



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Dominican Parish

Established in 1840



Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2015

Welcome to St. Peter!

While we celebrate the rich history of our parish, we strive to promote the promise of the future through the Four Pillars of Dominican Spirituality— Prayer, Study, Community and Preaching.

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT -C- DEC. 13, 2015

Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Psalm 12 Philipians 4: 4-7 Luke 3: 10-18

From today's Gospel reading:

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"

Reflection by Fr. Jude Siciliano, O.P.:

If we are going to welcome the Christ child at Christmas we will need to face what hinders our openness to him and will dampen our welcome. We take up the question those who heard John asked him, "What should we do?" The issue at this point is not what people should ponder, or think about doing. The imminent coming of the Messiah requires action now. We are to do something and do it now. No putting off action.

So we ask ourselves:

- Am I giving the coming of Christ enough attention this Advent?
- If not, what is distracting me and what can I do to be ready for him when he comes?

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Visit our parish website for general information about our church.

EVENTS OF NOTE at ST. PETER

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| Thursday, December 17 | 6 P.M. | Rosary |
| | 7 P.M. | Choir /RCIA /Adult Formation (Supper at 6:30 P.M.) |
| Saturday, December 19 | 2 P.M. | Locks-Strahan Wedding |

To plan a Baptism, Funeral or Wedding at St. Peter, please call the parish office at (901)527-8282.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL - 5:00 p.m.
 SUNDAYS - 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES NATIONAL SHRINE

(Shrine Chapel - enter on Third St.)

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS - Mon. - Fri. - 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSION

WEEKDAYS - Mon. - Fri. - 11:30 a.m.

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

MORNING PRAYER

with the Dominican Community
 WEEKDAYS - Mon. - Fri. - 7:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Rosary at 11:30 a.m. / Veneration of St. Martin's relic during Mass

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the world-wide Church began a *Jubilee Year of Mercy* as announced by Pope Francis. To mark our entry into this special time, we bless our church door, designating it as a *Door of Mercy*. Today on *Gaudete (Rejoice!) Sunday* – each Mass begins with this blessing, followed by the Sprinkling Rite while all sing “The King of Glory Comes”. This door will remain open all year, symbolizing the Church’s outreach and welcome to all seeking the mercy of our loving God.

A CHERISHED LEGACY—This Sunday is your last chance to view our historic exhibit *A Cherished Legacy!* If you have not visited the exhibit, do so after Mass. Come see the history of St. Peter Church illustrated by historic documents and beautiful pieces from our archives.

2016 Calendars are in the back of the church. Please take one per family. Thanks to Steve & Lois Meyers for their generosity!

Christmas Flower envelopes are in the pews for you to remember loved ones or honor someone during the Christmas season. Donations are used to help defray the cost of the flowers used during Advent and Christmas. **The deadline for publishing is Wed., Dec. 16.**

Soup Sunday: Delicious soups will be available for purchase this Sunday. Proceeds are used to defray costs incurred by Calvary’s Breakfast Club that feeds the homeless each Sunday morning. The featured soups will be David’s beef chili and Peanut (vegetarian/vegan). Come to the gathering area after Mass to purchase. (\$5/pint; \$10/quart)

Second Collection THIS weekend Dec. 12-13 (all Masses) Please give to those who have given a lifetime. The Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. Thank you!

Women’s Morning of Spirituality: SAVE THE DATE Saturday April 9, 2016 at the Church of the Incarnation from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a Continental Breakfast beginning at 7:15. Keynote Speaker is *Kelly Nieto*. Witness Speaker is: *Leslie Harden*. Music with *Bethany and Kevin Paige*. Celebration concludes with Mass.

2015 Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th

5:00 P.M. - Family Mass
10:30 P.M. - Lessons and Carols
11:00 P.M. - Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25th

10:00 A.M. - Mass of Christmas Day

Friday, January 1st

10:00 A.M.- Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

FAITH FORMATION AND NURSERY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday mornings:

- * Children and teens meet as usual this Sunday, Dec. 13.
- * There will be no faith formation on Sundays, Dec. 20, 27, or Jan. 3. All resume on Jan. 10.
- * Children’s Liturgy of the Word (during 11 Mass) will meet on Dec. 20, but not on Dec. 27 or Jan. 3.

Wednesdays:

- * Children meet as usual this Wednesday, Dec. 16.
- * There will be no atrium sessions on Dec. 23 or 30.

Nursery:

- * The nursery will be open on Sundays during the Christmas Season.
- * There is no nursery on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

FORMED.ORG — PERFECT FOR ADVENT!

Formed is a new digital platform with Catholic movies, Bible studies, and more, and our parish has a subscription so that everyone can watch. There are several programs and movies appropriate for Advent! Login at <http://formed.org>. Our parish code is e902f0.

