October 10, 2021

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The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City

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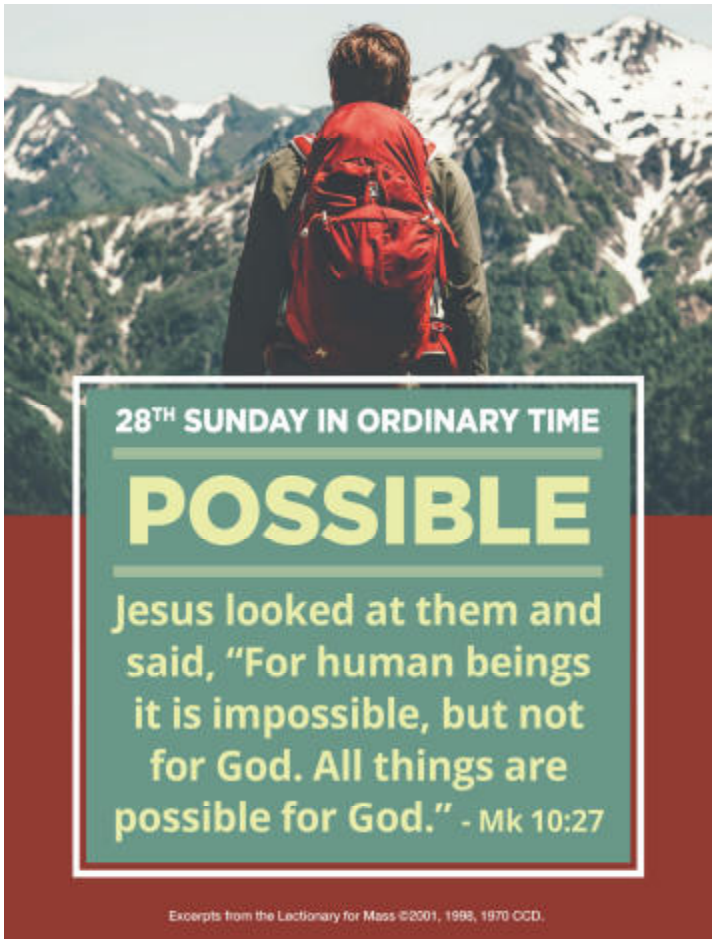

Our Mission
As a Catholic Jesuit parish in Charlotte's Center City, we are animated by the spirit of St. Ignatius and welcome all to share in the joy of the Gospel and to come to know, love and serve God and one another.

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thu. 9am - 4pm
Friday: 9am - 3pm

St. Peter Catholic Church
507 South Tryon Street
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Tel: 704-332-2901

Mass Times:

Monday-Friday: 12:10 pm

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Monday and Wednesday
11:15 - 11:45 am or by appointment

In light of the new Mecklenburg County Board of Health Rule, wearing a mask is required in the church and inside all campus buildings. Thank you for your care in protecting all members of our community.

Today's Readings October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading:
I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.
I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed
riches nothing in comparison with her. (Wis 7:7-8)
Psalm:
Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)
Second Reading:
No creature is concealed from him,
but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an account. (Heb 4:13)
Gospel:
"Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow
me." (Mk 10:21)

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Would you serve our parish as a Mass Usher?

Each Mass is in need of ushers in the Church and Biss Hall. Ushers are ministers of hospitality, greeting and showing people to their seats, passing the baskets during the Offertory and securing the collection.
Ushers are especially needed for Biss Hall on Sunday mornings. Schedules can vary and you can select your frequency.

Please contact Dan Maloney, Lead Usher, at StPeterLiturgyCLT@gmail.com .

Planning a Meeting?
FACILITY REQUEST

Parish groups wanting to request space for meetings in the next months need to first fill out the online Facility Request Form!
https://forms.gle/GEsbNkVg4i6mgBYd8

This form is on the parish website www.stpetercatholic.org on the "**Our Parish**" page, under "**Download Forms**" section.

The form is also on our Parish Mobile App.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH!

Each year, the U.S. Catholic Church commemorates Respect Life Month, a time for Catholics to contemplate the sanctity of life and to oppose broken systems that violate human dignity. Beginning on **Respect Life Sunday (Oct. 3, 2021),** Catholics across the U.S. will recommit to upholding the pro-life teachings of our church.

THE DEATH PENALTY IS NOT PRO-LIFE

Capital punishment violates the church's teaching on the inherent dignity of the human person. The Catholic Catechism calls on all the faithful to work "with determination for its abolition worldwide" (CCC 2267). **Respect Life Month** is a critical time for Catholics to amplify the church's call for an end to this cruel and broken practice — we cannot build a culture of life in a nation that continues to put people to death.

