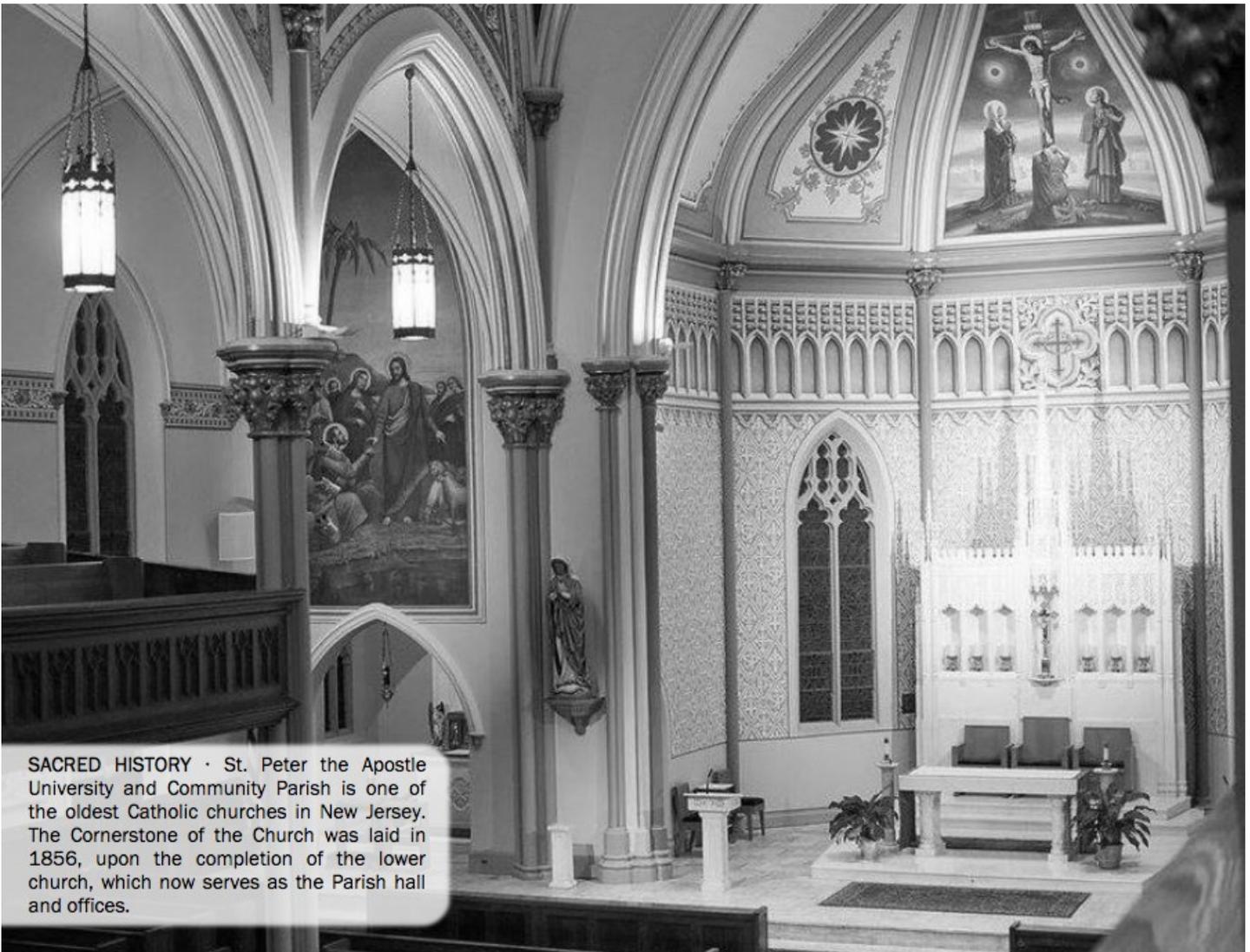


St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

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.

PARISH OFFICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 Fri-Sun, **CLOSED**

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV. 28 - in case of an emergency requiring a priest, please call the number on the front of the bulletin.

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**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!

