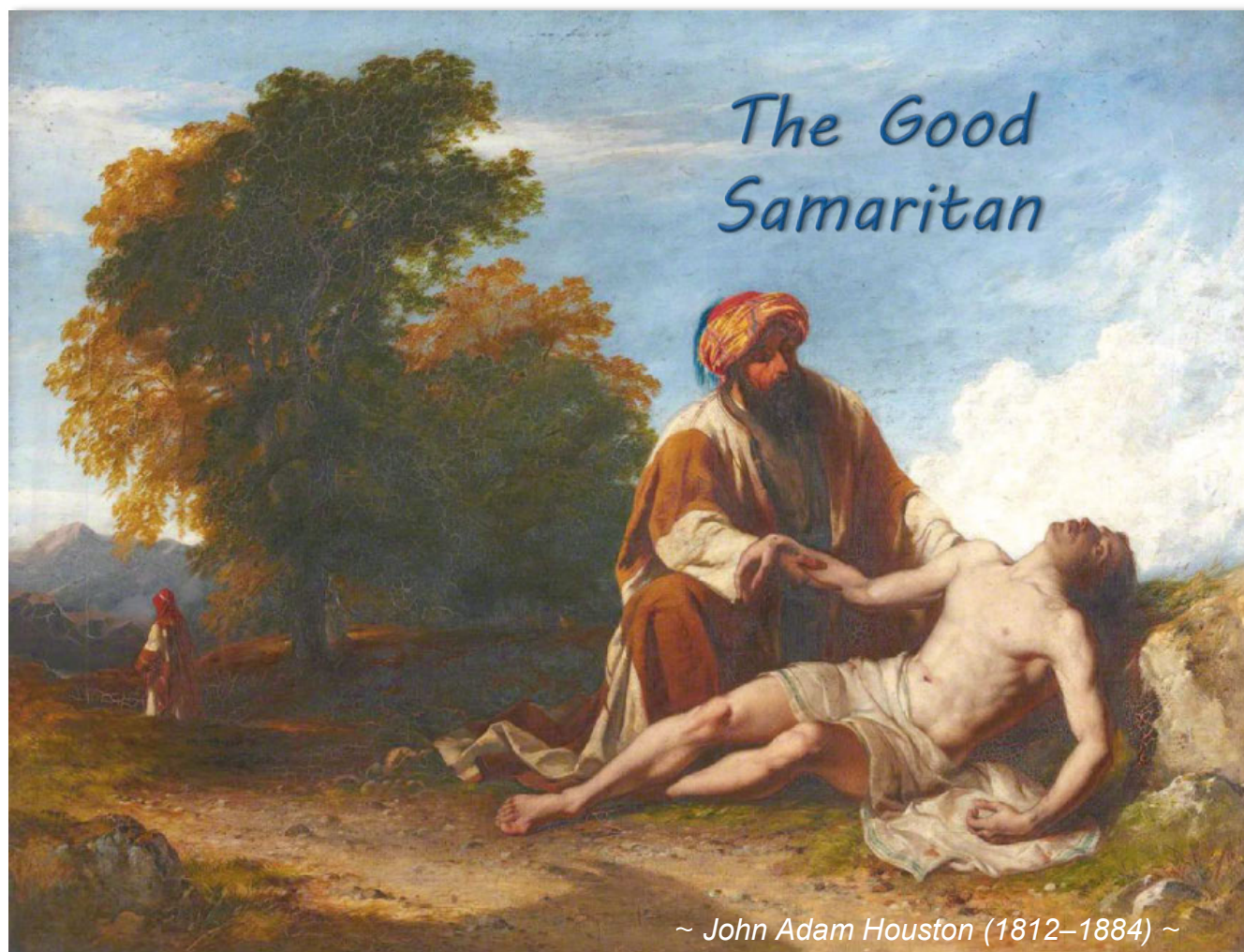


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~ John Adam Houston (1812-1884) ~

Sunday, July 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

Thank You!

St. Peter's 2025 rummage sale was a complete success. Many thanks to the volunteers who were there to set up the hall, the two classrooms, and the two large tents and the three smaller tents in the parking lot. To the people who donated their gently used items, the sorters, pricers, cashiers, baggers and everybody who helped through the week, the volunteers who were there to bag and box everything not sold and load the truck on the last day, many thanks! We couldn't have done it without you.

