

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tuesday and Thursday: 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.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 (beginning July 6)

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. in St. Peter's Church

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):

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, in the church sacristy; and by appointment

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.

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

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

BAPTISMS:

Normally scheduled on Sundays, beginning from 1:30 pm by appointment only (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. Before making other definitive plans, contact our Wedding Administrator, Colleen Donahue: 732-545-6663 ext. 12 or email: colleen@stpeternewbrunswick.org. Once a wedding is approved and the date is confirmed, the required marriage preparation process may commence.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

In the case of **an emergency**, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, traditionally called "Last Rites" after business hours, please call 609-661-2409.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Catholic Center Chapel, during Fall & Spring semester. Mondays, 12:45 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

For information regarding religious education, please contact the parish office at 732-545-6820 or parishoffice@stpeternewbrunswick.org

PARISH OFFICE AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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Office Hours: Mon & Wed, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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 Fri-Sun, **CLOSED**
 Note: *Please wear a face mask*

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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.

SEARCH FOR:

OR SCAN:

St Peter University Parish at Rutgers @ FrJay

**Report of the Sunday Offerings in Support of Our Parish****Fiscal Year 2022**

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.

**THE PILLARS OF LENT**

As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit csrcicebowl.org to learn more.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 7 – Lenten Weekday; *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

7:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Johnny & Josie Siuta
12:15 p.m. Rose Mento; Rocco and Saro Corio

Tuesday, March 8 – Lenten Weekday; *St. John of God, Religious*

7:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Carl Schlicker & Family
12:15 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9 – Lenten Weekday; *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

7:30 a.m. Special Intentions of Josephine Parris
12:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 10 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

Friday, March 11 – Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. For the Clergy, Religious, Staff and Parishioners of St. Peter's

Sunday, March 13 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 a.m. Amelia Rosales
10:00 a.m. Joseph DeLise
12:00 p.m. Margaret Flynn
6:00 p.m.

If you would like to reserve a Mass intention or obtain a Mass card, please contact Colleen, at 732-545-6663 x 12 or email colleen@stpeternewbrunswick.org. Mass intentions will be offered once the stipend fee(s) is received.

Remembering Your Loved Ones (Living and Deceased)

In addition to weekday and Sunday Mass Intentions, St. Peter's offers other options to remember your loved ones.

*We not only have Mass cards for the deceased, but also for Birthday, Healing and Special Intentions. The Stipend fee is \$10 per Mass.

*We have two Tabernacle sanctuary lamps - one in the Church and one in the Catholic Center chapel, which can be lit for one week in remembrance of or for the special intentions of your loved ones. The fee is \$15.00.

*You can also provide altar flowers in the church (living or deceased).

For any of these options, or for additional information, please contact **Colleen at 732-545-6663 ext. 12.**



In your charity, please pray for...

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, 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 and Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svellec, Joseph D'Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Doris Tarquinio, 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 De Pasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Lorraine Fellin, Mary Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita De Guzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, Tom and Kathleen Monchek, Anna Graziosi, Joey Mahoney, Evelyn Echevarria, Patricia Krakowski, Carmella LaVera, Joseph Gutsick, Frederick DeLong, Anne Gutsick-Smith, W.J.R., Marge Alfrey, Boris Rukshin, Jay Sherman, Jake Sherman, The Thompson Family, Martha Catel, Glenn Diehl, Donna McCabe, Anthony Nini, Jack Varga, Ed Lyons, Scott Yaede, Angela Hawes, Marie Kuchnicki

All the sick, those who are homebound, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military
If a name no longer needs to be on our list, please contact the Parish Office at 732-545-6820 or ParishOffice@StPeterNewBrunswick.org

2022 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Celebrating 40 Years—
Continuing to Fan the Flame of Faith into Service

The impact and success of the Catholic Center at Rutgers is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support.

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2022
Celebrando 40 años—
Continúa Avivando la Llama de la Fe en el Servicio

El impacto y el éxito del Centro Católico en Rutgers es la relación directa con los estudiantes, un enfoque distinto para el ministerio del campus universitario. El personal incluye religiosos de las Hermanas de Jesús Nuestra Esperanza y la Hermandad de la Esperanza, así como el Director Asociado de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Metuchen y varios pasantes. Ellos están en el campus reuniéndose e interactuando donde los estudiantes viven sus vidas y también se acercan a ellos por medio de las herramientas tecnológicas. Gracias a su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, el Centro Católico ofrece un refugio seguro donde los estudiantes pueden crecer en su conocimiento y práctica de la fe, experimentar el significado del servicio a la comunidad y llegar a una comprensión más profunda de su llamado al discipulado. Gracias por su apoyo.

Donate a Baby item!

