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Mary Lou Cole

If you have enjoyed the poetry in this newsletter then you know Mary Lou Cole; writer, dog lover and Mothers Club member.

Mary Lou's dog Ebonique (Ebbie) was profiled in our UTR Spring 2014 issue. Shortly afterward Ebbie passed away and Mary Lou got a new dog. Like Ebbie, Anjelique is a non-shedding standard poodle. Her coat is an unusual color - silver beige. Mary Lou chose Anjelique from family Affairs Standard Poodles¹. With the help and guidance of trainer Cindy Hoppes², Mary Lou and 8-month old Anjelique hope they can pass their AKC-Canine Good Citizen qualifications and become a therapy team. Although Ebbie didn't quite make the cut as a therapy dog, she learned more than 80 tricks! Ebbie performed for St. Peter's Mothers' Club and other senior groups. Hopefully Anjelique will pass her AKC-Canine Good Citizen and the last test so that they can be a therapy team.

Mary Lou is a member of the Mother's Club, a group of 25 to 35 ladies at St. Peter Parish. They have entertainment, pot lucks, dinner meets and lots of interesting speakers.

Mary Lou is a volunteer worker at Community Care here in North Ridgeville, helping to sort and pack food and supplies for the needy. About 6 years ago she became aware that re-

quests for eggs were going unfulfilled. Yes, that basic ingredient that should be found in everyone's kitchen, eggs! Mary Lou asked herself, "What can I do about the situation?" With a simple prayer and a creative thought, it came to her - an Egg Basket Tea. The plan: invite 12 women, have them bring \$12.00 and a dozen of eggs, for "Tea". The event was successful and filled a need. Everyone loved it and brought a friend to the next lunch. It grew beyond the capacity of Cole's dining room after 3 years.

Cole presented the situation to the Mothers' Club Women and asked for their help, the "Egg Basket Tea", became a large fund raiser for "eggs" at Community Care.

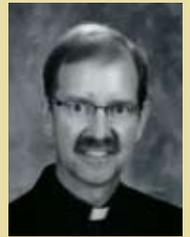
The tea has grown to have three organizers, Dolly McAndrews, Gloria Sliva and Mary Lou. Everything is done by donation and all profits go to the eggs. Dolly deals with checking on prices of eggs, getting the best price of the week from local stores, picking them up with help from Gloria and Mary Lou, they pack them and stock the cooler at Community Care's Center, a group's enthusiasm to make a difference for Community Care's clients.

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Fr. Bob's Corner

Dear Parish Family,
"Just who is the Holy Spirit? I mean I get the Father and the Son. But what is this Holy Spirit stuff?"



The question is not untypical. In a sense we have an image of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit - that's more difficult to imagine.

As Catholics we believe in the Triune God: three Persons, equal in goodness, power and wisdom, distinct in Personhood, yet One God. The Sacred Scriptures testify to this as does the almost 2000 year tradition of the Church. And though this is a mystery (and not a math problem to be solved), our faith tells us much about God, including the Holy Spirit.

There are four primary images of the Holy Spirit in Sacred Scripture. These images give us more than an inkling into who the Holy Spirit is and the role He plays for us. First, the Holy Spirit is described as *wind or breath*. Jesus said, "The wind blows where it wills ... so it is with everyone born of the Spirit." (John 3:8) Wind is powerful, invisible and life giving (as breath). *Water* is another image of the Holy Spirit. "Whoever believes in me, as scriptures says, "Rivers of living water will flow from within him." [Jesus] said this in reference to the Spirit..." (John 7:38-39a) Water sustains life, refreshes and cleanses.

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A third image of the Holy Spirit is *fire*. "...tongues as of fire ... came to rest on them." (Acts 2:3) This third image comes from the event called Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the 120 believers (including the Apostles). Fire brings light, warmth and purification. The final image is that of a *dove*. When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, the Holy Spirit came to him in the form of a dove. (Matthew 3:16 et al) This is a reference to the days of Noah, who released a dove from the Ark as the waters of the great flood subsided. The dove returned with an olive branch in its beak, symbolizing a new beginning on earth. And so it would be with Jesus. He gives the baptized a new birth, bringing peace to believers.

These images describe the Holy Spirit as: powerful, invisible, life-giving, life-sustaining, refreshing, cleansing, enlightening, purifying, peace bringing and reconciling.

