# Saint Peter Apostle Catholic Parish & School

### **December 8, 2019** Second Sunday of Advent

Readings on page 809

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.

econciliation

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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



# 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.

# 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.

7020 CONCORD ROAD P.O. BOX 30859 SAVANNAH, GA 31410 912-897-5156 • 912-897-7924 (FAX) 



#### PASTOR FR. MICHAEL J. KAVANAUGH frkavanaugh@spacsav.net

**IN RESIDENCE** MSGR. P. JAMES COSTIGAN msgrcostigan@spacsav.net

DEACON MICHAEL AMATO mamato@spacsav.net

#### PARISH STAFF

LINDA WILHARM lwilharm@spacsav.net

CLARE ZEIGLER czeigler@spacsav.net

STEVE MASTRANGELO Account Manager smastrangelo@spacsav.net

PAULA HUBERT CCD/Sunday School Coordinator phubert@spacsav.net

MAC WILLIAMS Youth Minister mwilliams@spacsav.net

SR. TERENTIA HYNES, MFIC Pastoral Associate thynes@spacsav.net

#### MUSIC MINISTRY

MARY ZUMER Music Ministry Director & Adult Choir Director

MARGARET DELORME Organist

ANA PORTMAN Youth Choir Director

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHN HUMPHRIES jhumphriesjr@gmail.com

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT ABBY McCUEN abbymccuen@gmail.com

PARISH FINANCE CHAIR BRIAN THORSTAD brianthorstad@hotmail.com





# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8, 2019



#### **INTENTION**

#### REQUESTED BY

SUNDAY	Anna Chuc Nguyen	John & Kathy Miskiewicz
	Chu Family	
	Special Intention	Patricia & Horace Leysath
	Maureen Caso	Page & Ginny Haberlin
MONDAY	Anna Chuc Nguyen	
	Arlene Lewis	
	Margaret Mathews	Frank Mathews
TUESDAY	Special Intention	Jeff Morris
WEDNESDAY	Anna Chuc Nguyen	
THURSDAY	Marjorie DeHaven (birthday)	
FRIDAY	Charles Johnson	George & Terri Henry
SATURDAY	Joanie Baczynski	



The four pillars of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to their baptismal call to discipleship. Individually, each baptized person is called to give of time, talent and treasure to strengthen these four pillars that support the parish community.

**Together We Strive, We Act, We Live** 



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is December 8th, however, the feast will be celebrated on Monday,

December 9th because Sundays in Advent take precedence over any other feast. When the celebration is transferred, rather than naturally falling on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass does not transfer with it. However, we encourage everyone to attend Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, December 9th at either 8:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.



#### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend are in memory of Teresa Romero Harker, requested by Stella & Bobby Hardman.



SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION THIS weekend at all Masses, there will be a second collection for *Religious Retirement*. Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack financial

resources sufficient to meet the retirement and health care needs of aging members. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



#### K OF C SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST will be served after both the 7:30 AND 9:00 a.m. Masses THIS Sunday,

December 8th. Everyone is invited to come to the parish center after Mass to enjoy a scrumptious all-inclusive breakfast buffet, including a made-to order omelet station. Come and support our Islands Council Knights of Columbus.



ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT During the Advent Season, we focus on helping those in our community who are less fortunate. There is a basket of cards with gift requests that will be in the narthex through December 15th. Please take a card, purchase the item, wrap it with the card on the outside, and bring the item to the church no later than December 18th. All of these donations go to the Social Apostolate, Union Mission, and Savannah Cares.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



**HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE** Our parish in now holding the annual Food Drive that will run through December 22nd. We are in need of canned meats/fish such as tuna, chicken, stews; canned fruit, rice, soups, cereal, and any other non-perishable items. We do have an overabundance of canned vegetables, so those are not need

at this time.

# TIME IS RUNNING OUT **TO DONATE!** GRACE SCHOLARS

GRACE Scholars is accepting pre-registrations until **December 15th** for 2020 education tax credits. You can pre-register online at the GRACE website at gracescholars.org or request a paper form at

askgrace@gracescholars.org. Be a part of our 2020 initiative to change lives by providing scholarships to deserving students at St. Peter the Apostle School. You win by receiving a 100% state income tax credit and St. Peter the Apostle School families win by being able to choose a Catholic education for their child. For more information, please visit the GRACE website or call 404-920-7900, or email Clare Zeigler in the parish office at czeigler@spacsav.net. Give yourself credit and join us for 2020!





#### IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!! EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR **CHRISTMAS**

The holidays are quickly approaching and our bulletin publisher has early deadlines to help meet their shipping schedule. Any information, including Mass Intentions must be sent to Clare Zeigler in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. on the following dates: December 15th: due Monday, December 9th December 22nd: due Wednesday, December 11th December 29th: due Wednesday, December 18th January 5th: due Monday, December 23rd



FAMILY PROMISE We once again will be hosting families Promise through the Family Promise of Greater Savannah Program December 28th through January 4th. We will need parishioners to help make their stay enjoyable. Call Cathy Scanlon at 663-7173 for information or if you would like to help. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.



FOREVER YOUNG CHRISTMAS PARTY will be take place on Friday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. in the parish

center. Lunch will be catered - cost \$20 per person -**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**, pay at the door. The Children's Choir will entertain and we will play Santa Bingo. Call John or Terri Humphries or the parish office to reserve your place.



# UPCOMING EVENTS



<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 4-6 YEAR OLDS</u> is held during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Children come to Mass with their family and then before the readings they receive a blessing from the celebrant and leave the sanctuary with their teachers for a Lectionary based lesson in the Youth Center. They will return to the sanctuary at Communion. December 15th will be the last Sunday School until we resume after the Christmas holidays on January 12th.

<u>CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY</u> will meet this Sunday from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the parish office conference room. They are studying the Gospel of Mark. For more information, contact Tom Madison at tmad1204@yahoo.com. EDGE will meet this Sunday from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the youth center for faith and fun.

**R.C.I.A.** meets on Monday evenings in the parish center room #1 at 5:30 p.m. Please call Sr. Terentia at 897-5156 or email thynes@spacsav.net for information. We ask our parishioners and friends to please pray for our eight R.C.I.A. candidates as they embark on this new path of their Faith Journey. The R.C.I.A. Christmas party will be held at the rectory on December 16th. Classes will resume on January 6th.

<u>CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> will be held this Tuesday in the parish center at 6:30 p.m. Call Claudia for more info. <u>MEN'S CLUB</u> will meet this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the parish center room #1.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY** are meeting on the Wednesdays in December in the church from 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. to discuss the weekly Advent Scripture readings. For more information, call Cathy Scanlon at 897-5224.

<u>CCD CLASSES</u> Any student in grades K-8 who does not attend a Catholic school should be attending CCD. Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the school. On December 18th, we invite all CCD families as well as all parishioners to our Christmas Pageant in the church at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Paula Hubert at phubert@spacsav.net. CCD classes will resume on January 8th.

<u>ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE</u> is held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Anyone interested in joining the choir is most welcome and should contact Mary Zumer at m.zumer4@gmail.com.

<u>CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY</u> is held on Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. All are welcome. <u>THE MEN OF ST. JOSEPH</u> meet every Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. in the parish office conference room for prayer and discussion of Sunday's gospel. All men of the parish are welcome

**THE ROSARY** is recited every weekday at 7:00 a.m., Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. (when school is in session) and 6:30 p.m. in the Daily Chapel, and 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays in the Adoration Chapel.

**MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION** is held every Thursday following morning Mass in the church.



SAVANNAH DEANERY CCW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

at St. Frances Cabrini parish hall. All Catholic women are invited to attend (you do not have to be active in a CCW). This is a catered lunchcost is \$20 per person. Call Claudia Piccoli for information or to reserve tickets.



SAVANNAH DEANERY

**YOUTH** will hold a Christmas Carnival for the less fortunate in Forsyth Park on Sunday, December 15th from 12:30-3:00

p.m. Lifeteen will be helping with the carnival games and serving lunch. All volunteers are asked to be at the tennis court end of the park at 12:30 p.m. We will provide a late lunch for our teens after the program is over. Parents can pickup at 3:00 p.m. Thank you for sharing your time and talent! (There will be NO LIFETEEN MASS).



The Most Reverend Gregory Hartmayer, OFM Conv., invites all couples celebrating their Silver or Gold (25th or 50th) Wedding Anniversaries in 2020 to join him in celebrating the **Gold & Silver Wedding Jubilee Anniversary Mass** in your honor at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Sunday, February 23rd at 11:30 a.m. Those wishing to attend should register online at diosav.org/familylife-marriage-jubilee or call the parish office no later than December 18th.



