

Sympathy: We pray for Marjorie Pelletier who passed away on Tuesday, April 17th at the age of 76. Marge was a long time parishioner of Saints Peter and Paul after she and her husband moved to Hopkinsville from Connecticut. Marge was born July 11, 1941 to the late Harold and Rose Jascia Lorette Nason. She is preceded in death by her husband Donald Joseph Pelletier I. Survivors include 2 sons, Donald J. Pelletier II and



David Pelletier and 3 daughters, Connie Sturgill, Patti Crunk, Barbara Lober, 11 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Her memorial service was held on Saturday at Second Baptist Church with interment at a later date at Green Hill Memorial Garden. As a parish we offer our prayers to her family as we pray "May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth classes continue this Wednesday, April 25th with Mass at 5:30 p.m., continues with dinner and class. Our program concludes at 8:00 p.m. **April/May Schedule:**

April 25 – Class May 2 – Class
May 9 – Class May 16 – Class

Confirmation Students Reminder: April is the time each Confirmation student has their interview with one of our priests. Students, if you have not made your appointment, please do so.

High School Graduation Mass: We will honor our high school graduates here at Saints Peter and Paul on **Sunday, May 27th during our 10:30 a.m. Mass.** We ask all graduates to gather Sunday, May 6th after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Bishop's Room to plan for this Mass.

The 2018 Graduates include the following:
Alex Allard, Matt Berghammer, Maddy Craft, Cor'lissia Cunningham, Mitchell Degenhardt, Olivia Folz, Zach Hale, Taylor Harton, Norma Jeronimo, Gabriel Johnson, Andrew King, Kolbe Langhi, Ariana Martinez, Emma Sunderhaus, and Ivan Viall

If you have a high school graduate and his or her name does not appear on the list above, please let Libby know.

Gasper River Catholic Retreat Summer Camps: A combination of Catholic faith, adventures and friends leads to a deeper understanding of our life-long relationship with God. Learn more; register online: gasperriverretreatcenter.org. or call (270) 781-2466.



Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) - June 10-15: For Youth who want to learn skills in leadership, decision-making, communication, and organization to be a better

leader in school, church, home, and life. (Grades 10th-12th). For registration information contact Libby. Registration deadline is **May 14th**.

Help Needed: Would you be willing to help with the food items needed for our First Communion Prayer Day? We are in need of fruit, hotdogs, hotdog buns, sandwiches, vegetables, chips, muffins, juice and milk. If you would be willing to help provide some of these items, please let Libby know (ljdowns@stspchurch.org).



First Communion Reminders:

1. First Communion Prayer Day begins on Saturday, April 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Remember the children will be using glue and paints so wear play clothes. At least one parent or grandparent should accompany each child.
2. Southern Exposure Photography Order Forms are available in the sacristy for anyone who wishes to order First Communion pictures from them. Completed forms are to be returned at the Prayer Day
3. A small reception follows the First Communion Mass in the narthex – cake, cookies and punch
4. The child's Baptism candles will be used during the First Communion Mass. For your convenience you may bring the candle to the Prayer Day or to the Mass
5. All children are asked to be in the church by 3:45 p.m. on Sunday, April 29th as the group picture will be taken. This picture will then be given to each child as a reminder of this special day.

Parish Holy Hour: There will be no Parish Holy Hour next Sunday, April 24th at 4:00 p.m. due to the First Communion Celebration.

Liturgical Ministers for First Communion Bilingual Mass – Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m.



Cross Bearer: Aiden King
Altar Servers: Martin Nguyen/Thieng Nguyen
Candle Bearers: Lena Jo Davis/Ellie Groves
Incense Bearer: Josh Groves
Commentators: Will Groves/Lupita Rosas
Lector: Piper Davis/Mayra Tirado
Gift Bearers: Christe Westfall, Vicky Barnes
Morgan Murray

Ministers of Holy Communion: Fr. Richard/Fr. Basilio
Vicky Barnes/Tim Barnes
Kelly King/Wendy Anderson
Choir Loft: Jane Irwin/Roberto Cruz
Ushers: Kelly King/Andrew King
Eli Folz/Triston Folz

