



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 – Thursday 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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 732-668-6584
(for assessment of assistance needed, leave message
including name and contact number)

PARISH OFFICE

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St. Peter's Cemetery

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The Catholic Center at Rutgers University

84 Somerset Street
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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

Very Rev. Peter Cebulka, C.O. Provost

Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 6**

7:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. Intentions-Catholic Center Prayer Box

Tuesday, March 7 - Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

7:30 a.m. Kathleen & Patrick Cullinan
12:15 p.m. Marie Deegan

Wednesday, March 8 - St. John of God

7:30 a.m.
12:15 p.m. Mary M. O'Shea

Thursday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

7:30 a.m. Anne Egan
12:15 p.m. Mary V. O'Shea

Friday, March 10

7:30 a.m. William V. O'Shea
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Please note that we no longer have a 12:15pm Mass on Fridays.

Saturday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Aurelia Sterbenz
5:00 p.m. Veronica Kotsak

Sunday, March 12 - Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. Mary O'Shea
11:00 a.m. Maria Funari
8:00 p.m. For the People



Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Theresa Birdsey, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, 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, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia DePasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Michael Betchker, Sara Mette, Anne Marie Notarianni, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Steve Hrapsky, Joseph Mahoney, Helen Casey, Lorraine Fellin, Russell C. Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, Marlene Salimbene, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita DeGuzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, John Malleck, Elvera Renda, Claire D'Alonzo, *and all the sick, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military.*

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal *Ambassadors for Christ*

As of February 24, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$19,110.00 and payments totaling \$18,872.50 from 41 parishioners. This represents **38.2% of our \$50,000.00 goal.**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Peter's Church. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, deacons, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial giving also allows our hospital chaplains to minister to those experiencing physical and emotional pain and helps to prepare our seminarians for a life in the priesthood.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, **March 11/12**, which has been designated as ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Bishop's brief 4 minute Video Message will be presented in the Parish Hall after each Mass next weekend, March 11/12. Please stop downstairs right after Mass.

This Week's Readings

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Prayer Ambassadors for Christ

Lord God,
You appointed St. Paul your apostle to preach
the good news of salvation to the nations.
May his example and prayers inspire the faithful
of the Diocese of Metuchen to become
Ambassadors for Christ.

Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity
so that we may please you in our thoughts,
words and deeds and be witnesses to the
hope that does not disappoint.

You have given each of us different gifts
and made us your stewards
to generously share on earth the blessings
we have received through your goodness
so that the world may be reconciled to you.
May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints
be our constant encouragement
so that we may be
worthy ambassadors for your Son.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CARDINAL TOBIN, MOTHER OLGA TO LEAD 2017 WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTION, March 11 *Founder of CatholicMom.com Lisa Hendey is a Guest Speaker*

Women of the Archdiocese of Newark and beyond are invited to the annual 2017 Day of Reflection. This year's conference theme is *"Alive in Christ as Missionary Disciples."* The conference is **Saturday, March 11, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, at Seton Hall University's auditorium** located at 400 South Orange Avenue in South Orange. Registration is \$25 per attendee. Priests, Deacons and other religious are admitted free. Breakfast and lunch are included. For more information, and to register online, visit www.rcan.org/womcom, call 973-497-4545, or email CatholicWomen@rcan.org.

In addition to guest speakers and discussions, there will be an opportunity for Confession, and a celebration of Mass by **Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R.**



Lenten Resources

Free online Catholic resources are available.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE UP FOR LENT?

Lent is the perfect time to form new life-giving habits and abandon old self-destructive habits. But most of us just give up chocolate. Then, when Easter arrives, we realize we really haven't grown spiritually since the beginning of Lent.

Giving things up can help us to have a meaningful Lent, but that's not what Lent is really all about. Lent is about doing something—something bold to become a better husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, friend, neighbor, etc.

What if this year you did more than just give up something during Lent? Do something life-changing.

Here are options you can sign up online for that will be sent to you each day, or twice a week or just once a week. Whatever you sign up for, may your Lenten season be greatly blessed with graces that transform, liberate and heal you.

www.BestLentEver.com

by Dynamic Catholic

This year's Best Lent Ever program is based on Matthew Kelly's newest book, *Resisting Happiness*. That's the same book that we gave out at Christmas (we still have some copies available if you don't already have one). Sign up for **Best Lent Ever** and every day throughout Lent you will receive practical tips and inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team to empower you to have a truly meaningful Lent.

www.LentReflections.com

by Bishop Robert Barron

Each day from Ash Wednesday (March 1) through Easter Sunday (April 16), Bishop Barron will send you a short email with an uplifting reflection. The reflections are available in both English and Spanish; each pertain to the daily Gospel reading from Mass instead of being general spiritual reflections. This will help unite all of us even more to the Church's sacred liturgy. You will also receive a beautiful prayer graphic highlighting a quote from the reflection.

www.bibleandthesacraments.com/streaming

by Dr. Scott Hahn and other.

