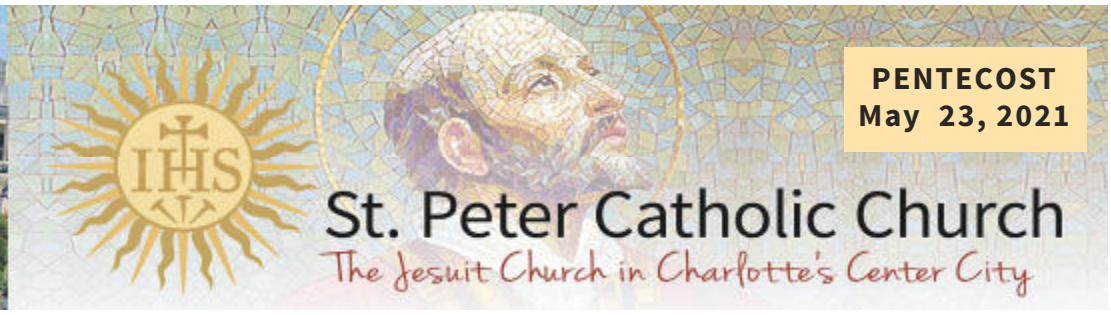


**PENTECOST**
**May 23, 2021**

# St. Peter Catholic Church

*The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City*

**Pastor: Rev. James Shea, SJ**
**Parochial Vicar: Fr John Michalowski, SJ**
**Parochial Vicar: Fr. Doug Ray, SJ**
**Parish Office Phone: 704-332-2901**

Non-liturgical events and meetings are not being held on campus.

**MASS TIMES: Saturday at 5 pm, Sunday at 9 am, 11:30 am and 5 pm**
*Seating limited in Church & Biss Hall.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Wednesday 11:15 to 11:45 am in Biss Hall

## Today's Readings May 23, 2021
## Pentecost

**First Reading:**
Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)
**Psalm:**
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)
**Second Reading:**
In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23)
**Gospel:**
"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:27, 16:13)

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We LIVE STREAM 11:30 AM Sunday Mass
Watch from our Website,
YouTube Channel or Facebook.

**Our Mission**
As a Catholic Jesuit parish in Charlotte's Center City, we are animated by the spirit of St. Ignatius and welcome all to share in the joy of the Gospel and to come to know, love and serve God and one another.

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## Liturgy and Worship

***From Our Pastor***

Dear St. Peter Parishioners,

May you all know the peace and hope of this Easter season.

Over the last weeks I have enjoyed welcoming parishioners as more of you return to in-person Sunday Mass. I am reaching out to welcome you back and to share our plans for shifting towards more normal operations.

On Friday, Bishop Jugis lifted the social distancing and mask requirement for all who are fully vaccinated. He also ended the general dispensation from attending Sunday Mass, beginning next Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost. The dispensation remains in place for those who consider themselves vulnerable to the coronavirus. If you have questions about how the ending of the general dispensation affects you and your family, please reach out to one of the priests or deacons.

Last weekend we removed the alternate pew restriction on one side of the church and retained it on the other side for those who desire social distancing. Following CDC guidance we encouraged mask wearing as Mass is a crowded indoor setting. The Biss Hall overflow section maintains socially distanced seating. We will continue the 11:30 livestream Mass.

Thank you for your patience and charity. We welcome your feedback as we discern decisions for our Eucharistic celebrations.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jim Shea, S.J.

## The Ignatian Year: May 2021 - July 2022

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May 2021 - July 2022

**Celebrating the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion.**

**"To See All Things New in Christ"**

Curious about the anniversary's logo? Find the meaning and more at www.stpetercatholic.org

**Tonight From Rome! Sunday, May 23 - 8:00 PM**

**https://ignatius500.global/live/**

**Join the global Jesuit community online for a prayer service tonight! Fr. General Arturo Sosa will gather us in prayer, and people from all over the world will share testimonies.**

## Youth Faith Formation

### Faith Formation Registration 2021-2022

Visit the website **Faith Formation – Youth Formation page** for the link to register
https://www.stpeterscatholic.org/youth-formation

**OPTIONS AVAILABLE – CLASSES MEET SUNDAY MORNINGS IN BENEDICT HALL:**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Level I: PreK - K (ages 3 – 5)

1st, 3rd/4th, and 5th/6th Grade We Believe Classes

First Reconciliation/First Communion: 2nd grade 10:15 – 11:30 am (weekly)

Confirmation: 8th grade 10:15 – 11:30 am (2 Sun./month)

Pre-Confirmation: 7th grade 10:15 – 11:30 am (2 Sun./month)

Home Study: 1st – 7th grades (not 2nd grade, must attend Sunday 2nd grade class)

To be eligible to receive a sacrament a student must have completed one full year of catechesis or Catholic school prior to the sacramental years of First Communion and Confirmation.

