

ST. PETER'S PARISH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2012

MASSES

MON	SEPT 03	9:00 am	ARLINE ETZLER
TUE	SEPT 04	8:00 am	VERNETTA ACKERMAN
WED	SEPT 05	8:00 am	PARISHIONERS
THU	SEPT 06	8:00 am	COMMUNION SERVICE
FRI	SEPT 07	9:00 am	PRO-LIFE INTENTION
SAT	SEPT 08	8:00 am	JULIANNE DOMBEK
		5:30 pm	ALICE LASSITER
SUN	SEPT 09	7:15 am	GEORGETTE REDMOND
		9:00 am	TOM DAVIS
		11:30 am	JOAN HAGARMAN

FINANCIAL REPORT

8/26/12

	<u>WKLY GOAL</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>WKLY EFT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Env/Loose	\$20,000.00	\$14,354.45	\$4,560.00	\$18,914.45
Poor Box	\$ 833.34	\$ 602.08	\$ 297.80	\$ 900.60
<u>Monthly :</u>				
Blue Env/Mortg:	\$28,382	\$8031.00 to date	\$2,249	\$10,280.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GIFTS!

***** SEPTEMBER 8TH & 9TH *****

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>
SEPT 08 5:30 pm	BARGER, GREGORY & PLAYER
SEPT 09 7:15 am	B & J & J WITT
9:00 am	GORDON, HALL & ROACH
11:30 am	B & L & M MOCHI

<u>LECTOR</u>
SCHEIBER & LAWRENCE
HEILAND & SWEENEY
PUGH & KLINE
LILLY & THOMPSON

THIS MON, SEPT 3rd, LABOR DAY MASS WILL BE AT 9 am.

There will be no holy hour. The Parish Office will be closed. Also, this Fri, Sept 7th is First Friday. All are invited to Mass and devotions.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8, Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27, Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125)

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Is 35:4-7a, Jas 2:1-5, Mk 731-37(128)

NEXT WEEK there will not be a second collection.

WE PRAY that God's healing power may touch those who are sick, especially Joe Wirfs, Richard Ellis, Ellen Burns, Norman Avery, Joshua Wade, Marilyn Hall, Herb Worley, James C Brennan, Len Bainbridge, Rob Player, Sean Mulvey, Susan D Aud, Susan K Aud, John Nau, Jess Gold, Debbie Lutman, Regina Moran, Ken Hartsek, Lewis Goode, Diane Andersen, Dale Stiffler, Judy Churco, Ann Fowler, Lorraine Rommal, Audrey Palerino, James Wivell, Sharon Baker, Jonah Roberts, Matthew Tako, Jim Everhart, Bennie Stanley, Marybeth Weaver, Jocelyn Bronleven, Mark Johnson, Jay Richardson, Ann Jurkowski, Brian Everhart, Raymond Garrett, James Landsness, Myrtle Carlin, Cathy Luscinski, Julianne Dombek, Ed France, Lois McDuffee, William Chambers, Hope & Faith Norris, Eleanor Metzger, Larry Poole, Bill Stine, Mary C Hunt

Names will be kept on the prayer list for 1 month from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your prayer request by emailing or calling the Parish Office

***Anyone wishing to receive Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Sick please call the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Summer is here-- what a good time to make a visit to our Eucharistic Jesus who tells us that he will refresh us. Visiting hours are 9 am-8 pm thru August. We have a need for a person alternate 3 am early Monday mornings, an alternate 12 am (midnight) hour Fri night into Sat, a 2 pm Sat & a 5 pm Wed. Please call Linda (301.829.2888) or Diane (301.304.0209) for more info.

HANDMAIDS OF THE LORD: Volunteers needed to give glory & praise to God by helping to clean & maintain the beauty of His House. Much help is needed! If interested, please call Diane at 301-304-0209.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED, William Keller, father of Lois Keller-Poole & Frances Koontz, mother of Joan Ridgely.

12th ROSARY CRUSAGE: Concerned about the way our world is going? Come join us in public prayer, at the Our Lady of Lourdes Rosary Crusade, Sat., Sept. 8, 2012, from 10:30 to 11:30 am, at the Gazebo in Baker Park, right off West 2nd Street, near the Band Shell in Frederick, MD. Bring your family, (lawn chairs) & invite others to pray with us! Questions? Call Pat Oliver at 301-845-8253.