Complete *The Bible and the Sacraments Study* for free!

The goal of *The Bible and the Sacraments* is to understand where the sacraments come from, what they mean, and why they are so important and foundational to our Catholic faith.

Register for free access to *The Bible and the Sacraments* series and beginning on March 1 (Ash Wednesday) Your email address gives you access to each new video. Two new lessons will be posted each week and will be available for two weeks after the post date. Keep an eye out for a new email each week announcing that the new lessons are available.

www.biblestudyforcatholics.com/blog/

The Great Adventure Blog at Ascension Press

Get a weekly blog recap sent straight to your inbox! Includes a reflection by Jeff Cavins on the next Sunday's Gospel plus great Catholic articles.

Stewardship

A Way of Life

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

Financial Report for Last Month

Comparison between this year and last year,
by month and year-to-date

FEBRUARY 2017	\$22,410
FEBRUARY 2016	\$25,740
YTD 2017	\$52,946
YTD 2016	\$47,192

Thank you to all who help support the ordinary parish operation and ministries with your weekly contributions.

Respect for Life

As we begin the journey of Lent, we have clear cut choices to make, as spelled out in Deuteronomy, 30:19: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live..." Isn't it up to us to choose life and ignore the "false gods" of our culture telling us that the killing of the unborn is morally acceptable?

Catholic Charities Immigration Services

Office hours at 56 Throop Ave.

Mon and Thursday 9 am to 5pm

Tues and Wednesday 9 am to 7pm

Phone # 732 214 8743

A Pastoral Letter by Bishop James Checcio
available this weekend, March 4-5.

Be sure to pick up a copy of

The Catholic Spirit

or see the Diocesan website, <http://diometuchen.org/>

THE ROMANCE OF LENT, How to Give your Lent a Great Start By Edward Sri

The words Lent and romance typically don't go together. Lent brings to mind drudgery, sacrifice, and slogging through the dreary days of March without our favorite treats. What's romantic about that? Sure, we know we're supposed to give up something for Lent—"It's a good thing to do"—but for many of us, the whole season feels like one long "No".

At its essence, however, Lent is all about love. It's about creating more space in our hearts to hear God's voice. It's a time for re-kindling devotion to the Lord, so that we ardently say "Yes" to Him more in our lives. And one of the best ways we can do that is through fasting.

Fasting: Discovering the "Deep Caverns" of Your Soul

But don't think fasting is just about "giving something up." The heart of fasting is found in Jesus' response to the devil's first temptation in the wilderness. Jesus said, "Man does not live by bread alone." When we abstain a bit from the enjoyments of this world, we become more in touch with a deeper hunger in our souls that no food, drink or pleasure in this world can satisfy: our hunger and thirst for God.

St. John of the Cross taught that the soul has deep caverns which only the infinite God can fill. Yet when we feed our stomach whenever it's hungry, busy ourselves with constant activity, and amuse ourselves on screens at every spare moment, we not only become slaves to our appetites. We are distracted from our heart's deepest longing, which is for God.

Certainly, food, drink, activity, entertainments and sex are not bad. But they can never fill us. No matter how much savory food we eat, how much money we make, how many "likes" we receive, or how much sex we have, we are constantly longing for something more. One more bite, one more drink, one more click won't give us the fulfillment we seek. The deep caverns of our soul long to be filled, but, as St. John of the Cross explained, "anything less than the infinite fails to fill them."

Stepping back and abstaining from certain enjoyments in life helps free us from being enslaved to them and gives God room to draw out our deeper desire for Him. It reminds us of the profound truth St. Augustine expressed in his famous prayer to God, "You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You O God."

Fasting from Media

But fasting is not only about food. In the Catholic tradition, a similar pursuit of moderation has been applied to other things in life that aren't necessary, such as conversation, rest, media and entertainment. As one ancient hymn for the Lenten liturgy expressed, "Let us use sparingly words, food and drink, sleep and amusements. May we be more alert in the custody of our senses." Pope Francis and Pope Benedict have encouraged us to consider limiting our use of the internet, television and social media during Lent. Faced with constant noise and visual distraction—incessant beeps, vibrations, images and updates—it's hard for us to truly encounter God and the people God has placed in our lives. Fasting from various forms of media can help cultivate more silence in our lives so that we can hear God and see the people right around us. As Blessed Mother Teresa once said, "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence. We need silence to be able to touch souls."

