

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 18TH, 2018**



**ST. AUGUSTINE  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH  
REED, KY**



**ST. PETER OF  
ALCANTARA  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH  
STANLEY, KY**



**UNITED IN CHRIST TO LOVE AND TO SERVE**

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**St. Vincent de Paul Chair** James Huddleston  
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**St. Peter Bible Study**

The next Bible Study meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22nd at 5:45pm in the parish hall.

**St. Peter Fish Fry**

St. Peter will have the last Lenten Fish Fry on March 23rd, 2018. Serving will begin at 6pm, in the Parish Hall. Price is \$10. See you there!

**Lenten Penance Services**

March 20th – Immaculate, Owensboro- 6.00 PM  
**March 22nd – St. Augustine, Reed – 6.00 PM**  
March 22nd- Precious Blood, Owensboro- 6.00 PM

**Parish Auxiliary Dues**

St. Peter Parish Auxiliary dues and church cleaning dues letter is in the back of church. Please pick yours up on your way out today. Thanks!

**New Parish Email Address**

Please make note that the St. Peter's email address has been changed to: **office@stpeterofalcantara.com**.

**Holy Week and Easter Services**

Please make note of the following dates and times for Holy Week and Easter Services:

**Tuesday, March 27th**

6:30pm, Chrism Mass, Owensboro Sportscenter

**Holy Thursday**

6pm, Holy Thursday Service, St. Peter and St. Augustine.

**Good Friday**

3pm, Solemn Way of the Cross at St. Peter  
6pm, Good Friday Service at St. Peter  
6pm, Solemn Way of the Cross & Good Friday Service, at St. Augustine

**Holy Saturday**

9am, Decorate Church, both St. Peter & St. Augustine.  
8pm, Easter Vigil, St. Peter  
8pm, Easter Vigil, St. Augustine

**Easter Sunday**

8am, Easter Sunday Mass, St. Augustine  
9:30am, Easter Sunday Mass, St. Peter

**Welcome to St. Augustine / St. Peter of Alcantara Parish!**

We want to welcome our visitors and new parishioners! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Jegin. If you have not registered, we ask that you complete a form found by the bulletins in the back of church, and return it to the office. We are glad that you are here to share the Liturgy with our community. Those who plan to move from our parish are requested to inform the office.

## Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Antony de Mello, an Indian Jesuit priest and psychotherapist, a spiritual teacher, writer and a public speaker known for his storytelling, says a beautiful story. A great teacher was about to die and his disciples gathered around his death bed looking very sad. By seeing their sadness, the teacher said to them: "don't you see and know that death brings beauty to life?" They said, "No, we don't want you to die." The teacher said "the real life, and the things that have real life must die. Look at the flowers in nature, they die, but look at the plastic flowers, they never die. The same way, if you have Christ, the true life within you, you will be ready to die, but if you do not have Christ, the true life within you, you will be worried and reluctant to die." Through the Gospel of today, Jesus says that "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

It is commonly believed that suffering is a sign of failure or defeat; but as Christians, is it right to have that kind of false belief? As Christians, it should be believed that suffering in our life is not a failure, but it is our right. Because, our birth and faith in Jesus Christ is the fruit of His Suffering, Death and Resurrection. Yes, Jesus was ready to fall to the ground and die like a wheat of grain, so Christianity remains the biggest religion in this world. At the same time, years go by, we know the number of Christians in this world are decreasing, because today's Christians remain just a grain of wheat and do not want to fall to the ground and die for Christ. Yes, today we have Christians in number, not in quality. The quality of a Christian is not determined by what he/she has in the pocket or wallet, but by the presence of Christ in oneself. Yes, we should be able to say 'NO' to one's own self and 'YES' to thyself. St. John the Baptist is reminding us the same that "I must decrease and He must increase." It is for the same grace we pray daily, "Thy kingdom come, they will be done." Thus, Jesus reminds us that without suffering there is no glory possible. So, to live for Christ is same as to suffer for Christ. So, Jesus says "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me." Yes, without suffering there is no true and effective evangelization.

In today's Gospel we see some Greeks are asking Philip to show them Jesus, and we see Philip and Andrew are informing Jesus about it, and Jesus reminds them about the suffering involved in knowing and following Him and the glory in the future. Yes, dear friends as Christians the primary mission is to preach about Jesus to every creature in this world. As we engage in preaching about Jesus to every creature, please make sure to preach about the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus than the miracles and healings Jesus has done; otherwise, when problems come people will abandon their faith in Jesus. We have so many examples of people abandoning their faith in Jesus when they confront problems and difficulties, complaining God is not answering their prayers in their difficult moments.

fulfillment of Christian life. So, if our faith in Jesus cannot accept any suffering, be sure we are not qualitative Christians, but we are one among the Christians, who are like wheat grains do not want to fall on the ground and die and produce fruit. Let us reflect about the quality of our faith that we have in Jesus Christ. **God Bless You.**

***IF YOU CANNOT SEE GOD IN ALL,  
YOU CANNOT SEE GOD AT ALL!***

### **From the Opportunities for Life Ministry**

Thank you for your participation in the recent Opportunities for Life Annual Appeal collection. Please continue to pray for the Opportunities for Life Ministry and those who are in crisis pregnancy situations.

### **Employment Opportunities**

Owensboro Catholic High is accepting applications for the following positions:

#### **Head Cheerleading Coach – OCHS**

OCHS is looking for an experienced and knowledgeable Cheerleading coach. Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work cooperatively with students, staff, administration and parents. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree. Preferred Practicing Catholic.

