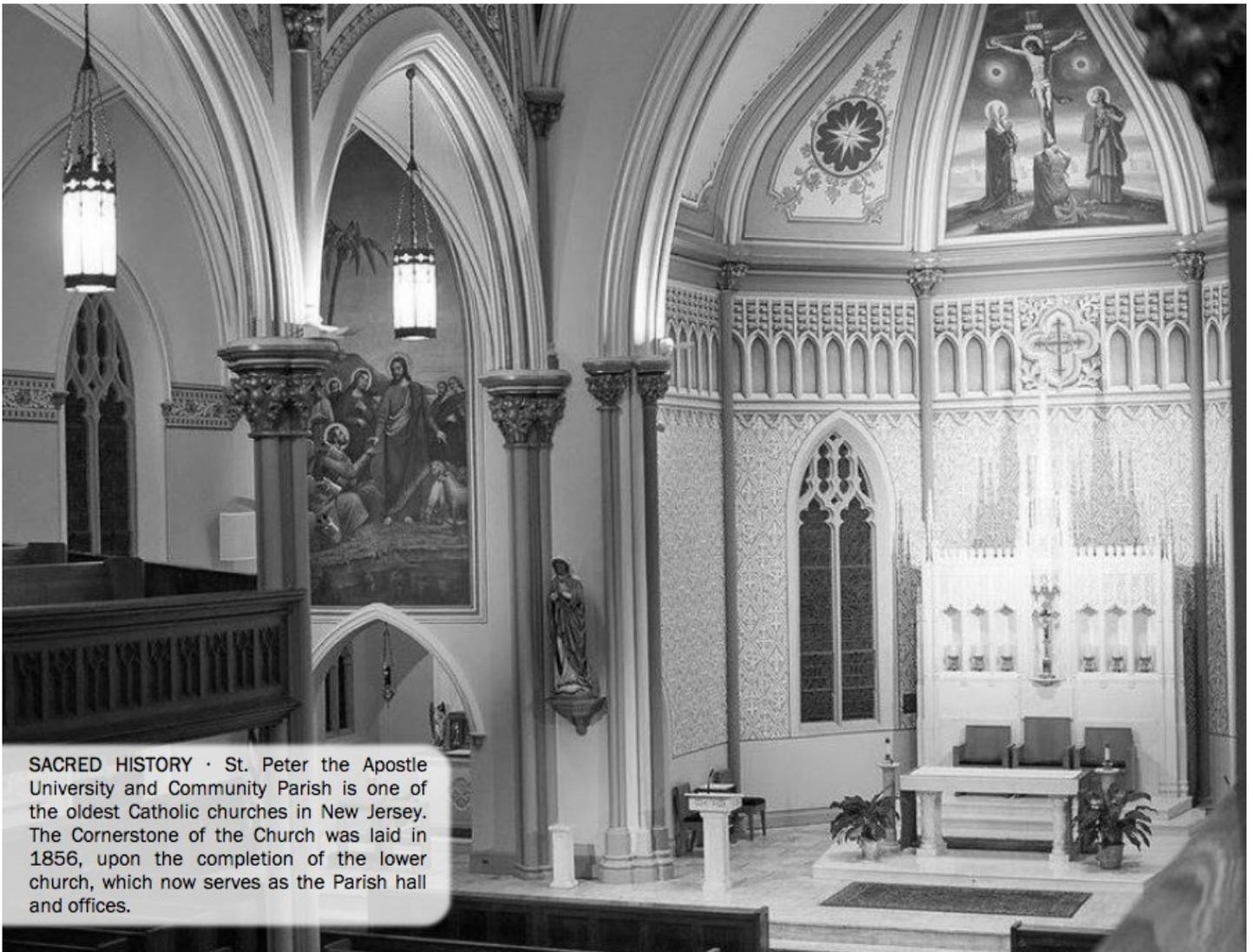


St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

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.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

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

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

For any last minute changes regarding the Mass schedule on Holy Days of Obligation, please visit: StPeterNewBrunswick.org.

CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

Mondays: 12:45 - 1:30 p.m.; 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. (CC Chapel)

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**.

ST. VINCET DE PAUL SOCIETY: 732-668-6584

(for assessment of assistance needed, leave message including name and contact number)

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.

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Staff: William Carroll - Cemetery Director



Our Parish Is On Venmo!

RU Students and those who use debit cards, St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish is now on Venmo! Please consider sacrificing one cup of name-brand coffee each week and donate the cost to help support our parish and campus ministry. Every sacrifice to the Lord matters and is appreciated!

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 OR *@MsgrJoseph-Celano*

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***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 Oct. Nov 9/10, 2019:

Weekly Budget Need	\$5,125
Total Weekly Envelope and Cash Contributions	\$5,671
WeShare/Automated Giving and Other Contributions	\$1,635
Total Weekly Offering for Nov. 9/10, 2019	\$7,306
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$2,181



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Messages from Msgr. Celano about the Parish:

Roof Repair

As of this writing (Nov. 11, 2019), the roof repair project is nearing completion and should be finished by the time the Nov. 17 bulletin is published. As I noted in my previous report to you, we discovered water damage to the upper right-hand frame of the restored mural of St. Paul preaching in the Areopagus last winter. The seepage of water was traced to the flashings around the rear right spire closest to the damage. The flashings were replaced and the areas of seepage sealed.

