Carismática Choir in School Church</p>
<p>14 10:30 am: Spanish Coffee Hour in Cafeteria 11:30 am: Spanish Choir in School Church 1 pm Spanish Baptism in Main Church</p>	<p>15 4 pm: St. Vincent de Paul in Pastoral Center</p>	<p>16 7:30 pm: Spanish PreCana in Martha Mary Room</p>	<p>17 7 pm: Opus Dei in Main Church 7:30 pm: RCIA in Convent</p>	<p>18 7:30 pm: Cursillo in Faculty Room 8 pm: Renovación Reunión in Martha Mary Room</p>	<p>19 7:30 pm: Bereavement in Pastoral Center 7:30 pm: Renovación in School Church</p>	<p>20 7:30 pm: Carismática Choir in School Church</p>

BLOOD DRIVE TODAY, AUGUST 7TH
9 am- 1:30 pm in the Cafeteria
Sponsored by St. Peter's Society of St. Vincent de Paul

JULY BAPTISMS
Welcome to St. Peter's Parish Family!!
Anthony Christopher Cucinotta
Matthew Joseph Hehn
Riley Schumm Lewis
Reagan Constance O'Reilly
Sydney Grace Olivo



MINISTRY LEADERS - pick up your display boards in the rectory



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ST. PETER'S MINISTRY FAIR
OCTOBER 15-16, 2011
THE HELPING HANDS OF ST. PETER'S
Liturgy Committee: dedicated parishioners who are responsible for assisting the pastor and pastoral staff in the preparation and presentation of special events for the honor and glory of God. The Lenten Mission and Journey of the Cross are handled by the Liturgy Committee.
 Contact: Kay Lynch, 883-1547
Eucharistic Ministers: a trained group of parishioners who assist the priest in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, at the Sands Point Nursing Home, and to the homebound and hospitalized.
 Contact: Marilyn DiToro (Mass), 883-6775
 Marge Bodendorf (homebound), 883-1356

THE PARTY IS STARTING!
This year's Parish Party is going to be held on Friday November 18th at North Hempstead Country Club. If you would like to share your ideas and join a committee, we would love your help.
 Contact Claire Mitchell at portmitch@aol.com.

32nd Grande Festa Italiana
 North Hempstead Beach Park
 Wednesday, September 7-Sunday September 11
 Come and enjoy the best and oldest feast on Long Island. Rides, delicious food, live entertainment, gambling casino, fireworks Friday night at 9:30. Open 6-11 pm Wednesday to Friday; 2-11 pm on Saturday/Sunday. All proceeds go to charity.

Liturgical Ministry Training

1. TRAINING FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. Session "A" is required of all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to homebound persons are also required to attend Session "B".

TO REGISTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING: the pastor of the parish must send a letter to Bishop Murphy *at least 10 days in advance* requesting the training for each person attending. **This letter must mention the date and place of the training the person will attend.**

2. TRAINING FOR LECTORS. An opportunity for new and continuing lectors to fine-tune their skills in proclaiming the Word of God. **PLEASE USE THE TEAR-OFF BELOW FOR LECTOR TRAINING ONLY**

3. TRAINING FOR MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY/USHERS. This training takes place by request in the parish. Call the Office of Worship to make arrangements.

TIMES AND PLACES FOR MINISTRY TRAINING:

In Nassau:

EM "A" Session and Lector training
October 22, 2011; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

"B" session for Extraordinary Ministers
November 19, 2011; 9 AM—1 PM
Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale

In Suffolk:

EM "A" Session and Lector Training
October 15, 2011; 9 AM—1 PM
Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach

"B" Session for Extraordinary Ministers
October 29, 2011; 9 AM—1 PM
Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach

EVENING SESSIONS for Extraordinary Ministers at St. Elizabeth, Melville.

Session "A" - Tuesday, November 8, 2011; 7:30 to 10 PM
Session "B" - Wednesday, November 16, 2011; 7:30 to 10 PM

WORKSHOP FEES:

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: \$30 per person
Lectors: \$15 per person

THERE IS NO LECTOR TRAINING AVAILABLE AT THE EVENING SESSIONS

REGISTRATION FORM FOR LECTOR MINISTRY TRAINING

Please register *at least one week* before the lector training workshop. Mail this registration to the Office of Worship, PO Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023, or email to worship@drvc.org, FAX 516-764-3316, or phone us at 516-678-5800, x 504.

I wish to register for **Lector Training** at:

- Kellenberg Memorial High School (Saturday, October 22, 2011)
- Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach (Saturday, October 15, 2011)

Name Phone

Parish Town

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August 2011

Parish of St. Peter of Alcantara

Fr. Patrick Whitney, Pastor

What can you do with good old "Catholic Guilt"?

Our so-called "Catholic guilt" is actually a healthy warning signal that alerts us when something in our relationship with God needs fixing. When dealt with in positive ways, guilt can be good.



Get rid of it. Guilt is like a hot potato. It's not pleasant to hold for long. The idea is to get rid of it quickly.

Find the source. Examine your conscience and find the source. Then confess it during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Remember: God always forgives even if people don't.

Make things right. Key to overcoming guilt is to make things right, but that is easier in some situations than others. Ask your priest for suggestions, if necessary.

Learn from your mistakes. Review what went wrong and resolve not to let it happen again. Remember how uncomfortable it was to carry guilt and how great it felt when the burden was lifted. Seal your commitment with the penance you receive from the priest.

