



Saint Peter the Apostle

Catholic Parish & School

DECEMBER 17, 2023
3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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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 6:30 p.m.
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.



Flowers

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.



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A **FORMED** Parish



MASS INTENTIONS



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

	<u>INTENTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
SUNDAY	Jennie Tarver	Tom & Jane Madison
	Jim Stettler	His Loving Family
	Jan Brennan	Eileen & Pat Connor
	St. Peter the Apostle Family and Friends	
MONDAY	Edward & Helen Walsh	Miskiewicz Family
	Jayne Ducey	Lori & Richie Hrabie
TUESDAY	John Thang Dang	Loving Family
WEDNESDAY	Charlotte McCarthy	Connie & Bil Baran
THURSDAY	Stanley & Michaeline Miskiewicz	Mickiewicz Family
FRIDAY	Tom Madison, Sr.	Maggie & Rick Smith
	Anna Chuc Nguyen	Loving Family
SATURDAY	Mike Morett	Cathy & Bob Scanlon
	Corky Fleming	John & Sally Bradshaw



**Time is Running out!
Give the gift of a
Catholic Education!**

You can help deserving students in Savannah receive an excellent Catholic education at St. Peter the Apostle School at no cost to you. In exchange for your contribution to GRACE Scholars, you will receive a **100% state income tax credit.**

Please visit www.gracescholars.org for more information and/or to register for the tax credit.

Deadline to register is December 31, 2023



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24th - Christmas Eve

7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses

(NO 11:15 a.m. Mass)

4:00 p.m. Vigil in church

6:00 p.m. Vigil in church

(NO Masses in Parish Center)

December 25th - Christmas Day

The Nativity of Our Lord

10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

December 31st - New Year's Eve

Regular Sunday morning Masses

(7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.)

5:30 p.m. Vigil

New Year's Day

The Solemnity of Mary

9:00 a.m.

The parish office will be closed December

22nd, 25th, 26th and January 1st. The

office will be open from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00

p.m. on December 27th, 28th & 29th.

Regular office hours will resume on

Tuesday, January 2nd.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

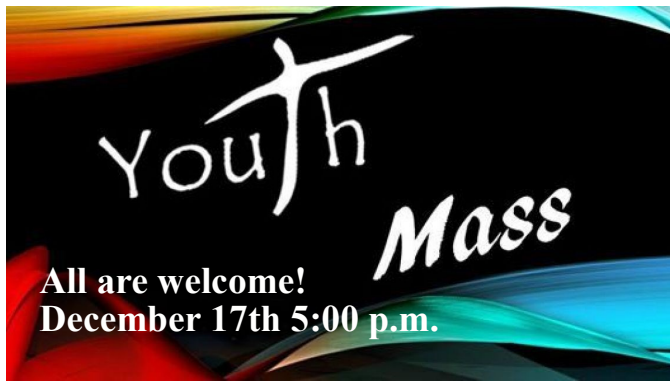
CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY This year's discussion is on the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. Any level of knowledge is welcomed. They meet in the parish office on Sundays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. For information contact Tom Madison at tmad1204@yahoo.com.

LIFETEEN is for students in grades 8-12. This Sunday, December 17th, Lifeteen will attend the Youth Mass and have a Christmas party following Mass. There will be no Wednesday night Bible Study again until January 10th.

R.C.I.A. Would you like to become Catholic or might? If so, we invite you to join the R.C.I.A. class. For more information, please contact Phillip Paradise at philparadise@gmail.com/803-221-2105.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH 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.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY will not meet again until January 10th.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

December 3, 2023:	\$24,692.00
November 26, 2023:	\$19,105.00
November 19, 2023:	\$17,489.00
November 12, 2023:	\$19,024.00
2023/2024 Weekly Goal:	\$20,258.00
2023/2024 Fiscal YTD:	\$437,741.82
2023/2024 Fiscal YTD +/-:	-\$ 28,194.18
2022/2023 Fiscal YTD:	\$383,204.50
(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. Because of the early publishing deadline, the December 10th offertory will be in next week's bulletin.

TO ALL CATHOLIC FAMILIES REQUESTING OR RECEIVING CATHOLIC TUITION RATE AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

A family must be:

- * Registered in the Parish
- * Attend Mass on all Sundays and Holy Days
- * Participate in the Sacraments of the Church
- * Go to confession at least once a year
- * Participate actively in parish events
- * Contribute regularly to the parish offertory in a recognizable way, by parish envelope or check

The same requirements hold for a family requesting verification for the Catholic tuition rate at Benedictine and/or St. Vincent's Academy. If you have any questions, contact Clare Zeigler in the parish office at czeigler@spacsav.net.