However, more than imagery, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as a person. He said that the Holy Spirit, "that the Father will send in my name, will *teach* you everything..." (John 14:26) This Spirit will "*guide* you to all truth. He will not *speak* on his own..." (John 16:13) *Teaching, guiding* and *speaking* are qualities of a person, the Person of the Holy Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles St. Luke refers to the Holy Spirit as "the Spirit of Jesus." (Acts 16:7) Again, these passages of scripture describe qualities of a Person, a Person intimately united with

the Father and the Son.

This short teaching on the Holy Spirit is a prelude to an invitation to participate in a *Life in the Spirit Seminar* that St. Peter Parish will be sponsoring shortly after Easter. It will take place on five Tuesday evenings from April 21 through May 19, and conclude on Pentecost with a time of prayer to encounter the Holy Spirit in a new and fuller manner. We will meet in the Parish Center starting at 7:00 PM. If that space proves too small, we will move into the Church.

Liturgically speaking, the time between Pentecost and Advent is the most sacred time of the year. If the culmination of Lent is Easter, than the culmination of the Easter season is Pentecost. In fact, up until Vatican II, the rest of the Liturgical Year made reference to Pentecost. For example, instead of the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, it was referred to as the 10th Sunday after Pentecost, highlighting the fact that each life of a Christian was intimately connected to the power and person of the Holy Spirit poured out on Pentecost.

In the Opening Prayer of Pentecost we pray, "pour out ... the gifts of the Holy Spirit ..." This Life in the Spirit Seminar is a wonderful way to prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit anew, to be equipped with the Holy Spirit to fearlessly follow Jesus. More information

will be in upcoming bulletins and posted online at www.stpeternr.org.

Speaking of online: our youth minister Michael Cox has recently rebuilt our website. I encourage you to check it out. Besides the plethora of information at our website, we also feature the "Ask Fr. Bob Videos" as well as the videotaped homily for each 10:00 AM Mass.

Prayer request: As was announced at Christmas time, our principal Sr. Pat Vovk is retiring. Please pray that God blesses her as she enters a new phase of her service to the Church. Also, pray that the Lord guide our process of hiring a new principal for St. Peter School.

PTU Appeal: The St. Peter PTU is hosting its major fundraiser, "Raise Your Paddle" on Saturday, March 14, at the Springvale Ballroom in North Olmsted. This classy event is a wonderful time for all who participate and gives a great boost to our top-notch school. If you have not yet experienced our Raise Your Paddle celebration please make this the year. For more information, just "google" St. Peter School Raise Your Paddle.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Robert Franco

Fr. Bob Franco
Pastor, St. Peter Parish

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The newly erected monument for the unborn at the corner of the Parish Center, thanks to the Knights of Columbus.



Children's Corner: Nazareth

If we were able to walk the old Roman roads we could reach a town at a well-known junction where local businesses once serviced caravans as they crisscrossed the area carrying food, tools, cloth, materials and other products that people needed and wanted to buy. Caravans were basically merchants who led pack animals like camels across deserts and arid (dry) regions. Camels were chosen because they are strong animals who could carry a lot of weight, but most importantly, camels could travel long distances needing only a little bit of water to drink. Caravans stopped so the merchants could trade for supplies, have their equipment repaired, and to rest their animals. Camels could fill-up on fresh water that flowed from the spring. They could graze on large fields that were protected from the wind on three sides by mountains and hills. If we looked to the west, in the distance we could see another important trading town that was right on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, Haifa. Haifa was a popular destination for caravans. Some

caravans could travel further on to the south towards Egypt while others could take a different route a mile and half away on that same caravan route to Jerusalem. If we had lived during that time in 7 AD^[1], that town's population would have been about 400 people.

Before standing on that dust covered hill and viewing that town I decided to do some research. I can now visualize families hard at work. Their houses had courtyards and roofs. The open courtyards provided them with much needed light and were perfect for spinning, weaving and food preparations. The roofs were used for drying food or textiles, sleeping and even bathing. With limestone hills nearby the foundations of their homes were made of stone. Even though to me they may have been drab looking on the outside I'm sure they were quite comfortable inside. The houses would have had one or two-rooms with a raised platform at one end, where the families sat and slept on upon cushions and mats if the weather did not permit sleeping on the roof. Whenever they could, the families ate their meals outside under



an awning. A small window set high in the wall and covered with lattice or shutters helped to bring a cool breeze inside. It must have been a town with hard working robust people, strong minded, useful, respectful of traditions and faithful to their families.

