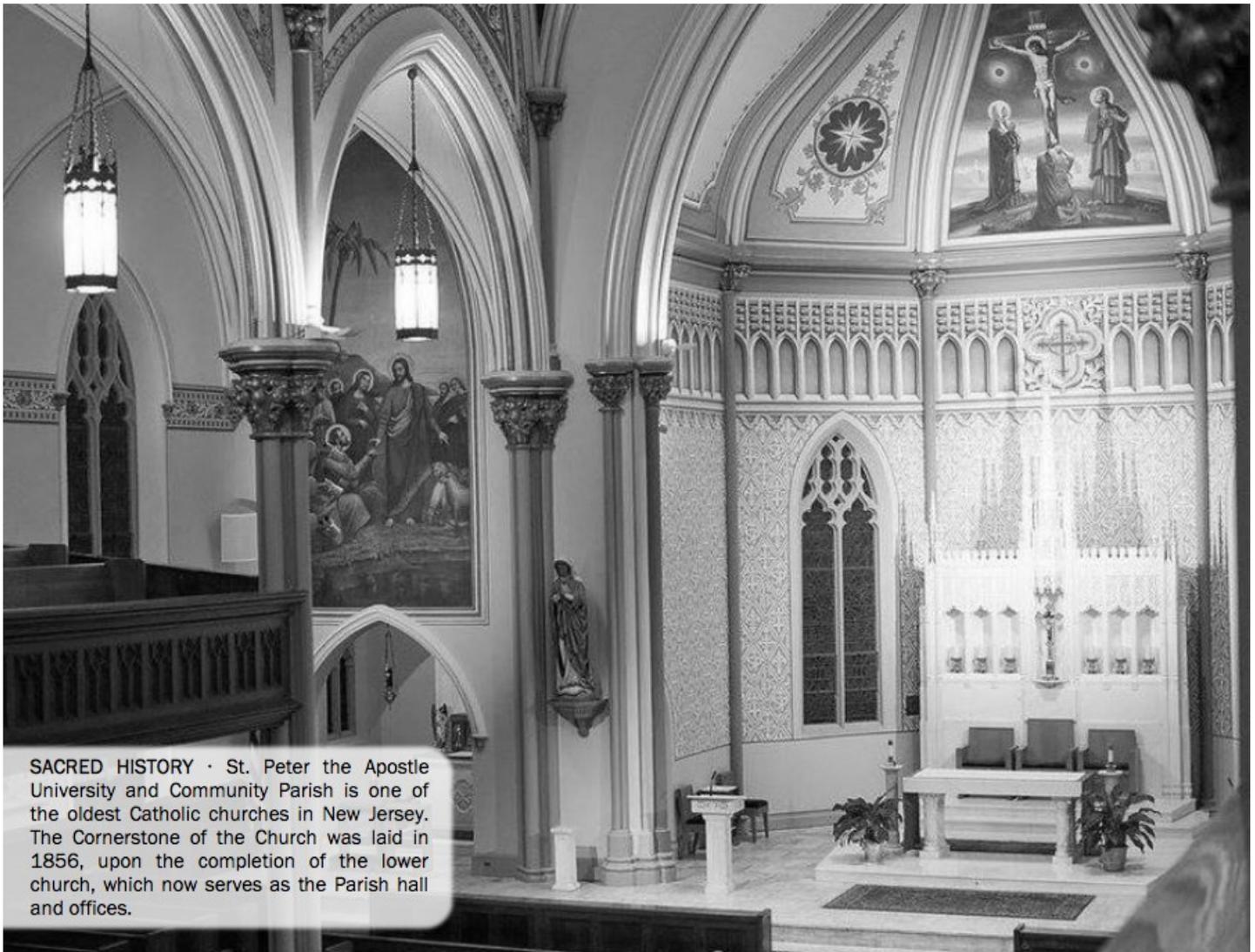


# St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

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](http://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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**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!

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.