We will soon be contacting the Evergreene Architectural Arts Co., which supervised the interior renovation of the church, to repair the damaged mural. This cost should be covered by insurance.

Organ Replacement and Choir Loft

I recently reported to you that, following the lightning strike in 2017 which damaged the church organ, I reopened the insurance claim and received an additional \$40,000 for a new organ. The organ is being built and should be completed within the next few weeks. However, before the new organ can be installed, the flooring in the choir loft needs to be reinforced. There is a 5-inch dip in the floor under the present organ, suggesting that when the organ was moved from its original placement (closer to the rear wall) to its present location, the flooring underneath was not reinforced to bear the weight. Two structural engineers have inspected the choir loft and have confirmed the sag and recommended that the loft be reinforced to correct the problem. I am currently putting the project out for bid and will inform you when we are ready to begin the reinforcement of the choir loft in order to make it ready for the new organ.

Annual Financial Report

I am grateful to the members of the parish finance council for their work in preparing the annual financial report and presenting it to the parish this past weekend. The feedback we received was positive, constructive, and encouraging.

The financial report is meant to help you understand the fiscal health of the parish, but understanding this needs to be taken in the larger context of the overall spiritual health of the parish. "Successful" parishes, if we can use that word, are not solely measured by their ability to provide for themselves, but also by the overall pastoral vigor of the parish and its commitment to mission, and by the growth in holiness of its clergy and people. One of the unique qualities I have seen in so many of our parishioners is their deep

spirituality and their hope to see the parish become a beacon of Catholic faith and mission within the city and to the University community. I share in this hope with you. We may not have the numbers the parish had a decade ago and more, but we certainly have the enthusiasm for Christ and the Gospel, a strong sense of intentionality in the parish, a great love for the Liturgy, and a willingness to be led by the Lord as He shepherds us forward in faith and mission. This, in itself, is a sign of the Holy Spirit's presence among us and an indication of our mission in the city and to the University community.

The riches of the parish is always found in its people. We are rich in the gifts of our clergy, religious, staff, and people, and for this I am grateful.

The parish is certainly facing financial challenges, as the finance council presentation noted, but these challenges are not insurmountable. Prudent planning, careful expenditures, and close monitoring of the budget are called for. But from time to time, we need to be reminded that the Lord calls us to be good stewards of what he has entrusted us with and to prayerfully consider how we might best use our gifts and resources to support the mission of the Church. That is why we are asking each of our 495 registered households and the university students who call us home to prayerfully consider this call. If you do not provide financial support to the parish, please consider doing so according to your means. If circumstances prevent you from providing us with financial support, then make a commitment to pray and offer spiritual sacrifices on behalf of the parish and for our clergy and people. If you do provide us with support, thank you! Please consider a modest increase to your Sunday offering according to your means.

For our university students, our parish and the Catholic Center at Rutgers is your spiritual home during your college years. Please consider giving back in gratitude for all you are given by sacrificing a small amount, perhaps the cost of a name-brand cup of coffee, once a week. ***In order to help you do this, the parish is now on VENMO.*** You can find us on the Venmo app by searching for either of the following two options:

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In the end, my friends, money is a resource for ministry. It helps us care for our parish, develop and fund ministries, and provide for our future. For everything that you do to enable this to happen, thank you!

Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Celano

*Mass Intentions***Monday, November 18—The Dedications of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

7:30 a.m. Jorge Bombita Sr; Ramona Bombita; Michael Paredes
 12:15 p.m. Mary V. O'Shea

Tuesday, November 19

7:30 a.m. John Feaster
 12:15 p.m. William O'Shea

Wednesday, November 20

7:30 a.m. Intentions of the CC Prayer Box
 12:15 p.m. Troy Golden

Thursday, November 21—The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 a.m. David D'Alonzo
 12:15 p.m. Dennis Pacyna

Friday, November 22—St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

7:30 a.m. Mary M. O'Shea

Saturday, November 23—St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr

8:30 a.m. Mae Schunk
 5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, November 24—The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Harold Tither III
 11:00 a.m. Betty Pellowski
 6:00 p.m. Lucille Modero

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE IS LIT FOR:

Ellen D'Anisi

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.

**ATTENTION****MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE YEARS 2020 & 2021**

St. Peter the Apostle has spots open for Mass intentions for both upcoming years of 2020 and 2021. While Mass intentions are most-popularly said for a deceased loved one, they may also be said on behalf of someone's personal intentions, birthday wishes, anniversary blessings, etc. A Mass intention is a wonderful way to honor someone in your life. **Mass cards may be purchased at \$10.**

We also offer a Sanctuary lamp to be lit for a week for the same reasons. **The cost to light the Sanctuary Lamp is \$15** and it will stay lit for one week in honor of the specified intention. Our Sanctuary Lamp is in front of the Tabernacle and the Marian Sanctuary candle.

