



# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

## UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY PARISH

THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

**St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish  
proclaims the Gospel through worship, formation, outreach and service  
in order to foster a faithful, loving, dynamic, and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ  
and provides a spiritual home to the diverse local and university communities.**

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.,  
5:00 p.m. Vigil  
**Sunday:** 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 8:00 p.m.  
Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

**Monday – Friday:** 7:30 a.m. in St. Peter's Church  
**Monday – Friday:** 12:15 p.m. in the Catholic Center  
Chapel, 84 Somerset St.

### CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM MASS:

9:00 a.m. on the first Saturday of the month,  
May through October, at the parish cemetery mausoleum  
(instead of the church)

### CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; or by appointment

**NOVENA PRAYERS:** Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

### BAPTISMS:

Normally scheduled on the second & fourth Sundays of the  
month following the 11:00 a.m. Mass (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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** contact at: [st.peter.ppc@gmail.com](mailto:st.peter.ppc@gmail.com)

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** 732-983-7069  
(for assessment of assistance needed, leave message  
including name and contact number)

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[SPTAcemeteryNB@gmail.com](mailto:SPTAcemeteryNB@gmail.com)  
William Carroll Cemetery Director

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### **The New Brunswick Congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri**

St. Peter the Apostle parish is under the pastoral care of the  
New Brunswick Congregation of the Oratory  
[www.nboratory.org](http://www.nboratory.org)

Very Rev. Peter Cebulka, C.O. Provost

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, June 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria**

7:30 a.m. Mary and John Sterbenz  
12:15 p.m. Eileen Merola Bradshaw

**Tuesday, June 28 - St. Irenaeus**

7:30 a.m. Special Intention - M/M Lynch  
12:15 p.m. Michael Kirchner

**Wednesday, June 29 - Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

7:30 a.m. Marilyn Cuenca  
12:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving-Marie Jean Joseph

**Thursday, June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**

7:30 a.m. Teresa Bajorek  
12:15 p.m. Rosemarie Borrelli

**Friday, July 1 - Blessed Junipero Serra**

7:30 a.m. Walter Bajorek

**Saturday, July 2**

9:00 a.m. Salvatore Cupano  
5:00 p.m. Betty Pellowski

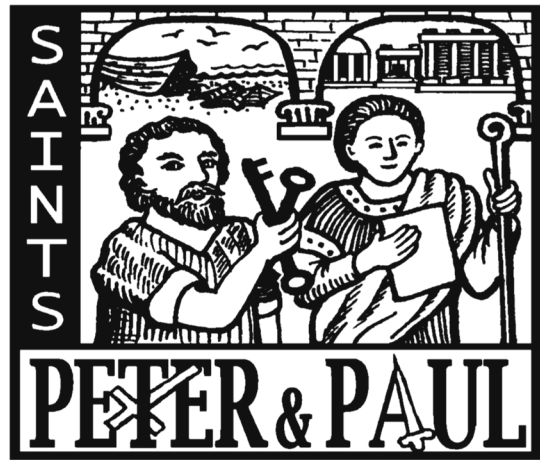
**Sunday, July 3- Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 a.m. Mary Bacorn  
9:00 a.m. Emma Vertatschitsch  
11:00 a.m. Pats Noonan  
8:00 p.m. For the People

We frequently have openings for Mass intentions, including the 12:15pm Mass at the Catholic Center chapel.

### Pray for ...

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Theresa Birdsey, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, Aurelia Sterbenz, Esther Wambui, Norman Corbett, Florence Gowin, Margaret Cleary, Jenny Locandro, Teresa Yannazzone, Bill Spataro, Charlotte Hall, Nicholas Rossi, Chris Joyce, Gary Vavila, Patricia & Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svelec, Joseph D'Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Grace DeBlasi, Doris Tarquinio, Peg Byrne, Rick Scuderi, Edward Migliore, Linda Ryan, Shane Larson, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Mary O'Shea, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Krissy Kyriazis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia DePasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, William Kish, Jose Lopez, Michael Betchker, Sara Mette, Anne Marie Notarianni, Dick Wikoff, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Steve Hrapsky, Joseph Mahoney, Al Odorizzi, Helen Casey, Lorraine Fellin, Russell C. Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, Marlene Salimbene, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita DeGuzman, Louis Piskorski *and all the sick, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military.*



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**The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul**

celebrated by the universal church on June 29, is being celebrated at our parish this weekend. The Church gives parishes the option of transferring the feast of their particular parish patron to the nearest Sunday. This way, each parish can celebrate their patron saint as a full community at the Sunday Eucharist.