Please visit our Social Justice table outside after Mass for more ways to help end the death penalty and encourage justice with mercy.

See page 4 for more facts….

Men of St. Peter!

St. Peter Men's Group will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, October 14th** on the 2nd floor of Benedict Hall at **8:00 pm.**

Subsequent meetings will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month. For more information or to be added to the distribution list send an email to: **stpetersmensgroupclt@gmail.com**

COMMUNICATIONS REQUEST

Please submit bulletin requests by Wednesday, ten (**10) days before** the Sunday you want published. For other parish media, see the form's selections. Highest quality photos or pictures should be send via email to Communications office.
On our website please visit the "Our Parish" menu page and go to "Download Forms."

We track requests and rely on the Request Form:
https://goo.gl/forms/A2SqrJsWeT92TTVt2

"Room in the Inn" Ministry 2021 - 2022 Special Season for our Neighbors

Over the past two seasons Covid 19 has interrupted our RITI ministry service to the homeless community. You might ask how did the "Roof Above" interfaith organization cope with the need during the 2020 - 2021 season without our support. That was not an easy task, and it was made more difficult because there were no vaccines and the "Roof Above" organization had to socially distance neighbors and staff. Those challenges were overcome by the generosity of the community (business, private organizations and individuals) and the Federal Covid economic relief fund. These resources were utilized to modify existing shelter space for social distancing and health quarantining when needed. Additionally, these funds were used to purchase one hotel and rent two others.

During the current 2021 - 2022 season "Roof Above" *will not* have access to the funds from the federal government and there will be limited local relief to cover all the winter needs for the homeless. After several discussions within "Roof Above", the organization reached out to the "Room in the Inn" host sites of which there are 110 volunteer groups in the greater Charlotte area. St. Peter Catholic is one of the original sites, beginning over 25 years ago under the direction of parishioner Tom Crozier.

The *Roof Above's* response to the pandemic has three primary principles:

1. Our services are critical and will likely become more critical in the months ahead. We remain focused on our mission and keeping our doors open.
2. Safety remains at the forefront for those we serve, our staff, our volunteers, and the greater Charlotte community.
3. We will consistently look to the CDC, the local Health Department, and our medical director for guidance.

Roof Above decided to operate the program *as safely as possible* for our guests and volunteers. *All neighbors who are 12 or older must be fully vaccinated* to participate in "Room in the Inn" this winter.

St. Peter will be able to host 8 guests in Biss Hall on Tuesday nights starting this December through March

IMPORTANT information PAGE 4 continues…….

Dive into the Gospel of Mark this Fall!

St. Peter Bible Study Group with Deacon Clarke is focused on the Gospel of Mark this fall. Mark has been our Sunday Gospel this year and will continue until the First Sunday of Advent in late November.

The next session will be via Zoom on Wednesday, October 13 from 7-8 pm.

The final five sessions will be on Sunday mornings: 10:15-11:15 in Ignatius House. October 24 & 31; November 14; and December 5 & 19.

All are welcome. Contact Deacon Clarke (clarkecochran@speterscatholic.org) for more information or to sign up.

The Keys to St. Peter

New Member Orientation

We'd like to get to know YOU!

If you are new to St. Peter please come to one of these receptions we call the "Keys to St Peter" :

October 24 - Sunday 10:15 am
downstairs in Biss Hall (*after* 9am Mass and *before* the 11:30 am Mass)

November 14 - Sunday 6:15 pm
downstairs in Biss Hall (after 5pm Mass)

Each session lasts about an hour during which you'll meet and hear from our pastor Fr. Tim Stephens, SJ and Fr. John Michalowski, SJ. Enjoy refreshments and meet parish ministry leaders We look forward to seeing you!

Look for an email invite and RSVP being sent to your household email inbox!

of 2022. Our guests will be socially distanced and meals will be served in separate containers. **All St. Peter Room in the Inn teams are invited to attend the Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 30 and a very important meeting following at 6:00 pm.**

Room in the Inn St. Peter leaders are Glen McLaughlin and Jody Dawson.
Team leaders include:

Barbara Laughlin - Order of Malta

Lauren Cranford

Sara Lahmann - Faith Formation

Brian Anderson and Mary Lauren Shea - 20s & 30s Ministry.

Our **Men's Group**, led by **Brando Reyna**, provides 2 overnight chaperones that stay with our guests and serve breakfast.

This St. Peter Ministry is thriving because of servant leaders and the many volunteers who drive, make dinner, chaperone overnight and make lunch sandwiches for each of our guests.

