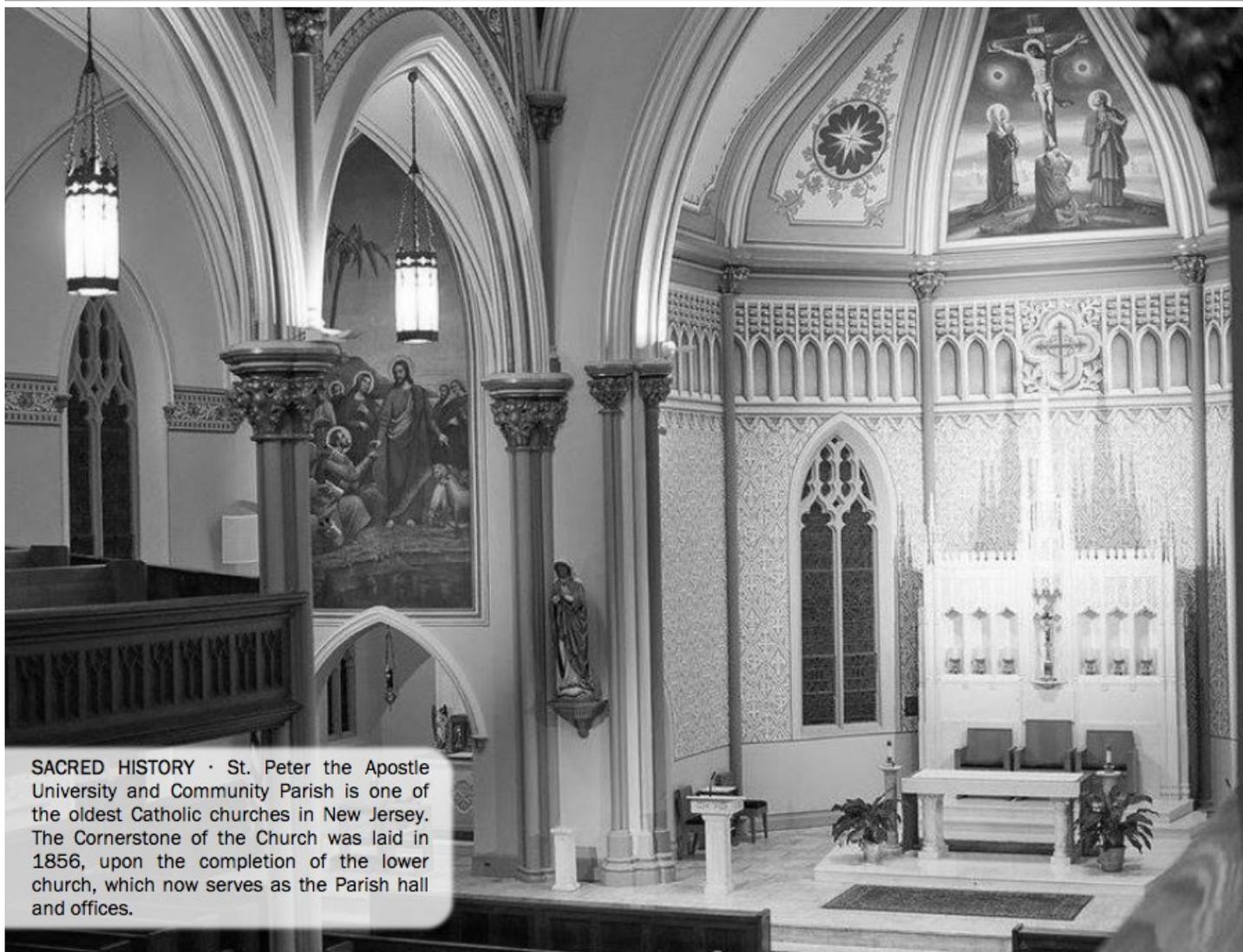


St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

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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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, or by scanning the QR code with your cell phone camera. The profile picture will be the front of St. Peter's Church.