You can find us on the Venmo app by searching for either of the following two options:

St Peter the Apostle University Parish at Rutgers
 OR *@MsgrJoseph-Celano*

The profile picture will be the front of St. Peter's Church.

***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 Nov 16/17, 2019:

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

Total Weekly Envelope and Cash Contributions
 \$4,689

WeShare/Automated Giving and Other Contributions
 \$1,635

Total Weekly Offering for Nov. 16/17, 2019
 \$6,324

Surplus/(Deficit) \$1,199



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A reflection from Msgr. Celano from the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

“Lo, the day is coming...”

I suspect many of us find these apocalyptic images in the Gospel of Luke (21:5-19) – earthquakes, wars, signs in the heavens - fascinating, but more the stuff of science fiction than of reality. After all, people have been predicting the end of the world since the beginning of the world and, well, we’re still here. But before we dismiss this message of sudden, catastrophic endings as pure religious fantasy, let’s consider something for a moment: haven’t we all learned that life sometimes turns on a dime and everything we know can change, or end, in a single instant? Yes, we have learned that lesson, and sometimes painfully so.

As we quickly approach the end of a liturgical year, we are reminded to keep the end in mind; the world as we know it is passing away. God will bring creation and human history to completion. The prophets called this day the “Day of the Lord”. Jesus referred to it as “the day of the Son of Man”. This “day” will indeed be terrifying precisely because it is God’s “day”; His definitive act of judgment upon the world. It will be a day of upheaval on a cosmic scale, but it does not remain in some undetermined future. If the truth were known, the day has already begun.

The coming of Christ into the world is the dawn of this “day”. Christ is both the fire that clears the field for the new planting and the “sun of justice” who rises with healing in his rays (Malachi 3:20). Here we need to listen to the words of Benedict XVI:



“...the fire that both burns and saves is Christ Himself, because He is both Judge and Savior. The encounter with Him is the decisive act of judgment...it burns us, transforms us, allowing us to become truly ourselves...when the impurity and sickness of our lives becomes evident to us, therein lies salvation. His gaze, the touch of His heart heals us...the holy power of his love sears through us like a flame, enabling us to become totally ourselves and thus totally for God.” (Spe Salvi, 47).

The Christ who judges me and the Christ who saves me are one and the same. Judgment and Salvation are not just future realities; they begin today so that I may be "totally myself, totally for God".

So what are we supposed to do with this? Very simply, stay the course. It is a gift to live with a clear purpose and strong direction. It is a gift to live a life of faith in the Son of God, who is both Savior and Judge. This is the grace offered to us when we set our lives against the backdrop of eternity, but not an eternity that remains in some undetermined future; the eternity that is among us *now, here, today*. Yes, life turns on a dime and nothing on this side of the tombstone lasts forever. But, today, Christ is here. He comes in Word and Sacrament as the fire that clears the field for the new planting and the sun of justice that rises upon us with healing in his rays. So, stay the course of faith in the Son of God!

*Mass Intentions***Monday, November 25—St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

7:30 a.m. Jean Ballai
12:15 p.m. Marie Mundi

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Jeff & Wendy Zechman
12:15 p.m. Wayne Norman, Healing

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 a.m. Carl & Isabelle Schlicker
12:15 p.m. Zoltan Ballai

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Dec. Mem. Of the Mulvey & Maroon Family

Friday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Kay Schlicker

Saturday, November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 a.m. John D. King Jr.
5:00 p.m. Donald Boyd Frasier

Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Marion & Louis Van Deursen
11:00 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Dec. Mem. Of the McCullough Family

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE IS LIT FOR:

Anthony 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.

**FROM THE PARISH****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**.



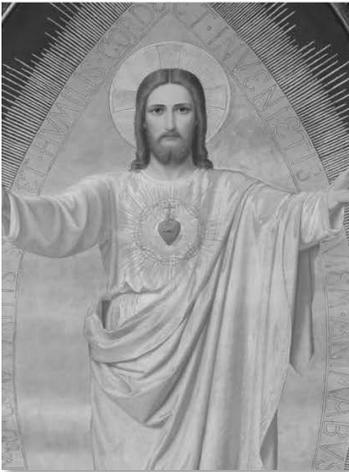
Volunteers are needed to help collect, sort and/or deliver the gifts to each organization. Please contact Carmel at ldagirl@optimum.net or 732-545-1715.