**MACS students** attending Catholic school will attend St. Peter faith formation for sacramental preparation for First Communion in 2nd grade (retreats only) and Confirmation in 8th grade. Use the MACS registration link on our website.

**Volunteers needed in Faith Formation**

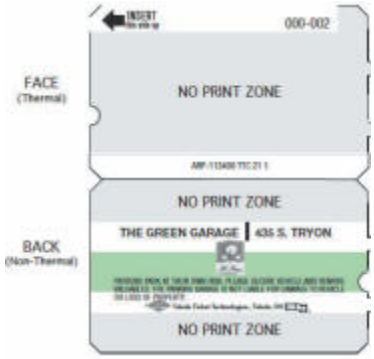
In order to offer our Faith Formation programming, we need Sunday catechists. This is an opportunity for personal spiritual development, and it enriches the faith of our children. We will help you with resources and lesson planning. Opportunities include teachers for 1st grade, 3rd/4th grade, and 5th/6th grade classes, Confirmation table leaders, and assistants in all classes.

Please contact Cathy Chiappetta cathy@stpeterscatholic.org or Sara Lahmann saralahmann@stpeterscatholic.org for more information on volunteering in our programs.

## New Parking Garage Validation

**When you Enter The Green Garage:**

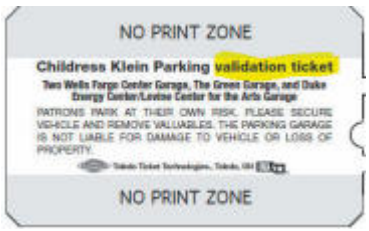
**Get ticket from machine when you enter the garage.**
It will be white with a green stripe on the back.




**At Church:**

**Take one (1) white validation "chaser" ticket from the narthex.**

**The ticket is good for the day of use.**




**When you Exit the garage:**

**1. Place your entry ticket into the slot (below the screen)**

**2. Insert the validation ticket into the same slot. The exit arm will be raised or the machine will tell you if any payment is needed (in case you have exceeded validation time).**

**3. Throw away the chaser ticket after you leave the garage (it is only good for one exit).**

## Get Involved!

*From the St Peter Social Justice Ministry*

### 30 Congregations for 30 Days of Prayer

St. Peter Catholic Church joins other faith communities throughout the city in praying for local law enforcement, public safety officials and healing in our city in the 30 Congregations for 30 Days of Prayer program from May 13 to June 10.

**St. Peter parishioners are asked to pray for police officers, first responders, other public safety personnel and the communities they serve on our designated day, Wednesday, June 2.**

As individuals, families or small groups, please take a moment on this day to lift our brothers and sisters up in prayer so that collectively the prayers of our church help create a foundation from which to face and address the challenges ahead with wisdom and courage. This program is sponsored by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department's Wellness Division and is brought to you by St. Peter's Social Justice Ministry. Feel free to say the following prayer or use one of your own.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy,
who through your Son
gave us a marvelous example of charity
and the great commandment of love for one another.
Send down your blessings on these your servants,
who so generously devote themselves to helping others.
Grant them courage when they are afraid,
wisdom when they must make quick decisions,
strength when they are weary,
and compassion in all their work.
When the alarm sounds
and they are called to aid both friend and stranger,
let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

– adapted from the Book of Blessings, #587, by Diana Macalintal

### St Peter Hiking Group:

**Next hike is Saturday, June 5**
The hike will be the Green River hike near Saluda, NC. Distance 8 miles, relatively flat and easy along the river. Destination is subject to change. Meet in The Green parking garage at 8:15 am, we leave at 8:30 am. Contact Bob Crowley **stpetershiking@gmail.com**

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| 2021 DSA Assessment | **($195,024.00)** |
| Paid as of per Diocese 5/10/21 | $68,160.57 |
| Pledged as of per Diocese 5/10/21 | $18,363.51 |
| **2021 DSA Assessment Total Paid & Pledged** | **($108,499.92)** |

If you have already donated to this year's DSA, thank you.
If you have not yet donated, please consider a gift towards the programs that support Food Pantries and Affordable Housing.
**Ways to give:** Online through **our website e-Giving WeShare.** Or directly to the diocese at charlottediocese.org/dsa .

