

# One Step at a Time!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Isn't it beautiful how God helps us grow little by little, patiently working with us? In all aspects of our lives, he can help us grow a little each day. From one day to the next, it might not seem like much has changed, but over the course of weeks and months you see the difference!

We can see this happening here at Saint Peter's. With God's help, we have taken small steps that have added up to make a big difference in our parish and in our surrounding community. Much of this would not have been possible without your generosity and financial sacrifices. Thank you!

Each January, we ask our faithful to consider how you will support Saint Peter's in the coming year so that we can be **A Light for Beaufort**. We know that these are not easy times financially; costs have risen greatly for your families and for our parish. But if you can join me in taking the "1% Challenge," a little growth can make a big difference!

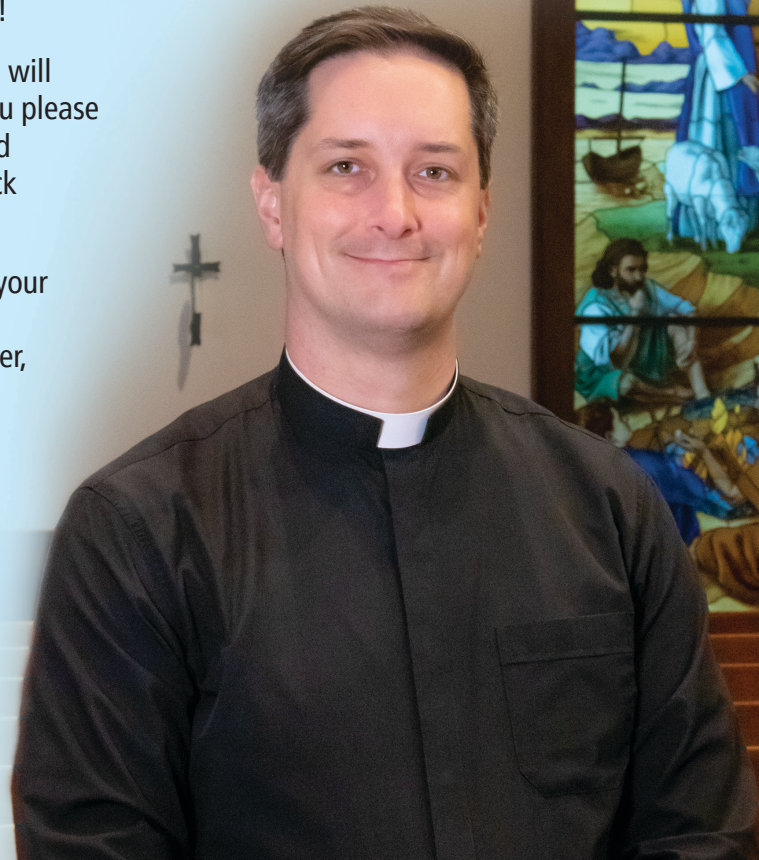
This coming weekend, **January 20 & 21**, will be our **Commitment Sunday**. Would you please read this brochure and bring the enclosed card to Mass this weekend, or mail it back to our parish office?

Whether or not you are able to increase your giving this year, the most important thing is that we bring this to God in prayer, and joyfully give back to him with gratitude for all the blessings he has given us.

I can't wait to see what great things God will accomplish through us this year, one step at a time!

In Christ,

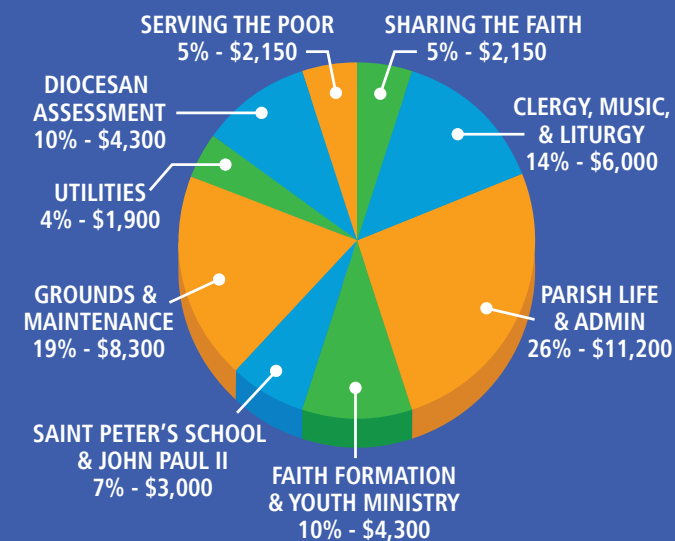
*Father Andrew*



## Our Mission

Invite people to encounter Christ,  
Invest in their spiritual growth, and  
Inspire them to share Christ with others.