The next article will introduce you to some of the families living in Nazareth at that time.

^[1] AD Anno Domini (ah-no doe-me-knee) Latin which means "the year of the Lord"

Rock Star: Mary Lou Cole

Mary Lou always had the desire to compose poetry.

Many years ago she and Mim Nagy began a poetry group in 2003 with gatherings at Fathers of St. Joseph on Case Rd in Avon. As the membership grew they began having meetings at the North Ridgeville Library. They would pick a subject or words and then compose a poem and bring it to the next meeting. It was a great time and those sessions will always be missed as many members had to drop out of the group. The group had such joy writing and sharing their poem, many of them had books published over the years. Following is an example of a poem inspired by a snail.

The Snail

The stars winked at the fleeting moon
As a he traveled with a wavelike motion
The dew crisp beneath his foot
Made passage quiet and smooth

Overhead a single mournful cloud
Incited the sleeping sun
Who heaved its flaming arms up
And dispersed it from the sky

The land now void of nighttime tears
Made him eager to hasten along
His earthly wares upon his back
Burdened his muscular foot

Beneath the canopy of an aged tree
Took refuge from the rebellious sun
Secure within his one room home
Sealed his door with body-goo

Under cover of a smiling moon
He traveled his yearly path
Beneath his foot a silken slime
That oozed and moved him along

With feelers extended, eyes protruded
He entered the crab apple orchard
His mouth set with hard tiny teeth
Drooled over his annual feast

Mary Lou Cole, April 2006

^[1] <http://www.familyaffairstandards.com/>

^[2] <http://www.pawsitivepup.com/>

St. Peter CYO Report

Hoop It Up

The NCAA may have March Madness, but St. Peter CYO celebrates a February Frenzy! Beginning Thursday, February 5th, Kitt Hall will play host to the annual Ray Buescher Memorial Basketball Tournament. Twenty parishes in 6 divisions will participate in this year's event. "We try to set our tournament apart", said Jerry Hansen, Tournament Director. "We have music playing, announce all of the games and offer a hospitality room for all coaches, referees and staff working the event. In the past, we even had a surprise visit from two Cavs players who served as assistant coaches during the championship 4th grade boys game. With so many other options out there, we want to make ours the tournament to be a part of."

For more information about the Ray Buescher Memorial Basketball Tournament and to find out when our very own Saints are scheduled to play, visit the CYO website at www.stpetercyo.com.

Who's Got The Spirit?

The St. Peter CYO cheerleaders do! This is the second year that we have offered a Cheer Program at St. Peter. This year, the girls will be competing in their first ever Cheer Competition held at Avon Lake High School. The girls will also lead the student spirit at the St. Peter School pep rally. Way to go, Saints!

Hard Work Pays Off

Is your child running around the house this winter and wishing for spring? Well starting in March, send them outside! This year's CYO and Intramural Track season kicks off with online registration opening up on Sunday, February 1st. Students in 1st and 2nd grade are encouraged to join our Intramural Track team while students in 3rd - 8th grade can participate on the CYO squad. There is time, to register. For more information, visit the St. Peter CYO website at www.stpetercyo.com

Church Humor

We don't often hear about Noah, builder of the ark. If you'll recall, the first two readings on the first Sunday of Lent, one from Genesis, the other from Saint Peter, has God Himself speaking to Noah and later, St. Peter making reference to Noah in his First Letter. But not many people know what took place prior to the flood. Here's some insight.

Noah returned home after finally getting all the animals into the ark. His wife wants to know where he's been. After listening to a long explanation of his gathering adventures she said, "Honey, now I've herd everything."

A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.

"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and He shows up."

Right to Life

Anniversaries are to be celebrated, right? Not always. January 22, 2015, marked the 42nd anniversary of the US Supreme Court decision involving Roe vs. Wade. The decision made it lawful to perform abortions in all fifty states. Since that infamous ruling, the number of abortions legally performed in the United States ranges between 50-58 million, depending on who's doing the counting. It's an astonishing number and difficult to grasp. It's the equivalent of dispatching the entire population of North Ridgeville every day – for five years!

