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Diocese of Springfield in Illinois

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Mass Times:

Weekday Mass: Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Except Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass: Sat.: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 7:30-7:50 a.m., 3:30-4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Sacramental Preparation:

Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for Baptism Class. *Weddings:* Please contact a St. Peter Priest at least six months in advance. *Sacramental Prearation:* Is offered through St. Peter School and the St. Peter Parish School of Religion.

R.C.I.A.: Please contact the Parish Office.

To Join St. Peter Parish:

Please phone the Parish Office at 217-222-3155 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

MARCH 3, 2024

Exodus 20:1-17 or Exodus 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; John 2:13-25

[There are alternate Biblical texts that may be used for the first and second readings.]

It would be a wonderful world if everyone kept the Ten Commandments! In the first reading, God gives the commandments to Moses. If everyone kept the commandments, there would be no crime. There would be no illegitimate or unwanted children. There would be no theft or murder or dishonesty. There would be respect among all peoples.

If everyone kept the commandments, we would be truly wise. The second reading tells us, however, that true wisdom goes beyond the commandments. True wisdom is to accept Jesus Christ as Lord over every aspect of our lives.

A lot of "sophisticated" people (the "Greeks" of the second reading) look for a secular philosophy or another wisdom. Some of us are like the Pharisees or Jews of old: We want to see signs and wonders or we won't believe! But we have true wisdom if we are loyal to Jesus Christ even in his cross. The wisdom of God is wiser than that of any human genius.

In the Gospel, Jesus angrily drives the money changers out of the temple. He calls for a spirit of prayer, and not for a lot of buying and selling and "doing things" in the name of religion.

How genuine is our faith? Do we just "go through the motions?" Do we truly keep God's commandments? Do we think that we shall somehow find wisdom elsewhere? Let us renew our loyalty to the Lord.

Today, we celebrate the first of three Scrutinies with our Elect. In the ancient Church, the Scrutinies were tests which catechumens had to pass before they were judged worthy to be baptized. Nowadays, they are simply prayers for the Elect. But we might ask ourselves if we could pass the Lord's test in order to be a member of his people!

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The Parish of St. Peter Quincy, IL

~Mass Intentions~

March 4-10, 2024

- 4. Monday 8:00 a.m. Frank Poore4. Monday 6:30 p.m.
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- 5. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. D.J. Venvertloh
- 5. Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Barbara Wolf
- 6. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. Loren Tournear
- 6. Wednesday 6:30 p.m. MO MASS
- 7. Thursday 8:00 a.m. NO MASS
- 7. Thursday 6:30 p.m. Robert Deters
- 8. Friday 8:00 a.m. Bobette Miller
- 8. Friday 6:30 p.m. Elaine Wagner Savage
- 9. Saturday 8:00 a.m. Luke Mayfield
- 9. Saturday 5:00 p.m. Fr. Mike Grawe OFM
- **10. Sunday 8:00 a.m.** Priscilla Morrison
- **10. Sunday 9:30 a.m.** Our Parish Family
- 10. Sunday 11:00 a.m. Roy Uhll

- 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.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 3, 2024