Please note: the fee for the Mass Card or lighting the Sanctuary Lamp must be collected prior to the date of the intention.

If you would like to purchase a Mass card or have the Sanctuary Lamp lit for a specific intention, please contact **Colleen** in the Parish Office at:

**732-545-6820 or
 colleen@StPeterNewBrunswick.org**

**COMMUNITY ROUNDUP**

The following info is from our local community:

HOLY HOUR

The Oratory is hosting its monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour

Sunday, November 17 at 3:30pm

The Holy Hour takes place at:
 The Church of St. Ann
 45 Anderson Street, Raritan, NJ

All are welcome to come and adore the Lord during this time.





FROM THE PARISH

COMING IN ADVENT:

The Nativity of Christ

Presented by Msgr. Joseph Celano

Every Sunday, December 1-22, at the Sunday Café (beginning following the 8AM Mass in the Parish Hall).

A bible study and reflection on the Infancy Narratives of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. All are welcome - bring a Bible and a friend!

Christmas Giving Tree

Our annual Christmas Giving Trees will be decorated with tags for the 2019 holiday season beginning the weekend of 11/23 & 11/24 in the vestibule of St. Peter's Church. Please take a tag. The groups who will benefit from your generosity are:

- The Children's Center of Edison
- Roosevelt Care Center at Edison
- The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Diocese of Metuchen Council
- Catholic Charities - Diocese of Metuchen
- The Youth Enrichment Services - Early Learning Center
- The Youth Enrichment Services - School Age Child Care
- New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park

Attach the tags to each gift, but please **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS**. If donating a gift card, please write the dollar amount on the gift card. Gift cards should be placed in the collection basket during Mass while other gifts can be placed in the vestibule of the church. We would appreciate if gift cards could be dropped off by **December 8th**. However, all gifts must be returned by the weekend of **December 14th and 15th**.



Volunteers are needed to help collect, sort and/or deliver the gifts to each organization. Please contact Carmel at idadgirl@optimum.net or 732-545-1715.

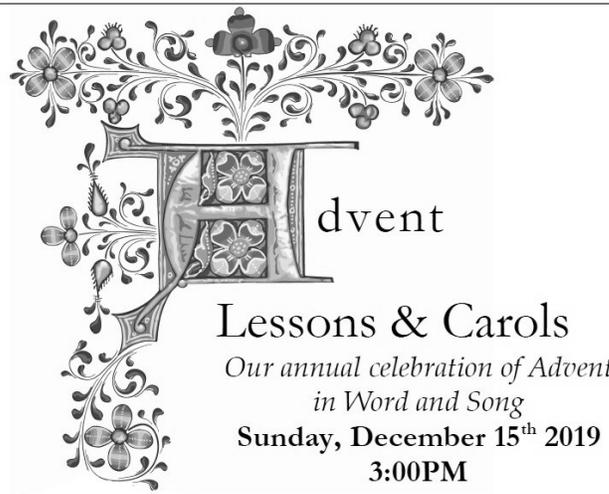
Notes... *from the choir loft*

Next week, the Liturgical Year comes to a close with the Solemnity of Christ the King. This weekend, on the last typical Sunday of Ordinary Time, our readings are already pointing us to the "final day" when Christ shall come as King over all. The recessional hymn this week (*Lift Up Your Heads, St. Michael Hymnal #615*) likewise points to the coming Kingship of Christ. The poetry of the hymn, which uses the imagery of Psalm 24, is a 17th century German poem, translated into English in the 19th century. The progression of the text from verse to verse is artistically crafted: Verse 1 announces of the entrance of the King and Verse 2 proclaims the blessing of the lands where Christ rules. The final two verses (given below) move from the general to the personal, first with invitation, and then with personal acceptance:

3. *Fling wide the portals of your heart / Make it a temple, set apart / from earthly use for heav'n's employ / Adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

4. *So come, my Sovereign; enter in! / Let new and nobler life begin; / The Holy Spirit guide us on /until the glorious crown be won.*

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for our annual:



Advent
 Lessons & Carols
*Our annual celebration of Advent
 in Word and Song*
Sunday, December 15th 2019
3:00PM

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.



Keep up with Bishop Checchio around the Diocese

The Bishop's schedule, correspondence and more can be found on the diocesan website:

<http://diometuchen.org/bishop>

Photos from Bishop Checchio's visits around our diocese can be found on our official social media pages:

-  facebook.com/DioceseofMetuchen
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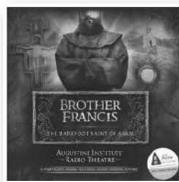
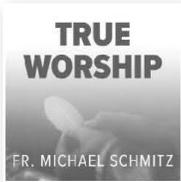
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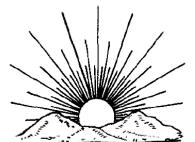
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Do you seek information or have questions about Catholic Marriage, Engagement, Marriage Preparation, Parenting, Family, Church Teaching, Enrichment...and more?

Check out this great resource:
www.foryourmarriage.org



Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.



Malachi 3:19-20