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December 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.*, 11:15 a.m.*

Holy Days: 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. *Nursery is available in the school during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Masses

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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BAPTISMS

Please call the parish office at least six weeks in advance before you make any arrangements. Parents are required to attend a Baptism Class that is offered once a quarter.

WEDDINGS

Call the parish office at least six months in advance of the intended marriage. Please set no dates until the priest performing the ceremony has been consulted and the church of marriage is available. Couples must attend a Pre Cana class.

FLOWERS

If you wish to have flowers on the altar for a specific weekend, please call the parish office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you have not yet had an opportunity to register in the parish, please take a Census Form from the narthex of the church or go to the parish website for instructions.

"All Are Welcome"



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2015



	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
SUNDAY	James Kelley	William & Gina Fischer
	Eddie Fahey	Sheila & Ron Winders
	Renato Puiatti	Pam Rabusin
MONDAY	St. Peter the Apostle Family and Friends	
TUESDAY	Suzanne Saseen	
	Frank Hester	
WEDNESDAY	Frances Ebberwein	Her Loving Family
THURSDAY	Dr. Maurice Whiddon	Paula & John Hubert
FRIDAY	Jim Cawell	Vincent & Maureen Bracco
SATURDAY	Robert Gildersleeve, Jr.	Theresa & Tommy Abernathy and Carolyn Harper



Our "Together...Continuing the Vision" Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is most important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS SECOND

COLLECTION Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a *Holy Day of Obligation*. Masses will be

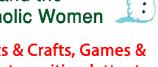
celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please make every effort to attend Mass with your family that day.

Journey Thru Santa Land

The annual Santa Land is almost here....

Come explore Santa Land on Sunday December 13th in the Parish Center starting at 10am

**A Free event sponsored by the Parish and the Council of Catholic Women



Lots of fun with Arts & Crafts, Games & prizes, visit with Santa, writing letter to Santa & more!!!

Santa Land for Kids 10 years and under

2ND SUNDAY BREAKFAST... Knight of Columbus will be serving breakfast at \$8 for adults, \$5 for kids 11yrs & older.

*** Kids 10 & under eat free ***



The Beason of Advent



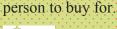
HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE Our parish will hold our annual food drive that will run through December 18th. We are out of everything, but we are especially in need of canned meats/fish such as tuna, chicken, stews, etc. Please keep in mind that these donations help many families in our area who are in need for the holidays.

ST NICHOLAS PROJECT The Advent Season is upon us and it is time to focus on helping those who are less fortunate within our community. Please take a paper from the basket in the narthex, purchase the item on the paper, wrap it with the paper on the outside and return it to the church no later than **December 14th**. All gifts go to local agencies to help the needy in our area. Questions, call Cathy Scanlon at 897-6664. God bless you for your continued generosity and



kindness.

As our thoughts turn toward the upcoming Advent Season, it is time to focus on helping those who are less fortunate. In the past, the generosity of our parishioners has helped a number of people in our area. In addition to our annual St. Nicholas project, we are looking for people to buy gifts for specific individuals in need in our community. If you would like to help with this very worthy project, please call Cathy Scanlon at 897-6664 to receive information about a





CCD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT We invite all parishioners and friends to the CCD Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, December 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the church. Come and see the beautiful performance of the birth of Our Lord and Savior presented by the students in our CCD program.



PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE will take place on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. There will be a number of priests available to hear private confessions that evening. Come and prepare spiritually for the birth of Our Lord and Savior.

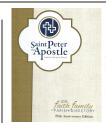


"MCTEACHER NIGHT" AT MCDONALD'S will take place at the Wilmington Island McDonald's on Wednesday, December 9th. Please come out and support our 8th grade Fundraiser anytime from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. A percentage of all dine-in, carry-out and drive-thru sales will go to the 8th grade.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 29, 2015: \$14,009.00 November 22, 2015: \$13,565.50 November 15, 2015: \$12,230.00 November 8, 2015: \$17.881.00 Weekly Goal: \$18,370.00 Fiscal YTD: \$332,555.07 Fiscal YTD +/-: -\$71,589.93

(Fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30) Thank you for your most generous gifts to the Stewardship of Treasure. The offertory is the primary means of support for the parish and provides programs and services to our parishioners and community



FAITH FAMILY Parish Directories are HERE! If you had your family portrait taken during our pictorial campaign last spring, please come by the parish office to pick up your FREE Faith Family Parish Directory. At this time, we can only distribute directories

to those who participated in the picture sessions.