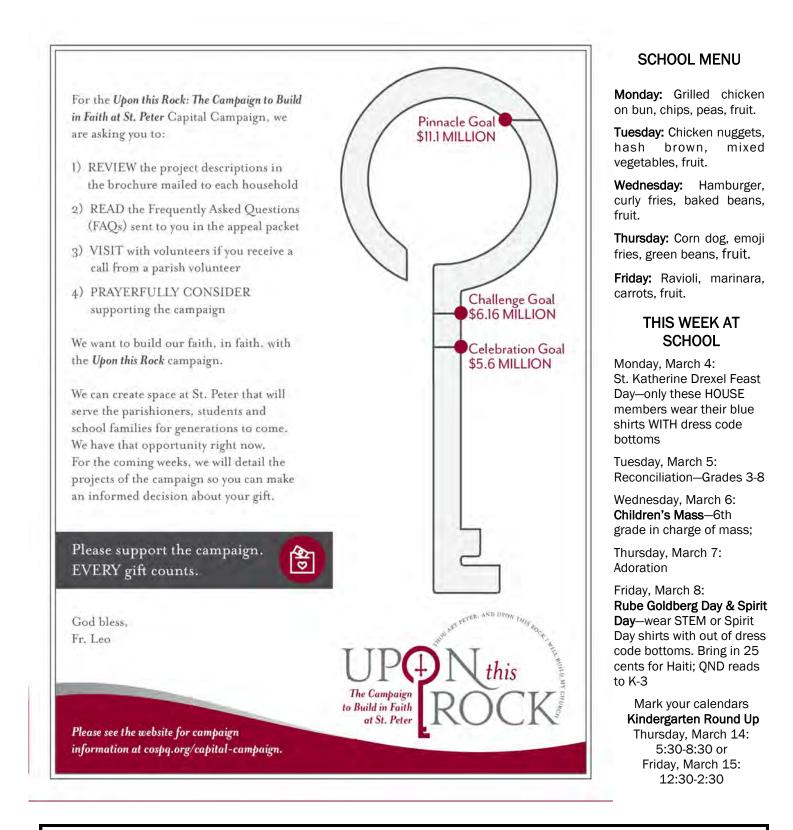
Dear Parishioners,

As we begin this new month of March, the Church continues to celebrate the Lenten journey as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays during Lent., we celebrate what is called the Scrutinies for the Elect (unbaptized). In the early centuries of the Church, these scrutinies were "tests" which the Elect had to pass if they were permitted to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. These tests were not of intellectual knowledge but of faith and morals. I wonder today how many of us who have been Catholics all of our lives could have passed these tests from the past. These Scrutinies of the early Church are restored but they are no longer tests but rather prayers for our Elect as they advance toward the Easter Vigil. And these Scrutinies are tied to the gospel of Year A in our liturgical cycle of readings. That is why in the bulletin you will find the regular gospel for the current year (B) and then the added readings for the scrutiny prayers from Year A. These readings from Year A will be used only for our 9:30 a.m. Mass on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent.

Our gospel for the Scrutiny is the beautiful reading of the woman of Samaria at the well where she meets Jesus. It is her conversion story where Jesus meets her where she is, touches her heart, extends His forgiveness, and then we find her willing to share her story with others, what we call evangelizing. Her story if we read it carefully is also the story of our Elect and perhaps our own story. But for those who are celebrating Mass at the other times, we find the story of Jesus cleansing the temple. In Jesus' time, the high priesthood of the Temple was very corrupt. The high priests were taking money off the sale of animals for sacrifice, as well as getting a take on the money-changing business. In the midst of all that corruption, we find Jesus entering the Temple and cleansing it of that corruption. With the cleansing of the Temple, we find Jesus replacing the building called the Temple with His own Body, which for us becomes the Temple of God, God dwelling in our midst. It is this Temple of His Body that Jesus says in the gospel, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." And through this resurrected Body will we find everlasting life.

Just as a reminder we continue to hear confessions on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, during Lent from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Our students at St. Peter School will also have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday, March 5, during the morning. A number of priests will be present to assist us. Also, I remind you that we have a Mass each weekday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. Finally, if you missed the parish mission last week, it is recorded and is available to be viewed on our parish website, Facebook, or YouTube. For those who missed it, it was challenging and insightful. I do want to thank all those who were involved with he reception last Monday night. You were great hosts as you supplied all the necessary items for a great evening of hospitality.

All the priests of the diocese are expected to be present for the Spring gathering of priests on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, March 6-7. Because we will be in Springfield, there will be NO MASSES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 AND NO MASS ON THURSDAY MORNING AT 8:00.



Easter Flowers

To make a donation for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please fill out the envelope in your packet or, for those who do not receive envelopes, please put your donation in a plain envelope labeled "Easter Flowers" along with this form and place it in the collection by Sunday, March 17.

Given by:_

In Memory of:_____

Mark Your Calendar

Monday, March 4: -Mass 6:30 p.m., Church Tuesday, March 5: -Ladies Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Martha Jane Room -Mass 6:30 p.m., Church -RCIA 7:00 p.m., Martha Jane Room Wednesday, March 6: -Ladies Cursillo 1:30 p.m., Fr. Bauer Prayer Room -NO 6:30 p.m. Mass -PSR 6:30 p.m., School Thursday, March 7: -NO Morning Mass -Mass 6:30 p.m., Church Friday, March 8: -Mass 6:30 p.m., Church Saturday, March 9: Sunday, March 10: -FOUND 6:30 p.m., Martha Jane Room

Fr. Leo's column continued..