The bad kind of guilt. Guilt is supposed to be a temporary feeling to nudge us back on track. Feeling constant shame that isn't associated with a corresponding sin is

unreasonable. If that's what you are feeling, try to identify the source. Are there people in your life skilled at making you feel guilty? If unsure, ask a priest or religious for help.

One Minute Meditations

Quiet service

In the service of God not everyone is called to lead. There are times when we are to take a background role and go unnoticed. No matter. When we serve with love, our service can be as important as that of the most prominent apostle.

Forgiveness, again

Jesus certainly had reason to harbor a grudge. He was falsely accused, unjustly imprisoned, cruelly murdered. Yet he forgave everyone and wants us to do the same.

Holding a grudge gives power over our life to the offending person or situation. As we let go of the grudge, that power disappears. Instead, there is room for compassion and understanding. That's what Jesus wants for us.

LAITY: The faithful who, having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, are made part of the people of God, the Church.

The laity participate in their own way in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ. *(Catechism of the Catholic Church)*



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Often pictured as chubby cherubs with wings, angels are actually powerful beings who have been present since creation. They are spirits who act as God's servants and messengers and dwell with God in Heaven.

Angels are purely spiritual



Why do Catholics believe in angels?

creatures with intelligence and will, and are splendid and immortal. Some angelic duties recorded in Scripture have included announcing and assisting prophets, leading God's people out of danger, and announcing important births. In fact, the angel Gabriel announced the birth of Jesus, himself.

3 Ways to share Christ in your community

Pope John Paul II once said that those of us who know Christ can't keep him for ourselves. "We must proclaim him." Try these ideas for proclaiming Christ in your community:

Vote. When we cast our votes, we bring Christian principles into our local, state, or federal governments. To build a more just and compassionate society, look for candidates who most closely represent our Catholic values.

Speak with love. "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).



Our culture tells us it's funny to make jokes at others' expense or interesting to gossip. Instead, use Christ-speech, which is always positive.

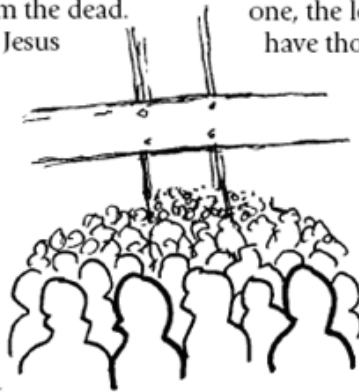
Spend responsibly. As consumers we can bring Christ to the marketplace by buying products that have been produced responsibly. Ask your retailer for information about how and by whom the products sold were made. If you don't like the answer, shop elsewhere. (For more information, go to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' website www.usccb.org social justice section.)

from Scripture

Matthew 16:21-27, Jesus predicts his Passion.

Jesus told the Apostles he must suffer, die, and be raised from the dead. When Peter objected, Jesus rebuked him. He explained that to be his disciples we must take up our cross and follow him.

Jesus never promised us, his followers, worldly success. We are not promised wealth, good health, constant bliss, or an easy life. The only thing Jesus promised us for this life is a cross. Most of us will have many crosses in our lives. Our crosses can take many



forms: an illness, the death of a loved one, the loss of a job. Actually we'd have those crosses whether or not we follow Jesus.

By denying ourselves, picking up our cross, and following Jesus, we will be joining ourselves to Jesus. That is how we can show our faith in God. Jesus will help us carry our cross by giving us his strength.

When others see how our faith carries us through our trials, it can help them come to Jesus. We evangelize by how we live our lives. In the process we gain eternal life.

Q & A How can I resist temptation?

There is only one effective way to resist temptation and that is to say "no." But that is easier said than done.



Try these ideas for help:

Make a list of what most often leads you into sin. Do you have friends who love to gossip? Do you drink too much with coworkers? Do you spend too much money at the mall? Write your list down and make it complete. Then decide to reject each item on the list.

Practice saying "no" when you are alone. Say it out loud if you have to. Don't offer explanations. Just make it a "no." "I don't do that." "That's not me."

Remove yourself from temptation. In the Old Testament story of Joseph, his boss's wife "looked at him with longing" and followed him around but Joseph "would not agree to lie with her or even be near her" (Genesis 39:10). Avoid the gossiping friends, go straight home from work, stay away from the mall.

There is nothing more important than avoiding sin.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 13 – Pope St. Pontian (235). Pontian spent most of his papacy defeating heresy and battling an antipope, Hippolytus, with whom he later reconciled. During the Roman persecution of the Church, Pontian and Hippolytus were exiled to the mines in Sardinia where they were martyred.

August 19 – St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John was priest and missionary in the Diocese of Seez. Concerned with the state of the clergy, he instituted reforms and started seminaries. John

is best known for promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists).

August 25 – St. Louis of France (1270). After two reigns of violence, King Louis IX brought peace and justice to France. He improved the tax system and reformed laws, founded hospitals and visited their sick. He protected the rights of the common people. He died of typhus in a crusade against Muslim advances in Syria.



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ST. PETER OF ALCANTARA
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR

New TWO'S PROGRAM

Beginning September 2011



All children must be 2 years of age by December 1, 2011

2-Day TWOs Program

Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuition - \$2,800 per year



2-Day TWOs + One

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tuition - \$3,500



AND

Mommy & Me Continues!

Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Fall Semester: September 16, 2011 – January 20, 2012

15 Sessions - \$225

Spring Semester: February 10, 2012 – June 15, 2012

14 Sessions - \$210



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