Words of Encouragement from our Popes to Parishes Preparing for First Holy Communion

Pope Francis (2013-Present): “The Eucharist is more than a mere feast. It is a way to remember the Passover of Jesus, a mystery that is central to our salvation. But more than just honoring the past, it means every time we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist we, too, become part of this great Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus; the peak of God’s Salvation. The Eucharist is such a great gift. That’s why going to Mass is so important, not just to pray, but to receive Holy Communion, the Body and Blood of Christ. Through the Eucharist true communion with the Church is possible. It saves us, forgives us and makes us one with the Father. The Last Supper is the greatest gesture of all ... Where God’s love, grace and mercy all come together. How beautiful!”

Pope Benedict (2005-2013): “Dear Parish! I ask you to help your young children to grow in faith. Accompany them on their journey towards First Communion, a journey that continues beyond this one day, and keep accompanying them as they make their way to Jesus and with Jesus.

“Dear Parents! Please, go with your children to Church and take part in the Sunday Eucharistic celebration! You will see that this is not time lost; rather, it is the very thing that can keep your family truly united and centered. Sunday even becomes more beautiful ... the whole week becomes more beautiful ... when you go to Sunday Mass together.

“Dear Families! Please, pray together at home, at meals and before going to bed. Prayer not only brings us closer to God, but also brings us closer to one another. This is a powerful source of peace and joy. Family life becomes more joyful and expansive when God is there in the center of it. His closeness is experienced in prayer.”

Pope Saint John Paul II (1978-2005): “Every Mass is a memorial of that one sacrifice and that Passover which restored life to the world. There is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus in First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life’s most beautiful. The Eucharist is a Sacrament of the New Covenant, and the greatest of the Sacraments. In this Sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearance of bread and wine. Children solemnly receive this Sacrament in First Holy Communion and they are also encouraged to receive it as often as possible throughout their life in order to remain in a close friendship with Jesus.

To receive Holy Communion it is necessary to first receive Baptism: the first of the Holy Sacraments. When Baptism were received mostly by the grown-ups centuries ago, the ceremony ended with receiving Eucharist, and it was as solemn as First Communion is today. Later, when Baptism was given mainly to newborn babies, the more solemn celebration was transferred to the moment of First Holy Communion, and as a great family celebration.

First Holy Communion is also a great day of celebration in the life of the entire parish community. I still remember when, together with other boys and girls my age, I received Communion for the first time in the parish church of my hometown. As time went on and I grew older, I watched the younger ones receive their First Communion and once again experienced the emotions of my own moment of purity and joy experienced in my first personal meeting with Jesus in Holy Communion as the One who, out of love, became the Redeemer of all humankind.

From this moment on, live the Eucharist fully. Be persons for whom the Holy Mass, Communion and Eucharistic Adoration are at the center and summit of your whole life.

Pope Saint Pius X (1903-1914): *Pope Saint Pius X taught us the importance of receiving Communion regularly and lowered the age when children made their First Holy Communion.*

“The pages of the Gospel show clearly how much Christ loved children while He was on earth. It was His delight to be in their midst, He embraced them and blessed them. He was not pleased when the disciples drove the children away: ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God.’ It is clearly seen how highly Jesus held their innocence and the open simplicity of their souls on that occasion when He called a little child to Him, saying to His disciples: ‘Amen, I say to you, unless you become like little children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven ... Whoever receives one such little child for my sake, receives me.’ The Catholic Church, bearing this in mind, took care from the beginning of time to bring the little ones to Christ through the Holy Eucharistic Communion”.



Please pray for our children, their families, and catechists as they prepare for First Holy Eucharist next Sunday, April 29th at 4:00 p.m.

Bible Quiz for All Ages

1. This man wrote most of the books in the New Testament.
2. Who built an ark to live in during the Flood? (Genesis 6)
3. Elijah was sent to this town during the three-year drought to help a widow in need. (1Kings 17:8-24)
4. When building the wall, Nehemiah and the people protected themselves with __. (Nehemiah 4:15-18)

Bible Quiz Answers

- 1) Paul; 2. Noah; 3. Zarephath; 4. A sword in one hand and building materials in the other hand.