

St. Peter in Chains

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Pastoral Council

Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. *Every Month*

St. Vincent DePaul Society

First & Third Mondays, 8:15 p.m.

Every Month

For assistance, call ext. 311

MASSES

Weekend: St. Peter in Chains

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00, 11:00 a.m.

*Please check inside of bulletin for any changes
to regular Mass schedule*

Holydays: St. Peter in Chains

Day: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday:

Mass at St. Peter in Chains, 8:00 a.m.

Monday:

Mass at St. Julie Billiart, 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:

Mass at St. Julie Billiart, 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday:

Communion Service. at St. Julie, 8:00 a.m.

Thursday & Friday:

Mass at St. Joseph, 8:00 a.m.

BINGO—Friday Evening:

Preliminary 7:00 p.m.

Regular 7:30 p.m.

EPIC (Educator Parent Improvement Council)

Meets every other month. Check website for dates.

Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please contact the Parish office to make arrangements. For pre-baptism class, please call for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Anytime on request or by appointment call 863-3938.

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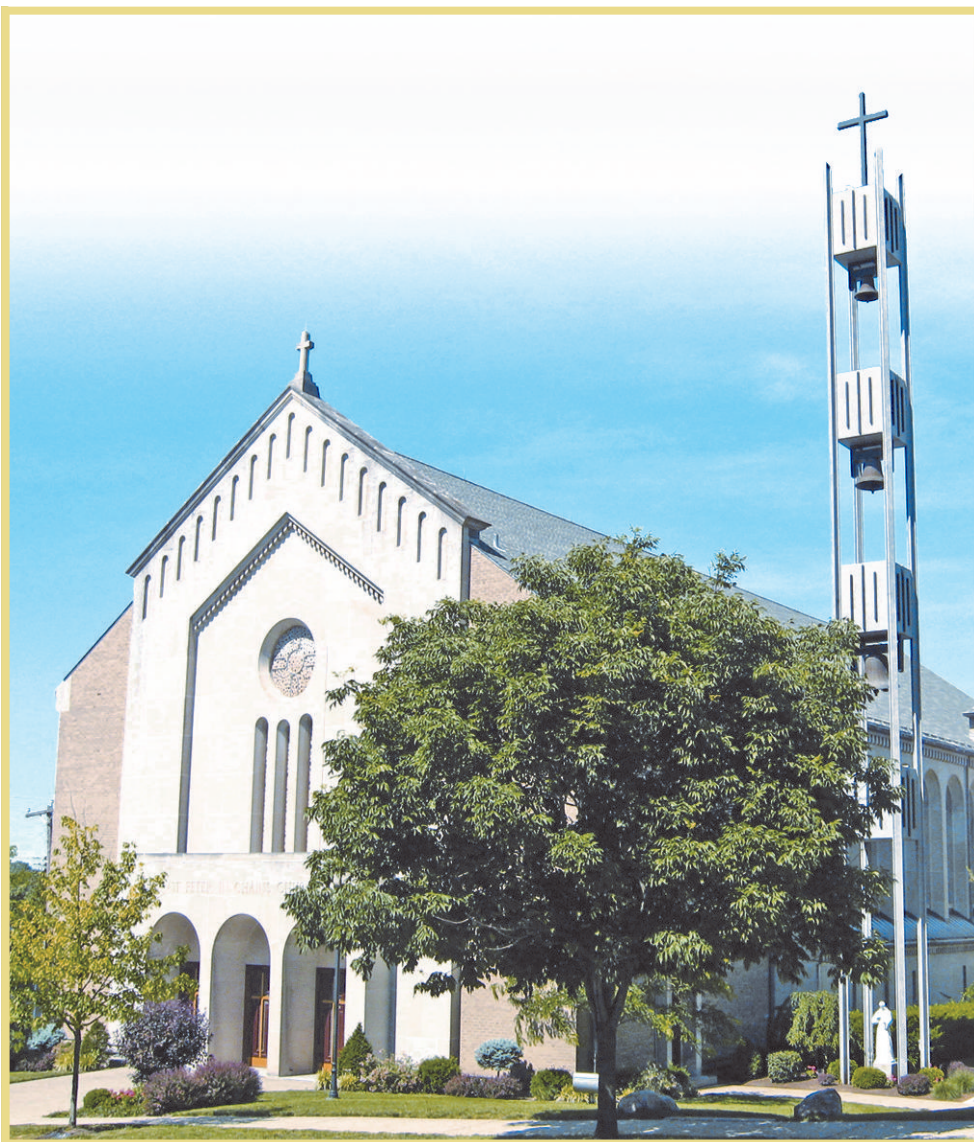
A communal celebration of the Sacrament is celebrated annually in October at one of the Sunday Masses. Individuals may request the Sacrament any time by calling the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Couples contemplating marriages should call the church office at least nine months prior to the desired date.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

We welcome all new families and/or individuals moving into our territory. Please register at the church office as soon as possible.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation activities are listed below. If you would like more information or would like to register, please call Deacon Jeff at 863-3938, ext. 302.

