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March 24, 2019



# 3rd Sunday

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.'" - Lk 13:7a



Fr. Pietro Rossotti

#### Metanoia

The Holy liturgical season of Lent is a sacred time for walking the path of conversion, as the readings of Mass point out every day in a beautiful and clear way.

However, I always struggle to understand what conversion truly means. How are we "to learn" what conversion is? Of course, we need to pay attention to the Scriptures and the various liturgies during Lent. This is the primary way towards *metanoia* (a radical change of life), but we should also contemplate the mystery of conversion in reality. This is what I personally need every day. For conversion to become a visible path to follow, I need to see the great deeds of the Lord in the life of other people near and far. For this reason, I try every lent to read a book describing a conversion story.

This Lent I am reading a beautiful book, which I highly recommend to everyone (<u>A Song for Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai-Scientist, Convert, and Survivor of the Atomic Bomb</u>) recounting the life of a Japanese doctor Takashi Nagai who converted to Catholicism just before the beginning of World War II.

As we all know, on August 9, 1945, an American B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan, killing tens of thousands of people in the blink of an eye, while fatally injuring and poisoning thousands more. Among the survivors from that terrible event was Takashi Nagai, a pioneer in radiology research and a convert to the Catholic Faith. Nagai lived out the remainder of his remarkable life by bringing physical and spiritual healing to his war-weary people.

Nagai's life is a remarkable spiritual journey, a conversion from Shintoism to atheism to Catholicism. After the bomb disaster that killed thousands, including Nagai's beloved wife, Nagai, then Dean of Radiology at Nagasaki University, threw himself into service to the countless victims of the bomb explosion, even though it meant deadly exposure to the radiation which eventually would cause his own death. While dying, he also wrote powerful books that became best-sellers in Japan. These included *The Bells of Nagasaki*, which resonated deeply with the Japanese people in their great suffering as it explores the Christian message of love and forgiveness. Nagai is now considered by the Church a Servant of God, the first step towards his Canonization.

Dear parishioners, conversion begins and ends when we look outside of ourselves and let God's presence reach out to us, even amid suffering and death, like Nagai's life witnesses to all of us!

Have a blessed Lent,

Fr. Pietro

Mass Schedule: Monday-Saturday 8:00 am, Wednesday 6:00 pm from September thru May, School Mass Friday 9:30 am (when school in session); Weekend Mass times: Saturday, 4:00 pm, Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm; "Healing Mass" 7:30 pm First Tuesday of the month. Confessions: Half Hour before every Mass except Monday morning; additional confession time Saturdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm.

Low Gluten Hosts are available. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass to arrange to receive one.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

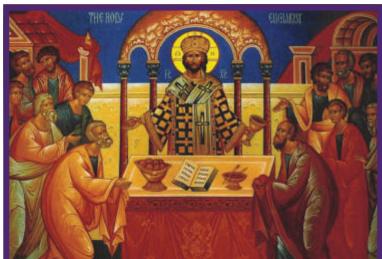
The Eucharist: Heart of the Church Eucharist and Mission

Following the richness and insightfulness of the course of Faith, Hope and Charity, and the Parish Mission "The Word made flesh" by Fr. Richard Veras we desire to continue with our Adult Faith Formation, we would like to invite everyone to a new journey with us priests.

Starting Thursday March 28, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall we will begin a series of six lessons/conversations (every fourth Thursday of the month unless otherwise announced) on the theme:

**The Eucharist: Heart of the Church.** Eucharist and Mission.

Fr. Pietro, Fr. Daniele, and I would like to deepen, along with you, our love and knowledge of the Eucharist as the foundation of our faith and works. The



Eucharist is, indeed, the real center of our **MISSION** as a catholic community following the theme of this year: "**Do not be afraid. Henceforth you will be catching men.**" (Lk 5:1-11). Without the Eucharist our faith loses its leaven and risks to be lost in the whirl of activities, or in the temptation of individualism.