Let us be joined together in prayer as we honor our great patron. For over 180 years members of our parish have sought his intercession and protection. May he continue to guide the community of St. Peter the Apostle Parish into a future of vibrant faith and service, giving witness to the presence of Christ's love and mercy to the people of New Brunswick.

For parish information and resources,  
make use of our website:

[WWW.STPETERTHEAPOSTLE.ORG](http://WWW.STPETERTHEAPOSTLE.ORG)

**HOLY HOUR**

The Oratory of St. Philip Neri  
is hosting a Eucharistic Holy Hour  
This **Sunday, June 26th**

**at 4:00 p.m.**

in the Catholic Center Chapel  
All are invited and welcome!

**Readings**

**Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;  
Mt 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;  
Mt 16:13-19  
**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,  
131; Mt 9:9-13  
**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17  
**Sunday:** Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;  
Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

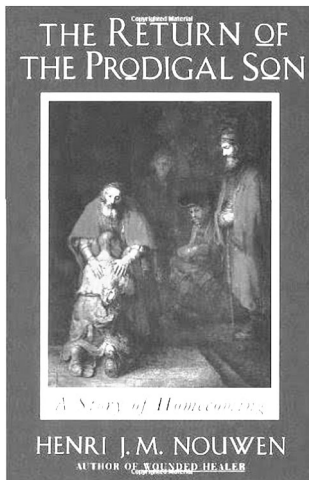
GET A COPY NOW OF  
**THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON**  
 FOR A GREAT SUMMER READ  
 Only \$10 for advance order.

**Join an insightful book study in the coming Fall.**

We'll close out the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** by studying and discussing a classic book by Henri Nouwen that everyone should read at least once. In *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Nouwen offers moving insights on Rembrandt's masterpiece painting and on the famous scripture passage that is unique to the Gospel of Luke (Luke 15:11-32).

Add it to your summer reading list and allow your heart to be drawn more deeply into the gift of God's mercy. We'll form small study groups in September. A study guide will be made available to assist the groups in their conversation and reflection.

If you think you might want to participate and would like to obtain a copy of the book to read in advance, we could get them for \$10 a piece.



**Provide your name, contact and \$10**

**Tricky Tray 2016**

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at *Imperia* on Easton Ave.

During the month of June our theme is *The Great Outdoors*. We are collecting any kind of gardening tools, patio decorations or outdoor fun items. The donation basket will be in the vestibule of the church.

St. Peter's Tricky Tray is THE ONE BIG ANNUAL PARISH FUNDRAISER that we have. Proceeds help to offset ordinary parish expenses associated with the operation of our parish life and ministries. Your support and participation in this fundraiser is another way that you could help us reconcile our annual budget. God bless you and thank you.

**SUMMER MASS LOCATION**

Until the weekend of September 4th, Sunday Masses (Saturday vigil also) will be celebrated in the *air conditioned* downstairs Parish Hall instead of the upstairs church.

The parish hall is handicap accessible by entering through the parish office door. The rectory parking lot has limited handicap parking.

During the summer, the **WEEKDAY MASSES**, both the 7:30 am and the 12:15 pm, will be celebrated in the Catholic Center Chapel. There will not be a 12:15pm Mass on Fridays during the summer.

