



December 16, 2018

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY PARISH

THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

***St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish
proclaims the Gospel through worship, formation, outreach and service
in order to foster a faithful, loving, dynamic, and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ
and provides a spiritual home to the diverse local and university communities.***

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.,
5:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel
Monday – Thursday 12:15 p.m. in the Catholic Center
Chapel, 84 Somerset Street

CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; and by appointment

NOVENA PRAYERS: Mondays at 7:30pm in the
Catholic Center Chapel

BAPTISMS:

Normally scheduled on the second & fourth Sundays of the month at 12:30pm (not during Lent). Please observe the requirements for sponsors. Must contact the office in advance to register. First-time parents are required to attend a baptism formation session.

WEDDINGS:

Marriage arrangements should be made one year in advance of the wedding. Please call the parish office before making other definitive plans. Once a wedding is approved and the date is confirmed, the required marriage preparation process may commence.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the administration of the Sacrament of the Sick and/or for the reception of the Holy Eucharist to those who are ill or elderly.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In the case of an **emergency** requiring a priest after business hours, please call **732-545-6185**.

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 732-668-6584
(for assessment of assistance needed, leave message including name and contact number)

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St. Peter's Cemetery

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84 Somerset Street
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website: **www.RutgersCatholic.org** (new name!)
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Monday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Joseph Wittreich, Sr.
12:15 p.m. Caroline Joy Bolton

Tuesday, December 18

7:30 a.m. Michael Sot
12:15 p.m. Intentions of the CC Prayer Box

Wednesday, December 19

7:30 a.m. Esther Shamy
12:15 p.m. Spec. Intention of John & Mimi Firestone

Thursday, December 20

7:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James Cafone

Friday, December 21

7:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes
5:00 p.m. Dec. Members of the Calderone/Robertson Families

Sunday, December 23—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Howard Crouch
11:00 a.m. Claire McCloskey
6:00 p.m. For the People



Pray for ...

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Theresa Birdsey, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, Esther Wambui, Norman Corbett, Florence Gowin, Margaret Cleary, Jenny Locandro, Teresa Yannazzone, Bill Spataro, Nicholas Rossi, Chris Joyce, Gary Vavila, Patricia & Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svelec, Joseph D'Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Doris Tarquinio, Peg Byrne, Rick Scuderi, Edward Migliore, Linda Ryan, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia DePasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Sara Mette, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Joseph Mahoney, Lorraine Fellin, Russell C. Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita DeGuzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, Tom and Kathleen Monchek, Anna Graziosi, Shirley Murphy, Joey Mahoney, Evelyn Echevarria, Patricia Krakowski, Carmella LaVera, Joseph Gutsick, Marlene Salimbene, Barbara Wittreich, Frederick DeLong, Anne Gutsick-Smith

All the sick, those who are homebound, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military.

Stewardship

A Way of Life

December 16, 2018 - Third Sunday of Advent

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Holiday Parish Office Hours

Please note the following hours for our parish office for this coming week:

Monday 12/17 - 8am-1pm
Tuesday 12/18 - Closed for Staff Day of Prayer
Wednesday 12/19 - 8am-1pm
Thursday 12/20 - 8am-1pm
Friday 12/21 - Closed

Please note our emergency contact information on the front page if you are in need of a priest. Thank you.

Beginning Monday, December 3rd to Friday, January 11th the 7:30 a.m. Mass will move into our Church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Please note: the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass and the 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass will remain in the Catholic Center Chapel.

This Week's Readings

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45



*A reflection on Gaudete Sunday
from Msgr. Celano*

There is a story told about St. Teresa of Calcutta who, one day, noticed one of her sister's looking particularly sad and weary as she was about to begin her day's work with the poor. Mother Teresa called her back. "What did Jesus say, Sister; to go ahead of him or to follow him?", Mother Teresa asked. The sister answered, "Jesus said, 'follow me', Mother." Mother Teresa responded, "Then why are you trying to get ahead of him? Go back into the chapel and pray. Do not leave to go out to your mission until you find your joy." Saints can be difficult people to live with. The sister did what Mother told her to do and discovered something in prayer: she didn't have to *find* a way to joy, but *follow* the way to joy. And that way to joy will always lead to the encounter with Jesus Christ, the Mercy of the Father made flesh.

John the Baptist knew this well. He is constantly pointing to Christ, who is both the path to joy and its' source. John calls us first to repentance, a change of heart and mind and deeds, because to follow on this path we must leave behind those things that diminish us, that threaten to rob us of our joy; we must leave our sin behind. As John often asserts in the Scriptures, he is not the savior – he is not the cause of our joy - but only his herald. John reminds us of a simple truth; we are not our own saviors. We must look to another. Yet, so often we act as if we are, mistakenly believing that we can win heaven if we're good enough...

It seems to me that somewhere along the way we have forgotten the essential message of the Gospel, the "good

news", and it's this: we are sinners loved and saved by God's mercy. God does not love us when we are worthy. He loves us and this makes us worthy...

But what is this "mercy" that saves us? If we were lawyers, we would define it as "pardon", the dismissal of punishment due for a crime. In this sense, mercy is "undeserved forgiveness" since there is no question of guilt. We all are the recipients of "undeserved forgiveness". We are sinners, and "the Lord laid on Him the guilt of us all", as Isaiah says.