Offered Monday 8 a.m. until Wednesday 11 p.m. Be One in the Adoration Chapel with Jesus



Curriculum Coordinator - Helena Russell - hrussell@spasav.net Communication Coordinator - Ana Portman-aportman@spasav.net School Secretary: Shandra Peecksen-speecksen@spasav.net

### Principal - Mrs. Wynter Kelly

wkelly@spasav.net

For more information, to shadow for a day, or to schedule a tour call 897-5224.



Our students participated in the annual Gingerbread Competition at the Westin. We won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the *Children's* category with, "I'm Dreaming of a Pink Christmas." We won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the *Youth* category with "Old McDonald Had a Farm." We also took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the *Teen* category with the "Cathedral of St. John the Baptist'. A huge thank you to Señora Portman and Mrs. Whiddon for their guidance and expertise and to all of our students who helped make this project a success! Congratulations! Together we Create! Make sure to stop by the Westin to see the Gingerbread Village on display.

## St. Peter the Apostle School Events

Sunday, December 8, 2019 -Youth Choir singing at 9:00am Mass

> Monday, December 9, 2019 - 8th grade exams -Yearbook Meeting 3:15pm

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 - 8th grade exams -Rosary 8:15am -Rocky Times Meeting 3:00pm

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 - 8th grade exams -Divine Mercy Club 3:00pm -Equestrian Club

Thursday, December 12, 2019 -Youth Choir Practice 3:00pm - School Penance Service (grades 3-8)

> Friday, December 13, 2019 -Robotics Club 3:00pm





TOGETHER we live, pray, learn and serve, TOGETHER we make a difference.P.O. Box 304607020 Concord RoadSavannah, Georgia 31410school@spasav.netp. 912.897.5224f. 912.897.0801

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.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

	OI INDING
December 1, 2019:	\$17,453.80
November School Support:	\$ 2,772.00
November 24, 2019:	\$14,407.20
November 17, 2019:	\$17,673.70
November 10, 2019:	\$23,143.70
November 3, 2019:	\$17,314.20
2019/20 Weekly Goal:	\$17,788.00
2019/20 Fiscal YTD:	\$363,790.53
2019/20 Fiscal YTD+/-:	-\$ 28,219.47
2018/19 Fiscal YTD:	\$370,802.36

(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, support, and services to our parishioners, school, and community.

FORMED THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

**FORMED** has been simplified! No Code Needed! Just go to

www.myspa.formed.org to find Catholic movies, books, audios and more! It's "Netflix for Catholics" provided to you free of charge by St. Peter the Apostle Parish! It is easier than ever for you to enjoy your subscription to FORMED! Just download the Free FORMED app and start enjoying great video and audio wherever you go. Learn more at app.formed.org.



**MYSTERIOUS SANTA** and his helpers visit patients in hospitals and nursing homes on Christmas Day and bring them stuffed animals. If you would like to volunteer to be a helper, please call Carol 354-7827

or Pete 356-1447. Also, donations of new or gently used stuffed animals are needed to bring to the patients. Please bring them to the parish office.

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT** You are invited to participate in a discernment retreat where a group of young men will gather to learn more about the Priesthood and to pray asking God for guidance in regards to their calling in life. The retreat starts with lunch on Friday, December 20th at Little Ocmulgee State Park in Helena, GA (south of Dublin), and ends on Saturday, December 21st after lunch. If you are unable to arrive until Friday evening, you are still welcome to come. For more information, email or call Maggie Blanc at mmblanc@diosav.org or 201-4126. Register at www.diosav.org/vocations/retreat. There is no charge.



The Diocese of Savannah will be hosting Prayer and Action on December 27-29. Prayer and Action offers a mission experience close to home and provides 12 service hours. It is open to all high school teens and will be hosted at St. Peter the Apostle. For more information or to register, visit the Diocese website at diosav.org/oyyam-prayerandaction.