PRAY WITH THE HEART PRAYER GROUP will meet this Wed, Sept 5th at 7:30 pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary & Prayer in the Adoration Chapel.

FLOWER MINISTRY: The flowers on the altar last weekend (8/25-26) were dedicated in loving memory of Colleen Dean & Lester Davis Dean on the occasion of their birthdays... The flowers on the altar this weekend are in celebration of the marriage of Stephanie Kolb and Jonathan Machiran. Congratulations!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
September 2, 2012

Faith Formation Registration now open for 2012-2013!
This includes Sacramental Prep, Confirmation & Adult Education.

Form can be found in today's bulletin or register & pay on-line (EFT) at www.stpeter-libertytown.org
If you have any questions regarding the registration process, contact REC Secretary Stacy Johnston @ sjohnston@stpeter-libertytown.org or at 301-898-5111 ext. 18.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

George Brunner:
gbrunner@stpeter-libertytown.org

Important upcoming dates!

- **Sept 13th-Children's RCIA Parent/Child Orientation @ 6:30pm**
- **Sept 16th-Home Model Orientation @ 12:45pm**
- **Sept 20th-Sacramental Preparation Parent/Child Orientation @ 6:30pm**
- **Sept 23rd-First Day of Classes and Parent Orientation @ 10:15am**



YOUTH MINISTRY

Kenn DeMoll
kdemoll@stpeter-libertytown.org



Youth Ministry time for 2012-2013. We will going back to Sunday evenings from 6-8PM!

Parent & Teen Orientation: September 16th save the date as we kick off youth ministry by diving into our yearly theme: Radiant Joy! This will not be a "meeting" but a chance for teens and their parents to grow in their faith by...laughing? Oh, and learning how you could earn some cold hard cash? It doesn't get much better than that!

SAVE THE DATE: "Radiant Joy" - When was the last time you were truly joyful? This fall, we are going to be exploring the gift of joy with many high energy games and activities! Look for more details to come! But, for right now, save the date: Middle School's retreat will be October 26th – 27th! High School's retreat will be November 2-4th!

More information and sign ups to come soon!

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS: Are you a pampered chef consultant, Avon representative or similar small business owner? Kenn deMoll would like to talk to you about a business opportunity to help your business while benefiting the parish. Contact him for more information at 301-898-5111 or kdemoll@stpeter-libertytown.org

iPad donation: youth ministry is trying to begin using tablets in our ministry to help teens fall in love with the sacraments. We are looking for used 1st and 2nd generation iPads. We have already had one donation and really need one more to get us started! Contact kenn at kdemoll@stpeter-libertytown.org if you can help



ADULT MINISTRY

Carolyn Nolan (cnolan@stpeter-libertytown.org)

Marriage Tip Memories can rekindle romance. Did you ever write love letters to each other – snail mail or email? Find one and reread it together. Smile. **Visit: www.foryourmarriage.org**

Baptism Prep Classes - meets on Tuesday, September 18th, from 7 – 9 pm in the Birch Library. You need only one godparent and this person must be Catholic; to have celebrated Confirmation; is at least 16 years of age, and is practicing the faith (attending mass each week and celebrating the sacraments.)

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – the process by which adults are formed in the Catholic way of life – began this past week. RCIA prepares the participant for the sacraments of Baptism (if needed), Confirmation and Eucharist. We look forward to answering any questions you may have about becoming Catholic. Contact Carolyn at 301-898-5111 x 14 for more information.

Bible Study – We begin our fall study with ***Psalms – The School of Prayer*** – a 10 week DVD study. Our communication with God is enhanced by a deeper understanding of the book of Psalms and of the individual psalms that reside in each of our hearts. See the flier in today's bulletin for registration formation.