But the Father's mercy goes beyond simply pardoning our offenses. His mercy weeps tears of joy when His prodigal son comes home, it rejoices in finding the lost sheep, and is like the joy of the woman who finds her lost coin. The mercy of the Father is Jesus Christ; He is "the face of the Father's mercy" as Pope Francis tells us, the One who always searches for us and rejoices to lead us home.

In contemplating the face of Jesus, the face of the Father's Mercy, may we know the extraordinary grace offered to each of us; we are not our own saviors. He alone is! His is the path we follow to joy. His is the heart that must be shaped in us so that we too may be merciful, as the Father is merciful.

Teresa of Avila once exclaimed, "God save us from gloomy saints!" Joy is contagious, especially the joy that comes from the Gospel. We need to recover it for the sake of our mission and witness as a parish. So, let's take St. Teresa of Calcutta's advice and not get ahead of Jesus. Let's stay at His feet for a while until we find the way to joy...





DIocese of METUCHEN'S
YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT OFFICE INVITES
YOUNG ADULTS FROM AGE 18 TO 39 TO ATTEND

Connect: A Eucharistic Holy Hour for Young Adults

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018 • 7 - 8 PM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi
548 Main Street • Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

**Please consider joining us for this opportunity
to connect with Christ and other young adults. Fellowship,
at a local restaurant, will follow the Eucharistic Holy Hour.**

For more information, please contact
youth.ministry@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243-4576



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**Get more out of the Lord's Day at St. Peter's:
Participate Sunday Mornings
after the 8am Mass, before the 11am Mass:**

Communal Rosary

Prayer will begin at 9:05am, after the 8am Mass.

Gather in the church, the front section
before the statue of Mary.



Sunday Café

Available each week after the 8am Mass until 10:30am;
coffee/juice, a light breakfast, Sunday fellowship



Word & Life

Reflection and discussion of the Sunday

Readings from **9:30-10:30am in the Parish Hall.**

Come whenever you are able. No registration required.
The focus of **Word & Life** is to get more out of the Scrip-
ture readings for that Sunday and to explore what they
mean for your life!

Please, invite other friends or family members to join you!

Advent Lessons & Carols 2018

***Sunday, Dec. 16 at 4:00 p.m.
at St. Peter the Apostle Church***

In the middle of December, when preparations for Christmas often begin to overwhelm, we offer you the opportunity to pause, reflect, and pray with the beauty of the Scripture (lessons) and Sacred Music (carols) of the Advent season. With the strength of a 50+ member choir, full instrumental ensemble, and participatory congregation, this service of Lessons and Carols will help make your Advent what it is called to be – a time of prayerful preparation, full of expectant joy for the coming feasts.

"Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!"



A free will offering will be taken up.

St. Peter's University & Community Parish is pleased
to welcome back the New Brunswick Oratory of
St. Philip Neri as hosts of this event.

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

For those who will be in town for the upcoming Christmas season, please take note of the following Mass schedule at St. Peter's:

Monday, December 24, 2018

The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Mass Times: 5:00 p.m., 12 Midnight (with Choral preludes at 11:30 p.m., see below)

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 31, 2018

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God
Mass Times: 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God
Mass Times: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord
Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord
Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

**The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the
Mother of God is a holy day of obligation in the
Diocese of Metuchen.*

PRELUDES TO MIDNIGHT MASS

A time of music, prayer and preparation

Beginning at 11:30 p.m., our church will be filled with the joyful music of Christmas. The parish choir and an ensemble of brass and string instruments and harp will lead the singing and offer choral anthems and solos. Plan to arrive early and enter into this time of music, prayer and preparation!

NJ Tax Amnesty

Under new legislation, the Division of Taxation has been authorized to implement a tax amnesty program, providing tax payers and corporations with the opportunity to file past tax returns and/or pay back taxes along with reduced interest due as of Nov. 1, 2018.

Amnesty will only apply to outstanding tax filing or payments that are reportable on a tax return due on or after Feb. 1, 2009, and prior to Sept. 1, 2017.

For additional information on the Tax Amnesty program, including documents in English and Spanish, please call **800-781-8407** or visit **TaxAmnesty.NJ.gov**

Upcoming Weekend for Couples

*Feb. 8-10, 2019
Somerset, New Jersey*

Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and help, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in Origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help you get your relationship back on track.

For more information on this upcoming weekend, you can call the Family Life Office at **732-243-4573**



To register, please call
Rich & Annette Colasuonno
at **732-236-0671**
or e-mail:
3024@retrouvaille.org



Petros Young Adults Upcoming Events

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:30pm
Café Benne, New Brunswick

Note: Please meet at the Catholic Center (84 Somerset Street) and we will walk over together.

For more info, please visit:

www.Facebook.com/PetrosNJ

Sign up for updates via Flocknote!

www.flocknote.com/StPeterParishNB

St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish proclaims a:

MARIAN YEAR



A year of preparation, prayer and catechesis.

Please join us as we raise awareness of the importance of devotion to Our Lady!

Our next catechesis will be on Monday Jan. 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. on the topic of *Mary, the Mother of God* offered by Msgr. Celano.

We invite you to join us throughout the year for presenters in prayer and study as we grow closer to Our Lady. If you have questions, please e-mail:

FrJames@StPeterNewBrunswick.org

CORRECTION

In the Dec. 9 bulletin, St. Peter the Apostle Parish published that in honor of the Marian Year, on Monday, Jan. 7 there would be all-day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and sung vespers, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This information was incorrect. On Jan. 7, there will only be sung vespers and catechesis, beginning at 6:30 in the church.



INFORMATION SHEET

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