Tricky Tray News!

Thanks to all those who voted for St. Peter's Tricky Tray. For the second year in a row, we were voted the 4th Best Tricky Tray in the Tri-State area! We are already gearing up to make this year's event better than ever! Please consider joining our team. We meet once a month on a Sunday after the 11am mass. We will meet for the first time this year on Sunday, March 12th at Noon in the Archives Room. Light refreshments will be served and all meetings are wrapped up by 1pm.

We will start up our Basket of the Month collection in March. Our first basket will be no surprise...Spring Cleaning! We will collect everything and anything you could use for cleaning, sponges, brushes, pails, detergents, soap, you name it. Please place your items in the basket that will be in the back of church and as always, thank you for your support.

2nd Sunday Food Collection— March 11th/12th

One of the ways we are able to perform the Lenten practice of *almsgiving* is by giving to those in need. Here at St. Peter's, we would like to re-establish our **second Sunday of the month** practice of donating food for the food banks. Very often it is the "working poor" who are in need of food. Families who struggle to make ends meet often find themselves with not enough money to buy food. Your donation helps to ease the burden of those in our community who are in need of our support. Please bring your donations next week and place them in the basket at the right entrance of the church (confessional side) in the basket marked "Food Donations". We will be collecting non-perishable items such as rice, beans, cereal, canned vegetables, pasta, etc. Please do not bring glass items or any that have expired.

This is a practice that we would like to continue throughout the year, not just during Lent. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Lord, when did I see You hungry and feed You? Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: 36, 40

Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Collection

If you haven't already done so, please return the baby bottles that were distributed in February. Bottles may be returned at all Masses next weekend or dropped off at the parish office. All funds collected will benefit the Action Pregnancy Center located in New Brunswick. Action Pregnancy Center offers practical help, counseling and encouragement to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Thank you for your support.



St. Peter's Young Adults Upcoming Events

Monthly Young Adult Night
Wednesday, March 8 at 7:30 PM
The Catholic Center

Evening Prayer
Wednesdays at 7 PM
The Catholic Center

Service Opportunity: Visiting the Elderly
Saturday, March 11 at 10:30 AM
Parker Home, New Brunswick

For more info:
www.stpetertheapostle.org/YA
stpetersyanb@gmail.com

Effective immediately Monday AND Friday Adoration will be in the Catholic Center Chapel Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

- Mondays from **1pm-10 pm**
- Fridays from **8am-5pm**

To sign up online for a time to spend with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament go to either
<http://catholic-center.rutgers.edu/adoration> or
<http://stpetertheapostle.org/> and follow the link to Eucharistic Adoration. If you have questions contact Ryan O'Shaughnessy at ryan.osha@spoweb.org.

7th Annual Catholic Deafest

Sponsored by Pastoral teams throughout New Jersey who work with the Deaf, this event will take place
Saturday, March 25 at Our Lady of Peace Parish,
1740 US Rt. 130 North, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Doors open at 9am and the day concludes
with Mass at 5:30pm.

Free admission. Free lunch.

Lots of special exhibits of interest.

The special presenter will be Fr. Ray Fleming,
a deaf priest from the Diocese of Rochester, NY.

To register, please email: catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com or
call 856-283-3962 (ask for Kate).

Deadline to register is March 12, 2017.



Do you seek information or have questions about Catholic Marriage, Engagement, Marriage Preparation, Parenting, Family, Church Teaching, Enrichment...and more? Here's another great resource that is readily available to you.

www.foryourmarriage.org

CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Diocese of Metuchen

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**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 an infirmity. Hospitals do not notify parishes.

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Don't Just Give Up

Give More

How to Report Sexual Abuse

If you were sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement, through the diocesan website (diometuchen.org), or by calling Lawrence Nagle, diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection, (732) 562-2413.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2017-2018

TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning **January 30, 2017**. **The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment**. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **Friday, March 31, 2017**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

**NEW BRUNSWICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #257
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

2017 Robertson/Sartoretto Memorial Scholarship

Open to any student from the Parishes of Holy Family or St. Peter's, New Brunswick, or is a family member of a member of Council #257. Any 8th through 12th grade student may apply. 8th graders must be going to a Catholic HS and others must be a enrolled in a Catholic HS or a relative of a Council #257 member, living or deceased.

Applications are available from the Parish offices or by emailing: NBKofK257@aol.com. **Application deadline is March 19, 2017. Any inquires or questions may be emailed to NBKofK257@aol.com.**

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Courage
of Central New Jersey

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couragec.org

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