MYSTERIOUS SANTA is coming again to nursing centers, hospitals, and shut-ins. They need teddy bears and other stuffed toys. Please bring them in a bag and leave

in the church narthex or parish office. For more information, call Jim at 897-2666.



GOLD AND SILVER ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples celebrating their Silver and Gold (25th and 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2016 are invited to



breakfast and a special Mass in their honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, February 17, 2016 with Bishop Gregory Hartmayer. Those wishing to attend should contact the parish office at 897-5156 or register online at https://www.diosav.org/familylifemarriage-jubilee *no later than December 15th.*



INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

NETWORK families will be staying at our parish the week of December 27th through January 2nd. Volunteers are needed to cook meals, entertain the children and spend the night. There will

be a sign up next weekend at all Masses. Any questions, please call Cathy Scanlon at 897-6664 or Paula Hubert at 897-5156.



EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE: "MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER"

December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016 How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God. May the balm of mercy reach everyone,

both believers and those far away, as a sign that the kingdom of God is already present in our midst."

-Pope Francis

Please be aware of the VERY early **BULLETIN DEADLINES** in December to have any information including Mass
Intentions published in our weekly bulletin:

December 20th bulletin: deadline is
Wednesday, December 9th at noon
December 27th bulletin: deadline is
Tuesday, December 15th at noon
January 3rd bulletin: deadline is Tuesday,
December 22nd at noon





UPDATE



Thank you again to all of the sponsors, golfers, tennis players and volunteers who supported our Annual SPA Golf and Tennis Tournament. The net proceeds for the Parish Tuition Assistance Fund was \$9,353!!

Thank you for supporting the students of St. Peter the Apostle School who are receiving a Catholic education with the help of this fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 4-6 YEAR OLDS</u> takes place during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. The children come to Mass with their family and then before the readings will be taken to the Youth Center by their teachers for age appropriate lessons. Children are to be picked up at the Youth Center after Mass.

<u>CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY</u> meets at 10:00 a.m. in the parish center room #2. For more information, email Tom Madison at tmad1204@yahoo.com. *They will not meet this Sunday December 6th*.

LIFETEEN will meet this Sunday in the Youth Center from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

R.C.I.A. meets every Monday at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Center room #1. For more information, please call Lisa Fogarty in the parish office at 897-5156.

WOMEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP will meet this Monday at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Mary Smith.

<u>THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH</u> meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. in the parish center room #2 for prayer and discussion of Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are welcome.

<u>WOMEN'S SCRIPTURE STUDY</u> meets every Wednesday from 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. in the parish center room #2. For information, please call Irene Nave at 667-9099 or Cathy Scanlon at 897-6664.

<u>CCD</u> classes are held in the school on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the school. All those students in grades K-12 who do not attend a Catholic school should be attending CCD. For more information, contact Paula Hubert at phubert@spacsav.net. <u>MEN'S CLUB</u> will have their Christmas party this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Anyone interested in joining are welcome to attend.

FOREVER YOUNG will have a Christmas Concert with Mary Zumer and Margaret Delorme in the church this Friday, December 11th. A covered dish lunch will follow in the parish center. Please bring a dish to share and a white elephant gift wrapped and marked "male", "female" or "miscellaneous".

THE ROSARY is recited every weekday at 7:00 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Daily Chapel. All are welcome.



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For information, tours or to shadow at St. Peter the Apostle School, call 897-5224.



Curriculum Coordinator - Helena Russell - hrussell@spasav.net Secretary - Michelle Carbo - mcarbo@spasav.net Communication Coordinator -Ana Portman-aportman@spasav.net

St. Peter the Apostle School wins 1st and 3rd Place in the Westin Gingerbread Competition







McDonald's on Wilmington Island is sponsoring McTeacher Night for St. Peter the Apostle School Wednesday, December 9th, 5 to 8pm Join us and show *your* support!