Having as a point of reference Saint John Paul II's last Encyclical Letter Ecclesia de Eucharistia and other resources, during our monthly meetings we will tackle the following themes:

- The Eucharistic Structure of the Church
- The Meaning of the Eucharist in the Catholic Faith
- The Eucharist and the Mission of the church
- The Eucharist in the Sacred Scriptures
- The Celebration of the Eucharist and Eucharist Adoration
- The Eucharist and the Universal Call to Holiness.
- Mary "Woman of the Eucharist"

With this new opportunity of being fed by the teaching of the Church on the Eucharist, I extent my invitation especially to all the EMHC, home-bound ministries closely involve with the Eucharist at St. Peter and parishioners to attend this new opportunity of formation.

We desire to give to the Holy Eucharistic the respect and Divine Worship it requires.

Your priests Frs. Ettore, Pietro and Daniele.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Week of March 24 - March 31, 2019

Sunday: 8:00 AM †Dr. Edward "Ted" Pokorny

10:30 AM †David Nielsen

6:00 PM Church of St. Peter Parishioners

Monday: 8:00 AM †Bob Ryan
Tuesday: 8:00 AM †Sandy Gentner
Wednesday: 8:00 AM †Kay Reber

6:00 PM Victims of Abuse

Thursday: 8:00 AM †Peggy Turcotte
Friday: 8:00 AM †Darlene Hilger

9:30 AM †Rebekah Smejkal

Saturday: 8:00 AM †Marcella Themmes

4:00 PM †James Gormley

#### Readings for the Week of March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [

8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a,

9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

[6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

[12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/

Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,

14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf.

Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

#### THIS WEEK'S PROPERS

#### Third Sunday In Lent

**INTROIT:** My eyes are forever turned towards the Lord; for he shall release my feet from the snare; look upon me and have mercy on me, for I am abandoned and destitute. –Ps 25:15,16 **COMMUNION:** The sparrow has found herself a home, and the turtle dove a nest in which to lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God! Blessed are they who dwell in your house, they shall praise you for ever and ever. –Ps 84:4,5

#### ADORATION CHAPEL

#### **Adoration News:**

"A week without prayer makes one weak" A quote from a little reflection from Deacon Dennis Chlebeck at a recent Deanery meeting. We need prayer and we need adorers! The following hours need to be filled by a committed adorer: Mondays



at 12:00 am (midnight) and 1:00 pm; Tuesdays at 12:00 am (midnight), 1:00 am, 2:00 am, 3:00 am and 3:00 pm; Thursdays at 3:00 pm; Fridays at 10:00 am, 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm; Saturdays at 11:00 am, 12:00 pm (noon), 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Call or e-mail a quadrant leader or Beth Minogue 651-779-6228, beth.minogue@q.com.

#### **SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

For the fiscal year ending March 17, 2019

Collected for Week: Envelopes & Plate	\$16,237.
Collected for Week: Electronic Giving	\$8,083.
Total Amount Collected for Week	\$24,320.
Amount Budgeted for Week	\$26,150.
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Collected to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$837,309.
Budgeted to Date: Stocks & Special Gifts	\$866,445.
Percentage Above (or Below) Budget	- 3.36%
Amount Above (or Below) Budget	- \$29,136.

The success of the parish is not formed on the extraordinary gifts of the few, but rather on the modest contributions of the many!

Parish Debt as of March 1, 2019

Principal Owed on Mortgage: \$ 105,000 Interest Paid Last Month \$ 393 Decrease From Last Month: \$ 25,000

Thank You for Supporting St. Peter Parish!

#### INCREASE YOUR ELECTRONIC GIVING

If you currently are giving electronically and would like to increase your giving, you can go to: www.churchof stpeternsp.org/electronic-giving-changes.

#### **EMAIL SCAM AFFECTING PARISHES**

The Archdiocese has been notified that several local parishes have been affected by an email scam. The target appears to be staff members or volunteers who have email addresses listed on the parish's website. Using the pastor's name, the scammer will create a new email address, contact these staff members/volunteers via email and then ask for a favor. Once the staff member/volunteer responds, the scammer will ask for money or some sort of gift (often an iTunes gift card). The fraudulent emails are more difficult to detect on a mobile device, as it is not immediately evident in a mobile view that the "pastor's" email address is not correct.