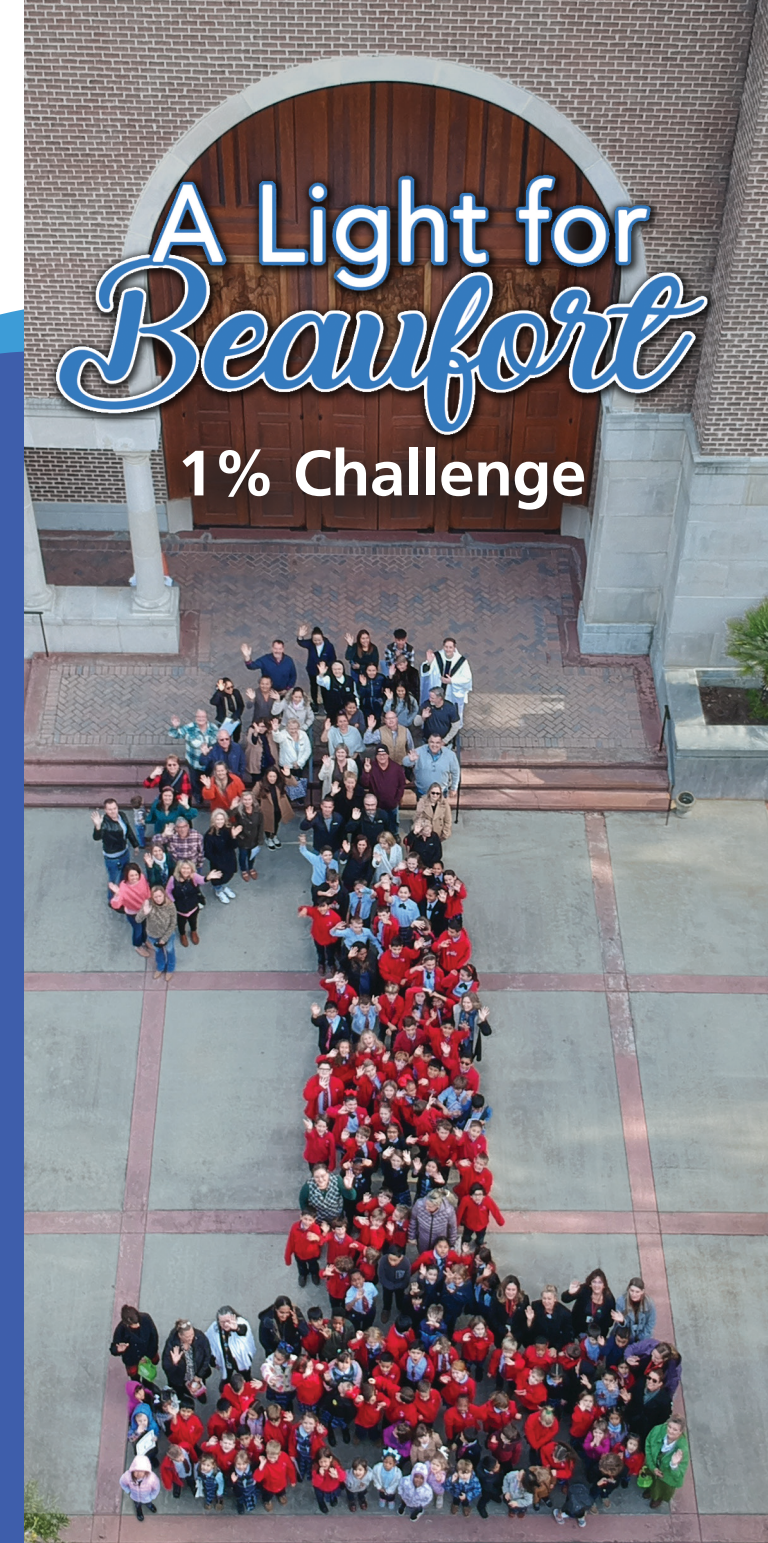
### What it costs to live out our mission each week:



Our resources and energy as a parish are focused on helping you grow spiritually and be Christ's light in the world. With about 2,200 registered families to serve and three campuses, it takes about \$43,000 a week to live our mission at Saint Peter's.

# A Light for Beaufort

## 1% Challenge



St. Peter's Catholic Church



# God is Bearing Fruit Through Us!

In November of 2017, Saint Peter's embarked on a journey to become **A Light for Beaufort**. We would begin tithing 10% of weekly offertory to serving the physical and spiritual needs of those beyond our walls. We would strengthen ourselves for mission by investing in our faith formation efforts, as well as improvements to our facilities.

How would all this be possible? By each of us prioritizing our support of Saint Peter's in the weekly offertory, giving sacrificially from the blessings we have received from God.

**Our parish family responded generously. In the last six years, our annual offertory has risen from \$1.3 to \$2.1 million, and we have born beautiful fruit:**

## Serving Those in Need

We have given more than **\$551,000** to serve those in need, locally and around the world, and we are now changing lives through our own outreach center, Lowcountry Outreach.

## Sharing the Faith

We have invested more than **\$551,000** in efforts to share Christ and our Catholic faith in our community, resulting in many people encountering Jesus and his Church.

## Forming Leaders

We have formed 64 small group facilitators, who are now equipped to lead faith groups in their homes and accompany their neighbors in their walk with Christ.

## Improving Our Facilities

We committed **\$965,000** to long-needed repairs and improvements, so our buildings and grounds can be safe and enduring. We are making our campuses more welcoming and beautiful.

## Growing Saint Peter's School

We have made many investments in our school's programs, classrooms, and grounds. Our school is now flourishing and has grown to more than 150 students!

## Freedom to Focus

We no longer have second collections or frequent fundraisers, allowing us to focus on our mission of leading souls to Christ and helping them to grow as faith-filled disciples.



# Taking the **1%** Challenge

**This year, we invite you to consider the "1% Challenge." Determine what your support of Saint Peter's currently equates to as a percentage of your total income. This year, can you increase your support by one percent of your income?**

The image below shows how a typical family might allocate their spending. Here, the family decides to make a sacrifice and cut down on their dining out, allowing them to increase their tithing this year from 4% of their income to 5%.

If each of us make a small but sacrificial increase, our parish will be able to keep serving you well and shining as **A Light for Beaufort!**

