



ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Dominican Parish

Established in 1840

*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary & Joseph*

December 27, 2015



*The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2016*

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*Visit our parish website for general
information about our church.*

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.

Looking for ways to donate to our church?

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CHRISTMAS MASS AT MIDNIGHT - December 25, 2015

Isaiah 9: 1-6; Psalm 96; Titus 2: 11-14; Luke 2: 1-14

From today's Gospel reading:

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus

That the whole world should be enrolled.

This was the first enrollment,

When Quirinius was governor of Syria.

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

Jesus' birth was a quiet event surrounded by the noisy world of military, political and economic powers. Still, his coming holds great promise for us, enabling changes we would not be able to do on our own.

So we ask ourselves:

- ◇ What is it that is noisy in my life now, disturbing my peace?
- ◇ What promise do I hear in Jesus' birth for my restless spirit?

EVENTS OF NOTE at ST. PETER

Mon.—Fri., Dec. 28- Jan.1		NO NOON MASS
Fri., Jan. 1	10 A.M.	New Year's Day Mass
Sat., Jan. 2	2 P.M.	Nguyen-Hoag Wedding
Sun., Jan 3	During 11 A.M. Mass	Ron-Ferguson Baptism

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.

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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

Dear St. Peter Family,

Merry Christmas to you! I pray this season of joy brings the peace of Christ into your homes and hearts. As we enter into this sacred time of the year, I give thanks to God for each of you. In your own way, each of you is a blessing in my life, and your continued presence at St. Peter is the greatest Christmas gift I could ask.

Although Christmas is a time for rest and celebration, as we celebrate the glory of Christ in our midst, it also is a time for a renewed commitment to our baptismal promises. Remember that Christ came into the world to *change* it for the better. He did not simply come to be seen and heard for 33 years, but to give the legacy of God's grace. He did so through the gift of the Holy Spirit and through us in whom the Spirit lives.

How are you continuing the legacy of Christ's presence in the world? Granted, one does not need to be a Christian in order to do good things. Yet, those of us who understand the revelation of God in Jesus Christ understand more fully the sacred value of human life and the dignity of all created things. All men and women are called to eternal union with God. As Christians, when we serve the needs of others, we must always keep that truth in mind.

We see daily the violence in our city and acts of terrorism in our world. In many ways, the distress of our time reflects the timeless struggle of humankind. Remember that Jesus was born into a society where the poor, wayward and oppressed were either ignored or made to suffer even more. There are still poor, wayward and oppressed people in our midst. In light of this, our world needs *Christian* witness now more than ever. As someone said to me recently, "Don't just call yourself a Christian, show me you're a Christian!"

I hope each of you who welcomes Christ into your hearts and homes will also open your ears to his call. He instructs each of us to spread the Gospel to all the nations. Where will you preach this Christmas Season? To whom will you minister in the coming year? How will Christ's legacy shine through you in this "Year of Mercy"?

We at St. Peter have so many things to be thankful for. Our community, our rich heritage, the positive impact we have on Memphis, and above all the presence of Christ in our midst. Let us show God our gratitude by living out our Christian witness, not just in our church building, but everywhere we go.

May the Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you and your loved ones this Christmas Season and in the year to come.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Augustine "Auggie" DeArmond, O.P.

Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 26	Arssie Douglass +	5:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 27	Deceased Members of the Timothy H. Hogan Family + For the Parish	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Mon.—Fri., Dec. 28-Jan. 1	NO NOON MASS	
Fri. Jan.1	For the Parish	10:00 a.m.
Sat., Jan. 2	Judge John B. Getz +	5:00 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 3	Dr. Martin Croce For the Parish	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
Mon., Jan. 4	Rev. Ed Everitt +	
Tues., Jan 5	Sandra Holland +	
Wed., Jan. 6	Courtney L. Anthony +	
Thurs., Jan. 7	Billy Rose, Jr. +	
Fri. Jan. 8	Josephine Wandell +	
Sat. Jan. 9	Joe Linder +	5:00 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 10	Phyllis O'Callaghan + For the Parish	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

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

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 blessed our church door, designating it as a **Door of Mercy**. This door will remain open all year, symbolizing the Church's outreach and welcome to all seeking the mercy of our loving God.