Fr. Ettore and the staff at St. Peter have never contacted anyone nor would contact anyone via email and ask for money or gift cards.

If you receive such a fraudulent email from the parish or any staff member, please contact our parish business administrator, Tricia at thengemuhle@stpetersnsp.org. **Do not respond to the email.** In the case of any email asking for funds or appearing to be suspicious, it is a good idea to contact the person directly by phone or in person to make sure it is authentic.

#### **PARISH EVENTS**

#### **CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE**



Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Catholic Services Appeal. We are so grateful!

Let's work towards our

goal of 450 Donors! We are 41% of the way there.

This Year to Date 186 Donors from Our Parish Have Pledged and Given \$43,601. If you have not yet made a pledge or given a donation this year, please pick up a CSAF Envelope in the Information Racks in the Gathering Space or in the parish office. You can also make a donation or pledge online at https://csafspm.org.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation and 20 Collective Ministries it supports in our Archdiocese!

# CHASE AWAY THE SNOWMAN 5K SATURDAY, APRIL 6

The Chase Away The Snowman 5K is set for Saturday, April 6, 2019. Grab your

family and friends for this fun annual tradition! In addition to the 5K, the Kids Mile leads young ones from St. Peter to Snowman and back. New in 2019, the Snowflake Run is a romp around St. Peter property for our youngest tots.

Go to the **parish website** and follow the link to register. Questions: ChaseAwayTheSnowman@gmail.com.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4967**

The next Officer's meeting is Monday, April 1 in the 3 St. Paul Room.



# AN EVENT OF FREEDOM: CLU SPRITUAL EXERCISES 2019 "What is man that thou art mindful



"What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?" / Psalm 8

Join Fr. Pietro on this retreat open to all college and university students

Camp Omega, [April 5-7] 22750 LIND AVE, WATERVILLE, MN 56096

For more information about the cost and registration email nationalclu@gmail.com or prossotti@stpetersnsp.org

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS



March 28: Faith Formation

The Eucharist: Heart of the Church 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Fellowship Hall

March 29: Stations of Cross

7:00 pm - Church

March 29: Fish Fry (April 5 & 12)

4:00 - 7:00 pm - School Cafeteria

## PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER - SAVE THE DATE - MAY 9 AT 6:00 PM

Please mark your calendars for our annual Parish Appreciation Dinner on **Thursday**, **May 9 at 6:00 pm**. Please join Fr. Ettore, Fr. Pietro, Fr. Daniele and the rest of the St. Peter staff for a fun-filled event to show our appreciation. Thank you for all you do for the parish!

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 27, at 1:00 pm in the St. Margaret Room. All are welcome! Call Eva Tembreull at 651-777-6276 or Beth Minogue at 651-779-6228 with questions or to obtain a shawl for yourself or someone you know who needs the comfort of a prayer shawl.

#### COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The next regular CCW meeting will be April 1 at 6:00 pm in Fr. Zac Fellowship Hall. Last names S-Z will hostess.

#### CRAFT AND BAKE SALE MARCH 30-31.

Ladies, start your crafting engines! Easter and springtime crafts are needed for the upcoming Spring Craft and Bake Sale (formerly Palm Sunday...now moved to Laetare Sunday). We are looking for donations of handmade items and baked goods. Easter basket supplies are also needed, such as baskets, small toys, religious items, and wrapped candy. Please



bring your crafts, baked goods and items to Father Zac Fellowship Hall on March 30 after the morning Mass. Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women, it will be held Saturday March 30 from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Sunday March 31 from 9:00 am 1:00 pm. Coffee and donuts will also be served. The proceeds support the Parish and community. All are welcome.

#### ST. PETERS SCHOOL



SEE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW? We are looking to "Fill the Holes" in our Alumni Database.

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Come to our 1990s AND 2000s Decade Sunday on April 7th

at 9:15 @ St. Peter Church Mrs. Georgia Randall will be present to reminisce with you all!

Fill out this short form: shorturl.st/klpy2

We want to know where our alumni are to let them know St. Peter is going strong.

