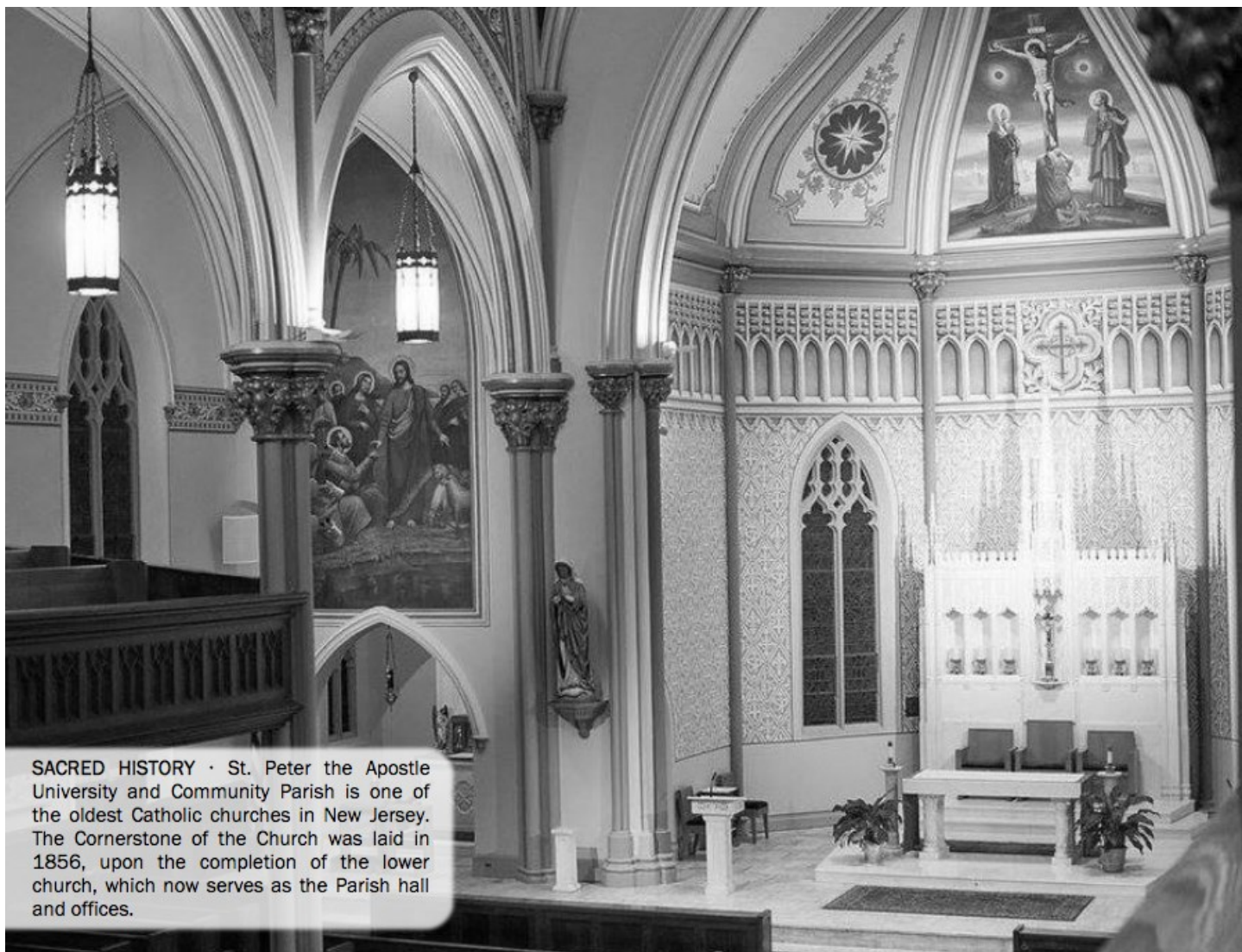


St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

Celebrating a Marian Year 2018-2019



SACRED HISTORY · St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish is one of the oldest Catholic churches in New Jersey. The Cornerstone of the Church was laid in 1856, upon the completion of the lower church, which now serves as the Parish hall and offices.