Children's Liturgy

CLOW



of the Word

For primary-aged children and held during the 11:00 Mass. The children participate in the Liturgy of the Word with age-appropriate material, then join their families for the remainder of the Mass. Have your child attend Mass with you and Father will dismiss the children

after the Opening Prayer.



Religious Education

PREP

(Parish Religious Education Program)

For children in grades K-12, meets during the school year.

PREP takes place on Sundays @ the Fenmont (St Julie's) 9:45AM to 10:45AM.

Please contact Deacon Jeff for information.



All High School and Jr. High Youth can participate. Normal schedule is 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

February 7th - Meet in Parish Center (6:00 –8:00)



World Day for Consecrated Life

Through baptism, we are all called to a life of holiness. Each of us has a vocation. Each year the Church celebrates and honors men and women in religious communities with the World Day for Consecrated Life, and in a special way in this Year of Consecrated Life called for by Pope Francis. On this day, we give thanks for the women and men who have committed their lives to living and working in and through a religious community. They do so much good in the world. As the Holy Father has said, "the consecrated life appears to us just as it really is: a gift of God!"

Let us pray:

Good and gracious God

who calls every man and woman to live a life of holiness, we give you praise for those men and women we call brothers or sisters.

Grant them the wisdom to know and love you and to share that love with others.

Grant more vocations to the Church through consecration to religious life.

We ask all this in the name of Christ, your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

Thank You

We would like to thank Tia & Mike Maccio for volunteering their time as chairpersons for our Gardening Angels ministry as they will be stepping down.

They will, however, continue to volunteer in keeping our grounds looking beautiful. If you are interested in heading this ministry, please call the parish office at 863-3938.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3-5, 10-11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 6, Saturday - Vigil

4:30 Bill Morscher (*Barb*)

February 7, Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 Kenny Wuest (*Aunts & Uncles*)

11:00 *For the People of the Parish*

February 8, Monday - Weekday

12:00 Mass at St. Julie Billiart

February 9, Tuesday - Weekday

8:00 Rita Schneider (*Joe*) Chapel

February 10, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday

School Liturgy

8:00 Lucille Geier (*Joan & Mary Jo Eckert*) Church

February 11, Thursday - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Mass at St. Joseph

February 12, Friday - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 Mass at St. Joseph

February 13, Saturday - Vigil

4:30 Nancy Hellmann (*Family*)

February 14, Sunday - First Sunday of Lent

9:00 Mary Ann Schroeder (*Carol Becker*)

11:00 *For the People of the Parish*

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 8

2:15 P.M. Archery

2:15 P.M. Daisy Scouts

5:30-8:30 P.M. Basketball

Tuesday, February 9

2:15 P.M. Brownie Scouts

4:30-7:30 P.M. Basketball practice

Wednesday, February 10

ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday, February 11

2:15 P.M. Boy Scout Den Meeting

7:00 P.M. Choir practice

7:00-8:30 P.M. Basketball practice

Friday, February 12

7:00 P.M. Bingo

Saturday, February 13

10:00 A.M. Basketball

Sunday, February 14

9:45AM-4PM Confirmation Retreat

6:00 P.M. Adult Faith Formation/Evening Prayer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 13

4:30 P.M.

Lector: Aaron Day

Eucharistic Ministers:

Deacon Jeff, Ruth Brannon, Jacob Meece,
Scott Day, Michael Kirsch, Mary Ann
VonDerHaar, Nina Edwards, Joan Kirsch

Servers: Lexie Herold, Tatum Palechek, **Not Filled**

Sunday, February 14

9:00 A.M.

Lector: Joe Schneider

Eucharistic Ministers:

Don Austing, Rita Rigling, Jay Wander,
Karla Menzer, Barbara Roof, Janet Winter,
Joe Schneider

Servers: Chase Gray, Alexander Gunderson, **Not Filled**

11:00 A.M.

