September 9, 2012
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Sept. 10th
6:20 a.m. Phyllis Tudisco, RIP
9:00 a.m. Jack Duffy, RIP

Tues. Sept. 11th
6:20 a.m. Phyllis Tudisco, RIP
9:00 a.m. David Kacker

Wed. Sept. 12th
6:20 a.m. Benigna Castor, RIP
9:00 a.m. Phyllis Tudisco, RIP

Thurs. Sept. 13th
6:20 a.m. Phyllis Tudisco, RIP
9:00 a.m. Darrell Easton, RIP
6:00 p.m. Charlie Carvill

Fri. Sept. 14th
6:20 a.m. Theresa Romano, RIP
9:00 a.m. Blanche Logsdon

Sat. Sept. 15th
9:00 a.m. Jack Dwyer, RIP

THANK YOU! Ms. Victoria Newman for flowers at the Blessed Mother this weekend in memory of your beloved grandmother, MARGUERITE FRASCHIA

RCIA
Tuesday Evenings
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Holy Family Room

If you know someone who would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please invite them to join our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes which meet on Tuesday evening, at 7:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. Registration is not required, but you can contact the parish office for more information.

POOR BOX – A Poor Box has been placed in the Church for acts of almsgiving – one of the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy. Please donate generously.

Stewardship . . .
A Way of Life

The good steward must not show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world’s poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God’s kingdom.

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”
1 Pt. 4:10

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
September 2, 2012

OFFERTORY FUND $ 31,279.13
BUILDING FUND $ 4,808.25
POOR BOX $ 1,223.72

Thank you for your generosity!

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Friday 6:20 a.m.
Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday evening 6:00 p.m.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Sept. 15th 5:00 p.m. Fr. Joy
Sept. 16th 7:00 a.m. Fr. Kelly
8:30 a.m. Fr. Joy
11:00 a.m. Fr. Donohoe
5:00 p.m. Fr. Robinson
Spanish 7:00 p.m. Fr. Kelly

39er’s LUNCH & BINGO

Our Senior Citizens will once again gather for Mass, Lunch and Bingo on Monday, September 10th. The Mass will be in the Chapel at 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch and bingo in the Parish Hall. All seniors are welcome!

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!
September 9, 2012
Coming this Week!

Monday, September 10th

6:45 a.m. Men’s Lectio Divina Prayer Grp. - HFR
2:00 p.m. Spanish Class – Rm. 202
10:30 a.m. 39er’s Mass, Lunch and Bingo – PH
6:00 p.m. LifeTeen Core Team Mtg. – Office
6:30 p.m. Baptism Prep – Office CR
6:30 p.m. Volleyball Practice – Gym
7:00 p.m. St. Joseph’s Women’s Guild - HFR
7:00 p.m. K of C Planning Mtg. – Rm. 214
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir - Choir Room

Tuesday, Sept. 11th

8:00 a.m. Martha & Mary Scripture Group – HFR
11:00 a.m. Bridge - HFR
2:00 p.m. UAB “Tot Shots” – Rm. 202/203
6:30 p.m. Regnum Christi Group – Rm. 214
6:30 p.m. Volleyball Practice – Gym
6:45 p.m. Bible Timeline Class – Rm. 202
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, Sept. 12th

6:00 p.m. Parish School of Religion - FLC
6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass – Chapel
6:00 p.m. Human Concerns Committee Mtg. - HFR
6:30 p.m. S.T.E. P. Parenting Class – Rm. 202
6:30 p.m. Just Faith Meeting – Office CR
7:00 p.m. Adoration - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Chamber Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group – YR/Gym

Thursday, Sept. 13th

7:00 a.m. Cursillo Prayer Group – Rm. 202
6:00 p.m. Evening Mass – Chapel
6:30 p.m. Spanish RCIA Class – Rm. 211
6:30 p.m. Folk Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Respect Life Committee – Rm. 214

Friday, Sept. 14th

7:00 a.m. Men of St. Joseph Bible Study – HFR
6:30 p.m. Hispanic Children’s Group - Rm. 202
6:30 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group – Chapel