#### **Full Time Spanish Teacher – OCHS**

Bachelor's Degree required. Teaching experience preferred but not required. Practicing Catholic preferred and must provide official college transcript(s).

#### **Acettes Dance Coach – OCHS**

OCHS is looking for an experienced and knowledgeable Dance coach to run team practices, events and performances. Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work cooperatively with students, staff, administration and parents. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree. Preferred Practicing Catholic.

Owensboro Catholic High School is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. Resumes should be submitted to Gates Settle, Owensboro Catholic High School, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301, or e-mail:

### **Owensboro Catholic Schools Financial Controller**

Owensboro Catholic Schools is searching for a Financial Controller to provide financial leadership in the Catholic Schools Central Office. Working under the Owensboro Catholic School's Director this position will assist in planning, directing and coordinating the financial accounting and reporting activities of the Owensboro Catholic School System. Owensboro Catholic Schools is an equal opportunity employer that provides a wide range of benefits. All interested applicants may submit a resume and cover letter to: [Diocese.HR@pastoral.org](mailto:Diocese.HR@pastoral.org)  
[gates.settle@owensborocatholic.org](mailto:gates.settle@owensborocatholic.org)

**St. Augustine Ministries**

**March 25th**

**Servers:**

03/25 8am Zachary Peerman and Sam Mitchell

**Lector:**

03/25 8am Dee Anna Booker and Rosemary Murphy

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

03/25 8am Angela Peerman and Connie Williams

**Gifts:**

03/25 8am Rob Mitchell Family

**Ushers:**

03/25 8am Larry Schwartz and Joseph Schwartz

**Church Cleaner:**

Sheila Ralph, March 25 thru April 7

**Church Cleaners:**

Cleaning the Church is an act of your love and gratitude to God for our Church. If for some reason you are unable to clean when it is your turn, please contact: Herschel Smith 270-302-0601 and for a fee of \$30.00 he will clean for your two weeks. If you are physically unable to clean, please contact Herschel so other arrangements can be made.



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**March 18th thru March 25th**

**Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Daniel Blair  
-9:30 Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes  
-10:30am Faith Formation Classes @ St. Peter

**Monday - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Lee Ann Schrecker

**Tuesday - Fifth Week of Lent, Lenten Weekday**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Jean Lindauer  
-6pm Mass @ St. Augustine - Waylon Andrew Behnke

**Wednesday - Fifth Week of Lent, Lenten Weekday**

-6pm Mass & Prayers @ St. Peter - Richard Stengell  
-6pm Mass @ St. Augustine - Frances & Sherrel Ralph

**Thursday - Fifth Week of Lent, Lenten Weekday**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Bobby Edelen  
-5:45pm Bible Study @ St. Peter  
-6pm Mass & Penance Service @ St. Augustine - Shirley Dunn

**Friday - Fifth Week of Lent, Lenten Weekday**

-8am Mass @ St. Peter - Anita Mitchell  
-6pm Fish Fry @ St. Peter

**Saturday - Fifth Week of Lent, Lenten Weekday**

-4pm Confessions @ St. Peter  
-5pm Mass @ St. Peter - Vivian Fischer

**Sunday - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

-8am Mass @ St. Augustine - Daniel Blair  
-9:30 Mass @ St. Peter - People of the Parishes  
-10:30am Faith Formation Classes @ St. Peter

**March is the month of St. Joseph**

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



Bless All Married Couples

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Shelley Payne 03/18  
Elsie Blair 03/21

**An Accounting of Your Stewardship of Treasure**

Weekly Budget	\$1,403.85
Actual Collection:	<b>March 11th</b>
Sunday Collection	\$ 2225.00
Maintenance	90.00
Catholic Relief	25.00

**Please continue to pray for the following Parishioners & Friends:**

Sophia Blair, Dee Anna Booker, Sr. Michael Bridget, Rethia Bumgardner, Shelia Byrne, Betty Cecil, Barbara Connor, Tonya Crabtree, Richard DeMar, Alan Ebelhar, Mark Embrey, Stella Fogle, Delbert Fulkerson, Robin Hardesty, Mason Jackson, Nicholas Jackson, Fr. Jegin, Mack Lacer, Leslie LeClure, Paula Mayfield, David Medley, Margie Merimee, Ralph Mitchell, Angie Park, Kenny Pendleton, Fr. Pike Powell, Steve Raley, Randall Schwartz, Chris Settles, Barbara Smith, Juanita Spalding, Betty Wathen, Lori Winstead, Sam Winstead, Bill Young, Lillian Young.

**Readings for the Week**



Monday.....2 Sam 7:4-5a; 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13,16-18, .....22; Matt 1:16 18-21, 24a  
Tuesday.....Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30  
Wednesday.....Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42  
Thursday.....Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59  
Friday.....Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42  
Saturday.....Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56  
Sunday.....Isiah 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated upon request, and at least four times a year during the week-end Masses. Please notify the pastor or call the parish office if you know of anyone who might need this sacrament, but may not be able to notify the pastor personally. Please inform the pastor or someone in the parish office if you or any of your family is in the hospital or going into the hospital. If your doctor is willing we can also have a blessing for him/her at the time of your anointing.

**Bulletin Information**

Information for the Bulletin needs to be submitted to St. Peter's office by **Wednesday**. 270-764-1983 or office@stpeterofalcantara.com.