Lector: Robert Huff

Eucharistic Ministers:

Jordan Flaig, Daniel Isgro, Pam
Gattermeyer, Donna Isgro, Andrew
Noelker, Morgan Gattermeyer, Linda
Keating

Servers: Emma Fritsch, Jackson Long, Emily Sauer



PASTORAL REGION

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Times

St. Peter - February 10, 8:00am

St. Joseph - February 9, 5:15pm

St. Julie Billiart - February 10, Noon & 7:30pm (Bilingual)

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH

in Central and Eastern Europe

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.usccb.org/ccce.



Prayer w/ Faith Formation and Fellowship

Every 2nd and 4th Sunday we will:

- Have Evening Prayer in the Chapel
- **This January and February** we will discuss the **process of Theological Reflection**.
- The atmosphere will be casual. You have the option to bring food to share and even test out your latest snack and desert recipes!! Coffee and other drinks will be provided

No need to sign up, just show up. Next gathering - Sunday, February 14, 6PM in the Chapel, followed by Faith Formation to 8PM.



Building community, strengthening lives.

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Great news, a new director has been hired and the Day Center for Family Promise of Butler County has been secured! The new director is Sharon Bogan, Sharon brings a wealth of experience to the role she will play. Most recently, Sharon was Executive Director of Middletown Adolescent Leaders Achieve. Prior to that, she had been Coordinator for Butler County Family and Children First Council; Administrator with Preble County Children Services; and a Social Worker III, then Social Worker IV, with Butler County Children Services Board. The Day Center is located at 1910 Millville Ave., Hamilton. They are seeking volunteers to help prepare the Day Center for use, cleaning, painting, etc. To volunteer go to the website at www.familypromisebutlercounty.com.

St. Julie's along with volunteers from St. Joe's and St. Peter's are preparing for our first host week beginning Sunday, March 6th. There will be a training session for all volunteers given by Sharon Bogan. This training session is mandatory for all volunteers who will be in contact with our guest families, but is recommended for all volunteers. The training session is on Tuesday, February 16th, from 7-9 pm. It will be held in the Fenmont. It is not too late to volunteer. If you are interested in getting involved as we house homeless Butler County families, please feel free to attend the training session or contact Stephanie Roberts at groberts4@cinci.rr.com, phone 305-7229. If you have signed up and have not been receiving emails from Stephanie, please contact her and bring it to her attention. We do not want to miss anyone who is interested in volunteering!

SACRAMENTAL PREP REMINDERS

Confirmation Retreat

Sunday, February 14th, 9:45am-3:45pm at the Fenmont.

First Communion Retreat

Saturday, February 27th, 9:00am to Noon
St. Peter's cafeteria.

CANA II

The Cana II Team in the Cincinnati area of the Archdiocese is searching for couples who are presently living in successful second marriages to participate in this ministry. This marriage preparation ministry is an excellent resource for couples preparing to enter into this unique marriage situation. It is powerful because the couples on these teams are honest about the marriage situations they are planning to enter and they are sincerely supportive to the couples who attend this program. Topics covered are; forgiveness (of self and past relationships); Family or Origin, Conflict resolution, Communication, Sacrament of Marriage, Intimacy & Sexuality, Remarriage concerns: Step-Family issues, and Finances as they pertain to a second marriage. The time commitment to this ministry is 2-3 meetings in preparation for the scheduled Cana II and two Cana II Saturdays per year. If you would like to participate in this vital ministry please contact Noreen Wendelin @937-222-0227 or by email: nwendelin@catholiccincinnati.org.

As we prepare to house homeless Butler County families we must thank Standard Textile Company, Inc., who have donated 20 sets of twin size sheet sets, St. Peter's Rosary Altar Society for their generous financial donation, Andy and Freddie Lampl for the quilt that was raffled off, and various parishioners from all three parishes, St. Peter's, St. Joe's and St. Julie's who have donated several key items, refrigerator, air mattress, toys, videos, character pillow cases, etc., along with all the Giving Tree of Love donations. We are truly blessed with caring people! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

All things are possible with God

Consider On-Line Giving with WeShare

Please consider giving online through **WeShare**. This platform makes it easier for our parishioners to manage their online contributions and will save our parish time and money. To utilize this new platform, please go to our website – www.stpeterinchains.org – click on the **WeShare Online Giving** button located at the top right of our webpage.