St Peter's Parish
Faith Formation Registration
PO BOX 278, Libertytown, MD. 21762
301-898-5111 phone / 301-898-0465 fax
www.stpeter-libertytown.org

Family Last Name:	<input type="text"/>	E-Mail:	<input type="text"/>
Father's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Father's Cell:	<input type="text"/>
Mother's Name:	<input type="text"/>	Mother's Cell:	<input type="text"/>
Mother's Maiden Name:	<input type="text"/>	Emergency Contact:	<input type="text"/>
Home Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Emergency #:	<input type="text"/>

Faith Formation Options for Children & Youth
Cost is \$70 (1 Child) / \$95 (2 Children) / \$110 (3 or more Children)

Elementary Education~Pre-K through Grade 5
Class time is 10:15 – 11:15AM on Sunday mornings

Seeds (Pre-K)	Promise (Kindergarten & Grade 1)
Good News (Grades 2 & 3)	Venture (Grades 4 & 5)
Home Program (Offered only in Grades 1-5)	

Grades 6 through 12
Class time is 6:00—8:00PM on Sunday evenings

Edge (Grades 6-8)	LifeTeen (Grades 9-12)
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Faith Formation for Adults~"Come to the Table"

Cost \$10~Class Time is 10:15~11:15AM on Sunday mornings.

Come to the Table is adult faith formation based on small-group conversations about faith. Participants are led through Catholic beliefs using worksheets which are rooted in Sacred Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. By talking with others and sharing prayer, participants become more able to speak about their faith with confidence. We all become more able to live our faith in daily life. We receive a solid foundation of knowledge, but also an experience of conversion to Christ.

Sacramental Preparation

Must have completed 1 full year of Religious Education prior to beginning the preparation process.

These sessions are in addition to regular Faith Formation classes, if your child does not attend Catholic School, they must attend Faith Formation at St Peter's..

Reconciliation / First Communion ~Resource Fee of \$50	Confirmation ~Resource fee of \$100
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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

September 2012

Saint Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

George Brunner, Coordinator of Religious Education



Thoughtful Moments

A stranger in your home?

Would you let a stranger into your home, give him your children's undivided attention for several hours, and let him tell them what to wear, how to talk, and the kind of music to like? Yet, that's what happens when children watch commercial TV. To break the cycle, try watching together so you can comment on what children see or consider fasting from TV one day a week and substituting a family activity such as reading aloud or playing board games instead.



Ordinary to extraordinary

St. Therese of Lisieux believed that even the most ordinary lives can become extraordinary when we perform all of our tasks with great love for God and each other. Then even the smallest and most mundane of chores become great acts of love.

Parenting advice

"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it"
(Proverbs 22:6).



Strengthen your family around the table

Parents who connect with children early during regular family dinners tend to stay engaged throughout the critical teenage years, studies show. In fact, studies continue to show that adolescents and teens whose families met for regular dinners had better grades and avoided drugs, alcohol and other risky behaviors. Here's how to make the most of family dinners:

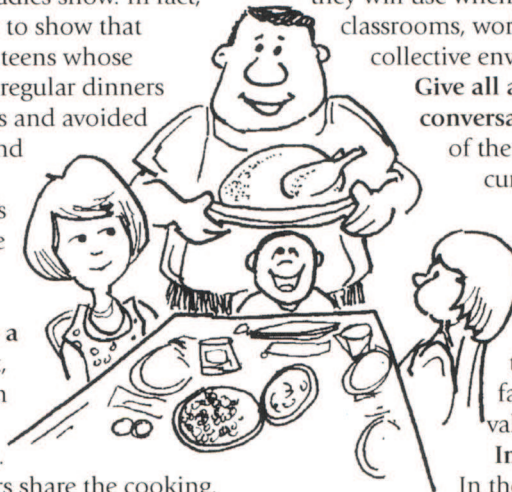
Give everyone a job. Adults cook, younger children set and clear, older ones wash. Or, let youngsters share the cooking. Experts say that children are more likely to eat the meal when they helped to prepare it.

Serve a common meal instead of offering a "Family Food Court." By avoiding catering to individual tastes,

parents teach children to share, compromise, and learn patience when their whims aren't met. These are skills they will use when joining teams, in classrooms, workplaces or any collective environment.

Give all a share in the conversation. Discuss events of the day, examine current events, tell jokes, impart family legends. In the process, the world gets examined through the lens of your family's Catholic values.

Introduce devotions. In the hectic pace of school, homework, and extracurricular activities, it can be difficult to find time for family prayer. The dinner meal can be an ideal time to pray, learn about new saints, read Scripture together, and explore your Catholic identity.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water in church?