SEARCH FOR:

OR SCAN:

*St Peter the Apostle  
 University Parish at Rutgers*

OR *@MsgrJoseph-Celano*



***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. 30/Dec. 1, 2019:**  
 Weekly Budget Need **\$5,125**

Total Weekly Envelope and Cash Contributions **\$3,687**

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

Total Weekly Offering for Nov. 30/Dec.1, 2019 **\$5,322**

**Surplus/(Deficit) \$197**

*This report reflects the latest Sunday Offering information available at the date of printing this bulletin, 12/11/2019.*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*A few messages from our pastor, Msgr. Joseph Celano:*

*A homily from Msgr. Celano given  
on the 3rd Sunday of Advent:*

***“Be strong; fear not...here comes your God to save  
you.” (Is. 35:4)***

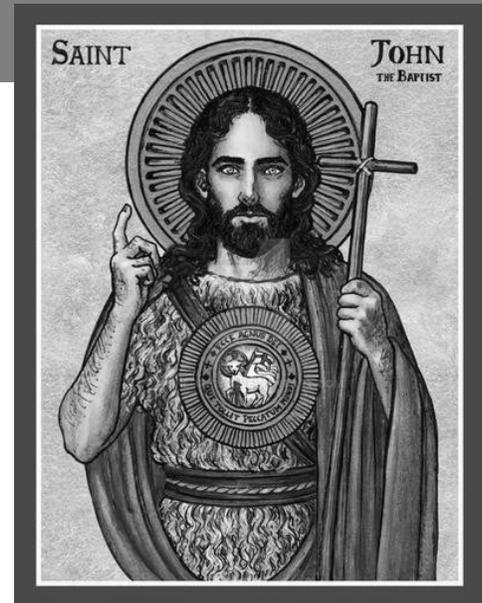
Of all the figures in the New Testament, I am most uncomfortable with John the Baptist. And I'll tell you why; he is the most untamed and unpredictable.

Let's consider him for a moment: John appears as the fiery prophet of the Lord's coming. His appearance and diet would repulse most of us. He is given to rants, like some modern-day street preacher holding up a sign that says, "Repent, the end is near". He does not shy away from confrontation; in fact, he seems to welcome it. His "in your face" style brings him into conflict with kings, religious leaders, and worse yet, with *ourselves*, if we pause to consider for just one moment our own lives in the light of his message.

But my heart softens towards him because of this Gospel text (*Matt. 11:2-11*). It seems that even the Baptist had his moment of uncertainty. He sends messengers to Jesus to ask one simple question, "Are you really the One?" and by extension he also asks, "Has what I've been doing served its purpose or has this been in vain?" This is what makes him more human to me; this moment of honest uncertainty and courage.

I have come to appreciate St. John the Baptist as Advent's truest voice and witness. That's probably because I have come to recognize my own need to hear him calling me to conversion more and more. I need this voice to make me squirm a little bit, to rouse me from my own complacencies and neglects, to point out what is sinful and broken in me. Now, I'm not feeling badly about myself today or feel the need for a pat on the back and a, "There, there, Father - you're OK." It's just that I've come to realize that God offers us so much more than we can possibly hope for or imagine. Our feet can only be set to dancing and our tongues to singing when we realize that we, in fact, *need* Christ. For if Jesus did not come to do this, if he did not come to redeem us from ourselves and our sin and give us an enduring hope, then what exactly did he save us from?

It is one thing to prepare for a feast. It is quite another to prepare for a "*coming*." One is about the exteriors; the tree and the tinsel, the presents and the wrappings, the cooking and the baking. The other is about the heart; faith and conversion, service and witness, selflessness and generosity.



So by all means, deck the halls with boughs of holly, but most importantly, deck the heart with the gift of grace.

**“Be strong; don't be afraid. Here comes your God to save you.”**

*A few messages from Msgr. Celano about the parish:*

- **Roof Repair** - I am pleased to inform you that the roof repair project was completed. 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. The cost of the repair was \$38,000, with the funds drawn from the interest on our endowment.

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 am also pleased to inform you that the new church organ has been delivered and installed.

You'll recall in my previous reports to you, the damage to the organ following the lightning strike in 2017 was under-reported. I reopened the insurance claim and received an additional \$40,000 for the new organ.

You'll also recall that I informed you we discovered a 5-inch dip in the floor under the 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 engi-

*Mass Intentions***Monday, December 16**

7:30 a.m. Bertha Moniz  
12:15 p.m. Joseph Wittreich, Sr.

**Tuesday, December 17**

7:30 a.m. Intentions of Josephine Parris  
12:15 p.m. Mary V. O'Shea

**Wednesday, December 18**

7:30 a.m. Alice Bandelt McLaughlin  
12:15 p.m. William O'Shea

**Thursday, December 19**

7:30 a.m. Alice Bandelt McLaughlin  
12:15 p.m. Eddie & Claire Lasota

**Friday, December 20**

7:30 a.m. M/M Charles Hauser

**Saturday, December 21—St. Peter Canisius—Priest & Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. For the Unborn  
5:00 p.m. For the People

**Sunday, December 22—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Salvatore Cupano  
11:00 a.m. Beatrice Petix  
6:00 p.m. Rev. Joseph Schleck



*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**

Thank you for generously donating to our annual Christmas Giving Trees! ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED BY THIS WEEK-END (December 14th and 15th).

