



The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

July 21-27, 2025

- 21. Monday 8:00 a.m.
Luke Mayfield
- 22. Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Barry
- 23. Wednesday 8:30 a.m.
Michael Flynn
- 24. Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Paul Poore
- 25. Friday 8:00 a.m.
Dan Frericks
- 26. Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Jeanette Noel
- 26. Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Joan Whitney Whitcomb
- 27. Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Bob & Eileene Anderson
- 27. Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Pat Ellerbrock
- 27. Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Our Parish Family

— 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 a.m.
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

As I reflect upon our gospel reading for today, I just think that this particular gospel humanizes Jesus. What it tells me is that Jesus needed fellow human beings in whom he could trust, find support, and draw strength. He wasn't so independent that he didn't need other humans to keep him in touch with human feelings like compassion, love, and even humor. And these human feelings I imagine were found in his friendship with Martha, Mary, and their brother, Lazarus. And so we find Jesus entering the village in which His friends lived, for an occasional visit. I can also imagine that Jesus smiled many times as He heard the sisters complain about each other as they talked with him on the shortcomings of their siblings. In this particular instance, we hear Martha, complaining to Jesus, "Lord do you not care that my sister has left me by myself, to do the serving? Tell her to help me." Apparently Mary was sitting beside Jesus at His feet listening to Him speak. Jesus in His wisdom and understanding of sibling rivalry responds, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Martha has legitimate complaints against her sister. There might have been others that accompanied Jesus so there was a little stress trying to show hospitality to all the guests. But Martha missed a major point. Hospitality means that we show proper attention to those who are apart of our lives. We see them as individuals needing attention rather than just fulfilling physical needs. This is what Martha seemed to have been missing with making sure that Jesus' physical needs were being filled rather than focusing on listening to what He was sharing.

Speaking of hospitality, I want to welcome on behalf of our parish, Fr.. Varghese Aratukulam, a priest of the diocese of Alleppey, India. He is in our parish this weekend to make an appeal for our assistance in the ministry of his diocese. Once again we are being asked to be stewards and to share our prayer and our treasures with others who are less fortunate. We are being asked to be the Martha's who listen to this appeal and then respond with generous hearts to what will be asked. Envelopes will be in the pews. After all, we are a missionary Church and we do have a mission to come to the assistance of brothers and sisters throughout the world who are in need. I ask that you welcome him as we normally do and respond generously to his appeal. May God bless him, his efforts, and each of you.

Also to let you know, we will be switching the time of Mass on Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 8:20 a.m. to accommodate our grade school schedule. This will take effect on Wednesday, August 27th. Please adjust. Thank you!

Also, I know that picnic tickets have been sent out to our parishioners. It is hard to believe that our annual parish picnic is just a month away, as it will be held on Saturday, August 23rd. Please make sure that you have sent in your raffle tickets with the money for the raffle. The picnic will be a little different with all the construction taking place but we will adapt to the circumstances. Please plan on joining us and enjoying our parish community. We are always looking for workers so if you haven't been assigned, let our chairpersons know.

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Next Meeting

TBD

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Meet in the Martha Jane Room

All 7th, 8th, & 9th graders & their friends welcome!



Saints Alive!

TBD

3:00-4:30 p.m.

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 the fun! Please check Facebook for updates.

Mark Your Calendar

Mon. July 21:
Tues. July 22:
Wed. July 23:
Thurs. July 24:
Fri. July 25:
Sat. July 26:
Sun. July 27:

Project Rachel

Help for women and men to heal from the pain of abortion. For assistance call 1-877-RACHEL-5.

Reporting Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse

To report allegations of sexual abuse of a minor by clergy or other church personnel – even if it is in the past – individuals are encouraged to call the Diocese's Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number at (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE.

Quincy Catholic Youth Bowling Night

Quincy Catholic Youth Bowling Night will be held on Monday, July 21st, 6:30-8:00pm at Tangerine Bowl. Two games & shoes free. Food & drink for purchase. Open for 6-12th grade. Sponsored by St. Francis, St. Peter, Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony. Call/text Grant at 217-602-9293 with questions.

