



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

The Presentation of the Lord Feast, February 2, 2020

~*Mass Intentions*~
February 3-9, 2020

- 3. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Leo Collins Family
- 4. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Pat Ellerbrock
- 5. Wednesday 8:30am
Lila Fredericks
- 6. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Ashbaker & Buckley Families
- 7. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 8. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Alvera Grawe
- 8. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Dan Barry
- 9. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family
- 9. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Marty Peters
- 9. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Jim Real & Lisa Real

— *Mass Schedule* —

- Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
- Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.,
9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

*Sacrament of
Reconciliation*

Saturday 7:30-7:50 am or
3:30-4:30 pm,
or by appointment.

Dear Parishioners,

“When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *“every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance to the dictate in the Law of the Lord.”* Thus begins the words of our gospel today as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This day echoes the last of Christmas in our liturgical calendar.

The Presentation of the male child was to take place 40 days after birth. This presenting the child was an acknowledgement that the child belonged to God and that the parents were in a sense buying or redeeming the child in order to raise the child. If you remember the Passover, the angel of death went through Egypt killing all the first born males. Thus through the blood of the lamb on the doorposts, the Israelites redeemed this first born from the wrath of the angel of death. And so from this time on, it was understood that the parents would go to the Temple and make the appropriate sacrifice in order to raise their child as their own.

In this presentation, they are greeted by two figures in the Temple. Both represent in a sense the Old Testament figures who were awaiting the Messiah. These two figures were Simeon and Anna. Both of them give God thanks as they see the hope of Israel in both of these people of age. But its also interesting to note that Simeon foretells something to Mary as He says to her that a sword will pierce her heart, thus predicting many sorrows that would take place within her heart. In Catholic tradition, these were called the seven sorrows of Mary which include the following: *The prophecy of Simeon; the flight into Egypt; the loss of the boy Jesus in the Temple; Meeting Jesus on the way of the cross; the crucifixion of Jesus; the taking down of Jesus from the cross; and the burial of Jesus.* Yes, through each of these experiences of Mary, the sword of sorrow pierced her heart. And yet through it all, she remained steadfast in the Lord, not necessarily understanding each experience, but like any mother, she trusted in the Lord and continue to pray, *“thy will be done.”*

Since this Monday is the Feast of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, it is a tradition to give the traditional blessing of throats on that particular day. But many will not be attending Mass this Monday, so we will be giving a general blessing of throats for all in attendance at our Masses this weekend. And our prayer is, *“through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”*

This weekend we also conclude our National Catholic School’s Week. As a mission of our Catholic Church, our Catholic schools help to promote, encourage, and support the Catholic faith in so many ways. Our parents entrust their young people to us to supplement what these young people are learning at home. Again, I remind our parents that they are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith and morals. Our Catholic schools only supplement what they are learning in the home. So to our parents, be the best of teachers through example.

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Next Meeting
Catch Me If You Can
Sunday, February 9, 2020
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Meet in the Martha Jane Room
Drivers and Secret Shoppers Needed
All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome



Saints Alive!
Let Me See Your Halo
February 9 at 6:00-7:30pm
in the Gym
A youth group for 4th, 5th, & 6th grade Parishioners and guests! Have fun with your friends while you learn more about the Saints and your Catholic Faith. Come enjoy these fun evenings in the St. Peter Gym 6:00-7:30 p.m. Wear your Saints Alive Shirt or pick one up that night!

Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures This Sunday
Please join us this Sunday, February 2, after all Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings.

Social Concerns Collection
Social Concerns is collecting cereal, toilet paper, laundry detergent and dish soap this weekend, February 1-2 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Quincy Catholic Charities. Containers are located in the Narthex. Thank you!

Baptism Class - Monday, February 3rd
St. Peter will offer its next baptism class at 7:00 p.m. on Mon., February 3 in the Parish Office. Expectant parents welcome. Call the Parish Office for reservations at 222-3155.

Men's Group Spring Program
The Men's Group will be starting its spring program on February 20th and 21st. More information to follow in the coming weeks. If you are interested in helping with planning or assisting with the program please contact Doug Greenwell (217-242-4518) or Mark Strieker (217-316-0080).

Scout Sunday February 9th at 8:00am
Sunday, February 9th during the 8am mass we will be celebrating Scout Sunday. This is an annual mass where we recognize our scouts at St. Peter's for their commitment to the values of scouting. We ask all scouts of St. Peter's to come wearing their uniform for that special mass. The fifth graders in cub scouts will be transitioning to scouting following mass at a special ceremony in the lower level of church. If you know of anyone that is interested in scouting please have them contact Chris Gill at cgill@culver.edu for more information.