The use of holy water comes from the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, when worshippers had to bathe themselves before entering the Temple. That's one reason we



place holy water fonts near the doors when we enter our Catholic churches.

In Baptism, the guilt of Original Sin is washed away and Christ "marks" us as his. It is in Baptism that we receive the gift of faith. In blessing ourselves with holy water, we recall our baptismal promises.

A Catholic parent job description

As Catholic parents, we want to be sure that when our children leave home they are strong enough to live in a society that doesn't know God. It is critical for children to grow up leaning on Christ, not just meeting him as an infrequent visitor. Consider this a Catholic parent job description:

Keep holy the Lord's Day by taking your family to Mass every Sunday and every Holy Day of Obligation. Avoid activities that would hinder worship or relaxation.

Lead a sacramental life. Help your family receive Holy Communion frequently and the

Sacrament of Reconciliation regularly.

Study and share Catholic teaching. See that children are properly Confirmed and remain active in their faith.

Educate children in the Catholic faith. Use parish schools or catechetical programs.

Strengthen the Church. Contribute to your parish, support your priests, the universal Church, and the pope.

Perform and teach penance for forgiveness of sins – our own and those of others.

Help spread the good news of God's love and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Scripture LESSON

Mark 9:38-48, Work together for God

In this reading, the disciples were upset because a man they didn't know was healing in Jesus' name. Perhaps they were afraid of losing the spotlight, or they may have been concerned because he was different from them.

Faithful followers of Jesus don't all look alike or talk alike, but we do act alike. Christianity is a kingdom, not a competition. All are welcome to work together to build it up. Those who share a common faith in Christ cooperate, rather than compete.



Some of Jesus' words sound strange but he is very clear; we treat sin like a cancerous tumor and cut it out. Giving up a friendship, an activity, or a habit that causes us to do wrong may seem as painful as cutting off a hand. But the consequences of our choices last forever.

What can a parent do?

The caution against harming little ones in faith applies to us as parents and teachers. Our thoughts and actions must be motivated by love so that we can model Christian behavior for our children.

Parent TALK

I have encouraged our girls to be active outside of school but last school year it was crazy. They had something every night of the week and most weekends, too.



Kara had Marching Band, flute lessons, raised money for our diocese, was a leader in the church youth group, and taught a religious education class. Tessa had horseback riding lessons, sang in a choir, went to a sports camp on Saturdays, and was in the church youth group, too. Add social activities, school work, and family obligations and by June, I was exhausted.

Over the summer, the girls asked to add activities but I said, "no." I let each choose one musical, physical, and church activity but nothing can interfere with homework, family dinners or Mass. I think we now have a schedule that will enrich the girls, give us family time, and won't leave me a wreck in June.

Feasts & Celebrations

Sept. 16 – St. Cyprian (258). Born in Carthage to pagan parents, Cyprian converted to Christianity and became bishop of Carthage. A noted orator and theologian, Cyprian helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against Novatian heretics. He set guidelines for readmitting lapsed Christians. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

Sept. 28 – St. Wenceslaus (929). As the king of Bohemia, Wenceslaus worked closely with the Church to end the persecution of the Christians in his country. "The Good King" encouraged

German missionaries, built churches, cared for the sick and poor. Political conflict led to his assassination by his brother. He was immediately recognized as a martyr.

Sept. 28 – St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions (1630). Lawrence was born in the Philippines to Christian parents—a Chinese father and a Filipino mother. Accused of murder, he fled with four Catholic priests and a leper to Nagasaki, Japan where there was violent persecution. They were arrested, brutally tortured and martyred on Okinawa.



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Contacting Your Elected Officials

In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*^{*}, the U.S. Catholic Bishops urge all Catholics to make their voices heard in the public square. You can communicate with your elected officials by writing (letters or emails), making phone calls, and visiting them. Visit house.gov and senate.gov to find your elected officials and then follow the tips below.