Saturday, Sept. 15th

9:00 a.m. Magnificat Prayer Group – Rm. 203
1:00 p.m. Couples for Christ - HFR
3:15 p.m. Confession – Chapel
5:00 p.m. Mass – Church
5:30 p.m. Guadalupan Missionary Grp. – Rm. 202/203

Sunday, September 16th

9:30 a.m. S.T.E.P. Parenting Class – Rm. 203
9:45 a.m. Parish School of Religion Classes - FLC
9:45 a.m. Jerome Tanner Scripture Grp. – Office
11:00 a.m. Hispanic Food Festival - PH
1:00 p.m. Spanish Baptism Prep - HFR
3:00 p.m. Cub Scout Information Mtg. – Rm. 202
3:00 p.m. Life Teen Choir – Church
6:15 p.m. Life Teen Youth Group – YR/Gym
6:30 p.m. Just Faith Meeting - HFR

ST. PETER’S HANDBELL CHOIR

St. Peter’s Handbell Choir will resume their rehearsals on Monday, Sept. 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If you would be interested in joining the Handbell Choir, please call Sophie Kozak at the Parish Office at 822-4480 ext. 33.

ST. JOSEPH’S WOMEN’S GUILD

St. Joseph’s Guild will meet in the Holy Family Room on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. We have many interesting programs planned for the year, and new members are most welcome!

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMITTEE

The Human Concerns Committee will meet this Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room. Our speaker is Chandra Farrier from Holy Family Catholic Academy, which was the subject of a recent One Voice article. This is a very informal meeting which will be OVER BY 8:00 P.M. Dinner is served and all are welcome.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Garden Committee has scheduled a combined planting and education experience for Sunday, September 16th at 2:00 p.m. Please join us as John Dufek demonstrates how to transplant our fall crops into the fourth bed. We’ll also learn about side dressing, weeding methods, disease identification and pest control. Bring the whole family for a hands-on activity in the garden.
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

| Bennie Alfano | David Kacker |
| Bob Bishop    | Brian Leonard |
| Barbara Browning | Blanche Logsdon |
| Bill Bryan    | Dr. Walter Long |
| Jamie Coughlin | Joe Murphy |
| Linda Russo Fievet | Cong Nguyen |
| Kathy Fowler  | Sue Ray |
| Jonathan Gagnon | Mike Speed |
| Jackie Guercio | Cyril Swatek |
| Anthony James | Ryan Thomas |
| Tina James    | Barry Wilkens |

Names on our “Pray for the Sick” list will remain for six weeks. Please notify the parish office if you would like to place your family member on the list.

RESPECT LIFE

“Even if abortion were made easy or painless for everyone, it wouldn’t change the bottom-line problem that abortion kills children.”
Randy Alcorn, Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments

Please join us in praying for expectant mothers and fathers, for our society as a whole, and for the entire world to appreciate and value the wonder of life from conception to natural death.

Respect Life Committee

WHAT'S YOUR CATHOLIC IQ?

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) n. 89, ________ are described as “lights along the path of faith, they illuminate and make it secure.

a. Votive candles  
b. Dogmas  
c. Catechists  
d. the Saints

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THANK YOU! We extend a special thank you to the volunteers from our Hispanic Community who recently painted the classrooms at the end of the hallway past the gift shop. New carpet should be coming soon! We also express our appreciation for those volunteers who trimmed all of the shrubs along the covered walkway and in front of the building.

Please pray for our parishioners’ family members who are serving in the military overseas . . .

Spc. Samuel Alfano, Jr.,  
Nephew of Rita Caldwell
Spc. Christopher Calma  
Grandson of Carmella Calma
Lcpl. Alex Carcioppolo  
Nephew of Johnny & Debbie Carcioppolo
Capt. Tim Causey  
Son-in-law of Doug and Kathy Roy
Capt. Ryan Donohoe  
Nephew of Father Richard Donohoe
Cpt. John Dzwonczyk  
Nephew of Deacon & Mrs. Chris Rosko
Seaman Christopher C. Evans  
Grandson of Esteban & Rosaura D’Amico
Capt. Sean Randal Kaiser  
Grandson of Olga Coburn
Capt. John Sheridan  
Nephew of George Styslinger

IN MEMORIAM

Sympathy to . . .