We are hosting Family Promise families from

December 31st through January 6th. We will need meals (plan for 15) for each night as well as breakfast and lunch items. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are also accepting monetary donations or gift cards that will help the families meet any immediate needs. Please contact Paula Hubert in the parish office at 912-897-5156 or email phubert@spacsav.net if you have any questions.

ADVENT PRAYER, WEEK THREE

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES CHRISTMAS and NEW YEARS

The Christmas holidays are here and our bulletin publisher has early deadlines to help meet their shipping schedule. Any information, including Mass intentions for the following bulletins must be sent to Clare Zeigler in the parish office by 9:00 a.m.: **December 31st due by December 20th**

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PROGRAM (PREP) Children in Kindergarten through 8th grade who do not attend a Catholic School should be attending PREP classes. Grades 2-8 meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the parish center and youth center. Sunday School for Kindergarten and 1st grade is held on Sundays. They attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass with their families and are taken to the youth center by their teachers before the readings. They will be returned to the church at Communion. Please contact Paula Hubert at phubert@spacsav.net or 912-897-5156 for more information.

Please Note: Wednesday night PREP classes will NOT meet again until January 10th.

FORMED

Free Catholic: Videos Movies eBooks MP3s

FORMED - It's "Netflix for Catholics" provided to you free of charge by St. Peter the Apostle Parish. Catholic movies, books, audios and more are available. There is

content available for children also. It's easy to do: 1. Go to formed.org 2. Click SIGN UP. 3. Click I BELONG TO A PARISH 4. Find our parish by zip code. 5. After you click on our parish you will be asked to enter your email. Once you enter it and you are signed up! There is also an app for your phone which can be downloaded for free.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Jesus is waiting for you!

Offered Monday 8am through Wednesday 11pm in the Daily Chapel



Altar servers for December 23rd & 24th:

- 5:30 p.m.: Diego Vigil Calderon
- 7:30 a.m.: Eden Stanley
- 9:00 a.m.: Connor Corey, Luke Samaddar, Kinsley Harnan, Jonah Horne
- 11:15 a.m.: NO MASS
- 4:00 p.m.: Caroline & Tommie Madison, Sam Turgeon, Parker DiTommaso
- 6:00 p.m.: Bridget Ryan, Ava Cutrer, Hayden Hux



CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SECOND COLLECTION

Bishop Stephen Parkes has asked all parishioners to donate generously to the Christmas Day Second Collection for Catholic Schools, which benefits all 18 elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Savannah. Half of the money generated by this collection goes to the financial support of the schools in the diocese, the other half goes to an endowment fund which has been established for Catholic education. *Thank you for your generous donations.*





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*For more information or to
schedule a school tour
call 897-5224.*

Director of Admissions: Helena Russell-hrussell@spasav.net
Communication Coordinator: Ana Portman-aportman@spasav.net
School Secretary: Shandra Peecksen-speeksen@spasav.net

Another Great Week at SPA!

The 7th grade, 2nd grade and Kindergarten classes had the best time trimming the tree and singing Christmas carols at Flying Fish after enjoying a delicious lunch. We love our island community!



TOGETHER we live, pray, learn and serve, **TOGETHER** we make a difference.
P.O. Box 30460 7020 Concord Road Savannah, Georgia 31410
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Saint Peter the Apostle School provides 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.

ATTENTION FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS

We are so excited for your family as your child prepares for First Communion. We wanted to reach out with some dates and reminders:

Parent Meeting-Sunday, January 14th after the 9am Mass in the Church. Meeting will be brief and children are welcome.

First Communion Mandatory Retreat-Saturday, February 3, 2024. Families please join us in the church at 8:30AM* for Mass. We are excited that we can start this day of fellowship with Mass.

Immediately following the Mass, we will have a parent/child breakfast in the Parish Center. After breakfast, parents will leave and return for pick-up at 12noon.

First Penance-Monday, February 12th, 2024 at 6:30pm in the church. Children will with their families and after the children receive Penance the rest of the family is encouraged to avail themselves of the Sacrament.