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: For an updated schedule of Masses, please visit StPeterNewBrunswick.org.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church

Monday – Thursday: 12:15 p.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel

CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

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.

*Mass Intentions***Monday, September 9—St. Peter Claver, Priest**

7:30 a.m. Luis Valencia
 12:15 p.m. James Huges, Sr.

Tuesday, September 10

7:30 a.m. Lycrecia Valencia
 12:15 p.m. Tom Baker

Wednesday, September 11

7:30 a.m. Mary M. O'Shea
 12:15 p.m. Daniel Madrigal

Thursday, September 12—The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 a.m. Eduardo Loffredo
 12:15 p.m. Grace Calderone

Friday, September 13—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. The Sick

Saturday, September 14—The Exultation of the Cross

9:00 a.m. Peter E. Flynn Jr.
 5:00 p.m. Dec. Members of the Deri Family

Sunday, September 15—Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Henry Riley
 11:00 a.m. For the People
 6:00 p.m. Nomar Tan

In your charity, please 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, 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, 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, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, 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, W.J.R., Ag Yashinski, Marian Egan

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

Stewardship*A Way of Life***September 8, 2019 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**Report of the Sunday Offerings
in Support of Our Parish****Fiscal Year 2019-2020**

The Sunday offering is the principle means by which we fund the ordinary operations of our parish and its ministries. Thank you for making ministry possible at St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Church.

Please consider using WePay or another form of automated giving as your preferred means of contributing to the support of the parish. You can sign up for online giving by clicking on the **"Giving"** photo-button on the home page of our Parish website: www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org

When writing or updating your will, please remember our parish in your planning. For more information on planned giving, please contact the parish office.

RU Students, please consider giving the cost of one name brand cup of coffee, or making some similar sacrifice, each week to help support your parish.

Weekly Collection for Aug. 31/Sept. 1 2019

Weekly Budget Need **\$5,125**

Total Weekly Envelope and Cash Contributions

\$3,917

WeShare/Automated Giving and Other Contributions

\$1,654

Total Weekly Offering for August 10/11, 2019

\$5,571

Surplus/(Deficit)

\$466



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A reflection from Msgr. Celano from the 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Not every flower can be a rose...”

I read a short reflection on humility this past week that, frankly, astonished me; it was that good! It was written by Jennifer Hartline, an army wife and mother of three. The reflection is based on her struggles with humility in light of this quote from St. Thérèse of Lisieux:

“The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily does not take away from the perfume of the little violet or the delightful simplicity of the daisy... perfection consists in doing God’s will, in being what God wills us to be.”

What I loved about her reflection was its honesty, which itself is a sign of humility. It wasn’t pie in the sky, it was real. It made me think of the many ways in which I struggle with humility, too.

In both the Old Testament text (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29) and Gospel narrative this weekend (Luke 14:1, 7-14), humility first appears as a virtue needed to please God and then as a way of life that Christ’s followers need to learn. When Jesus observes the “seat-jockeying” taking place during dinner at the Pharisee’s home, he uses it to teach a lesson about humility and reminds his host and the invited guests that to “exalt oneself” – that is to have an inflated sense of ourselves and our self-importance - will ultimately result in the very opposite of what we seek. But to “humble ourselves”, that is, to remember our true place before Almighty God and before others, results in true greatness. A humble heart never forgets who and what it truly is.

Perhaps this might help us better understand humility. Elie Wiesel, the Pulitzer prize winning author and holocaust survivor, tells a story about the great Chasidic rabbi, Eliazar, who was asked by a student what he feared most about the day of judgment. The rabbi paused for a moment and then answered, *“On that day, God will not ask me why I was not like Moses. God will ask why I was not like myself. It is that question I most fear.”*

I like to think of humility not as thinking less of ourselves but



as thinking about ourselves less; to be less concerned about ourselves and our own egos and more focused on others. Using St. Thérèse’s analogy, what’s happening with the “seat-jockeying” at the Pharisee’s dinner table is this: the daisy thinks it’s the lily, and the tulip is pretending to be the rose.