THANK YOU to all of the great volunteers who helped prepare the church for Christmas. A special thank you to Tim and Patty Anderson for designing and decorating St. Peter for the holiday season!

LAUNCHING JANUARY 7, 2016 ALPHA AT ST. PETER!

What is Alpha? Alpha gives everyone the opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly setting. The Alpha course usually meets once a week for eleven weeks, sometimes in a church, a home, or a restaurant. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a short talk and time to discuss what's been taught. Session topics include Is There More to Life Than This? How is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die? Why and How Do I Pray?

Alpha is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. **We don't assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome.** You don't have to come for the whole term – just pop along for the first session and see what you think. No pressure, no follow up and no charge.

Our parish is hosting an Alpha course on Thursday evenings, 6:30 in the Parish Hall, beginning January 7. Childcare available upon request. Please join us and bring a friend! More information and registration is on our parish website at www.stpeterchurch.org, or email Christina at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.

Can't make Thursday nights? Men of St. Peter are invited to a special Alpha for men on Tuesday afternoons at St. Louis Church. More information and registration at <http://stleoslunch.com/> or contact Deacon Jeff at deacon-



How Well Do You Know Jesus?

Each family is invited to take home a copy of *Rediscover Jesus* by Matthew Kelly. This book is given to us by the Morris Family as a Christmas gift to our parish. In addition, all are invited to join us for a *Rediscover Jesus* discussion group on Sunday mornings, Jan. 10-24 at 9:45 a.m. If there is one person that we should each get to know in a deeply personal way, it is Jesus the carpenter from Nazareth, the itinerant preacher, the Son of God, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Lamb of God, the new Adam, the Messiah, the Alpha and the Omega, the Chosen One, the Light of the World, the God-Man who wants good things for us more than we want them for ourselves, the healer of our souls. *Rediscover Jesus* in 2016!



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!

If you would like to have a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of your faith, then join us for *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help to bring about a profound renewal in our parish as we grow closer to Christ. St. Peter Church will begin *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 9:45 a.m.. For more information or to sign up, visit Evangelization.com, or contact Christina at cklyce@stpeterchurch.org.



FAITH FORMATION AND NURSERY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Faith Formation Sessions and the Children's Liturgy of the Word (during 11 Mass) will not meet during the Christmas holidays. All Sunday morning activities resume on January 10. Wednesday afternoon atrium resumes on Jan. 13. Have a blessed Christmas!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? GET FORMED IN 2016!

Our parish has a subscription to Formed.org, where you can stream hundreds of hours of inspiring movies and video series, read over 15 bestselling Catholic ebooks, and listen to over 30 audio presentations from the Church's most compelling speakers! All available from virtually any device... anytime, anywhere. Login at <http://formed.org>. Our parish code is e902f0. Create a personal account with your email and password. Start enjoying the best Catholic content all in one place!

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 Nie-to*. Witness Speaker is: *Leslie Harden*. Music with *Bethany and Kevin Paige*. Celebration concludes with Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Mission is raising money to replace windows that were vandalized on Dec. 6th. Please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/xhe99> to make your donation.

2016 Calendars are in the back of the church. Please take one per family.

NOTE: The parish office will resume normal operating hours on Monday, January 4, 2016. In case of an emergency, Fr. Auggie can be reached at 901-828-6488.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our RCIA Team would love to meet you! RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and is the process for adults who would like to learn more or join the Catholic Church. All are welcome! Join us on Thursday, January 7 at 7 p.m. A light supper will be served at 6:30. Childcare available with advance request.

YOUNG ADULTS

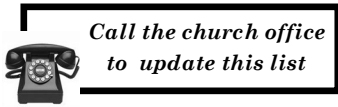
In your 20s or 30s? We want you to join the young adult ministry! Email youngadults@stpeterchurch.org.
Young Adult Bible Study Meets weekly in the Conference Room (near the church office)

PRAYERS

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

Parishioners, family & friends who are requesting prayer:

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 Werkhoven	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	
	Lena Reese	



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



Expectant Parents	Due Date
Candy & Adam Heitzman	April 10
Ashley & Josiah Becker	May 9

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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