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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 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

This report reflects the latest Sunday Offering information available at the date of printing this bulletin, 11/21/2019.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few messages from our Pastor, Msgr. Joseph Celano:

A reflection from Msgr. Celano given on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

We've entered that time of year again when the Christmas culture wars are about to begin. You might remember the battle that took place a few years ago over this: a red Starbucks cup. I was amazed to see the amount of negativity and outright silliness one red coffee cup was generating on social media, simply because it says, well, nothing. Some folks were calling for Christians to boycott Starbucks because their holiday coffee cups didn't say "Merry Christmas". I even saw a video which shows a rather angry man telling the Starbucks barista that his name was "Merry Christmas" so that when his coffee was ready, the server would have to say, "Merry Christmas, here's your latte."

The Christmas culture wars illustrate a problem for me... a problem I believe this Solemnity of Christ the King can address. So often, we Christians know what we're "against", but we don't always know what we're "for". We do not derive joy or passion in life from the things we're "against". We derive them from what we're "for". Unfortunately, when it comes to Jesus Christ and His Gospel, we can sometimes be a little vague about what we're "for" and as a result, we live without joy.

For example, when we enter this time of the year, we want the culture around us to be absolutely clear it's Christmas. Well, how clear are *we* about what the coming of *God* in the flesh means for us and for the totality of human history; that He was rejected by the world He came to save; that He said, "My kingdom is not of this world..." and, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice?" Do we understand what this means? Do we experience the hope this gives us? Do *we* listen to and live the truth Jesus reveals?

The kingdom of Christ is not "of" this world, and it never will be, we cannot bring it about by our own efforts. It is *God's* work and the Scriptures assure us that God will reveal it in all its splendor on the last day - but it can be seen in this world, *now, today*, in lives transformed by a love beyond our expectations and ability to understand and in men and women who are instruments of its joy and love in this world. The kingdom of Christ is not a utopian ideal. It is the living fire of love, embedded deep within us, which we are all called to live. It is not defined just by what it's against. It is defined by what it's for. The truth that sets us free and makes all things new again; not a weapon that is wielded against the world God loves and comes to save.

Jesus calls His followers the light of the world which

means that we must live in a radically new way. But if all we do is get angry at the darkness, who is going to be changed by that? Love alone transforms lives and renews the world! It feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, forgives an injury, welcomes the stranger, patiently endures through its trials, and constantly refers itself back to Jesus, who is its source and completion.



Let's remember that believers who are angry about red coffee cups are not going to change the world. Believers who know the truth that Jesus comes to reveal, who live it joyfully, faithfully, in humility and loving service in spite of the darkness they may encounter, will.

A message about the Diocesan and Parish Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe:

For a year now, we have been preparing for the day when Bishop Checchio will consecrate the Diocese of Metuchen to the care of Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. That day has now come. The Diocese will be entrusted to Mary on December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe during Vespers at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. I will consecrate the parish and our campus ministry to Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 9, during the evening Mass of the Immaculate Conception and repeat the consecration at every Mass on the weekend of December 14-15, the Third Sunday of Advent.

Why this consecration? Why now? Simply because the "time is ripe for renewal," as Bishop Checchio wrote in his pastoral letter, *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of the World*.

Following the conquest of Mexico and Meso-America, the Spanish missionaries were largely unsuccessful in their evangelization of the Aztec-Mexica peoples. But then Our Lady came to Juan Diego and entrusted him with a simple message:

"It is my wish that here, there be raised to me a temple in which, as a loving mother to thee and those like thee, I shall

*Mass Intentions***Monday, December 2**

7:30 a.m. Joseph Wittreich, Jr.
12:15 p.m. Mary V. O'Shea

Tuesday, December 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest

7:30 a.m. Richard & Maria Schlicker
12:15 p.m. James T. Hughes

Wednesday, December 4—St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. Beatrice F. McLaughlin
12:15 p.m. William O'Shea

Thursday, December 5

7:30 a.m. Helen Lasota
12:15 p.m. Joseph Revolinsky

Friday, December 6—St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

Saturday, December 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Intentions of Ron & Cathy Rapp
5:00 p.m. Bill Farkas

Sunday, December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. For the People
11:00 a.m. Christine Giangreco
6:00 p.m. Maria Apa



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 PASTOR CONT'D**

show my tender clemency and the compassion. I feel for the natives and for those who love and seek me, for all who implore my protection, who call on me in their labors and afflictions: and in which I shall hear their weeping and their supplications that I may give them consolation and relief."