And for those who attend Mass at QND, we will not be having a Mass at 7:00 a.m. on that Thursday. My apologies if this is an inconvenience but we will be in Springfield for these days and I haven't learned to be at two places at the same time.

We want to welcome our speakers this weekend from QND who will be thanking us for our support of secondary Catholic education here in Quincy. Each of you received a letter from me regarding the need to financially support QND during their Commitment weekend. QND is truly a treasured gift that touches so many peoples past and present. They need our help in order to keep tuition affordable and continually growing. My thanks to all of you for your continual support.

Fr. Delix Michel, the pastor of our sister parishes in Haiti, will be here next weekend. Please welcome him. Also, Fr. Mark Tracy, pastor of Holy Family Church in Decatur, will also be here next weekend, taking Fr. Zach's place for Masses. Fr. Zach will be giving a mission for his parish in Decatur.

<u>ON THE LIGHTER SIDE</u>: All about family

- 1. It is amazing how quickly the kids learn to drive a car, yet are unable to understand the lawn mower, snow blower, and vacuum cleaner.
- 2. Before I got married I had six theories about bringing up children. Now I have six children and no theories.
- 3. The best time to give advice to your children is while they're still young enough to believe you know what they're talking about.

Mag. Les J. Enlow

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.

The Road to Hope Book Study

During this season of Lent, we are called to prayer, which could include spiritual companionship for those who need healing. Please join us for a book study to discover how our Catholic Church calls us to be spiritual companions for those suffering and needing healing. If you are interested in learning about how our Church is helping those who have family members or friends who suffer from any form of addiction, please pick up a copy of the book The Road to Hope: Responding to the Crisis of Addiction, which is available in the Narthex. If you are interested in discussing this book with others in our Catholic Church community, please join us for two book study gatherings on Thursday, March 7 and Thursday, March 21 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Martha Jane room. For more information, please contact Carol Frericks at 217-316-6711.

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.



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WEEKLY COLLECTION

	February 25	Total to Date
Loose Collections	\$1,471.49	\$39,991.68
Regular Collections	\$22,632.25	\$1,079,287.68
Annual School Fund	\$2,206.00	\$321,456.87
Holy Days	\$0.00	\$50,833.52
Totals	\$26,309.74	\$1,491,569.75
Total Budget Goal	\$32,000.00	\$1,120,000.00
Difference	(\$5,690.26)	\$371,569.75

Diocesan Collections

Other Diocesan Collected: \$290.00

Haiti Sister Parish Collections

Collected: \$522.00



Parish in Action

Haiti Sister Parish Update

Father Michel wrote to thank St. Peter parish for providing funds to purchase food for his parishioners. Following a recent Sunday Mass, he distributed to each child a kit that provided three meals for five people. The kit included such food items as rice, pasta, milk, and corn flakes.

In February the ten Catholic Bishops of Haiti wrote a press release addressing the current situation in the country. They called on the authorities to immediately put an end to the suffering of the people throughout the country, particularly on February 7, 2024 when people protested against the ruling Prime Minister, Dr. Ariel Henry. The Bishops appealed to him that "he realizes the seriousness of the current situation, and to make a wise decision for the good of the entire Nation, which is seriously being threatened." They called on Our Lady of Perpetual Help to watch over the homeland in danger and help them to live better days. As a Haiti Sister Parish, we ask you to also pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