## Accomplish the Paschal Mystery within Us

Our opening prayer on the Fifth Sunday of Easter was: "Almighty and ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism, may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal." There is much to reflect on in this prayer that can help the Paschal Mystery to become more alive in our lives.

We ask God to "accomplish the Paschal Mystery with us." The Paschal Mystery is the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, beginning with the Last Supper and going to the sending of the Holy Spirit. In the Paschal Mystery, there is death and resurrection, service and glory, agony and peace, sorrow and joy, the terror of sin and the healing of grace. As Jesus tells us in the image of the vine and vine grower, we each need to be pruned of sin and selfishness, of fear and, at times, a lack of self-worth. As this happens we become more and more capable of allowing grace to nourish us and make us more like Christ. As Jesus tells us, "Whoever remains in me and I in him [or her] will bear much fruit, for without me you can do nothing."

In the Acts of the Apostles , we encounter Saul, who in a several years will be known as Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. Saul spent a few years persecuting the followers of Jesus. He was sure that God's will and his will were the same. In Saul's mind, Jesus was a perverter of Judaism and his followers needed to be stamped out through imprisonment and death. Saul was in need of radical pruning so that he might put aside his own will and certainty and learn to listen to God and follow the Holy Spirit. And so, as Saul goes off to Damascus to persecute the followers of Jesus there, he is blinded by a light and hears Jesus say to him: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Stunned, Saul replies, "Who are you, Lord?" "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do." The blind Saul was led into the city by his companions and he prayed and fasted for three days. Then Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, was sent to heal Saul's blindness and baptize him. Saul had to die to his pride and willingness to persecute others, that he might rise by grace. Through his conversion and the working of the Holy Spirit, Saul, who had hated Jesus' followers and despised the Gentiles as immoral filthy dogs, would in time become a major apostle. He would bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Greco-Roman Gentile world of the Mediterranean Basin. The Holy Spirit would also lead his reflections on Jesus' words to him on the road to Emmaus to the teaching on the Body of Christ. Just as Jesus is the vine and we are the branches, so too, Christ is the Head and we are the Body of Christ at work in the world.

After his conversion, when Saul had to flee Damascus for preaching Christ Jesus, the community of disciples in Jerusalem refused to believe that Saul had changed. After all, he had jailed some of them and had cheered the stoning of Stephen. But Barnabas, who had been in Damascus at the time of Saul's conversion, testified that Saul had had a change of heart and was now a true disciple. As Acts will say of Barnabas, he was "a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith." His discernment and testimony reassured them. The Jerusalem community had to die to the past and learn the truth of Jesus' words on the cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." That was Saul, but now the light of Easter and Pentecost shone in his heart and life.

God's grace is a powerful thing. It can soften the hardest heart and lead a person to conversion, to a 180 degree shift in a person's life. St. Ignatius of Loyola had to be hit with a cannonball in the Battle of Pamplona before he slowed down enough to allow grace to work in him. In our own time, Bernard Nathanson, a founder of Planned Parenthood, and a major abortion doctor in the 70's and 80's was converted to being a pro-life advocate after he saw ultra-sounds of babies in the womb, and could not deny their humanity any longer. He died a Catholic. Jacques and Raissa Maritain, while graduate students at the Sorbonne, made a suicide pact that they would carry out if they could not find a reason for living. Their poet friend, Charles Peguy, convinced them to be baptized and it made all of the difference. Jacques became a neo-Thomistic philosopher and had a major hand in writing the UN Declaration of Human Rights. I remember reading Raissa's autobiography many years ago.- ***We Have Been Friends Together*** is the title**.** God pruned the couple of their nihilism and gave them the greatest reason to live – the love of God and neighbor. Death and resurrection – that is God's way.

As we are pruned, we become capable of producing much fruit, as we have seen in the lives of St. Paul, St. Ignatius, Dr. Nathanson, and the Maritains. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are able to act "not in word or speech, but in deed and truth," as the First Letter of John assures us. May the Paschal Mystery grow in each of us until the day when we "come to the joys of life eternal," which is the fruit of God's grace. Help us, Lord, to die to all that is not of you, that we might live more fully in you. Amen.