Twice a year, usually during Lent and also in the fall, a small number of St. Peter parishioners gathers once a week for five weeks to pray for an end to abortions. They travel to the site of an abortion provider and pray one hour, usually from noon to 1 PM. Does it do any good? Our group prayed in front of an abortion clinic near the old Deaconess Hospital; it closed. St. Julie's prayed in front of an abortion

provider right here in North Ridgeville near Jaycox and Center Ridge; it closed. More recently St. Peter's has been praying in front of Preterm in Shaker Heights.

Hundreds of thousands of people of all faiths travel to Washington, D.C., every January 22 to protest against the Supreme Court ruling. Even more people protest in their home cities and towns, and contact their government representatives. Traveling to Washington, D.C., is impossible or at least impractical for most of us. Joining St. Peter's group, too, may not be feasible because of work, family or health considerations. So what can you do? Pray with us. Check the bulletin to see when/where we'll be praying. Then, at noon on each of those five days, stop for just one minute. Pray for the women who are considering aborting their child. Pray for an end to legalized abortion. And pray for the women, many suffering guilt and agony for their decision, asking Jesus for His Divine Mercy for them and for all of us.

Did You Know?

Adoration for Children

Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them. MT 19:14
On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, children are invited to spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. 6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. has been set aside for stories, songs, prayers and periods of silent time appropriate for children. Families are encouraged to stay and pray.

In the Year 33AD

Like my forefathers before me I still cultivate olive trees in this Mediterranean region. Warped with age several of my old olive trees have now attained outsized diameter. Some wild gnarly trees still produce sweet ripe olives we harvest by beating the branches with a stick. The non-producing trees are sold to the Romans for aqueducts, columns and other wooden skills.

The sun was just setting when the Romans' cart entered the pathway into my Olive grove. They came with orders from Pontius Pilate to obtain one sturdy hewed upright beam. It took four of my slaves to load onto their cart one old hewed eight foot two hundred pound tree. The horses' ears flicked back and forth with anxiety for they must have known the destiny of this old tree.

"This upright beam will be fixed firmly at Golgotha to crucify an innocent man", one soldier said. It was a horrific penalty used for slaves and known today as the "Slaves" punishment. The Roman went on to say, "Pilate washed his hands" and said that he was innocent of Jesus' blood.

So to preserve Roman rule and Pilate's own career On Friday we must sacrifice this man known as Jesus.

Next morning I watched weak willed from a hilltop on the Mount of Olives east of the Temple. Afraid but out of curiosity I sent Yosef, my slave, to follow them to Golgotha. "Two thieves were crucified along with Jesus", he said. One asked for mercy while the other taunted Jesus. Jesus then said to the thief asking mercy, "Today, thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

Just below the cross of this suffering man, soldiers threw dice for His seamless garments. This Man whom they flogged with a leaded whip looked down and said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do". His willingness to suffer stirred in me confusion and questions. Jesus looked at His mother, Mary standing beneath him with great compassion and said, "Woman, behold your son" and to John His disciple, "Behold your mother".

His body tilted forward on the cross. and caused excruciating pain just to breathe.

Then I heard this human man, Jesus say, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" His tissues were now depleted of life's blood and He gasped and with His fifth cry said, "I thirst". One of the soldiers lifted a sponge to Jesus' lips soaked in cheap sour wine called "Posca" and He refused.

The chill of death now crept through His tissues and with a whisper said, "It is finished". He then took a deep breath and uttered his last cry, "Father, into Your Hands I command My spirit." The people sneered, and I heard them say, "You saved others, now save Yourself, too".

The sky darkened and those nearby ran from fear when the ground began to tremble and quake.

Frightened I too ran from that hill called "the skull" and hid among the Olive trees for safety. One Olive tree sprawled on the ground near me exposed its grain now a bright red pigment. "What I will always recall" said Yosef, the slave, "is when Jesus died how He dismissed His Spirit." Near His cross a soldier said, "Truly this was the Son of God".

Lent also Means Fish Fry!

Join us at Kitt Hall Fridays from February 20 to March 27 dinner is served from 4:30 to 7pm. Dine In or Carry Out.