Writing

A **thoughtful, personal letter** that provides a clear and forceful argument can be a powerful form of communication with your elected officials. Follow these tips when writing letters:

- Include a **clear title** that summarizes the exact action you are requesting. For example: “Protect Victims of Trafficking: Support S. 1301!”
- In the first paragraph, **state your request** and **summarize the reasons** in 2-3 sentences.
- In the second and third paragraphs:
 - **Provide support** for your arguments.
 - State **why you personally care** about this issue. For example, are you involved in your parish’s pro-life or anti-poverty ministries?
- Conclude your letter by **re-stating** what you want your elected officials to do and **thanking** them for their time.

Mailed letters may take several weeks to arrive to Congress. Most Congressional web sites include “Contact Us” forms. You may also consider sending a FAX, especially if time-sensitive.

The **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** makes it easy for Catholics to make their voices heard by providing a **web form with suggestions** that Catholics can send to their elected officials with just a click of the mouse. Visit the “Issues and Action” section of www.usccb.org to access this web form and for more tips on letter-writing.

Contact your **diocesan social action office, pro-life office**, or **State Catholic Conference** for additional electronic advocacy opportunities.

Making Phone Calls

Another important way to make your voice heard is to **call your elected officials**.

Normally the best time to telephone members of Congress or state legislators is when you want them to take immediate action—for example, when there is an upcoming vote and there isn't enough time for an e-mail or a visit. **Here are some tips on what to say on the phone.**

- Ask to **speak to the legislative aide** who handles your particular issue. Write down his/her name.
- Mention the **number and/or name of the bill** (if applicable) and how you want your legislator to act.
- **Be concise**—don't expect to get into an in-depth discussion. Address the key issue with a few brief supporting points.
- **Identify yourself**, hometown, and phone number so that the legislator can be sure you are a constituent and can get back to you.
- At the end of the call, ask for a commitment to a course of action, and ask the legislative aid to **repeat your request** back to you.

^{*}In 2011, the [USCCB](http://www.usccb.org) Administrative Committee reaffirmed *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* and authorized the USCCB president and the nine chairmen to sign and release an Introductory Note to preface the statement.

Making a Visit

Taking the time to visit your elected officials **can send a powerful message** about what you care about as a constituent. Here are some tips for your visit:

Before the Visit

- **Research** your legislator's voting records, committee assignments, and positions.
- Visit your elected official's website for information about how to **schedule** your visit. The scheduler will likely want to know what issue(s) you want to talk about so you can meet with the appropriate staff member.
- Prepare **background information** about the issue(s) on which you are advocating. Plan to talk about no more than three issues per visit.

During the Visit

- First **introduce** yourself and your role in the community, then give an **overview** of what you want to discuss.
- Next, **present the issues**, discussing each one separately. Provide background information and human interest stories to give a face to the issues.
- If you are asked questions for which you do not know the answers, tell the member or aide that you will get back to him or her—and then do it.
- Conclude by asking the member or aide to **take some concrete action**: cosponsor specific legislation; talk to legislators on the relevant committee(s); etc. Ask for his or her commitment to your specific request.

After the Visit

- Write a **thank you letter or email** in which you summarize the discussion.
- Finally, don't forget to **follow-up on any commitments** you made during the visit.



Contact your diocesan social action office or State Catholic Conference to see if a Catholic lobby day is being organized where you live!

Issues for Advocacy

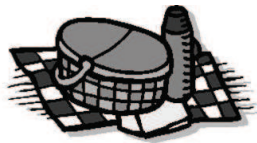
In *Forming Consciences for Faithful*

Citizenship, the U.S. bishops lift up various issues of different moral weight and urgency. Read the Introductory Note and nos. 89-90 to learn more about issues that affect human life and dignity. For example:

- Abortion and other threats to life and dignity
- Efforts to force Catholic ministries to violate their consciences or stop serving those in need;
- Efforts to redefine marriage and undermine marriage as between one man and one woman and an institution essential to the common good;
- An economic crisis which has devastated lives and livelihoods, and the duty to respond in ways that protect the poor and future generations;
- The failure to repair a broken immigration system in ways that respect the law, human rights, the dignity of immigrants and refugees, families, and the common good.
- Wars, terror, and violence which raise serious moral questions about the human and moral costs of force.