Students from CSA will be spending their Spring Break on a service trip to Life Choices, a pro-life ministry in Philipsburg, NJ. Please consider purchasing a baby product to donate that will directly help the mothers and children we will be serving in March at Life Choices. Items that are most in need are: **baby wipes, baby shampoo, diaper rash cream, sippy cups, and baby lotion.** Other items such as diapers, baby clothes, etc are also acceptable. Or you can always make a monetary donation or purchase gift cards from a store that sells baby items. Checks can be made out to "Life Choices." Please do not leave cash. Leave the items in the designated bins in the narthex of our church March 5th and 6th after all masses. Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember our Seminarians of the Diocese of Metuchen in your Prayers:

Mr. Marco Barcenas	Mr. David Malik
Br. Stephen Bolton, C. O.	Mr. Jacob Miller
Mr. Jonas Jara-Diaz	Mr. Jerome Ocampo
Mr. Anthony Echezona	Rev. Mr. Ronal Vega-Pastrana
Mr. Randy J. Gamboa Espinoza	Mr. Ai Van "Peter" Phan
Mr. Ban Thien "Joseph" Ho	Mr. Thomas Pluhar
Mr. Luis De Jesus	Mr. James Promos
Mr. Justin Lang	Mr. Patrick Rasimowicz
Mr. Jose Lim	Mr. Flavio C. Rojas-Enciso
Mr. Larry Magdasoc	



Lenten Instruction

The days of **fast** and **abstinence** are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. All other Fridays of Lent are days of **abstinence**. To **fast** in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger. The obligation to fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of **18 and 59**. The obligation of **abstinence** in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat and all meat products. All Catholics **aged 14 and older are included**.

From the Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the **Easter Fast** should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may not be considered serious, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of them, without good cause, would be considered grave matter.

Lenten Opportunities

Daily Mass - Monday-Friday, 7:30 am, St Peter's Church; Mon-Fri :12:15 pm, Catholic Center Chapel

Confession - Every Monday evening, 7-7:30 pm, CC chapel office; Saturdays, 11 am - 12 pm, St. Peter's Church. Or you can call for an appointment at either place.

Eucharistic Adoration - Mondays, 12:45-7:30 pm in Catholic Center chapel

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday in Lent, 7 pm, St. Peter's Church

Lenten Resources - www.bestlentever.com by Dynamic Catholic
www.LentenReflections.com by Bishop Robert Barron
www.bibleandthesacraments.com/streaming by Dr. Scott Hahn
www.biblestudyforcatholics.com/blog - The Great American blog at Ascension Press

What Are You Doing For Lent This Year??

When you close your eyes and say "Lent", what is the first thing that comes to mind? Some answers may be: penance, fasting, fish, ashes, purple, fasting, sacrifice, giving up something (like candy, sweets, or movies).

Why do we do the things we do in Lent? Is it because "that's what I've always done"? Is it effective in helping you grow closer to God? Perhaps it's good to take a look at various practices and see if one might offer a new challenge and help you grow in the Lord. Here are some suggestions you may want to try this year:

✚ **Attend daily Mass or read the day's Scripture.** The Catholic Center has a 12:15 PM **daily Mass**, and St. Peter's has a 7:30 AM daily Mass. Going to daily Mass has many benefits; not only God's saving presence in the Eucharist, but also one's increased awareness of progressing through Lent as one listens to daily Scripture readings and homilies.

✚ If you can't get to daily Mass as often as you'd like, just spend some time everyday (even it's only a few minutes) reading Scripture and reflecting on it. Or do other spiritual reading.

✚ **Examine your conscience nightly.** This is a healthy way to take stock of our lives. Rather than being overly hard and nitpicking on yourself, take this time to review your spiritual journey, both sins and successes. In what ways have we sinned against God today? Against the people in our lives? Against ourselves?

✚ **Visit church.** A quiet church (or perhaps our chapel) can be an oasis in a busy day. Stop in for a moment of prayer or reading, or even a longer stay in the presence of God. You can attend **Eucharistic Adoration**, which we offer every Monday from 1-7:30 pm in our CC chapel. Spend some quiet time with Our Lord.

✚ **Attend or pray the Stations of the Cross.** This private or communal ritual honors the passion and death of Christ. St. Peter's Church offers **Stations of the Cross** every Friday evening in Lent, at 7:00 pm.

✚ **Give up things.** Lent is an especially fitting time to cut back on life's extras. Remember, the purpose of Lent is not solely to give up things; it is to turn our lives from what does not really satisfy and to fill ourselves with God's life. Perhaps the best fast is balanced with almsgiving. If you choose to give up a luxury (perhaps that café latte?), take the money you would have spent and give it to charity. Or perhaps you can give up things like impatience, gossip, using bad language, etc.

✚ **Receive Sacramental Penance.** Call it Confession, Reconciliation or Penance, but put this sacrament on the "must" list. One of the great things about being a Catholic is that we can admit our guilt and struggles to a priest and experience God's forgiveness. Those who haven't gone to Confession in a long time might feel apprehensive, but they may also be surprised at how helpful most priests are when you speak honestly with them, and how rewarding the sacrament is. We offer Confession every Monday evening from 8-9 pm or you can call anytime for an appointment. We also offer a **Lenten Penance Service on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church.**

✚ **Volunteer at a local charity.** Whether it be a soup kitchen, visiting a nursing home, a hospital or community program, you will likely receive more benefits from volunteering than you expect.

✚ **Share your wealth.** Jesus tells his disciples to share their resources quietly with those who go without.

† *We wish you a holy and grace-filled Lent that brings you closer to Our Lord.* †