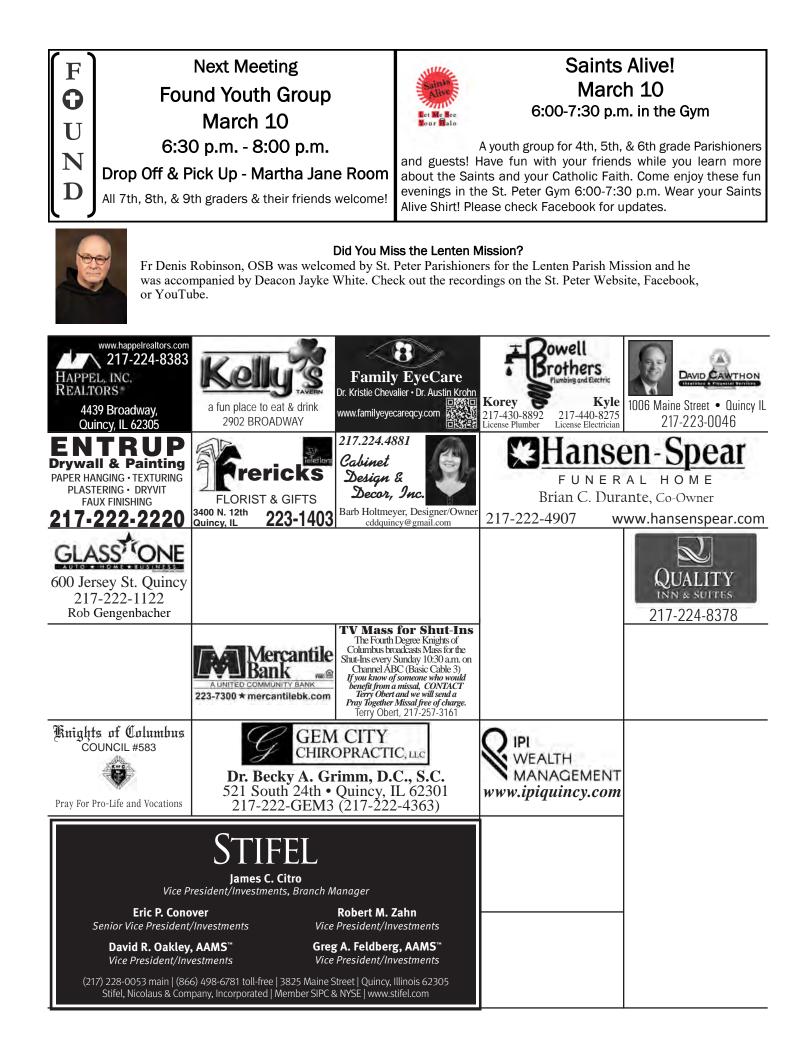


QND Commitment Weekend is March 2 & 3

All parishioners should have or will be receiving a letter and pledge card to consider a gift to support the students of Quincy Notre Dame. Students will speak this weekend at all Masses to share their gratitude for the opportunity to continue their Catholic education in high school. Gifts and pledge cards will be accepted at Masses during Commitment Weekend. Contributions can be placed in the offertory or mailed directly to QND, PO Box 1014, Quincy, IL 62306. Gifts support QND's 47th Fund Drive, which bridges the gap between the cost to educate and the tuition charged to families. To learn more about QND, visit www.quincynotredame.org. Thank you for your consideration!