Our profit this year was over \$7,200. So, if you are looking for something fun to do around this time next year, please consider volunteering. We can always use more help.

May God bless you all.

*The Rummage Sale Committee
Sue, Jean, Connie and Denise*

**Our faith community just
got better and stronger
with the registration of
the Signa Family!**



We are so pleased to officially welcome
**Anthony & Barbara and their children
Rocco, Mia and Gianna!**

To Register simply visit our parish website
and follow the easy instructions, or call
815-675-2288, during regular business hours,
and Laura will be happy to help you!

Church Carpeting Update

The manufacturer of the new carpeting for our church recently apologized to Father Joe because the delivery is being delayed due to a production problem. We will practice the virtue of patience as we wait for the issue to be resolved. In the meantime, does anyone know who the patron saint of carpeting is?



The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on July 16, was first instituted in the late 14th century. The origins of this feast reach all the way back to the Old Testament. In the book of Kings, we read the story of the prophet Elijah. Much of his prayer, fasting and public ministry occurred from Carmel, a mountain in Israel. Christian hermits—seeking solitude—made their homes on the mountain

during the first millennium. Over time, the hermits assembled into a community and were given a Rule of Life. They named their Church after Mary—Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

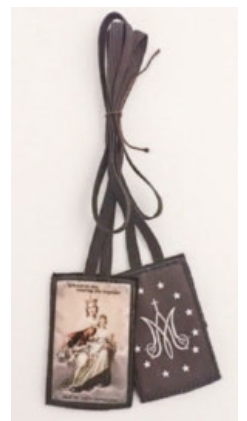
The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, according to the Carmelite tradition, was presented by Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, the then Father General on July 16, 1251. Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying: *"Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire... It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace."*

According to Church tradition, there are three conditions necessary to participate in this privilege and share in the other spiritual benefits of the Scapular: wear the Brown Scapular, observe chastity according to your state in life, and pray the Rosary. In addition to the Sabbatine Privilege, enrollment in the Brown Scapular also makes a person part of the Carmelite family throughout the world. They therefore share in all of the prayers and good works of the Carmelite Orders.

In order to receive the spiritual blessings associated with the Scapular, it is necessary to be formally enrolled in the Brown Scapular. The enrollment is made only once by a priest or authorized person. The Scapular can be replaced afterwards by a medal, which has on one side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other, the image of Mary.

There is a short form for giving the scapular: "Receive this Scapular, a sign of your special relationship with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, whom you pledge to imitate. May it be a reminder to you of your dignity as a Christian in serving others and imitating Mary. Wear it as a sign of her protection and of belonging to the family of Carmel, voluntarily doing the will of God and devoting yourself to building a world true to his plan of community, justice and peace."





Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29)**. Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, He exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God Himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

Prayer is a response to Love

God wants a relationship with us. This is a central truth of our faith. *"The living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2567). So, next time you feel called to pray, say like Samuel, *"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening"* (1 Samuel 3:10).



Kids Choir

Attention all singers!

The Kids Choir would LOVE to have your child participate Sunday mornings at the 10:00 a.m. Mass!

Our Next Practice and Choir Mass:

Practice:

Thursday, July 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Choir:

Sunday, July 20th at 10:00 a.m. Mass

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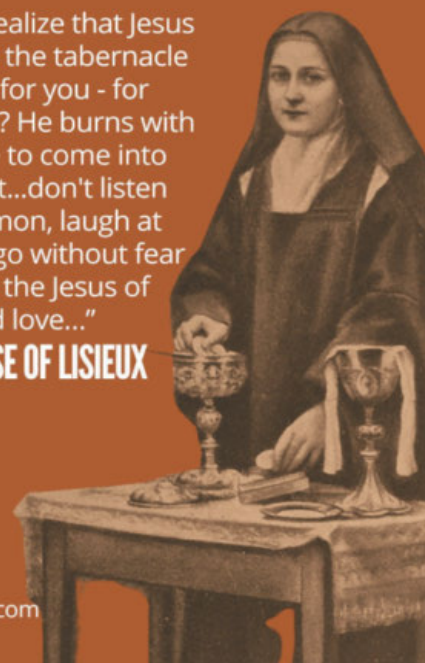
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 Come join the fun and learn more about the Children's Choir! 



"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you - for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..."