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -JULY 15-19, 2019 9:00 AM -12:00 NOON -- SAVE THE DATE!!!



The theme is: "ROAR! Life is Wild - God is Good." Ages 3.5 through grade 4 participate in a week lona Catholic faith centered program that includes opening and closing stage with music, aames, snack, crafts,

bible, and time to encounter God in prayer and service.

Many volunteers needed. Free child care will be offered for all volunteers, as well as a reduced participation fee of \$15 (normal fees are \$40 per child/\$80 family max which includes 1 CD per family and a t-shirt for each child). Registration forms are available in the gathering space and online!!!

## BANQUET OF LOVE MARRIAGE RETREAT DAY AND DINNER

Saturday, April 6

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QUESTIONS: www.churchofstpeternsp	org/marriage-retreat or call 651-777-8304 or email: church@stpetersnsp.org

#### **FISH FRY**



## Knights of Columbus Council #4967



March 29, April 5 & 12 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

#### St. Peter Catholic School Cafeteria

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Baked and Deep Fried Cod, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Au Gratin Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Breadsticks Coffee & Milk Gluten Free Options Available Carry Out Orders Available!

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#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Dear Engaged Couple,

Planning for your upcoming wedding is a beautiful time. Your wedding day is the beginning of your marriage and commitment to each other for as long as you both shall live.

If you are planning on celebrating your marriage here at Saint Peter, you should let us know at least 9 months in advance.

To assist you at the start of this vocation, you are required to attend **three** pre-marriage information sessions here at Saint Peter. There is a substantial amount of information that will be beneficial and therefore **we request both of you to be present.** 

#### We will cover:

- Overview of Theology of the Body with an introduction to Natural Family Planning (NFP)
- Overview of the Catholic view on the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
- Requirements and paperwork to be filled out
- Pre marriage retreat information
- Pre-marital inventory information
- Present a personal witness of married life

#### The next sessions are:

- Saturday, March 30, 2019, Attend 8:00 am Mass -Session following until 11:00 am
- Saturday, April 13, 2019, Attend 8:00 am Mass -Session following until 11:00 am

Questions, e-mail: wedding@stpetersnsp.org.

#### MUSIC COORDINATOR

The Church of St. Peter is looking for a part-time Music Coordinator, 20+ hours/week, to prepare and coordinate music in order to facilitate the full and active participation of the congregation at Holy Mass and Parish Liturgical Events. "Since song and music are closely connected with liturgical action they must respect the following criteria. They should conform to Catholic doctrine in their texts, drawn preferably from Sacred Scripture and liturgical sources. They should be a beautiful expression of prayer. The music should be of a high quality. Song and music should encourage the participation of the liturgical assembly. They should express the cultural richness of the People of God and the sacred and solemn character of the celebration. "He who sings, prays twice" (Saint Augustine)." [From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church - 2391

#### The responsibilities would include:

- Choosing music for assembly, instrumentalists, cantors, and choirs
- Coordinating music with liturgical plan
- Recruiting, scheduling, and training all musicians
- Rehearsing with choirs, cantors, and instrumentalists.
   Utilizing music/liturgy planning software (Finale, Liturgy.org)
- Meeting with couples preparing for marriage to plan music for wedding liturgies
- Serving as accompanist or cantor for funerals and weekend Masses
- Providing music for reconciliation services
- Creating worship aids for special liturgies, funerals, and weddings
- Working with the sound technician volunteer regarding the set-up and sound system

#### **Job Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in Music Education or Church Music preferred
- A minimum of three years of relevant experience
- Ability to sing and play organ and piano proficiently
- Excellent organizational, interpersonal, including a high level of attention to detail and active listening skills
- Ability to work independently and in a team setting, meet deadlines

Computer proficiency (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher) required

The estimated pay range is \$24-\$28/hour.

To apply, please submit cover letter and resume via email to Fr. Ettore Ferrario, Pastor, at eferrario@stpetersnsp.org and Tricia Hengemuhle, Business Administrator, at thengemuhle@stpetersnsp.org.





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