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Church Picnic

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! COMING SOON!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2012

After the 11:30 AM Mass, which will be celebrated in the Church

Fried Chicken, Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, and Drinks will be provided

**Parishioners are asked to bring side dishes such as veggies, fruits, starches, or desserts in
DISPOSABLE containers**

The Mass schedule for Sun, Sept 9th, will remain the same.

Masses will be at 7:15 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Sept. 5 - Nov. 14

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. OR 7 – 9 p.m. (Parish Center)

Cost: \$25 per study guide

PSALMS

The School of Prayer

- Discover a rich school of prayer for all life's circumstances.
- Experience the transforming power of the responsorial psalms in the Mass.
- Learn how to visualize the psalms in order to empower their meditation.
- Study the many ways the Psalms foretell the life and mission of Jesus.
- See how the Psalms can empower your prayer to become an honest and personal dialogue with God.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Class Selection: ☐ Mornings / 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

☐ Evenings / 7 – 9 p.m.

Make checks payable to: St. Peter Church

Mail registration to: Carolyn Nolan, P. O. Box 278, Libertytown, MD 21762

C'MON DOWN TO ST. PETER'S WATERIN' HOLE FOR...

"COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT"

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 8TH
7PM - 11PM**



**TICKETS ARE \$12
KIDS 4 & UNDER
ENTER FREE**

**Music & Country Line Dancing | Games including "Cornhole" and "Billiards"
Country Western Photos | St. Peter's Saloon & Beer Garden & Much More...**

**Serving Barbeque, Baked Beans w/ Bacon
Corn Bread, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Salad**

Tickets will be on sale after masses and in the Parish Office starting August 4th. All proceeds to benefit
St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church. For more info contact our parish office at 301-898-5111 ext. 16

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ALL AGES WELCOME!

ST. PETER'S ANNUAL AUCTION IS HERE!

**Saturday, September 15th | Sullivan Rm. + Pavilion Area
9:00Am - 2:00Pm**



**Funkhouser & Smith
Auctioneers
410.775.0115**

Now Accepting Donations;

Donation Drop-offs must be Coordinated by calling our Parish Office at 301.898.5111

Please only drop off auction items, and not yard sale items, at this time.

We are in Search of trains, planes and automobiles in addition to our other auction Items!

Breakfast and lunch will be served by the Ladies Club

We are also looking for volunteers to prepare and execute this popular event. If you are available please contact Daniel Nisonger at 301-898-5111 ext. 16

All proceeds will benefit St. Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Volunteers Needed for morning & afternoon shifts.

PRO-LIFE ACTION - FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER AT FREDERICK ABORTION FACILITY: on Tollhouse Ave is Fri, Sept 7th, from 10:15-11:15am, after First Friday Mass & Devotions, for Rosary & prayer for the unborn. Questions call Catharine Martin 301-865-9089.

PRAISE CHOIR: Bernadette Hanson is forming a new group to sing once a month at the Sat. evening Mass. The age level is 14 and up. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Bernadette by email at bzmhanson@verizon.net or by phone at 301-865-3371.

YOUTH BELL CHOIR: Margaret Stack, director of Youth Hand Bells, has 3 openings for ringers in the Hand Bell choir. Interested participants should be in 5th grade or older & will rehearse on Wed from 3:30 until 5 pm. First rehearsal will be Wed., Sept. 19th. Please contact Margaret Stack at 301-865-1349 to sign up for this beautiful ministry.

ADULT CHOIR - WE NEED MEN! The Adult Choir is looking for a few (or more!) good men to sing in the choir. We sing every other 9 am Mass (some 11:30 Masses) on Sundays. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact Sherri Slattery at sslattery@stpeter-libertytown.org as soon as possible.

CHORISTERS: All children between 8 years old (3rd grade) and 8th grade are invited to sign up & sing with the Choristers. This choir sings at several Sunday Masses throughout the year & at Christmas & Easter. To sign up, please fill out flyer in the display rack in the Narthex. Call Judy Smarsh, 301-845-2698 with questions.

ENSEMBLE: NEED MALE AND FEMALE SINGERS: If you can carry a tune, we have a place for you. We are the Ensemble & enjoy harmonizing together. We practice every Wed & sing every other 9 am Mass & some 11:30 am Masses on Sun. If interested, contact Don or Carol Pressimone at 443-340-0377.