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Crossing the Street

Mini reflection: As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. But do we approach the victims that we see? Or do we draw away from the suffering of others in fear and confusion, thinking: "That's not my problem"?

Crossing the Street

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't *want* to be, even if they didn't think of themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading. Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we *see*, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage?

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



WEEKENDS
7/12/- 7/20/2025

The Mass			For
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.			
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.			
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm		Lawrence Anton Roehrich
Sun	8 am	†	Bill Scichowski
	10 am	†	Joe Carey
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.			
Tues	8 am	†	Barbara Broz
Wed	8 am	†	Joe Carey
Thur	8 am		Bill & Janet Pycha
Fri	8 am	†	Souls in Purgatory
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat	4 pm	†	Michael Frer
Sun	8 am		Carol Flatley & Mark Vallango
	10 am	†	Jerry & Kristina Tomaszewski

Our pastor is being torn to pieces because he has to part with his **Lifecore 950 Abs Recumbent Exercise Bike**. The bike was purchased 13 years ago, but it looks brand new because it has less than 2 miles on it. Unbelievable, right? Fr. Joe says that it can also be used to hang clothes on at night. **The bike is FREE for the taking if you can get two men to carry it down his rectory stairs.** If interested, leave Fr. Joe a message at the parish office.



	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/12 4:00 pm	Cyndee Wehrheim	Dennis Wehrheim	Phil Webb
Sunday 7/13 8:00 am	Kathy Rietschel	Eddie Wells	Sean Gosslin Paul Leali
10:00 am	Mary Yager	Deacon Mark <i>Nancy Piggot (Choir)</i>	Dave Harms Kathleen Harms
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 7/19 4:00 pm	Stan Tinsley	Deacon Mark <i>Mary Seil (Choir)</i>	Chad Franckowiak Rich Wirsch
Sunday 7/20 8:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	DeAnne Besetzny	Dennis Wehrheim Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Nettie Toms	Heather Justen <i>Kathie Toms (Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon Rich Yager
Homebound Ministers July 13th: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kathleen Van Ella, Mary Seil, Eddie Wells & Peggy Neuman July 20th: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Sullivan, Bev Schmitt, Paul Serio & Thomas Gough			



Homebound Holy Communion

We had only one person respond to our numerous requests for more Ministers of Communion to the Homebound. We are grateful to Theresa Frer for stepping forward to volunteer. However, we need many more people to serve the growing number of our elderly and disabled parishioners who cannot come to church for Mass. We hope this last request will garner support for this very important ministry! If you are willing and able to help your brothers and sisters, please contact Steve Besetzny, this week, at bulletin_editor_stpeter@aol.com or Fr. Joe at 815-675-2288 ext. 203. Otherwise, scheduling will allow us to visit homebound parishioners only every other weekend. On their behalf, thank you for your consideration.

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from July 13th through July 26th for
† Scholle - Sompel Families



May this light which reminds us of
 Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary
 Welcome her into eternal peace.

We would love to Pray for you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

Marguerite Baranov
 Deb Christian
 Deacon Eugene Damian
 Phyllis Ehlers
 Robert Fenrich
 Carol Flatley
 Glenn Geske
 Lynn Geske
 Gina Gugala
 Anthony Hodnik
 Patricia Hodnik
 Joseph Keim
 Nancy Klein
 Ronald Klein
 Martha Koukol
 Caroline Madson

Denise Meyers
 Larry Meyers
 Barbara Miller
 Norma Moretti
 John Mueller
 Carole Nowicki
 Jim Nowicki
 Sandra Piszkiwicz
 Vinny Popelka
 Debbie Schaff
 Dorothy Scichowski
 David Thomas
 Robert Tolomeo
 Grace Wesinger
 Fred Zahn

The individuals who are on our prayers list will continue to be on our prayer list for six months.

If you or a loved one wish to continue to be on the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office during regular business hours.
 815-675-2288

If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit **StPeterCatholicChurch.org** and **after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.**

David asked his wife, Aimee, to help put some fence posts in the ground for their new backyard fence. As he positioned a post, he said, "When I nod my head, you hit it." He doesn't remember much after that.



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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, July 13th - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am

Monday, July 14th - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, July 15th

Wednesday, July 16th

- Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, July 17th

- Kids Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm

Friday, July 18th - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, July 19th

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am

Sunday, July 20th - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am
- SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - 11:00 am

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MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling 815-675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

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