Options include 2 or 3 piece Cod, Butterfly Shrimp, Lake Erie Perch or Pierogi, one hot side, one cold side, roll and butter. Kid's meal: Pizza or Mac and Cheese, includes applesauce, cookie and drink box.

And let's not forget dessert!

Then join us for **Stations of the Cross** at 7:30pm





Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service

“We welcome each person, nurturing his/her spiritual, academic, and societal gifts, in a Catholic family environment while promoting diversity, openness, and respect.”

- (St. Peter School Mission statement)

At this writing, St. Peter School has almost completed its annual celebration of **Catholic Schools Week**. The week's celebration is meant to highlight the value and significance of Catholic schools across the country.

Of greatest value is the formation of students in the Catholic faith. It is an extension of the responsibility of parents when they bring their children to Baptism. It is an opportunity to heed

the call of Christ “to make disciples of all nations” and in this case, the opportunity is in our back yard! St. Peter School, our parish school, makes this difference!

The significance of this formation cannot be overstated. Students at St. Peter School “breathe” in an environment that nurtures responsible leadership, provides focused and challenging academics, and supports

family spirit that extends far beyond our school walls.

Come to St. Peter School and see for yourself! You can't miss the “flavor” of this special place!

Open House for new families takes place on Friday, February 27, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Sunday. Open house takes place on March 22 from 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM. *You are most welcome!*

More random thoughts from Deacon Don

How would you feel? Perhaps a better question, in this case, would be, “How do you think you would feel?” About now, I'm sure you're probably thinking, “Feel about what?,” so I'll expound. How do you think you would feel if, in time, it became nearly impossible, or completely impossible, to attend Mass every Sunday, or for that matter, any day of the week? What if Mass were only to be available to you on Christmas and Easter or just one of them? What if even that opportunity were then to be taken away, how would you feel? Would you feel saddened? Unhappy? Indifferent? Pleased? Don't know, never thought about it?

If you have never thought about such a scenario, perhaps it's time to start doing just that. I'm not saying this in response to the assault on Christianity being conducted by the main-stream media, Hollywood and some politicians, bad as it is. I'm saying this in response to the very real problem, REAL problem, with which we are faced, the dwindling num-

bers of active priests within our diocese, state and nation. I'm not suggesting that such a scenario would occur in the next year or even five years but, after that, I certainly wouldn't make any guarantees. It is a sad fact that our priests are aging and the numbers of young men entering the priesthood simply are not keeping pace with the numbers of priests that we are losing to retirement, illness and death. Now, that's not to say that a priest will cease to function as such when he retires but there will be those who will be retiring due to health reasons who simply would not be able to continue in active priestly ministry. Make no mistake, it won't be all that long before the number of active parishes in our diocese will be greater than the number of active priests. What then?

Instead of “what then?” how about if we try to do something about it now? We need to make a shift in our culture and thinking back to the days when young men were encouraged to become priests.

It wasn't all that long ago when having a son enter the seminary was seen as something in which mothers and fathers could take great pride. Not so these days, and that's something that definitely needs to change. There is power in prayer and we need to pray for all men, young or old, who are contemplating entering the priesthood. Pray for them and, just as importantly, encourage them! If someone were to say to you, “I'm thinking about becoming a priest, please pray for me,” don't respond with, “Why would you want to do that?” Offer encouragement to that person instead and let him know that, yes, you will most definitely pray for him and for all those being called to priestly ministry. It would certainly be a good start!



In Christ,

– Deacon Don

A Journey of Faith

I have had a wonderful journey of faith since I made my commitment to Christ on Palm Sunday 1981 while at a men's renewal at St. Peter's. I want to pass along some of the things I have learned.

1. **God loves you** more than you will ever know. He made you and you are perfect in his eyes. God doesn't make junk. But before you get a big head, remember he also gave you a few flaws. The flaws are there so you will not equate yourself to God. I have learned to accept that God is God and I am not. But also remember that every person you meet is perfect in God's eyes. So treat them with respect.

2. **Pray daily.** God is waiting to hear from you. When times are good give thanks and when times are not so good, ask for help. God answers all prayers without exception! The answer might not be what you expected but, it will be the best for you. Abraham Lincoln said that when he didn't know what to do, he went to his knees. You will never stand as tall as when you are on your knees.