**Sponsorship Requirements**

Being a sponsor in the way that the Catholic Church defines it is to enter into a spiritual relationship with the one being sponsored. A sponsor is someone who will be an example of discipleship and a support for one who is to grow in the Catholic faith and way of life. The role of sponsor is different from being a "guardian" and more than being a good friend. Guardians and friends don't necessarily believe in the Incarnation of the Son of God and in Christ's saving passion, death and resurrection. They don't necessarily share the Catholic faith and may not be able to hand the faith on to the one being sponsored. *Therefore, to be a sponsor for someone who is to receive the sacraments of Baptism or Confirmation one is required to have completed their fourteenth year and be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic in good standing. You must be a registered member of a Catholic faith community. If married, a sponsor must be in a valid, sacramental union. A sponsor may not be the father or mother of the one to be Baptized/Confirmed. All sponsors must obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parish. A Letter of Eligibility from St. Peter's will only be given to a registered, contributing, participating individual who*

**We don't know  
 unless someone tells us!**

Catholic priest chaplains are assigned to minister at St. Peter University Hospital and RWJ Hospital. Contact them through the Hospital Pastoral Care Office, if needed. However, if you know of an infirmed parishioner who would like a pastoral visit from a St. Peter's parish minister, whether in the hospital or at home, please notify the parish office. Please don't assume that we know about their infirmity.

The basis of stewardship is  
 GRATITUDE...  
 The fruit of stewardship is  
 GENEROSITY.

## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

***“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.”***

***GALATIANS 5:13***

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

Your faithful support is especially needed during the summer months. Please consider

### **Automatic Electronic Online Giving**

Online Giving benefits the parish with more consistent and predictable income. It also reinforces your commitment to the care of St. Peter’s by making a contribution even when you are unable to attend. Our bills never go on vacation. Once you set up Online Giving you don’t have to think about it, but you can always make changes if you need to.

**To set up your account**, visit our parish website at [www.stpetertheapostle.org](http://www.stpetertheapostle.org) and click on the button,

**ONLINE GIVING.**

## *Respect for Life*

Writing on the topic of assisted suicide, a columnist asks, Whose life is it anyway? God has given us this life as a gift, and he expects us to cherish it as His good stewards - in old age, in terminal illness and in facing disability. (Sister Constance Veit, of the Little Sisters of the Poor, in the The Southern Cross, March 2015)

“The greatest destroyer of peace today is  
ABORTION...because it is war against the child.”  
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**[www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/](http://www.marriageuniqueforareason.org/)**  
**AN EXCELLENT RESOURCE WEBSITE**  
*Marriage: Unique for a Reason*

The "Marriage: Unique for a Reason" website is part of the Bishops' ongoing efforts to promote and defend marriage as the union of one man and one woman. It offers many educational resources for Catholics and others who want to better understand and articulate the Church's teaching on marriage. The website currently features three DVD resources, "Made for Each Other," "Made for Life," and "El Matrimonio: Hecho para el amor y vida" (in Spanish with English subtitles), as well as FAQs about marriage, a library of Church teaching, and a regularly updated blog.

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means ‘Rock,’ because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church.

Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death. In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion.

Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith.

St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord. He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb.

St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church.

Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen.

Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world.

Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: “Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and

### What are the Corporal Works of Mercy and where do they come from?

The corporal works of mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The whole human person, body and soul, is the subject of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. The body has special meaning and is due special reverence as the "temple of the Holy Spirit" destined for eternal life. The body has been assumed by God himself and made holy. For this reason, the Church is called to show special reverence for the dignity of the embodied person and take care that each human person's bodily needs are met in a way that corresponds to his dignity as created in the image of God. From this deep reverence for the body of each person flows the corporal works of mercy.

"The Scriptural basis for the corporal works of mercy is the parable in the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus teaches his disciples about God's criteria for the Last Judgment (cf. Mt. 25:35-42). In this parable, the just and the unjust discover that in their merciful actions on behalf of the neighbor they have been merciful to the Lord Jesus, who identifies completely with the hungry, homeless, sick, imprisoned and even the dead. God, who is rich in mercy, invites His sons and daughters to imitate his abundant mercy and loving kindness towards His children."

### OFFER from the Office for Persons with Disabilities:

The Office for Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Metuchen, has a number of donated disability aids on hand which we would be happy to make available to anyone in the parish who might have need of them. They include wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, and porta-potties, plus other items. A complete list of available items has been provided to your parish office. If you have any questions, or wish to contact our office directly, please feel free to contact us at 732-765-6432 or e-mail: [catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com](mailto:catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com).

To request prayers for yourself or others, please call our 24 hour prayer line: 732-765-6431.

### PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

#### O God our Creator,

from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us

in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,

a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church

in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,

so that, with every trial withstood

and every danger overcome—

for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,

and all who come after us—

this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### St. Peter's Cemetery Mausoleum News....

