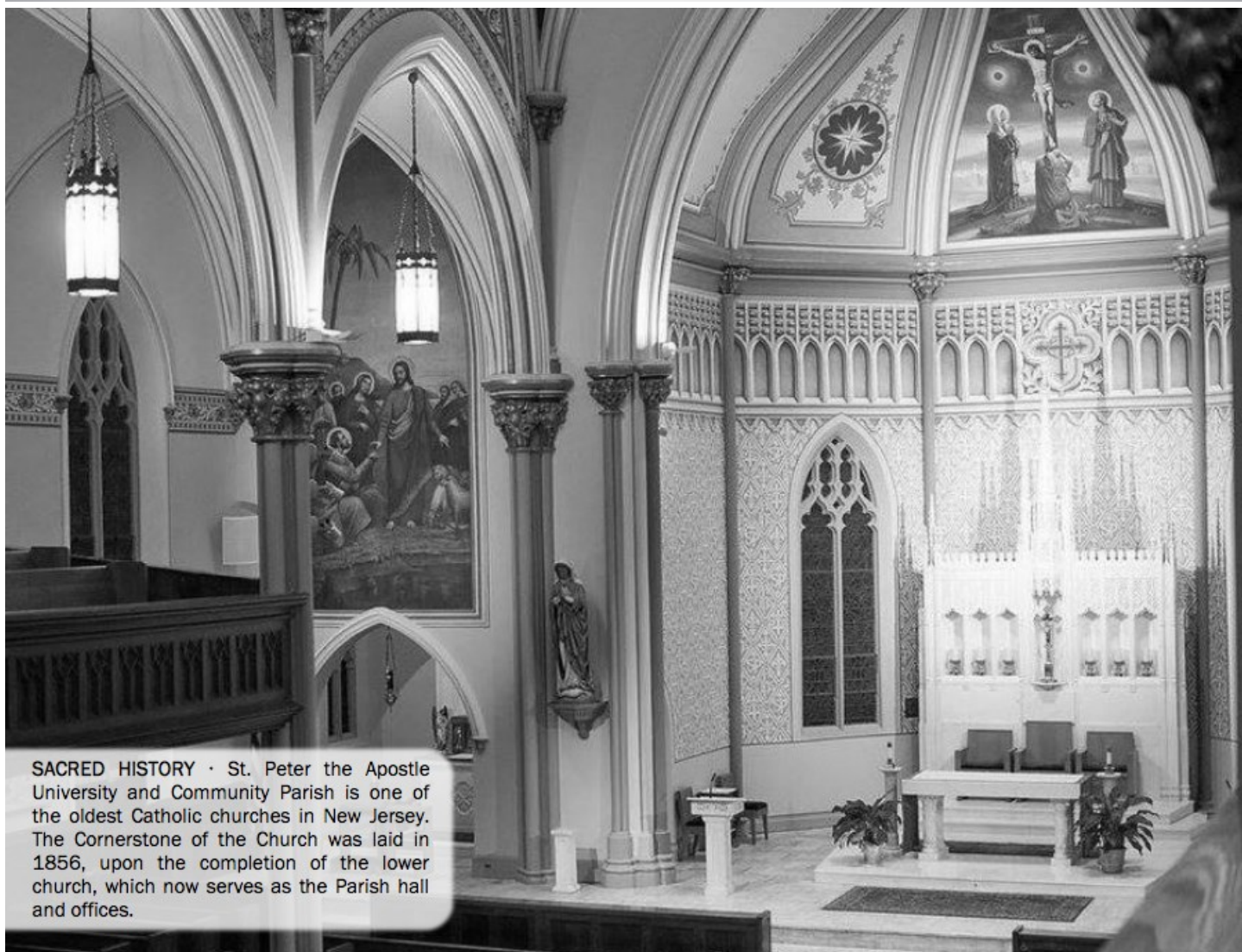


St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish

The Catholic Center at Rutgers University



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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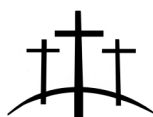
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 New Brunswick, NJ 08901
 Phone: **732.249.0894**

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 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 Feb. 15/16, 2020:

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

Total Weekly Envelope and Cash Contributions **\$3,548**

WeShare/Automated Giving and Other Contributions **\$1,819**

Total Weekly Offering for Feb. 15/16, 2020 **\$5,367**

Surplus/(Deficit) \$242

This report reflects the latest Sunday Offering information available at the date of printing this bulletin, 2/20/2020



FROM THE BISHOP'S DESK

A message from the Bishop James F. Checchio on the 2019 Financial Report and statistics about the life of the Diocese of Metuchen. You can read the reports on pages 4 and 5 of the bulletin. This message was originally published in the Feb. 20, 2020 edition of The Catholic Spirit.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Presenting the 2019 Financial Report and statistics about the life of our diocese in this edition of "The Catholic Spirit" obviously caused me to reflect upon the vast array of things that are taking place in service to the Kingdom of God here in our local Church of Metuchen. While the many blessings of the year easily came to mind, as you well know, the year also had serious challenges. Gratefully, God's promise that He will be with us in all of our trials was equally true. I am truly grateful, too, for all who labor to build up the Kingdom of God in our diocese including our clergy, those in consecrated life and the talented lay faithful who assist me in shepherding my flock.

Providentially, the fresh graces received from this past Year of Awakening and Consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe have provided our whole local Church with inspiration, renewed energy and focus on our ultimate priorities as a Church. It has been my conviction that while we have prioritized addressing the past sins of clergy abuse, providing healing support to survivors and reworking structures to prevent future failings, we must also keep our focus on advancing the presence of Christ throughout our four counties with even greater boldness and courage. Our mission has to have a new urgency.

In order to advance our mission, it is true that financial resources are needed. No margin, no mission as the saying goes. It is also true that I take my responsibility to steward our financial gifts in such a way as to maximize their effectiveness for our mission. This includes examining our budgets and the ways that we use the financial gifts so generously given.

In the years since my arrival we have decreased spending and operate more effectively in our diocesan offices, which support our 90 parishes and 27 schools, and I am happy to report that we have had balanced budgets for three years in a row now. In addition to so many working to trim their budgets at the diocesan pastoral center, we also had increased revenue. As you might know, our pastoral center has been reorganized in such a way that we now rent the second floor of the center to Saint Peter's University Hospital for administrative space. This has helped to provide income which offsets the operating costs of the building. I am grateful to our Vicariate for Administration, along with thoughtful and sound advice from the Diocesan Finance Council, which has helped to make our operations sound.

We have also restructured the pastoral offices to have evangelization and mission more central to all of their initiatives and support to our parishes and schools. The Vicariate for Communication and Evangelization is tasked with promoting the message of the Church in our times with honesty, integrity and the vision of Christ's ultimate victory over the darkness of this world. As Christians there is always hope, always a brighter tomorrow, precisely because Christ redeems the deepest disorder of the human heart.

The role of Catholic communications is always to tell the story of any event through the lens of Jesus Christ. Social media and online presence cannot be underestimated in our day, especially if we are seeking to reach our younger generations, who do not always engage with us in our Church buildings and institutions as they did in times past. Now, we must be missionaries and go to them. This is

why I have directed that we increase our technology and social media to reach out in creative, beautiful and effective ways.

Our "Catholic Spirit" remains a practical way to unite our four counties and so many tell me of your appreciation for it. We have a common story to tell in our Church here in central New Jersey that is ours to tell. The newspaper is now carrying stories of how the charitable mission of the Church is being accomplished so remarkably well through Catholic Charities, as well as the many local initiatives in which so many parishes and schools so generously participate. Even with cutting our budget in recent years to balance it, we have been able to maintain the subsidy to Catholic Charities, as gratefully the gala funds, which support its works, increased this past year, too.

One of the greatest signs of life and hope in the Church is the presence of vocations; especially to the priesthood. We are blessed that 22 men have responded to God's call and are currently studying to serve the Church of Metuchen. This is the largest group of men preparing for priesthood for our diocese in more than 25 years. This means that despite the many challenges of our days, these men are saying "yes," but we need to support them. Currently, our budget to educate and care for our seminarians is a significant and increasing line item, but a great privilege for us to do so. Indeed, this puts a strain on balancing our budget but a strain we thank God for!