Quincy Deanery Women's Summer Gathering

Quincy Deanery Council of Catholic Women's Summer Gathering will be held Wed. August 13 at Holy Family Parish in Mt. Sterling. Theme: "Woman as daughter, sister, bride and Mother " Featured speaker: Sr. M. Clementia Toolson, FSGM, Springfield Diocese Catholic Education, Evangelization and Faith Formation. Registration 7:45-8:30 Cost \$10. Mass 8:30 with Adoration before and the rosary. 10:00am breakfast, meeting and Lunch. Ends approx. 2:00pm. Questions, contact Claudia: rccogg@adams.net, 217-653-6716.

Online Giving Now Available

St. Peter has partnered with Pushpay to create an easy way to make online contributions to the Church, School, or Haiti. Please use QRCode or Pushpay link below to start your yearly giving . Any questions please contact the parish office. <https://pushpay.com/g/stpeterquincy>

WEEKLY COLLECTION

	July 12	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,121.01	\$2,428.01
Regular Collections	\$25,425.00	\$53,358.56
Annual School Fund	\$3,498.00	\$9,811.00
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$10.00
Totals	\$30,044.01	\$65,607.57
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$64,000.00
Difference	(\$1,955.99)	\$1,607.57

Diocesan Collections

Retired Dio. Priests: \$75.00
Catholic Home Mission: \$20.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected \$527.00

Fr. Leo's column continued..

In the past several months, we have been doing our best to update our school gym. This update included a new gym floor, which was necessary as we discovered some potential hazards in the flooring. Of recent date, we also updated our sound system which has been great and will be quite an addition to any type of gatherings. Finally, this summer we painted the walls, giving our gym a new and fresh look. Come by any time and see the finishing touch. All of this has been possible because of the stewardship of this parish family.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE: This guy was walking along the beach one day and ran across a lamp. He picked it up and a genie popped out. The genie told him he would grant the man three wishes.

"First," the guy began, "I'd like a million dollars."

Poof! A million dollars was suddenly piled around his feet.

"Second," he continued, "I'd like a new Mercedes."

Poof! A Mercedes appeared in front of him, engine idling. The man threw the money in the car ready to drive off to the bank.

"Wait," the genie called, "You have one more wish!

The guy smirked, "I'd like to be irresistible to women."

Poof! He turned into a box of chocolates.

Maggi. Lisa J. Embury

Parish in Action

Mission Appeal for the Diocese of Alleppey (India)

The Diocese of Alleppey, situated in southwest India, nurtures a Catholic population of 166,870 within a total of 1,260,970 residents. In this densely populated region, 75% of the people are poor fishermen, who continue to practice traditional fishing, making a humble living off their daily catch. Challenges such as sea erosion and seasonal storms frequently disrupt their lives, yet the diocese remains steadfast in its mission to uplift the poor. Through numerous welfare projects led by parishes and social service ministries, the Light of Christ reaches all, transcending caste and religion.

The lack of government health programs has left families facing terminal illnesses in increasingly dire situations, with cancer cases on the rise. Assisi Hospice and Palliative Care Center of the Diocese remains the only facility providing free support to terminal patients—but it is struggling to keep up with growing demand. Your generous donations through the Mission Coop Program will help expand our hospice center and extend critical services to those who need them most. Fr. Varghese Aratukulam from the Diocese of Alleppey will be present on July 19-20 to share more about these urgent needs. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Adults Only Summer Date Night Challenge Check In

BYOB & App to share!

Extra entry for a chance to win a \$50 gift card for each couple who joins!

RSVP

Friday, August 8th 5pm-6:30pm @ The Party Room Jen's Dance Academy 510 Jersey Street

ST. PETER CHURCH

JOIN THE CHALLENGE AND GO ON ONE DATE PER MONTH THIS SUMMER TO TRANSFORM YOUR MARRIAGE!

DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE

JUNE 1, 2025 - AUGUST 28, 2025

JOIN THE CHALLENGE TODAY!

YOUR MARRIAGE IS WORTH IT!

HOW IT WORKS:

- WE WILL SEND DATE IDEAS AND DISCUSSION TOPICS TO YOU MONTHLY
- SEND A PICTURE OF YOURSELVES ON YOUR DATES
- COMPLETE 3 DATES AND BE ENTERED FOR GRAND PRIZE

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QUESTIONS? CALL 217.214.0187

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