Savannah Area Interfaith Justice Ministry (SAIJM)

SAIJM is a group of approximately 50 congregations, so far, that are coming together to identify and address social justice issues of concern to the

Savannah area. Fr. Kavanaugh has been involved with the group since it began to form a few months ago. As individual congregations we don't have significant "clout" with the city and/or county governments in seeking improvements in our community. As an organization representing thousands of church, temple, mosque, and synagogue members, we can accomplish great things. In other locations, such groups have targeted affordable housing, public safety, public transportation, among other things, and worked with local governments to respond to these needs in their communities. The next SAIJM meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, at Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship, 425 W. Montgomery Crossroads. If you are interested in this work, you are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Fr. Kavanaugh.

**CCHD ART CONTEST** The 2020 multimedia contest theme is "More than a Roof", highlighting the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to address the root causes of poverty in the US. Students in grades 7-12 can use any medium (music, painting, video, PowerPoint, short story, poetry, drama or photography). The entry deadline for the Diocese of Savannah is February 15, 2020. For more information, contact Cynthia Kinnis at ckinnis@diosav.org or 201-4058.

**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 +++

Mary Schmitt, Augie Sanders (husband of Emily Sanders), Craig Harney



+++Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord+++

### +++ Pray for Our Loved Ones +++

HOSPITALS: Candler - Joe Sauers, Jr., Maddie Bell, Donnie Bell Memorial - Jerry Lanser
<u>AT HOME SICK</u>: Mike & Nancy Sievers, Jean Nixon, Mike Foster, Lily Stuckey, Claire Barsic, Andrea
Richardson, Patsy Chan, Mary Hollis, Sandy Keller, Jim Cone, Bob & RoseAnn Behrens, Joe Warenzak, Ryan
Plumbley, Fr. Jeremiah McCarthy, Jeff Smith, Robert Braver, Twyla Sweeney, Joey Allen
<u>NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES</u>: Summer Breeze - Patricia Gunderson, Mary
Kelley, Hazel Barker, Joan Valoze, Jean Phillips, John Annunziata, Sadie Kramer, Emily Sanders, Richard
Yarbrough, Joan & Frank Demcsak, Marion Harkleroad, Eddie & Delaine Sumner, Beth Hill, William Brewer,
Evelyn Edminster, Eleanor Cerbone, Frank Mathews, Vincent Ferraro Buckingham South - Brother Robert
Sokolowski, Peter Hogan, Carol Walsh Encompass Rehab - Tricia Christensen, Betty Carbo, Morningside:
Richard Kankiewicz Habersham House Al Remler

<u>OUT OF TOWN SICK</u>: Anna O'Brien, Erin Fountain (grand-daughter of Peggy Fountain), Joe Lancaster (brother of Cate Fahey), Sarah Moak (daughter of Susan Parsley), Mary Girgis (sister of Helen Workman), Camillus Gassen, Maison Kennedy, Ed Walsh (brother of Kathy Miskiewicz), Harvey Boxer (cousin of Page & Ginny Haberlin), Bourke Cannon (son of Bobby & Connie Cannon), Doug Kulway (brother-in-law of Frances & Bob Beidler), Mr. & Mrs. Angel (parents of Fr. Fredy Angel), Joseph Rehal (nephew of Francesca Rehal), Lauren Tignor

	S	t. Peter tl	he Apostle	Parish		6	
December Sunday	St. Peter the Apostle Parish Upcoming Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
December 8 K of C Second Sunday Breakfast after 7:30 AND 9am Masses Sunday School for 4-6 year olds at 9am Mass Catholic Scripture Study 10-11 parish office conference room Edge 4:30-6pm	December 9 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30 am and 7pm RCIA 5:30 pm parish center rm#1 Eucharistic Ador	December 10 Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm Adoration Chapel Men's Club 6:30 pm parish center rm#1 CCW Christmas Party 6:30 pm parish center ration 8am Monday	December 11 Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am parish office CCD 6:30 m Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm church	December 12 Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion after morning Mass School Penance Service 8:30 am	December 13 Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Forever Young Christmas party parish center 11:30 am (reservation required)	December 14	
December 15 Sunday School for 4-6 year olds at 9am Mass Catholic Scripture Study 10-11 parish office conference room Lifeteen helping Christmas Carnival in Forsyth Park (NO LIFETEEN MASS) Edge 4:30-6pm youth center	December 16 Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am RCIA Christmas Party at Rectory	<b>December 17</b> Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm Adoration Chapel	December 18 Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am parish office CCD 6:30 pm Christmas program in church Adult Choir Practice 7:30 pm church	<b>December 19</b> Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion after morning Mass	<b>December 20</b> Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am	December 21	