Humility before God is to will what God wills for us; to be as God wills us to be – not more than that, but not less than that either. We don’t have to be Moses. But we do have to be ourselves in Christ. Not every flower can be a rose, says St. Thérèse, nor should they be. Humility is completely OK with that.

Jennifer concludes her reflection by saying this: *“A heart that is humble rests confidently in His mercy and love, and has no fear of being little or ignored, nor any need for adulation. It is a relief to know that I am not fooling God... I have no one to impress – I only have One to love.”*

So, how do we cultivate humility? Let’s start with these simple things:

Let’s be content in what God wills us to be and doing what God wills us to do, remembering that God calls us to be ourselves, and not every flower has to be a rose...

Let’s remember it doesn’t matter where we sit at a banquet, be it high or low. The main thing is to get there. We have no one to impress, just One to love...

Let’s rest confidently in God’s mercy, no matter how sinful we may be...

And, most of all, let’s be kindred spirits and servants to those who most resemble heaven here below; the poor, the suffering, and the stranger, and those who need our love...



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONT'D)

Now that vacation season is behind us, please let me inform you of several items that we have been working on over the summer:

Capital Improvement Projects

There are two capital improvement projects we are about to initiate:

- **Organ Replacement** - As you'll recall, the church steeple was struck by lightning in 2016. The strike caused minor and repairable damage to the church's electrical system, but caused significant damage to the organ. Even now, intermittently and unpredictably, the organ ceases to function. Thanks to the skills of Anthony Nardino, he has been able to navigate around the problem, but it does require a fix.

At the time, an insurance claim was filed and money received to replace the organ, but the damage was under-reported leaving a shortfall of almost \$45,000. I reopened the claim and received the additional funding needed to initiate the replacement. The new organ will be built over the next few months and installed, please God, by Christmas.

- **Roof Repair** - This past winter, a leak developed in the church roof at a seam directly above the mural of St. Paul preaching in the Areopagus (the mural to the right of the altar). Minor water damage can be seen on the mural's frame and in the mural itself. Before we can repair the mural, we have to repair the section of roof directly above it. Since the church is on the historical registry, I consulted with the New Brunswick Historical Commission and was informed that the project was restricted in any way. We will undertake the repair to that section of the roof in the next few weeks, drawing the funds (\$42,000) from our Investment Management Account held in the diocese.

New Parish Staff

Please join me in welcoming two additional part-time members of our parish staff:

- **Karen Dill** will be serving as our part-time office manager. Karen began her career in the corporate world until she left that behind to pursue a ministry in youth and adult faith formation. She has served as PCL (Parish Catechetical Leader) in Our Lady of the Mount Church, Warren and St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, Bridgewater. I have known Karen for many years. She is not only a highly competent administrator, organizer, and manager, but she has a heart for ministry, especially for evangelization and faith formation. Karen will be working part-time in the parish office along with Colleen Donohue, Office Manager of the Catholic Center. Between the two, the parish office will be well-served.

- **William Casey** will be serving as our part-time Business Manager. He is the retired President and CEO of SI Systems. Throughout his career Mr. Casey has led business development efforts and served clients from numerous Fortune 500 companies, U.S. Government agencies as well as mid-range manufacturing and distribution companies. He has also served on the board of directors for several non-profit organizations including Body Logic MD and Physicians Lab, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida and is the chairman of their Audit Committee. He is also a Member of National Association Corporate Directors (NACD), NJ Chapter since 2015 where he served as a Board member and Treasurer from 2016-2018. Bill will be assisting me with the day to day administration of the parish, including its fiscal management.
- I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge and thank **Pete Cipot**, who for the past year has volunteered his services to the parish as our bookkeeper. Pete has been heroic in making sure bills are paid, financial statements prepared, and our parish accounts managed. He is a valued member of our parish finance council and I am most grateful to him for the time and effort he has put into serving our parish.