Our parishes, Catholic schools and religious education programs, our youth ministry programs and the Catholic Center for Campus ministry at Rutgers are all concrete places where our young people can encounter the living presence of Christ; your generosity makes this all happen. Our financial resources must be properly stewarded, in order to keep a vital presence for youth to know they are loved by Christ and His Church.

This report is only a snapshot of the various means and ways that we express our solidarity in Christ in our local Church. In the midst of our challenges, I have great hope and confidence that we are rising to the occasion, just as the many good and faithful people of past generations of Catholics have done for the love of Christ and His Church. You can be sure that I take none of our blessings for granted. I am fully aware of the sacrifices that you, our good people of our parishes, make in order to make Christ known and loved in our world, and for that you have my heartfelt thanks!

Please know of my ongoing gratitude, prayers and love for all of you. It remains one of the greatest blessings of my life to serve you, as your bishop, in this beautiful Church of Metuchen. May our efforts always be pleasing to God, may we always give our best and all to Him. May His Kingdom come through our cooperation with His graces.

May Mary, Our Mother of Guadalupe intercede for us and help us to Light a Fire of Faith in the Heart of our world.

+ James F. Checchio

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen



Diocese Resources in the service of Mission!

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Assets	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,715,111
Accounts and loans receivable from parishes, net	11,471,280
Contributions receivable, net	467,866
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,921,476
Note Receivable, net	15,234,262
Investments primarily from parishes, cemeteries, perpetual care, insurance reserves and donor restricted funds	158,355,179
Inventory of Crypts	8,918,678
Property and equipment, net	18,027,145
TOTAL ASSETS	\$233,110,997

Liabilities and Net Assets	2019
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 3,955,252
Deferred revenue and support	14,713
Custodial Funds	1,614,223
Clergy pension & post-retirement obligations	24,618,353
Loans payable	22,152,922
Self Insurance Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) reserves	5,937,918
Funds held for parishes, parish cemeteries and affiliates	69,929,510
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$128,295,403
NET ASSETS:	
Without donor restrictions	\$ 102,928,345
With donor restrictions	1,887,249
TOTAL NET ASSETS	104,815,594
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$233,110,997

Operating Support and Revenue	2019
FY18-19	Revenue Percent
Program Revenue	\$ 29,326,112 49%
Assessments	8,741,901 15%
Bishop's Annual Appeal	6,961,054 12%
Cemeteries	3,812,167 6%
Investment Income	9,212,461 16%
Donations & Bequests	1,019,640 2%
	\$59,073,335 100%

Statement of Activity and Changes in Net Assets	2019
Operating support and revenue	\$ 59,073,335
Operating expenses	\$ 52,220,865
Increase in unrestricted net assets from operations	\$ 6,852,470
Non operating revenue	3,882,068
Increase in net assets	\$ 10,734,538
Net assets, beginning of the year	\$ 94,081,056
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	\$ 104,815,594

Statement of Cash Flows	2019
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 11,914,266
Net cash used by investing activities	(5,154,329)
Net cash used by financing activities	(1,963,236)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,796,701
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the year	\$ 12,918,410
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the year	\$ 17,715,111
Supplemental Data:	
Interest Paid	\$ 2,732,103

Operating Services	2019
FY18-19	Expense Percent
Health Insurance and Property & Liability	\$ 23,301,438 45%
Insurance Claims/Premiums Paid	6,420,610 12%
Parish/Cemetery/Affiliate Interest on Deposits, School and Catholic Spirit Subsidies	8,412,522 16%
Parish, Cemetery & Diocesan Support Services	6,420,610 12%
Pastoral	2,012,070 4%
Cemeteries	3,549,062 7%
Priestly Ministry and Formation	3,441,359 7%
Diocesan Properties Operations, Maintenance and Depreciation	2,336,474 4%
Catholic Charities	1,700,000 3%
Development	1,047,330 2%
	\$ 52,220,865 100%

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2019 Year In Review

One Church. One Mission.