FRANCISCAN OPEN HOUSE & PICNIC: Come & See if God calling you to the Secular Franciscan Order? You are invited to attend the OFS (Ordo Franciscanus Secularis) St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Franciscan Fraternity Open House & Picnic on Sept 23rd from 1 to 4 pm at St. Anthony Shrine in Emmitsburg. For more info, please call Sue Tichy, OFS Minister, at 717-642-9353. You may also pick up a brochure in the Narthex of church.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY NOTES: In Jesus' final moments, he was the consummate bereavement minister. He wanted his mother Mary & his friend John to console each other. Scripture tells us they honored his plan. This week follow the lead of Mary & John by reaching out to someone who has lost a loved one. Marybeth Terrell 301-845-6572 & Rose Grimes 301-829-0901, ministers of consolation. A new session of Seasons of Hope begins Sept. 26 at 7 pm.

LADIES' CLUB MEETING for Sept will be held on Fri, Sept 7th at 10 am in the Parish Center. Lunch to follow at Family Meal on East St in Frederick... **Bake Sale** – Sat, Sept 15th in conjunction with the Parish Auction. Baked Good Donations will be needed from our best bakers. If you make great fudge, we could use candy as well. As in the past, we ask & you are always very generous in your response.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13290: Baby Bottle Campaign - Beginning Sept 8th, the Knights will be handing out bottles after all the Masses, to be filled with change, cash or

checks. Once filled, they can be returned to any Knight after the Masses. All proceeds will go to Gabriel network (www.gabrielnetwork.org). Any questions, please contact Mike Jacobs, bsketlady@comcast.net or (301) 471-270

PARISH NURSE NOTES: Do you know what the parish nurse can do for you? The parish nurse has taken on her role because she wants to serve God while using her nursing skills. The parish nurse is here for you if you need someone to help you find the answers you need when there is an illness or when your elderly parent needs some assistance. Please call me if I can help in anyway. Marybeth Terrell 301-845-6572

ST PETER'S ON FACEBOOK! We know you "love" St. Peter's but do you "like" us? Please visit St. Peter's page on Facebook. It's a great place to find out the latest information on activities and events at our parish or to share your favorite parish photos. Just visit www.facebook.com/StPeterLibertytownMD and "like" us! Have something you'd like to get posted? Contact Robyn Jacobs/Communication Committee at bsketlady@comcast.net

SHARE YOUR FAMILY FAITH AND TRADITIONS: Does your family do something special in the month of Sept for Back to School, Off to College/Armed Forces, participation in the County Fair or the end of summer that incorporates or enhances living out your Catholic faith? How about in Oct, in celebration of Mary, the Rosary or All Saints Day or in Nov incorporating All Souls Day or Thanksgiving? If so, would you like to share your family's faith & traditions with St. Peter's community in the new parish blog? Please contact Sheila Gorman @ h2ogorman@aol.com or 240.338.0811 (in the evenings) and let's talk.

IS CREATING BUZZ YOUR "THING"? Do you love public relations, copyrighting, graphic design, marketing or social media? The Communications Committee needs additional members to join its team to potentially work on website & blog content, event promotion, & spreading the word about our wonderful parish. God has provided you the communication & marketing talents! Please share them with our committee & parish. Contact Robyn Jacobs bsketlady@comcast.net or 301-865-9984.

ST JOHN REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Looking for something fun to do with your Tot this Fall? Story Time for 2, 3 & 4 year olds with STEM activity, craft & activity from 8:25 to 9:30 am on the second Monday of every month during the school year. Refreshments follow! Program is free & open to the community. Children must be accompanied by a parent.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY a Catholic elementary & middle school serving PreK3 - 8th grade, is NOW accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Interested & prospective families please contact us at info@stmamd.org or 301-874-9014 for more info.

THE VISITATION ACADEMY: the only all-girls PreK3 – 8th grade Catholic school in Frederick County is now accepting applications for all grades for the 2012-2013 academic year. Visit our web site at www.thevisitationacademy.org for info.

MOTHER SETON SCHOOL: Friday, Sept 7- Opening School Mass. MSS invites you to celebrate the beginning of the school year with our opening school mass at 10:15 am. All are invited. Info: 301-447-3161 or www.mothersetonschool.org.