Lenten Evening Masses We are having the 6:30 p.m. evening Masses Monday through Friday during Lent. There will also be confessions at 5:45 p.m 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday before Mass. No Mass 3/6 Evening and 3/7 Morning We will not have Mass on 3/6 at 6:30 p.m. and 3/7 at 8:00 a.m. because of a priest meeting. There will be No Confessions on 3/6 at 5:45 p.m.	What is CRS Rice Bowl? CRS Rice Bowl is a Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith- in-action program for families and faith communities. Through CRS Rice Bowl, we deepen our personal experience of Lent. We can devote our Lenten prayers, fasting and gifts to transform our relationship with God and neighbor. Please pick up your families Rice Bowl. Bowls are in the Narthex and will be collected April 6 & 7-the weekend after Easter.	
on 3/6 at 5:45 p.m. Social Concerns Collection Social Concerns is collecting canned meats, tuna, canned fruit, canned green beans and corn, peanut butter & jelly this weekend, March 2-3 for the 1st Sunday collection for the Ladies of Charity. Containers will be located in the Narthex. Thank you! Coffee & Donuts and Blood Pressures This Sunday	Chaddock Collection: Hygiene Products The Chaddock Outreach Ministry will be collecting hygiene products. Items needed are body wash, shampoo, conditioner, African-American hair care products, lotion, combs/brushes, stick deodorant, toothbrush/paste, shaving cream, razor, and Chapstick. Please take a tag from the table in the Narthex. Items can be placed in the box in the Narthex March 9-10. Thank you for being a good	
Please join us this Sunday, March 6, after 8:00 & 9:30 Masses in the cafeteria for Coffee & Donuts and blood pressure screenings. Calvary, St. Boniface & St. Peter's Cemeteries Clean-up The 2024 clean-up Will be held March 11 – March 15. You	neighbor to the residents at Chaddock. St. Rose St. Patrick's Day Dinner Sunday, March 17, 11:00 a.m6:00 p.m. Drive Thru Only. \$13 per meal. Parish Hall: 715 Chestnut, enter thru alley of 8th Street. Order from your car!	
must have everything off the graves by Sunday, March 10 as the clean-up will start early on March 11. You may leave the shepherds hooks, but clean-up is a good time to take them home and repaint them. Also if they are rusting you don't want the stone damaged due to the rust to dripping on the stone! Everything else please remove! Please! Mark your flowers with the Name on the stone and your contact number so if they come off there is a better chance of having them returned to the right spot. (Markings should be weather proof if possible.)	March, 2024 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments. In addition to aiding those with immediate needs, your support helps long-term efforts to build peace in regions that have been affected by decades of conflict-such as the Korean peninsula. Although active fighting in the Korean peninsula. Although active fighting in the Korean Nar ceased with an armistice agreement in 1953, a lasting peace has never been established. In the intervening 70 years, relations among North Korea, South Korea, and the United States have grown in complexity, especially with the increasing recent threat of nuclear weapons. The Catholic Church seeks to prevent the scourge of war and the proliferation of nuclear weapons, as a world mission and voice to build lasting peace in place of war. The Catholic Institute of Northeast Asia Peace (CINAP) was founded in 2015 to strengthen communications among the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Korea, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Japan, and the Holy See. In 2017, CINAP hosted its first international conference, the Catholic Korea Peace Forum. After several years of virtual meetings due to pandemic restrictions, the sixth annual Catholic Korea Peace Forum gathered	
Women of Faith Women of Action Yearning to increase your prayer life, improve your leadership skills and perform acts of charity and service. Visit the Quincy Deanery Catholic Council of Women's informational table in the cafeteria after Sunday Mass, March 3, during coffee and donuts. Learn about this group of "Women of Faith and Women of Action" and the upcoming April 3 meeting. For more information, contact Gina Wolf at <u>g.wolf@cospq.org</u> or Susan Asher at asherte@yahoo.com.		
St. Anthony & St. Dominic Fish Fries St. Dominic School: 3/15 at 4:30-7:00 p.m. St. Anthony Church: 3/8, 3/22 at 4:30-7:00 p.m. Catfish or walleye plate \$14, child's plate \$8, fish sandwich/ fries/drink \$8. Carry outs available: St. Dominic through East driveway, St. Anthony through South basement entrance.		
Please keep the following in your prayers: ~Valerie Fox Ortball~Mary Lavery ~JoAnn Schaefer ~Isabella Benner ~Isabella Benner ~Charlotte Siebers~Mary Lavery ~Ken Althoff ~Ed Berry ~Kathy Schuckman~John & Barb Meyer ~Hunter Hildebrand ~Kristopher Schreacke~Michael Mason ~Diane Wagner~Elias Erd ~Dan Dailing ~Julie Eftink	in October 2022 in Washington, DC, bringing together church leaders from North and South Korea and the United States — including the USCCB's International Justice and Peace (IJP) committee chairman—as well as experts, scholars, and government officials from the United States, South Korea, and Japan. As co-organizer of the Forum, IJP was integral to the Church's mission to pray and work for just and lasting peace on the Korean peninsula. This crucial work is made possible with the support IJP receives from The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the	
~Alden & Joyce Shipp~Mario Camacho~Jo Buckley~Anonymous~Weston Harvey~Joan Wilson~Natalie Meyer~Lorna Shade~Ted Kemner~Nancy Bohan~Liem Thanh Mai~Amy Seibert~Diane Zoller~lan Mehaffy~Michelle & Dustin Houston~Maria (Eberhardt) Sparrow	people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of Springfield in Illinois	





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