2015 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL Annual Support of Local Ministries

2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Peter in Chains who has pledged to the 2016 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the vestibule for your convenience this weekend. To make a pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.net. Or, **Text to Donate: Text the phrase "2016CMA" to 555-888** (standard data and message rates may apply). Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Caregivers Assistance Network

Are you the primary caretaker for an aging parent or spouse? There are Caregivers support groups in various locations around the Archdiocese. These monthly meetings offer support and resources for individuals just like you. Why should someone attend? To help caregivers care for themselves and access valuable resource information. To provide caregivers with opportunities to express their feelings in a non-threatening, and non-judgmental atmosphere. To help caregivers learn that they are not alone and to share techniques for handling the "nitty-gritty" of daily care. To connect with other caregivers who will listen, understand and ease your burden, call Catholic Charities at 1-866-635-9716 to find a group near you.

Refugee Needs

Catholic Charities is looking for some couch slip covers. Often we get couches that are donated that have a small rip or tear in them. A slip cover will help spruce up what is a good and functional couch into something that is presentable. If you can help with this need, please call or email Chris Kramer at 672-3723 or ckramer@ccswoh.org.

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VIRTUS® Online

Please remember to check the Virtus website once a month for your required reading of current bulletins. PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON EMAIL REMINDERS. Archdiocesan policy states that if you miss 3 bulletins or more you are suspended as an approved volunteer until you either do the missed bulletins or retake the whole program. PLEASE be diligent. If you have any inquiries or questions, please call Lisa Stricker, Local Safe Environment Coordinator for St. Peter in Chains, at 863-3938 or email her at: strickerL@stpeterinchains.org

Also, please be sure to call the office to check when you were last fingerprinted. If it's been 5 years you must have a background check completed through your Virtus account. Please call with any questions or concerns.

KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



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ASH WEDNESDAY





ST PETER IN CHAINS St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called and Jesus tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Your gift to the poor can bring the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

LOCAL FISH FRIES

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Every Friday in Lent (Feb 12-March 18) from 4:30-8:00 PM

Queen of Peace

February 12th is the regular fish fry from 4-8pm in cafeteria
February 19, 26 & March 18 are drive thru fish fry dates from 4-7pm.

St. Joseph

Friday, February 19, 5:00-8:00pm. Dinners are \$9.00 or 3 sides of your choice for \$5.00. Advanced tickets are not required but appreciated. For Tickets: Joe Schutte (jpschutte@zoomtown.com) or Janet Haubner in the parish office at 863-1424 (jhaubner@sjcshamilton.org).

St. Julie Billiart's Famous Annual Lenten Meal

Friday, Feb. 26, 5:00-7:30pm

Adults \$9.00, Seniors & Teens \$8.00, Children \$4.00, Family \$25.00 More info to follow.

Badin High School (cafeteria)

February 19, 4:30-8:00pm.

Dine in or Carry out. Benefits Badin Catham Club Athletic Boosters. For more information call 863-3993.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Julie Billiart 5th Trivia Night

Saturday, February 20, 2016

Hall opens at 6:30 p.m.

Game begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Who: 8 of your friends or take your chances and meet 7 new people.

What: An adult evening to challenge your brain, enjoy your friends and fellow parishioners. Lots of laughter and fun. Bragging rights for the winning table and consolation prizes for the Trivia challenged.

Where: St. Julie Hall in the Fenmont Center, 229 N. Third Street.

Why: Proceeds to help cover cost of new wall pads for the Fenmont Gym.

Cost: \$15 per person which includes soft drinks. Bring your own adult beverage and snack for your table.

For more information, contact Betty Meiner 863-1040 or emeiner@stjulie.net.

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Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

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Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning “goodbye to meat,” or Mardi Gras, literally meaning “Fat Tuesday.” The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

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COLLECTION

January 31, 2016

Weekly

Offerings	\$ 7,658.00
Offering Goal	\$ 13,550.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (5,892.00)

Year-to-Date

Offerings	\$ 318,039.00
Offering Goal	\$ 363,050.00
Over/(Under).....	\$ (45,011.00)

PASTORAL REGION NEWS



St. Peter in Chains
382 Liberty Ave.
863-3938



St. Joseph
171 Washington St.
863-1424



St. Julie Billiart
224 Dayton St.
863-1040

News from the Hamilton Catholic Pastoral Region

Pastor to be assigned this summer

A pastor will be assigned to St. Peter in Chains and St. Joseph Parishes this summer. When Fr. Mike Pucke retires in July 2017, the priest named this summer will also become pastor of St. Julie Billiart. Given the scope of implementing the Pastoral Region fully, the archdiocese proposed a “transition year” so that the assigned priest would not have to take on all three parishes right away. Rather, he will be named pastor of St. Peter’s and St. Joe’s and have the opportunity to work closely with Fr. Pucke and St. Julie’s for one year before becoming pastor of the entire Pastoral Region in the summer of 2017. This proposal was discussed and agreed upon by the Pastoral Region Planning Committee.