St. Joseph 5th Annual Shrimp Boil
The St. Joseph 5th annual shrimp boil and fish fry will be held Saturday, February 22nd, at 5:00pm at St. Joseph Church at 1435 E. 1500th St. (in the country, by the Quincy Airport). All you can eat for \$15, 5-12 is \$5, 4 and under free. Shrimp, fish, andouille sausage, corn on the cob, french fries, potatoes, corn dogs, onion rings and more. All are welcome!

St. Thomas Fish Fry
St. Thomas Fish Fry, Camp Point, Friday, February 28th - 4:00-7:00 P.M. All you can eat. Fish, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Homemade Dessert. Free Will Offering. Handicap accessible. Hosted by Men & Women's Society.

St. Anthony Spring Craft & Vendor Show
St. Anthony Spring Craft & Vendor Show, Saturday, March 7th, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Dominic School, 4100 Columbus Road, Quincy IL, sponsored by the St. Anthony Catholic Church Ladies Society. For vendor information contact Janet Bick (rjbick@comcast.net or 217-430-7256) or Tawny Benz (rtbenz77@gmail.com or 217-257-0847).

Please keep the following in your prayers:

~Kristopher Schreacke	~Elias Erd	
~Lilli Foster	~Ian Mehaffy	
~John Meyer	~Isabella Benner	
~Sharon Zehnle	~Ray Peters	
~Richard Lauer	~Steve Sinnock	
~Betty C. Wiewel	~Mike & Pat Creek	
~Kathy Schuckman	~Arlene Lansing	
~Norma Johnson	~Bill Parker	
~Charles Rakers	~Darin McCleary	
	~Penny Norton	
	~Dee Burnham	
	~Ted Kemner	
	~Steve Hull	
	~Larry Phillips	
	~Avery Cowick	

To have a name added to this list, please call the Parish Office at 222-3155 or email church@cospq.org.

CD of the Week
Totally His Living in the Love of the Father by Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V. 
Our weaknesses and our wounds can often make us feel inadequate. But as Sr. Bethany illustrates with her insightful humor and profoundly memorable stories, bringing these weaknesses and wounds to God the Father can allow us to be healed by the Healer. HE wants to be with you, at every moment; in every suffering, every pain. every desire and longing.
www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org promo code 104597

Adoration Chapel Hours
These are the available hours in the Adoration Chapel: Tuesday 1:00-2:00am, 2:00-3:00am, 3:00-4:00am, 10:00-11:00am (1,3,5), Wednesday 1:00-2:00am, 3:00-4:00pm, Thursday 4:00-5:00am (1,3,5), Friday 4:00-5:00pm (alternate weeks), Saturday 7:00-8:00pm (alt. weeks). Please call Mary at 653-3127 or Gina at 257-9966. Chapel # is 214-0132.

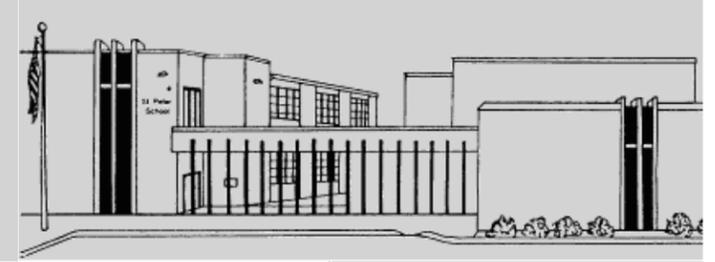
Women's Cursillo #348
Women's Cursillo #348 will be held February 20-23 at the Franciscan Retreat Center located at 1909 N. 18th Street in Quincy.
Cursillo ("Cur see yo") is a Spanish word meaning "short course". During this three-day experience, those attending pray together, celebrate Eucharist, listen to talks given by priests, religious and laypersons, and share fellowship of Jesus Christ and each other. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community and interaction with other Christians.
Please note that non-Catholics are welcome. For more information or to receive an application please call Dwight/Barb Seeley at 217-224-5615 or go to www.quincycursillo.com and "applications" and print one. Applications must be received by Feb., 16th.

Quincy University Scholarship
Quincy University is offering a \$500 Diocesan Scholarship to incoming freshman and transfer students who are members of your parish. To receive this renewable scholarship, students must apply and be accepted to QU by March 15th and submit a letter from a parish official confirming membership. Questions? Email us at admissions@quincy.edu.