COMING IN ADVENT:**The Nativity of Christ**

Presented by Msgr. Joseph Celano

Every Sunday, December 1, 8, 15 & 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!

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* to respond to growing secularism at that time. The Holy Father saw that attempting to “thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law” out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations.

The Solemnity reminds the faithful that Christ reigns as king of the entire world forever, and it encourages Catholics to respond to this reality. Pope Pius XI notes: “*The kingship and empire of Christ have been recognized in the pious custom, practiced by many families of dedicating themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; not only families have performed this act of dedication, but nations, too, and kingdoms*” (*Quas primas*, 26). **Let us rededicate ourselves this year to bearing witness to the reign of Jesus Christ and his Sacred Heart.**

We recognize the reign of Christ the King with our whole lives:

“If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that **none of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds**, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. **He must reign in our wills**, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. **He must reign in our hearts**, which should spurn supernatural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. **He must reign in our bodies and in our members**, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our soul, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, ‘as instruments of justice unto God.’” - *Quas Primas*, 33

We love Christ the King with all our hearts:

“And since there is in the Sacred Heart a symbol and sensible image of the infinite love of Jesus Christ which moves us to love one another, therefore it is fit and proper that we should **consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart** - and act which is nothing else than an **offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ**, seeing that whatever honor, veneration and love is give to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ Himself.” - *Annum sacrum*, 8

Notes...

from the choir loft

Today is the Solemnity of *Our Lord Jesus Christ: King of the Universe*, commonly called *Christ the King*. On this day, the Church calls us to **praise Christ** as King over all, to **call down his reign** on earth this very day, and to **welcome him** as King of our own lives and hearts. Allow the prayers found in the music that you sing today to help you fulfill this call from the Church.

To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

To thee and to thy Church, great King, / We pledge our hearts' oblation; / Until before thy throne we sing / In endless jubilation.

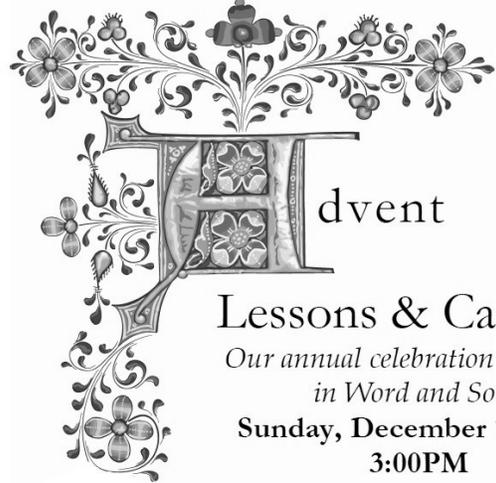
Hail, Redeemer, King Divine

Christ, thou King of truth and might, / Be to us eternal light, / Till in peace each nation rings / with thy praises, King of kings.

Reign over Me

Reign over me, my life is not my own. / Reign over me, my King. / Reign over me, and make my life your throne. / My Lord and King, reign over me.

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*

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 choir of 50+ members, 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!*”



Office of
Religious Liberty

www.usccb.org/freedom
Twitter: @USCCBFreedom
Text “Freedom” to 84576

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.



PETROS YOUNG ADULTS

Petros Night Out!

Wednesday November 27 at 8:00 p.m.
Hub City Brew house, New Brunswick

All young adults are welcome to join the Petros community for a night of fellowship in the New Brunswick area. We will be gathering at HUB City Brew house the day before Thanksgiving. If you are in the area for the holiday season, please join us and bring a friend!



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**



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OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW,
A SURVIVOR OF CHILD SEXUAL
ABUSE
BY A PRIEST OR DEACON
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY?**

If so, please contact the **Independent Victim Compensation Program**, created to offer financial settlements to abuse survivors.

The IVCP will remain open from June 15 through December 31, 2019.

Apply directly online at:
www.njdiocesesivcp.com