For returned gifts: Please 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.



If you have any lingering questions about this year's gift collection, please contact Carmel at [ldagirl@optimum.net](mailto:ldagirl@optimum.net) or 732-545-1715.

**HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

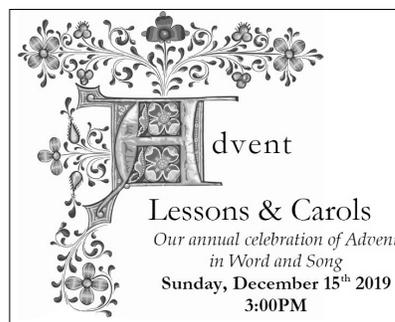
Please note the following office hours for our parish this coming week:

**Monday, Dec. 16:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 17:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, Dec. 18:** Regular Hours  
**Thursday, Dec. 19:** CLOSED

If you are in need of a priest, please see the emergency contact information on the front page of the bulletin.

**ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m.**



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!"*



## FROM THE PASTOR CONT'D

neers have inspected the choir loft and have confirmed the sag and recommended the loft be reinforced to correct the problem. We also consulted with structural engineers to ensure that the installation of the new organ would not compromise the integrity of the choir loft, which they confirmed. We will undertake the reinforcement of the choir loft during the summer months when Mass is celebrated in the parish hall.

- **Parking** - I know that parking for Sunday Mass and other parish activities is often difficult. However, I am becoming increasingly concerned for the safety of our parishioners because of the manner in which both the rectory and Catholic Centers lots are being used. Cars are being parked in such a way that prevents other cars from entering or exiting the lots, and jeopardizes unrestricted access to the buildings in the event that some emergency arises. I ask you to please refrain from parking in any manner that restricts the ability to enter or exit the lots.

I have asked the New Brunswick Police Department to periodically check our lots, especially over the weekend, to ensure that no car is parked illegally. If it is, it will be ticketed/towed for the safety of our parishioners.

I also remind you that vouchers for the Gateway Garage and Parking Deck are available for your use when attending Sunday Mass. The garage is located 1 block away at Easton Ave. and Wall St. Please make use of this garage for Sunday Mass.

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!

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:*

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

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.)

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

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

Sunday, December 29, 2019

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

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

\*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God  
Mass Times: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 5, 2020

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

Sunday, January 12, 2020

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 will lead the singing and offer choral anthems and solos. Plan to arrive early and enter into this time of music, prayer and preparation!



## PETROS YOUNG ADULTS

Please join us for our annual *SPRING RETREAT!*



### *A Weekend Retreat for Young Adults*

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it can be easy to forget that God has already promised us a perfect dwelling place - with no rent! And no matter what comes our way, the invitation doesn't expire. This spring, Petros will be exploring further how this COVENANT God has made with us impacts our daily decisions, relationships, and overall joy. We need only to say - Yes! (Isaiah 54:10) Cost is \$150 (includes weekend lodging and food). Sign up now and save \$15! Check out the registration form for more details.

**WHEN:** Friday, Feb. 21st (7:30 p.m. start) through Sunday, Feb 23rd (12:00 p.m. end).  
*This is an overnight retreat.*

**WHERE:** Bernards Township, NJ

**COST:** \$150 (lodging & meals included)  
\*\$135 if you register before Dec. 20\*

To register, please visit:

[www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org/young-adults](http://www.StPeterNewBrunswick.org/young-adults)

### **“Like” St. Peter the Apostle on Facebook!**

See reminders and stay up-to-date with all things happening around St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish by “liking” our Facebook page!



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## Notes... *from the choir loft*

*“Gaudete in Domino!” “Rejoice in the Lord!”*

The Third Sunday of Advent is set aside as a day to rejoice in the midst of a penitential season. The clergy's vestments change from purple to rose (pink), and the opening antiphon quotes St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, inviting us to *“Rejoice in the Lord always!”* Moving this week from our Advent practice of simple, sung antiphons, the hymns of today's Mass will be drawn from the rich treasury of Advent Carols, with their characteristic joy and rhythmic bounce. Also, in these later Advent days, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* invites us to *“Rejoice!”* for *“Emmanuel will come to thee.”*



**ARE YOU,  
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:  
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