There are brochures in the rear of the Church regarding the New Addition to our cemetery Chapel Mausoleum.

It's an ideal opportunity to investigate this important family responsibility. We want to help ease the financial and emotional strain that death inevitably places on the surviving members of a family. Most families are pleasantly surprised at how favorably entombment in the Mausoleum compares to the increasingly expensive cost of ground burial.

Therefore, we are offering a **special pre-planning discount**, and payment plans are available. It costs nothing to find out more about it. There is, of course, no obligation. For information just return the brochure reply card or call the parish office 732 545-6820.



The U.S. Catholic Bishops have scheduled the annual Fortnight for Freedom which is a call to fourteen days of prayer and action for religious freedom. This fifth *Fortnight for Freedom: 'Witnesses to Freedom'* will take place June 21 to July 4, 2016, during which time we celebrate a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power – St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome.

VISIT [www.Fortnight4Freedom.org](http://www.Fortnight4Freedom.org)

View a video on The Right to Religious Freedom (explaining Church teaching on religious freedom from *Dignitatis Humanae* and highlighting current challenges to religious freedom, including the HHS mandate and global religious persecution).

### NJ CATHOLIC ADVANCE DIRECTIVES FOR HEALTH CARE

The New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) Advance Directives for Health Care forms are available by contacting the Respect Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543. An English or Spanish copy can also be downloaded from the NJCC website:

[www.njcathconf.com/content/respect\\_life\\_living\\_will.php](http://www.njcathconf.com/content/respect_life_living_will.php)

In addition, *A Catholic Guide to End-of-Life Decisions* is a resource made available by the National Catholic Bioethics Center. This document provides a clear explanation of the Church's Teaching on end-of-life care, including advance directives and physician assisted suicide. Individual copies of this guide can be ordered and downloaded online at [www.ncbcenter.org](http://www.ncbcenter.org) by clicking on "publications."

### YES, THERE IS HOPE FOR POLITICIANS!

#### ST. THOMAS MORE

On June 22, the Church celebrated the fact that, despite all the cynicism about politicians and jokes about lawyers, one of their number has definitely made it to heaven! Moreover, besides rising to sanctity amidst the unholy company of Henry VIII, this saint and martyr also was a fabulous model of Christian fatherhood, a great example to reflect upon soon after much of the world observes Fathers Day. Get a glimpse into the heart of this man for all seasons by reading the following excerpt of St. Thomas More's letter to his daughter Margaret written from his prison cell in the tower of London.

*Although I know well, Margaret, that because of my past wickedness I deserve to be abandoned by God, I cannot but trust in his merciful goodness. His grace has strengthened me until now and made me content to lose goods, land, and life as well, rather than to swear against my conscience. God's grace has given the king a gracious frame of mind toward me, so that as yet he has taken from me nothing but my liberty. In doing this His Majesty has done me such great good with respect to spiritual profit that I trust that among all the great benefits he has heaped so abundantly upon me I count my imprisonment the very greatest. I cannot, therefore, mistrust the grace of God.*

*By the merits of his bitter passion joined to mine and far surpassing in merit for me all that I can suffer myself, his bounteous goodness shall release me from the pains of purgatory and shall increase my reward in heaven besides.*

*I will not mistrust him, Meg, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear. I shall remember how Saint Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: call upon Christ and pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning.*

*And finally, Margaret, I know this well: that without my fault he will not let me be lost. I shall, therefore, with good hope commit myself wholly to him. And if he permits me to perish for my faults, then I shall serve as praise for his justice. But in good faith, Meg, I trust that his tender pity shall keep my poor soul safe and make me commend his mercy.*

*And, therefore, my own good daughter, do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God wills. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.*

Saint Thomas More was born in 1477 and was educated at Oxford. He married and had one son and three daughters. While Chancellor in the king's Court, he wrote works on politics, culture, and in defense of the Catholic faith. At one time one of King Henry VIII's most trusted ministers, More was beheaded on July 6, 1535 by order of the King whom he and St. John Fisher had resisted in the matter of the King's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and remarriage to Ann Boleyn. His memorial is celebrated on June 22 together with that of St. John Fisher who was beheaded on this date.

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