St. Peter the Apostle School Events

Sunday, December 6, 2015
-Gator Ball 3-5pm
-Science Fair

Monday, December 7, 2015
-Science Fair
-Geo Bee practice 3-4pm
-BB Practice 3-8:30pm in PC

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 -Rosary in the Daily Chapel Grades 2-5, 8:15am

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

-A Christmas Carol - Hampstead
-Yearbook Meeting 3:00
-Rocky Times Mtg. 3:00-3:30
-Rosary Club 3:00
-Equestrian Club
-Geo Bee practice 3-4pm
-McTeacher Night 5 - 8pm

Thursday, December 10, 2015 -Polar Express Day: PK3, PK4, K & 8th -Choir Practice 3-4pm

Friday, December 11, 2015
-Out-of-Uniform for Advent
Angels
-Sav. Music Festival fieldtrip K, 1
& 2
-Robotics Club

Saturday, December 12, 2015
-6th grade Girls BB Prac. 9:00am
-5th grade Girls BB Prac. 10:30
-Gator Ball 3-5pm

Sunday, December 13, 2015 -Gator Ball 3-5pm Our 6th Grade students are currently learning about History, Culture, & Life in Western Europe.

Mrs. Clanton, grandmother to one of our grade students, visited us to talk to the students about life in Germany following World War II.

She also brought apple cake treats for the students.



Students at SPA School collected 1,461 canned goods and non-perishable goods for families.





TOGETHER we live, pray, learn and serve, TOGETHER we make a difference.

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Saint Peter the Apostle School exists to provide a quality Catholic education based on Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Following the traditions of the Sisters of Mercy, the school educates through a strong academic program and instills in its students a spirit of mercy, justice, and loving concern.



SAY YES TO GRACE!

GRACE Scholars is accepting pre-registration for 2016 tax credits and we need your help again!

Don't Delay - December 15, 2015 is the last date to pre-register!

Here's how pre-registration works: When you pre-register, you authorize GRACE Scholars to submit your tax credit application to the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) online portal. GRACE will input the applications on January 1, 2016—the first date that the DOR will accept 2016 applications.

What happens next? After you pre-register, you will receive an email from GRACE Scholars confirming the receipt of your information. After GRACE enters your tax credit application on January 1, the DOR will have 30 days to issue a letter of approval. You can make your contribution during a 60-day period starting the date of the approval letter. After the 60-day period expires, your tax credit will be void, and no extensions are possible.

Say yes to helping deserving students enjoy the blessings of a Catholic education.

Say yes to Archbishop Gregory and Bishop Hartmayer's key initiative for making Catholic education more available, affordable and accessible.

Say yes to a moment of personal empowerment and give witness to religious freedom by redirecting your taxes to a cause you cherish.

Your contributions to GRACE Scholars are making a difference in the lives of very deserving students. Please preregister NOW for your 2016 tax credit! If you have any questions, call Clare Zeigler in the parish office or go to gracescholars.org for information



RETROUVAILLE-A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COURLES Every marriage travels through difficult

COUPLES Every marriage travels through difficult times, some more challenging than others. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to get through the tough times. Couples slowly and quietly drift apart, or are being torn apart by terrible words and actions. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend is January 15th - 17th in an Augusta hotel. For more information or to register call 706-869-8434 or retroquinn@knology.net.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING Are you interested in being trained in the Sympto-Thermal Method of Natural Family Planning? If so, please attend one of the training sessions held monthly at St. Anne's Church Holy Family Hall in Richmond Hill. The dates of the classes are: December 7 and January 11th. The cost is \$75 and includes most materials. Couples, either engaged or married, or singles, are welcome. For more information, contact Betsy DeBry at 659-8244 or email her at betsydebry@comcast.net.