Fr. John Michalowski, S.J.,

Parochial Vicar,
St. Peter Church

Pope Francis asked Catholics to make a special effort in May to pray the rosary, knowing that by doing so they will be united with believers around the world asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic.

***To see all things new in Christ.***

I've been reflecting on this short phrase for a number of months now.

It's the official tagline of the Ignatian Year which begins next week on May 20th – the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius' battle-field injury at Pamplona where his leg was shattered by a cannonball. (Ouch.) The injury would lead to his conversion, his leaving behind a life of courtly riches and worldly pleasures, and his embrace of his pilgrim journey to God – a journey in which he penned the *Spiritual Exercises* and founded the Society of Jesus.

But the phrase – *to see all things new in Christ* – is paramount, both to Ignatius' own life story and our own. Ultimately, the Ignatian Year and all it represents means nothing if we don't dig deeply into the invitation these words represent.

It's easy, I think, to shrug off the weight of this invitation. "Sure," I might say, "I see all things new in Christ. I ask myself *'What would Jesus do?'* now and again, and I'm an avid follower of all sorts of Catholic media personalities. I know what it means to see things as Christ sees them."

The challenge, though, isn't to occasionally check in with Jesus, to bring in the story of Christ's life, death and resurrection when it comes to mind or is convenient or shows up on Twitter. The challenge is *to see all things new in Christ.*

For me, the key words are *all things* and *new*. Christ isn't an occasional check-in; Christ is a radical reorientation of our entire life.

The challenge is more akin to getting married, entering religious life, moving to a new city or having children: *everything* changes and *nothing* stays static.

When my wife and I were starting our married life together, for example, I had to reexamine how I structured my day. I had to prioritize the needs of another person, think of that person – and not just myself – when I made decisions, when I made plans, even when I made breakfast. (I had to remember to update the shared calendar and not just keep dates squirreled away in my head.) I was challenged to see every aspect of my day in a new way – through the hopes and desires of my wife, yes, but also through the hopes and desires of our growing relationship.

And that wasn't a onetime phenomenon. As our relationship grows – as we grow individually and together – there is more *newness* to discover: through travel, through new friendships, through parenting, through *life*.

*Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything*, reads the oft-quoted prayer by Joseph Whelan, SJ. (We even read it at our wedding.) But it's true – and it points to the opportunity of the Ignatian Year.

As in any relationship built on love – and determined to muddle onward in and through love – we constantly have the opportunity to see all things anew, in the very person or people whom we love. Our days become radically different as we see the world and all it represents not just through our own life stories but through the stories of another.

How much more so with Christ?

In God's peace,

Eric Clayton

Deputy Director of Communications
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## New to the Parish?

Parish Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, MACS vouchers, and Baptism or Confirmation sponsorship.

All adult children of parishioners 21 years or older register independently of their parents. Registration cards are in the back of the church, in Benedict Hall Family Mass area, Biss Hall and at the parish office.

**Under normal conditions, Baptisms** are celebrated on the second and fourth weekends of each month. Contact the Faith Formation Office about the preparation class.

**Marriage Preparation** - We are scheduling 2022 weddings- it is best to plan 12 months ahead for weddings at St. Peter. Registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Preparation with one of our priests should begin at least six months before your wedding. Call Rebekah Thompson in the parish office at 704.332.2901, ext. 212.

**iPhone text: ParishApp1 to 555888**

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## BULLETIN

Please submit Wednesday, 10 days before the Sunday you want published.
**On our website please visit the *Our Parish* menu page and go to "Forms"**
***We track requests with this Communication Request Form:*** **https://goo.gl/forms/A2SqrJsWeT92TTVt2**

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| May 24 | Christina D'Abreo |
| May 25 | *Anneliese Doring +* |
| May 26 | Open Intentions |
| May 27 | Open Intentions |
| May 28 | Open Intentions |

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Repose of the Souls of**
**Bob Dunegan**, parishioner and husband of Cynthia.

**Josephine Bucci**, sister-in-law of parishioners Lee and Tony Bucci

**Pray for Sick:**

**Members of Our Parish**
Craig Robinson and Tom Crozier.

**For Friends & Family**
Fr. Conrad Hoover, Robin Vitez and *all who have asked for our prayers.*

To be added or removed from the prayer list, please ask the person or their family first, then contact Rebekah Thompson in the Parish Office at 704-208-1976. Names will remain on our Prayer List for 30 days unless otherwise specified.

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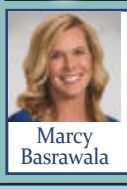

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