St. Edward Church Whole Hog Sausage & Pancake Day
St. Edward's will hold an all you can eat whole hog sausage & pancake day and biscuits & gravy on Sunday, February 9, 8:00am-1:00pm. Adults \$8, children 10 & under \$4. Pork for sale: sausage links & bulk \$8 for 2 1/2 lbs., ribs \$7 for 2 1/2 lbs, pork chops \$12 for 3 lbs, Backbones \$7 for 2 1/2 lbs, head cheese \$8 per stick, Bacon \$7 per package. To place a meat order please call Nick Zanger at 430-4495 or 936-2289 or email nickzanger@gmail.com. All orders have to be placed by 2/6/20 at 4pm. Saturday pickup from 3:00-5:00pm Only. Raffle to benefit St. Edward Cemetery.

CYO Spring Volleyball Registration
What: Registration is now open for Quincy CYO Spring Volleyball. Registration is \$55 till Feb 15th, late registration is \$80 till the close on Feb 20th.
Who: Girls in 3rd through 8th Grade
When: Games begin the week of March 2nd.
Where: All games will be held at K&L Arena (1600 N 43 St.)

The School of St. Peter



Week of February 2, 2020
A Message from Mrs. Cindy Venvertloh
"St. Peter School provides a quality education built on Catholic values and teachings."

PANCAKE TOSSING KICKS OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Catholic Schools Week began with our annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast! We wish to thank all of our students, parents, parishioners and community members who attended. We also wish to thank Mrs. Amanda Monteyne for chairing this event! Next week we will share pictures from the week events!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS—PRESCHOOL 2020-2021

2020-2021 Preschool Enrollment/Registration Night—February 27th—5:30 p.m. Parishioners and current school families will receive a letter soon providing additional information. (If for some reason you do not receive a letter please be sure to contact Mrs. Roberta Hutson, school secretary at 223-1120.) Children must be either 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, 2020 to enroll in the program.

Chaddock Book Event

You're invited to discover Chaddock's new book: 'Raising the Challenging Child: How to Minimize Meltdowns, Reduce Conflict, and Increase Cooperation'. St. Peters is hosting a special reception featuring co-author and Chaddock President/CEO Debbie Reed on Thursday, February 13 in the lower level/cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30, with a brief program at 6:50. The book contains ideas and strategies for strengthening and improving family relationships that are research-based and family-tested. It is designed for anyone involved in raising a child: parents, grandparents, educators, clergy. A free study guide for Christian parents, Sunday School and small groups is also available. Books will be available for purchase at a discounted price, and Debbie will be happy to autograph your copy! RSVP your attendance to dsmith@chaddock.org, 217-222-0034. More information at www.raisingthechallengingchild.com.

MENU
Monday: Hot dog/bun, baked beans, cheese cubes & veggies, peaches.
Tuesday: Chicken noodle soup, crackers, ham/cheese wrap, carrot stick/dip, pineapple tidbits.
Wednesday: Cheese pizza, spinach salad, fruit cup, frosted cake, sherbet cup.
Thursday: BBQ wing dings, sweet tator bites, cowboy corn, chunky applesauce.
Friday: Pancake/syrup, sausage patty, hash rounds, banana slices, hard cooked egg.

THIS WEEK
Monday, Feb. 3: ACRE testing begins for grades 5 & 8.
Tuesday, Feb. 4: 1st grade field trip to Quincy Art Center 9:00-10:30; Chess Club 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5: 8:30 Children's Mass—2nd grade leading.
Thursday, Feb. 6:
Friday, Feb. 7: Spirit Day; Kindergarten field trip to Quincy Art Center; Quarter 3 midterm; Father/Daughter Dance 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Be sure to check us out on FACEBOOK

School of St. Peter
2500 Maine Street
Quincy, IL 62301
Phone: 217-223-1120
Website: www.stpetersschool.com
Email: c.venvertloh@cospq.org

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. Feb. 3:

Tues. Feb. 4: Novena 8:30 a.m., Church
Ladies Bible Study 9:00 a.m., Martha Jane Room
Chess Club 6:30 p.m., Maria Goretti Room
RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Wed. Feb. 5: PSR 6:15 p.m., School
Ladies Cursillo 7:00 p.m., Fr. Bauer Room

Thurs. Feb. 6: Cribbage 1:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Fri. Feb. 7:

Sat. Feb. 8: Rosary 7:30 a.m., Church

Sun. Feb. 9: Scout Sunday 8:00 a.m., Church
Daycare 9:30 a.m., Maria Goretti Room
Liturgy of the Word 9:30 a.m. Mass, Martha Jane Room
Saints Alive 6:00 p.m., Gym
FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

—*Mass Servers*—

Weekday Masses, February 3-8:
8:00 a.m. Lucas & Lydia Miller

Saturday Mass, February 8:
5:00 p.m. Cayson Peters, Blake Bunch

Sunday Masses, February 9:
8:00 a.m. Nicholas & Jacob Gass
9:30 a.m. Heidi & Caroline Knuffman
11:00 a.m. Jack & Josh Brenner

—*Daily Mass Ministry Schedule*—

February 3-8:
Lector: Mary Brahler
EMHC:
Angela Lepper, Ruth Koch

Fr. Leo's column continued

Quincy is very unique in the sense that we have been blessed with 4 Catholic schools and a Catholic High School. These are treasures to support and promote in order that our faith is preserved and nurtured for our young people. But so often our young people get contrary messages especially when moms and dads do not go regularly to Mass on weekends. I find personally this to be a sad commentary on our faith of our parents. I remember growing up in my family and other than sickness, there was never a reason accepted to miss Mass on the weekend. Unfortunately, we have basketball games, volleyball games, and many other excuses for not attending Mass. And these excuses are accepted by our parents. So I challenge our parents to make sure the Eucharist is a priority in their lives on the weekend. And yes, they do have Catholic Masses in many places that these games take place. Let's be the best examples and show that our Catholic faith is a high priority and comes before any games we might play.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: "Mom, we learned a new song in school today," chirped Jimmy as he rushed into the house from his first grade class. "You did? What song was it?" she responded. "God bless America," proudly announced Jimmy, "want me to sing it?" She smiled and Jimmy started, "God bless America, land that I love; Stand beside her and guide her, through the light from a bulb."

Middle ager: "When I was younger, I was very idealistic. As I grow older, I find myself becoming more and more conservative."

Old timer: "I know just what you mean. At my age, I'm trying to conserve my hair, my teeth, and my energy."

Magi. Leo J. Eulow



WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Jan. 26	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,150.40	\$31,600.42
Regular Collections	\$31,689.64	\$875,098.00
Annual School Fund	\$15,599.00	\$349,014.46
Holy Days	\$10.00	\$12,385.05
Christmas	\$25.00	\$39,810.36
Totals	\$48,474.04	\$1,307,908.29
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$992,000.00
Difference	\$16,474.04	\$315,908.29

Diocesan Collections
Catholic Times: \$470
Latin America: \$1705

Haiti Sister Parish Collections
Collected: \$41,302.70
As of 1/26/2020

Amt. Assessed	2019 \$158,734.00
Paid	\$ 47,785.00
Amt Due:	\$ 110,949.00

226 Parishioners have contributed as of 12/31/19



Parish in Action

A Time to Mourn – A Time to Heal

Are you struggling with the loss of a loved one? Need someone to talk to? We will be offering the 4-week "Grief Support" series for anyone in the Community who has experienced the death of a loved one.

It will be held at the St. Peter Parish Office at 2600 Maine on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 PM in March (March 2, 9, 16, 23). The sessions include scripture, videos, worksheets, and suggested reading material and discussions dealing with loss. For more information or to sign up for the session please contact Kathy in the Parish Office at 222-3155.



Warm & Welcome committee presents...



St. Peter Parish
Mardi Gras!
Party

Music by: The Silver Bullets
Opening band of QND Jazz Band 7-8p.m.

February 22, 2020
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

BYOB
Also Please Bring a Heavy Appetizer to Share

Walk ins Welcome!
Dancing

50/50 Drawing
Party Favors
King Cake

St. Peter School Gym
5.00 per Person

Reservations to Lyn at (217) 316-4590 (voicemail or text)
or email at l.strieker@cospq.org

Open to All Adults only

Haiti Sister Parish News

The Sister Parish Committee is again collecting items for shipment to Haiti this spring and needs your help to make this drive a success. The following items are requested:

February 22, 23 - Children's underwear and socks

Please drop off your donated items in the boxes in the narthex.

If you have any questions, contact Marilena Frier at 217-408-2904. Thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish.

Coffee After Mass

Please join us for fellowship, coffee, and a light breakfast after 8:00am Mass, Friday, February 14th in the Narthex. Come visit with those people you see at Mass but may not get a chance to talk to! All are welcome.