New Altar Server Albs - You might have noticed that our altar servers have been wearing new server albs for the past several weeks. The cassock and surplice vesture which they had been previously wearing were very old and, in most cases, in very poor condition. The new albs are made of quality, easy-care, material and are made to last.

I am grateful to **Deacon Helmut and Barbara Wittreich**, whose generosity to us made the new server albs possible.

Msgr. O'Grady Memorial Plaque - The Msgr. O'Grady Memorial Plaque, located in the church vestibule, has been a fixture in the church since its placement in the early 1900's. The plaque commemorates benefactors to the parish in honor of Msgr. Grady, then pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Church. Over the summer, and thanks to a generous donor, the plaque has been cleaned and the names of the donors are once again legible.

2019 Bishop' Annual Appeal - I am pleased to inform you that *our parish has exceeded its 2019 goal of \$50,000 and is now earning a rebate*. Half of all money given to the appeal will be returned to us for use in the parish. If you have not given to the appeal, please consider doing so now and help support both the vital programs and ministries of the diocese and our parish, too.

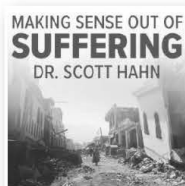
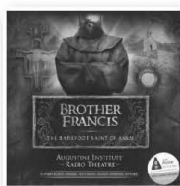
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1. To sign up for FREE, just visit: <https://thecatholiccenter.formed.org>
2. Click "register" and enter you name, e-mail address, and the **CODE** for our Parish is **3GT6WQ**

You are all registered! Enjoy this wonderful program!



ATTENTION

WHOLE FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM

There's still time to register your family for our **Whole Family Catechesis program**. If you are new to our Parish or have children who are entering first grade, please contact Sister Lorraine at SrLorraine@stpeternewbrunswick.org

Kindly pick up a registration form at the parish office. Classes will begin soon.



WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Sunday, September 29, 2019

The Church has been celebrating World Day of Migrants & Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migrants offer.

Pick up a copy of the parish bulletin every week leading up to Sept. 29th to learn more about this topic and share it with others. In this week's material we share the first two of five principles that should be used to help formulate migration-related policy:

Principle 1: Persons have the right to find opportunities in their homeland.

All persons have the right to find in their own countries the economic, political and social opportunities to live in dignity and achieve a full life through the use of their God-given gifts. In this context, work that provides a just, living wage is a basic human need.

Principle 2: Persons have the right to migrate to support themselves and their families.

The Church recognizes that all the goods of the Earth belong to all people. When persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right.

The above principles are shared from the joint pastoral letter by the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States: "**Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope**".



PETROS YOUNG ADULTS

Please join us as we gather for formation and fellowship!

Foundation Night

Tuesday September 10th at 7:30 p.m.

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, 84 Somerset Street

All are welcome to join the Petros Community as we launch our new theme for the year: **REAL LIFE**

Please join us and bring a friend! To keep up with all of our recurring events, like us on Facebook:

www.Facebook.com/PetrosNJ

**Don't miss
another update from
our parish!**

We have a tremendous community here at St. Peter's and we want to make sure it's as easy as possible for every one of you to be involved and connected to it all.

Text SPNB to 84576 and join our parish Flocknote Community! Once you send that in, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process.



Are you missing a sacrament?

Are you missing a Sacrament? Are you looking to be Baptized or have a friend who is looking for Baptism? Please contact Sr. Lorraine or Father Jay to find out more about our RCIA program. Classes begin on September 22nd.

Email us at:

SrLorraine@stpeternewbrunswick.org
OR FrJay@stpeternewbrunswick.org



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MARIAN YEAR

A year of preparation, prayer, & catechesis.



Join us as our Marian Year continues on
Monday, 9 September at 6:30 p.m.
for Evening Prayer & Catechesis on
the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
offered by
Deacon Helmut Wittreich, D.Min

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