HOW WILL THE PASTOR BE SELECTED? The usual “open listing” process in the Archdiocese will be followed. All three parishes will be submitting various parish statistics and information (e.g. Mass attendance stats, number of households in the parish, current staffing at each parish, etc.). This information will be incorporated into a description of the three parishes and sent to all active diocesan priests.

Any priest interested in the assignment can look at additional information submitted by the three Parish Pastoral Councils and staff. He can also talk with Fr. McMullen and Fr. Pucke. Priests can nominate themselves. Other priests can nominate one of their number as well. Nominations are reviewed by the Priests Personnel Board (priests elected by their peers) who, in turn, recommend someone to the Archbishop. The Archbishop usually accepts such nominations.

The open listing process will begin in a few weeks. Usually assignments are announced in March or April with the new pastor starting in mid-summer, typically July 1. It is expected that the new pastor will have the usual term of six years with the possibility of six additional years.

THE ROAD AHEAD... While this is a major step, much more work remains to be done. The Pastoral Region Planning Committee continues to meet and is working to develop an overall plan for the region. The draft of the plan will be presented to the parishes at a Pastoral Region Town Hall meeting in the next few months. More details about this meeting will be published in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we continue the journey towards becoming the Hamilton Catholic Pastoral Region!

ST. PETER IN CHAINS, HAMILTON, OH

St. Peter in Chains Pastoral Council

Fellow Parishioners:

Do you value our Parish and want to help make it stronger?

Do you wish we had more social functions that connected the entire Parish community?

Do you have ideas on ways to improve Parish life?

Do you want to better understand the strategic direction of the Parish and be part of the process to prepare for Parish Regionalization?

Do you enjoy marketing, web-development, social media or event planning?

If you can answer yes to any of the above questions, you are invited to consider application for membership on the St. Peter in Chains Pastoral Council!

By now you have seen our financial position and have some understanding of the challenges our Parish faces. However, over the past couple years, there have been significant positive developments here at St. Pete's! Our Music Ministry has flourished under the direction of Mr. Collins. Our Faith Formation Ministry continues to grow with new programs and participants lead by Deacon Jeff. The Rosary Altar Society continues to maintain a strong core membership and has hosted several social functions. Bingo continues to be manned by a small but dedicated group which is critical to the stability of the parish. The Father Butler Council of the Knights of Columbus actively participates in service and social functions and the Men's Group continues to actively meet for fellowship.

Over the last year, momentum has been building within the St. Peter in Chains school community, led by EPIC, to make improvements and enhancements to the academic and extra-curricular experiences. Our administrators, teachers and parents have put forth significant time and effort to create an environment that will attract more students and retain and successfully develop our existing students. The Open House saw higher attendance than we've had in several years!

These are just a handful of the positive developments and active groups among many across the parish!

While there is positive momentum, as you may have seen in feedback from the Listening Sessions that were published in the bulletins throughout November and December, there is clearly more that we can do and need to do. Pastoral Council has identified multiple opportunities to enhance our Parish's sense of community and welcome new members, but it requires your gifts of time and talent to make these opportunities a reality!

Perhaps you already volunteer in one aspect of the Parish or perhaps you don't feel like you "know someone" on Council. Regardless of prior reason we encourage you to consider a role with Council. The success of each organization within the Parish is dependent upon the success of the Parish as a whole. . If not you, WHO? If not now, WHEN? The need is now and the time is now!

Council currently has a need for up to 6 additional members! Come help plan a Lenten Fish Fry or Fall Homecoming! Help launch the Parish Facebook page or add media content to our website! Young or "seasoned," new parishioner or lifer – please prayerfully consider your involvement! If you have any questions or would like to be considered for Council, you can e-mail pastoralcouncil@stpeterinchains.org or talk to any member of Council directly!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Dave Strano
Chairman

Jay Wander
Co-Chair

Kevin Kessler
Secretary

Sue Austing

Bob Schmidt

Joe Rossi