She left behind a token of her maternal love: her own image imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma, which 500 years later has shown no sign of discoloration or decay. Following Her visit, nine million people were converted and baptized.

Mary came as an evangelist to the New World, to make Jesus known and loved. She came to accomplish what the missionaries could not and Her visit bore fruit in amazing abundance.

We live in challenging times. We live in an increasingly secular society where religious faith is growing more and more marginalized. Moral and religious relativism is pervasive within the culture. The Church has been wounded by scandals and the number of Catholics who practice their faith has dropped dramatically in the last 50 years. Do you know that, in our diocese, only 15% of those who identify themselves as Catholics practice their faith with any consistency? But even in the face of all these things that could tempt us to discouragement, there are signs of hope. The time is ripe for renewal, as our Bishop noted.

The consecration is an act of entrustment, of giving ourselves, our diocese, and our parish to Mary's care. The Bishop's intention for this consecration is to ask for the graces needed for a New Evangelization to take place, for increased holiness of life among us, and for a renewed commitment to living and sharing the Gospel. Faced with the lack of fruitfulness in the mission, the missionaries to Mexico were on the brink of abandoning the work and returning to Spain, but Mary came. Faced with the all the things that can discourage us in the life and mission of the Church, scandals, disengagement from the life of the Church, abandonment of faith, pastoral lethargy, the lack of resources for the mission, Mary comes still. Please God, She will accomplish what we cannot and reawaken in us a passion for Christ and for sharing Him with others. The consecration is an entrustment of ourselves to Her, beseeching grace to rekindle in us the apostolic zeal and pastoral vigor to make Jesus known and to call people back to God.

I will have more to say on the specific of the consecration in next weekend's bulletin. In the meantime, let us unite our intentions to that of our Bishop and ask Our Lady for the grace of a heart on fire for Christ and for His Church.

Rw. Msgr. Joseph A. Delano

St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish

MARIAN YEAR

A year of preparation, prayer, & catechesis.

Join us as we complete our Marian Year celebrations on
Monday, 9 December for

All Day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the
7:30 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m.
for Evening Prayer & Catechesis on
Our Lady of Guadalupe
offered by
Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, M.Div, MA, MS

7:30 p.m.
Holy Sacrifice of the Mass





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 idadgirl@optimum.net or 732-545-1715.

JOIN US DURING ADVENT

FOR:

The Nativity of Christ

Presented by Msgr. Joseph Celano

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!

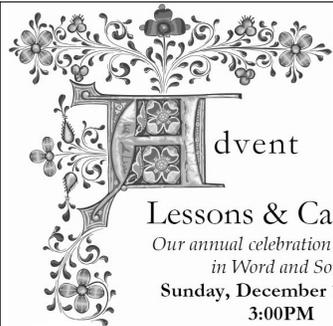
Notes... from the choir loft

"Hey! Where's the hymn?"

At the start of our Sunday Masses in the Advent Season, instead of a full hymn, the congregation sings a brief refrain and the cantor (or the choir) sings a brief verse (like a Responsorial Psalm). The words of this verse are those of the *Entrance Antiphon*. Just as every Mass has proper readings given for that Mass, there are also proper *antiphons*: short phrases that may be sung at the Entrance, Offertory, and Communion. Most frequently, these proper antiphons are substituted for full hymns found in our hymnals. During the Advent Season, however, we make use of the proper Entrance Antiphon. Although the gathered assembly is only invited to sing the refrain that precedes and follows the antiphon, we should all be attentive to the text sung by the cantor or choir, and use it as our prayer. This proper text for each Sunday is printed on the Advent Season handout. Consider praying with the Entrance Antiphon in your prayer time before Mass.

We realize that it is easy for this verse to fly by without much notice. It is our hope that by teaching you a bit about the Entrance Antiphon, and bringing your attention to the fact that the text is provided on the handout, you will be better able to pray with this song at the start of Mass.

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!"*