First Communion-Saturday, May 11th, 2024, -First Communion at 9:30AM. Schedule for the day will be: Children will arrive at 8:30AM (we will have a professional photographer here for individual and group photos). The group photo will be at 9am. The First Communion Mass will begin at 9:30am.



BAPTISM CLASS Anyone who is planning an upcoming Baptism at St. Peter the Apostle Church are asked to first attend a Baptism Class. The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office conference room. Please call the parish office at 912-897-5156 to register.

GOLD and SILVER JUBILEE
Anniversary Mass
25th or 50th wedding anniversaries in 2024
February 10, 2024, 10 am
Savannah Cathedral
RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068
diosav.org/gold-and-silver

SAVE THE DATE!
Parish Bunco Night
Friday January 19, 2024

**ESCUELA CATEQUÉTICA FRAY PEDRO DE CORPA**

Te invita a inscribirte al curso

 **EL CREDO**
Impartido por el Padre Rafael Estrada

Clase 1: 2 de enero 2024
Clase 2: 23 de enero 2024
Clase 3: 13 de febrero
Clase 4: 20 de febrero
Hora: 7 pm a 9 pm

¡Es gratis!

Regístrate en el siguiente enlace: bit.ly/Escuela2024
o escaneando el código a la izquierda, o con tu coordinador parroquial

Preguntas y más información: Texto por WhatsApp al 912.201.4067,
hm@diosav.org o llama al teléfono regular 912.201.4064



Recuerda que si participas en las 4 clases obtienes un crédito para la Certificación en Formación Catequética.

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/chilyouthprotection.



+++Pray for the Recently Deceased+++

Jennie Zuccarini



+++ Pray for Our Loved Ones +++

AT HOME SICK: Jean Nixon, Emily Pigman, Jennifer Narke, Fr. Dan Firmin, Nancy Stevens, Joyce Cullen, Julia Strickland, Mike Phillips, Kathleen Warezak, Noreen Mangiero, Dick Ogden

NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING & REHAB FACILITIES:


Summer Breeze - Joan Demcsak, Beth Hill, Eleanor Cerbone, Barbara Galluk, Lou DiBenedetto, Dennis Graney, Dr. James & Maryann Burke, John & Margo Lang, Patricia Lowenthal, Denise Szyper **Buckingham South** - Carol Walsh, Tricia Christensen, Peter & Marceline Preston **Sunabella** - Kathy Wrenn **Azalealand** - Evelyn Edminster **Harmony at Savannah** - Gayle Selcow **Riverview** - Soundra Ray **Tara** - Annie Vause **The Oaks** - Diane Green **Pruitt** - Joe Robertson **Encompass** - Carolyn Groover

OUT OF TOWN SICK: Anna O'Brien, Sarah Moak (daughter of Susan Parsley), Harvey Boxer (cousin of Ginny Haberlin), Joseph Rehal (nephew of Francesca Rehal), Paul Grabon (grandson of Helen Grabon), Linda Campbell, Don & Carol Gray, Carol Cillande (sister-in-law of Lucille Rabusin), Florence Reynolds, Frank Graziano, Jr. (brother of Terri Santiago), Fr. Dan O'Connell, Mick McCombs, Bernie Beier, Mary Pawlowski, Bert Grant (friend of the Dobson family), Archie Bunger



St. Peter the Apostle Parish Upcoming Events



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December 17</p> <p>Sunday School for 4-6 year olds during 9am Mass</p> <p>Catholic Scripture Study 10-11 parish office conference room</p> <p>Youth Mass 5pm Lifeteen Christmas party to follow</p>	<p>December 18</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 19</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 20</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am parish office</p> <p>NO Lifeteen Bible Study P</p> <p>PREP will NOT meet</p>	<p>December 21</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 22</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 23</p> <p>Rosary 5pm</p>
Eucharistic Adoration 8am Monday-11pm Wednesday						
<p>December 24</p> <p>Sunday morning Masses: 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. (NO 11:15 am)</p>  <p>Vigil Masses at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>December 25</p> <p>Merry Christmas</p>  <p>Mass at 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>December 26</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 27</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p> <p>Men of St. Joseph 6:30 am parish office</p> <p>NO Lifeteen Bible Study</p> <p>PREP will NOT meet</p>	<p>December 28</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 29</p> <p>Rosary 7am Mass 7:30 am</p>	<p>December 30</p> <p>Rosary 5pm</p>
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