PARISH MISSION - "DIVINE MERCY IN THE GOSPELS" will be presented at St. Peter the Apostle Parish January 31st through February 3rd. This is the year the Pope has declared as the "Holy Year of Mercy". During the mission, we will gather each evening in the church for a series of

presentations on the Infinite Mercy of God, as shown to us in the Gospel of St. Luke:

- Ask for Mercy: The Prodigal Son
- Be Merciful to Others: The Good Samaritan
- Confidence in Mercy: The Sinful Woman
- ◆ The Cross: Wellspring of Infinite Divine Mercy Each evening will include Confession and Adoration (6:00 p.m.) and a presentation at 7:00 p.m. by Fr. Ben Cameron, C.P.M.

ABUSE HOTLINE NUMBER: To report sexual abuse of a minor by a Diocese of Savannah employee or volunteer, call the abuse hotline number at 888-357-5330 or the Office for the Protection of Children and Young People, 201-4073/4. To read diocesan policy on sexual abuse of minors, go to the diocesan site at www.diosav.org/childyouthprotection.



+++Pray for the Recently Deceased+++

Donald Keen (father of Mark Keen), David DeBorde (uncle of Richard DeBorde)



+++ Pray for the Sick +++

<u>AT HOME SICK</u>: Janice Johnson, Harris Orsini, Ann Carter, Mike Sievers, Joe Lancaster, Chris Fanning, Jay Maney, Patsy Chan, Ted Migchelbrink, Linda Migchelbrink, Edward Fitzgerald, III, Julia Dyer Strickland, Mary Park, John Delorme, Gilbert McMahon, Hank Henries, Susan Doyle, Sarah Moak, Thomas Sanders, Delaine Sumner, Joe Gassen, Mary Ann King, Claire Cramer, Gayle Selcow, David Lowe, Andre Auguste

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES: Summer Breeze - Frances McBride, Sebastian Orsini, Patricia Gunderson, Ruby Deaton, Margaret Murray, Doris Ramagosa, Mary Kelley, Joe DeVita, John & Ellen Snedeker Savannah Square - Rose Carter, Elvera Bakstran Kindred Transitional Care - Charlie Parker Buckingham South - Estelle Carter Tara - Stella Lamas

OUT OF TOWN SICK: Barbara Miller (cousin of Carol Mesaros), Chris Gilmore (nephew of Hugh Gilmore), James Deere (cousin of Rose Larkin), Karen Simon-Poland (sister of Monica Dodd), Ellie DeLucia (granddaughter of Carmella DeLucia), John Pyrtle (friend of the Willis family), Joe Harty (brother of Veva Shuman), Anna O'Brien, Devon Bushey (nephew of Peter Preston), Harold & Myra Young (parents of John Young), Kyley Cornwell (friend of Helen Counihan), Abby Pruitt, Clara Russo (sister-in-law of Sarah & Tim Fogarty), Jake Morgan (son of Dave & Kim Morgan), Mercedes Agramonte (Bebita) (grandmother of Ana Portman), Leonard Ledford (brother of Connie Baran), Margaret Forrest (grandmother of John Povanda), Rachel Elliott (grand-daughter of Mary Boniface), Arra Hayden (grandmother of Melissa DeLong), Joe Neagle (father of Frank Neagle), Charlotte & Pete Eggink (sister & brother-in-law of John O'Neil), Peter Burns, Brandon Kennedy, Elizabeth Gabriel (niece of Cindy Kindred), Bob Capparell (son of Janet Hubbs), Eddie Solomon (brother of Gloria Stettler), Erin Fountain (grand-daughter of Peggy Fountain)

St. Peter the Apostle Parish and School Upcoming Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 6	December 7 Rosary 7am	December 8 Rosary 7am	December 9 Rosary 7am	December 10 Rosary 7am	December 11 Rosary 7am	December 12
Coffee & Donuts after all Masses Sunday School 4-6 year olds 9am Mass Lifeteen 6:30-8pm	R.C.I.A. 5:45 pm parish center rm#1 Women's Discussion Group 7:15 pm at Mary Smith's house	Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation Masses at 8:30 am and 7pm	Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am PC rm#2 Women's Scripture Study 1:45 - 3pm parish center rm#2 CCD 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm church	Men's Club 7pm MPR	Forever Young 11:30 am	
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