Dr. Don Romano on the death of his beloved mother, THERESA SCALISI ROMANO
The family of MARGARET DELLAROSA
Mr. John Simonetti on the death of his brother, SAM SIMONETTI

May they rest in peace . . .

BAPTISM PREP

New parents, plan to attend your Baptismal Prep session. This meeting lasts approximately 45 minutes, during which time we will discuss the sacrament and guide you through the paperwork and arrangements for scheduling your child’s baptism. The next class will be held on Monday evening, September 10th at 6:30 pm. in the Parish Office Conference Room. Please call the Parish Office at 822-4480 to register.
**Youth Ministry**

**Jr. High Wednesdays**  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Wed., Sept. 12th:** “Living Catholic in your Daily Life”  
If I saw you at school, hanging out with your friends, would I be able to tell that you were Catholic? Join us for an interesting evening of discussion on how to live out your Catholic faith in everyday life!

**Wed., Sept. 19th:** BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF – “Glow in the Dark Night”  
Join us as we celebrate the beginning of another year!! There will be lots of Delicious Food and Hysterical Fun as we play games in the DARK! A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL OF THE 6TH GRADERS! WELCOME TO JR. HIGH! If you have anything that glows in the dark such as a t-shirt or jewelry, this would be a great night to wear it!! Bring your friends and come have a BLAST!!!

**LifeTeen ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sept. 9th:** LifeTeen Mission Academy – Join us as we dive into what it means to be a missionary in your own community.

**Sept. 10th:** CORE TEAM MEETING – 6:00 p.m. in the Office Copy Room.

**Sept. 12th:** 6:20 a.m. Mass & Chick-fil-A breakfast.

**Sept. 12th:** 11th & 12th Graders: Book Study on JP2’s Love and Responsibility at 6:00 p.m.

**Sept. 16th:** “TIME TO BE BOLD” Join us for LifeTeen – we will be talking about the early Church and their way of life.

**Freshman Retreat:** “Rooted” is Sept. 21st-23rd. The cost is $50. Spots will fill up soon! Please turn in your permission slips by September 12th.

**ATTENTION PARENTS!** We are in need people to cook dinner for LifeTeen. If you are interested, please call Katie at 822-4480 ext. 35 or email krohan@stpeterapostle.com.

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK SALE**

Stop by the Parish Hall on the weekend of Sept. 8th & 9th and do some early Christmas shopping at the CDC Scholastic Book Sale. Our Hospitality Committee will also be serving refreshments after all of the Masses.

“Enjoy the City Coupon Books” are available at the Child Development Center  
Monday-Friday  
7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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**S. T. E. P. Parenting Program:**

Catholic Family Services and the Knights of Columbus are offering parenting classes for parents of any age child. The classes will be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings beginning September 12th from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. For those interested in more information about these classes, please call Mr. Len Corcoran at 999-9318 or Mary David at 223-6279.

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**St. Rose Academy OPEN HOUSE**

Sunday, September 9, 2012  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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**ST. PETER’S SCOUTING PROGRAMS**

The Boy Scout troops at St. Peter’s promote Catholic Scouting through both the main Scouting Programs and the special Youth Recognitions that can only be earned by Catholic boy Scouts. Cub Scouts can earn the Light of Christ Emblem (Grades 1-2) and the Parvuli Dei Emblem (Grades 3-5). Boy Scouts can earn the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII emblems. The emblems are designed to help the boys better understand their roles in their families and communities, and strengthen their Catholic faith.

St. Peter’s Scouts will be recruiting from September 9th to September 16th. There will be a meeting for Cub Scouts (Grades 1-5) on Sunday, September 16th at 3:30 p.m. in Room 202. The Boy Scouts (Grades 6-11) meet every Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Hut located in the rear parking lot near the CDC.
Has your Bible been collecting dust? Discover a Practical Plan for reading it! The Bible is more than a book; it is the incredible story of salvation history. Perhaps for the first time in your life, you will understand the overview of the Bible story. This then makes your Bible reading and even the Sunday mass readings come alive like never before.

*The Bible Timeline* will be offered at St. Peter’s on Tuesday evenings from 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. this Fall beginning on Sept. 11th. To learn more, call Theresa Brown at (205) 298-3474 or (205) 640-3944 or email to brownth@vmcmail.com.