3. **God has already proven his love** for you through His son Jesus. Now it is your turn. Jesus died and rose again that you might have salvation. Believe it and live each day as if it is your last. You are not guaranteed tomorrow! Do not worry about tomorrow because it isn't here yet. Do not worry about yesterday because it is gone. The only thing you have is the present. Be Christ to someone every day.

4. When is the last time God spoke to you? Every time you read the bible or hear it read to you at Mass, **God is talking to you.** The message is for you personally. Listen and apply it to your life. Lazarus was raised from physical death and had to die again. But there is something worse than physical death, spiritual death. The Lazarus story reminds me when I was spiritually dead. I asked for and received God's endless forgiveness.

5. **Get your priorities right!** They

must be God, family and then everything else (work, friends, hobbies, volunteer work). I have a problem with this sometimes and my wife Carolyn has been my teacher. As Catholic Christians we are bound by three sets of law. First the Gospel laws (teachings of Jesus), second the Church laws (what the church teaches us) and third the civil laws of our country. If conflicts arise between these laws, you must respond in the proper sequence.

6. For those of you that are married, **God must be the head of your family.** Each husband and wife must have a strong relationship with God. Get right with God and he will take care of the problems. Men, be the spiritual leaders of your family and your family will prosper

7. **Go to Mass daily if possible.** In the Lord's Prayer we say, "Give us this day our daily bread." I now understand that it not only means physical food but more importantly spiritual food (Eucharist). In the 6th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus said "Unless you eat my body and drink my blood you will not have life within you." You have the opportunity to eat this spiritual food daily!

8. **Associate with other Christians** because you will learn from them. I believe that Christianity 101 is two or more Christians sharing their faith. A wise man once told me that Christianity was "one beggar showing another beggar where the food was." So feed each other. I was fortunate to have two older men as mentors. Bob Edwards (15 years older) and Joe Fekete (20 years older). They just appeared to guide me. An old Chinese proverb says, "When the student is ready the teacher will appear." So be open to at least one mentor.

9. **The Evil One is real.** He is the master of lies and the biggest lie is that he doesn't exist. As your relationship with Jesus advances, your attacks from the devil will increase. Don't be afraid because you can rebuke him in the name of Jesus. I now become afraid

when I am not feeling the attacks. It means I am going in the wrong direction and He has me.

10. So what does God expect from you? **Obedience!** The same thing he expected of Adam and Eve. Obedience to what? The 10 commandments and the teachings of Jesus. God expects you to use your talents to further His kingdom. That is why you were created. If you abuse your talents (don't use them for his kingdom), expect a correction. Remember you are here to promote God's kingdom not yourself.

11. **Salvation is personal.** I can only save myself. I can't save anyone else. All I can do is testify to the goodness of God and the effect on my life. Your salvation is in your hands!

12. **Jesus called us to love one another.** You do that by sharing what you have been given. It might be your talents, money, possessions, etc. Remember that whatever you have is only because God has allowed you to have these things. So be generous and share.

A Brother in Christ,

P.S. Keep me in your prayers.

Calling All Teens



Life Teen/Edge Youth Mass is March 1st at 5pm. Join us for contemporary christian music and a teen focused homily. **Life Night** is right after the Mass from 6 - 7:30pm in Apostles Hall. Dinner will be provided.

Go to our website www.stpeternr/teen.com for information on all our youth activities with Michael Cox.

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Palm Sunday
March 29

Good Friday
April 3

Easter
April 5

Life in the Spirit Seminar
Tuesdays, 7pm
April 21 to May 19

Outreach Meals
Last Wednesday
of the Month

Please check the bulletin
or www.stpeternr.org for
current news and updates

Worship

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday 8:45 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Liturgy of the Hours and
Benediction at 6:40 p.m.

Legion of Mary Rosary
Following 8:15 a.m. weekday Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena
Following 8:15 a.m. Monday Mass

Reconciliation (Confession)
3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Saturdays

Prayer

Lenten Prayer

O God, bless us during
this season of spiritual renewal.
Fill our minds and hearts
with love, that we may be
a sign of Jesus
to all those
living in our midst.

Eucharistic Celebration

Monday thru Friday: 8:15 a.m.

Weekends:

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 6 a.m.

8 a.m.

10 a.m.

12 p.m.

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