YOUNG ADULTS

In your 20s or 30s? We want you to join the young adult ministry! Email youngadults@stpeterchurch.org. **Young Adult Bible Study** Meets weekly in the Conference Room (near the church office)

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions where anyone can explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Everyone is welcome, but Alpha is designed particularly for people who would not describe themselves as Christians or regular church-goers. We are hosting an Alpha course on Thursdays in 2016, beginning January 7, 6:30 p.m. (Dinner included!) For more information see our parish website or contact Christina at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org. Do you have friends or family who are searching for more this Christmas? Invite them to come with you to Alpha!

Eucharistic Ministers Training – Sessions for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held after 5:00 Mass on Sat., December 12th and on Sun., December 13th at 9:45 (between the 8:30 and 11:00 Mass). You only need to attend one session. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Cynthia Pratt at ceprat-11223@gmail.com or 901-268-8738.

Christmas Help Needed - Each year over 1000 people visit St. Peter for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses! Helpers are needed for a variety of tasks to prepare our church for Christmas. Please see the online sign up on our parish website for more details!

Behold the Man! : What the Incarnation

Means for Us. THIS Sunday, Dec. 13, 9:45 -10:45

Special Advent Presentation with Jennie Latta

What does the Incarnation reveal to men and women about themselves? What is their most high calling? In this season of Advent, as we wait in expectation for the coming of the Lord, what does the Incarnation mean for us? Join us next Sunday in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our RCIA Team would love to meet you! Join us this Thursday, December 17 at 7 p.m. A light supper will be served at 6:30. Childcare available with advance request. (No sessions on Dec. 24 or 31.)

MASS INTENTIONS *for the week*

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| Saturday, December 12 | Arssie Douglass + | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 13 | Bob Dunn + | 8:30 a.m. |
| | For the Parish | 11:00 a.m. |
| Monday, December 14 | Rita Glenn + | |
| Tuesday, December 15 | Friends of St. Peter | |
| Wednesday, December 16 | Joe Linder + | |
| Thursday, December 17 | Joanne Hayes McCauley | |
| Friday, December 18 | Bernie Murff + | |
| Saturday, December 19 | Peggy & Salvatore Palazolo + | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, December 20 | Daniel Dugan + | 8:30 a.m. |
| | For the Parish | 11:00 a.m. |

Call the parish office to reserve a Mass intention date - (901)527-8282

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charlyne Lewis Duncan from our parish. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace

Parishioners who are homebound: Sue Tufts-Stefanac, Robert Estabrook, Myra Wilson, Lynn Eastin

Parishioners, family & friends who are requesting prayer:

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| Gerrie Berretta | Sue Wade | James Clarke |
| Marie Brothers | Bob Wade | Jennifer Warren Rhem |
| Ceylon Blackwell | Wally Smith | Tom Wade |
| Nancy Warren | Ronnie Wanetick | Marie Sens-Taylor |
| Willie Mae Ellis | Jim Howell | Gloria Andereck |
| Clarence Taylor | Joann Van Werkhooven | Mary Lou Watkins |
| Dick McStay | Tom James | Jane Sacharczyk |
| Maria Meyers | Emily Krausser Smith | Lily-Kate Anthony |
| Glenda & Mike Martin | Don Carpenter | David Davis |
| Patricia Dugger | Jan Dacus | August Lambert |
| Marilyn Dilworth | Sarah Gay | Alan Adelman |
| Jim Shaw | Griffin Norquist | Edward Apple |
| Connie Kilmore | Alex Krausser | Jeffrey Collins |
| Ruth Murphy | Mike C. Farley | |
| Mike Christensen | Eileen Schmalkuche | |
| | Tommy Buford | |
| | Fran Costa | |
| | Clement E. Klank, Jr. | |
| | Julie Jones | |



*Call the church office
to update this list*

Prayers for New Life *Please pray for our expectant parents and their babies!*

Expectant Parents

Ashley & Josiah Becker

Due Date

May 9

Congratulations!

- ♦ Ryan & Kelly Sienkowski on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Rose, born on December 4th!
- ♦ Alysson & Spencer Reese on the birth of their daughter, Willow Rosalind Thérèse, born on December 9th!

EXPECTANT PARENTS: Would you like to be included on our Expectant Parents Prayer List? Would you like to receive the Expectant Parent packet? Contact Christina Klyce at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org or (901)527-8282.

Prayers for Those Serving in Harm's Way: Remember these parishioners and family members who are serving in harm's way around the world: **1st Lt. Robert Campbell, Tom Tufts, Jr., Gregory Tufts, William Perry, Capt. Robert Latta, Lt. Col. Steve Reed.** These names are in a special book that is brought to the altar at every Mass.

COLUMBARIUM: St. Peter Church has a columbarium in the Shrine courtyard. Each niche provides for the placement of two urns. For more information about the columbarium, call Chris Cornaghie (901)454-9888.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK *(St. Peter emergency line is (901)828-6488)*

Call the parish office (901)527-8282 to let us know of ill or homebound parishioners or upcoming surgeries. You can arrange a visit by a priest, deacon or lay minister when you or a family member is ill, homebound, hospitalized, in an assisted living facility or nursing home. All ministers can bring Holy Communion, pray or just visit with anyone not able to get to church. Priests can administer other sacraments as desired.

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