634,539

Estimated Number of Catholics
in the Diocese of Metuchen
(NJ Counties: Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, and Warren)

Vocations



3 newly ordained priests
in service to the people
of God in Metuchen

22 men in formation for
the priesthood



16 men in the Hispanic
Diaconate formation
program (Class of 2022)

June
The Office of Evangelization
hosts first annual all-night
Pentecost Vigil at the
Cathedral of St. Francis of
Assisi, Metuchen

September
Thousands join in a Walking
Pilgrimage in honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
and St. Juan Diego through
the streets of Annandale

Diocesan Highlights

December
Bishop Checchio consecrates
the Diocese of Metuchen
to Jesus through
Our Lady of Guadalupe

2 Prison Ministers **7** Hospital Chaplains

Discipleship Formation for Youth

22,379
Parish Faith
Formation
Enrollment K-8

5,231
PreK-8
Catholic School

1,861
High School
Catholic School

29,471
Young People Formed

138,257
Households



3,194
Baptisms



3,878
First
Communions



4,373
Confirmations



736
Marriages



381
RCIA
Candidates



Child and Youth Protection



38,000

adults trained to
recognize signs of
abuse and how to
report them by the
diocese between
2003-2017



56,000

background checks
for clerics, employees,
and volunteers
of the diocese
between 2003-2017

Anyone who has been sexually abused by any clergy in the Church,
is encouraged to reach out to local law enforcement and the Diocesan Response Officer
at (609) 932-4558 to report an offense or arrange for counseling assistance

www.diocesemetuchen.org/healing

*Mass Intentions***Monday, March 2**

7:30 a.m. Joseph Schlicker
12:15 p.m. James Hughes, Jr.

Tuesday, March 3—St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin

7:30 a.m. Hilda Wittreich
12:15 p.m. Helen Lasota

Wednesday, March 4—St. Casimir

7:30 a.m. Celeste Mary Palladio
12:15 p.m. Intentions of Fr. Thomas Walsh

Thursday, March 5

7:30 a.m. Claire McCloskey
12:15 p.m. George Batrof

Friday, March 6—Abstain Today

7:30 a.m. Eddie & Claire Lasota
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7—Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

9:00 a.m. Raymond Hughes
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Sophie Zilick

Sunday, March 8—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Connolly/Kenny Families
11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Anigbogus/Onwuasonyas Families
6:00 p.m. Thomas Magdelinkas



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, Marge Alfrey, Boris Rukshin

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

**LENT AT ST. PETER'S****STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Join us again this **Friday, March 6**, for St. Peter's weekly Stations of the Cross service. The service takes place every Friday during Lent, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Church.


Please join us this week and each following Friday until Easter to more fully enter into the Lenten season.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH DURING LENT

FROM MSGR. CELANO

Our Lenten disciplines should help us strike at the root of sin in our lives so that we realign ourselves to God's will for us in Christ. During the next forty days, try getting to daily Mass at least once a week. Take time for prayer every day. Cultivate a devotion to Our Lady through the Rosary. Engage in some form of spiritual reading to better know our Catholic faith and nurture your spiritual life. Refrain from harsh words, gossip, and judging others. Cultivate a sense of service by giving up something on a Friday you normally would treat yourself to and donate the money to parish or to charity, give unused clothing to the poor, or spend time with someone who is homebound or ill.

To repent of sin and be converted let us turn whole-heartedly to prayer, fasting, and works of charity, to have true spiritual growth in this penitential season.

Notes... 
from the choir loft

The "SUNDAY ONLY" Choir

Have you considered joining the 11am Mass Choir, only to think that the Thursday evening rehearsal is just one thing too many on your busy schedule? Well then this message is for you.

For the months of February and March, the 11am Mass Choir will rehearse *only* before Mass - 10:30am on a Sunday, reviewing music for Mass that same day. This means that for the next two months you can come and sing as you are able. Sing for just one Sunday, every Sunday, or whenever you can make it. If you can be in the choir loft at 10:30am on a given Sunday, you can sing with the choir for that Mass! There's never been a better time to give it a try.

See you in the loft!

For more information, contact our director of Sacred Music, Anthony Nardino at

Anthony@stpeternewbrunswick.org

or just come up to the choir loft any Sunday.