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**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES**

Our Adult Education classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in the Holy Family Room. All adults of the parish are invited to join us for these very informative sessions. The first meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16th. The presenter is Deacon Chris Rosko and his topic is Father Barron’s Catholicism, Pt. 4.

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**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP**

This prayer group will begin a new session on Tuesday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Library. The program is based on scripture and the work of Thomas Merton. All members of the parish are welcome. The group will meet for eight weeks and each meeting lasts about one hour. We use the booklet, *Bridges to Contemplative Living*, as a guide. For more information, please call Katherine Walsh at (205) 403-6591.

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Answer to Catholic IQ? (b) Dogmas, revealed by God and taught by the Magisterium, hold the highest authority and are the central truths of the faith. For example, the Resurrection of Jesus is a dogma. Catholics adhere to dogmatic teachings.

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**CATHOLIC SINGLES GROUP**

This group of Catholic Singles meets on Monday evenings at area restaurants to share a meal and fellowship together. All are welcome!! They typically meet at 7:00 p.m. in the evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Armand St. Raymond at (205) 585-1519 or (205) 822-5323. The following is the schedule for September:

- Sept. 10th: Do Di Yo’s – in Homewood
- Sept. 17th: Blackwell’s Burgers – Cahaba Heights
- Sept. 20-22: St. George’s Food Festival
- Sept. 24th: Village Tavern – Lower level – Summit

Please email armand.2.straymond@ampf.com by Monday at Noon if you plan to attend. If you forget, please come anyway – we will make room!

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**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT**

*September 23, 2012*

St. Mark’s the Evangelist Catholic Church

All middle school students in the diocese are invited to be a part of a FREE, energetic, entertaining, and inspiring TUNE TO GOD youth event beginning with the popular John Scalici’s Get Rhythm’s Interactive Drum Circle at 2:00 p.m. We are honored to have Bishop Robert J. Baker to deliver the greeting followed by a student/parent session with Father Alex Steimiller. Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m. For more information and reservations, visit www.Tune2God.com. Reservations are required and the deadline is September 16th.

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**WELCOME!** to our new advertisers on the back of the bulletin:

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Please bring a non-perishable food item to Church on the weekend to help feed the hungry in the Birmingham area. Grocery carts are available in the foyers for your donations. Thank you!
The Pastoral Council met on August 27th, 2012. The following is a brief summary of topics discussed:

We are excited about the upcoming addition of a Cavalier Youth Athletic Field in the back of the church. It will be a while before you see any construction, but we will keep you updated.

Be looking for the Parish Pulse survey results to be presented in early September.

Please consider becoming an Altar Server, Lector, Usher or Eucharistic Minister. Contact the parish office if you are interested in any of these rewarding ministries. This is a wonderful way to get involved and share your talents.

The “Come to the Stable” event has been scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 2012. Please put this on your calendars and plan to bring out your nativities. The plan is for this event to be even bigger and better this year! It will feature live music, many new nativities, great food and more.

The Pastoral Council is looking for new members. If you would be interested in serving on the Council please contact Father Kelly at the Parish Office.

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If you have an old computer that is still in working condition, please consider donating it to St. Peter’s. Mr. Paul Sedley and Mr. Les Wrobel will take the computers, refurbish them if necessary and donate them to the Catholic Center of Concern for a needy student. Please include any operating disks, cords or manuals for the computer. Thank you!

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PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday, October 6, 2012

Join your friends on October 6th for a Fall Clean-up of the church grounds. The clean-up will begin at 9:00 a.m., but if the afternoon is more convenient, come for lunch and stay till 4:00 p.m., or however long you can work. You do not need to be a professional landscaper to participate, only the desire to help! We’ll also do some light cleaning in the church and around the rectories. Many hands make light work! Although we have some equipment, please bring rakes, pruning shears, gloves and any tools for what you can help with.

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PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

This Universal Prayer for Grandparents was composed by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI in 2008.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.
Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.
Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families, strong pillars of Gospel faith,
Guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions.
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living,
keep grandparents constantly in your care.
Accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.
Amen!