Writes one grateful neighbor:

"For moments each night, if I am fortunate, I sleep not as homeless in the street, but with warmth and friendship, thanks to Room In The Inn. Somewhere during the evenings of friendly faces, piping hot showers, videos and jokes, laughs and sharing a smoke break, I was transformed from homeless to someone with a misfortune. I no longer view the world from ground level, where each may look down on me. I view the world from ground zero, where each may view my launch. I thank you, all who volunteer for this program. You have given me fortitude, I am sure that I am not alone in this."
Room in the Inn website

Next Week on RITI update:
FAQs, key questions answered.

MEN'S SHELTER OF CHARLOTTE

St. Peter Men's Shelter Dinner Team

Come serve with us...

We have started serving dinner again at the 1210 N Tryon St. Men's Shelter once a month on Saturday evenings between 5:00 and 7:30 pm!

Any time you can share is greatly appreciated!

Please Contact:

Joe Duke at sunnyjoe@bellsouth.net
Parish leader for the Men's Shelter on N. Tryon (monthly Saturday dinner).

Who are we executing? *(page 2 continued)*

The death penalty not only violates our call to uphold the life and dignity of the human person, but also stands in opposition to our call to care **for the vulnerable in our midst.** Society is to be judged by how we care for the most vulnerable among us. While each human person has dignity and value, the marginalized among us demand special attention.

When it comes to the death penalty, we must ask ourselves: who are we executing?

More than half of the people on death row in this country are people of color. Black or Latino defendants are significantly more likely to get the death penalty than their white counterparts. Additionally, the race of the victim of a crime is a major predictor for whether a trial will result in a death sentence. Nationally, almost half (47%) of all murder victims since the 1970s have been black. Yet, for cases ending in a death sentence, only 17% of murder victims have been black.

Even more unsettling is the fact that at least 60% of the more than 165 people exonerated from death row since 1973 are either black or Latino. The death penalty unjustly targets people of color and denies our responsibility to vulnerable populations.

What's more, studies conducted by more than a dozen states have found that death penalty cases are up to 10 times more expensive than non-capital cases. These taxpayer dollars would be much better spent attending to the needs of crime victims and addressing the system issues that lead people to commit crimes in the first place. Looking for ways to become an advocate for ALL life? **Visit catholicsmobilizing.org**

You Can Make A Difference!

Please help us complete our assessments this month!

2021 DSA Assessment	**($195,024)**		
Paid as of per Diocese 9/27/21	129,102	66%	
Pledged as of per Diocese 9/27/21	6,711	4%	
Total Paid & Pledged	$135,813		
2021 DSA Assessment Remaining	**($ 59,211)**	70% complete	**297 donors**

Donation to the 2021 DSA Assessment may be made electronically by using this link: https://stpeterscatholic.weshareonline.org/DSAAssessment**, or under the e-Giving tab through WeShare link.**

You can donate by a one-time or monthly installments.

Can we count on you to help meet our assessment?

2021 Priest Retirement Assessment	($49,006)	
collected 1/1/21 - 9/30/21	21,717	
2021 Priest Retirement Assessment	**($27,289)**	44% complete

Donation to the 2021 Priest Retirement Assessment may be made electronically by using this link: **https://stpeterscatholic.weshareonline.org/PriestRetirement**

Homeless Relief Ministry (HRM) continues to be actively furnishing apartments for formerly homeless individuals and is in need of the following:

- small kitchen table sets,
- coffee tables,
- end tables,
- small chests/dressers, and
- love seats.

Please contact Betsy at : **homelessreliefministry@gmail.com** to arrange pick up. Thanks!

Look for information from our Green Fair on the parish website - front page and under *Get Involved* menu listing.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Oct. 11 Kelsey Bowman †
Oct. 12 Nicasio Castillo Ibera †
Oct. 13 Open Intentions
Oct. 14 *Veldridge & Gercy D'Abreo* †
Oct. 15 The global Unbound community
† deceased members

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Repose of the Soul of:
Jay Killkenny, husband of Patrice

Pray for the Sick:
Members of Our Parish
Frances D'Amato, Adriana Pearson, Julie Cobb, and Craig Robinson.

For Friends & Family
Dan Eroh, Fr. Conrad Hoover 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.

Online Payer App:
Sacred Space
www.sacredspace.ie

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Welcome newly registered to St Peter parish

Chris & Cecilia Griggs
Steele McGrath
Pete & Kim Dillard
Nick & Fe Patriciu
Mary Chiappetta

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 is online - "I'm new at St. Peter" webpage or cards are in the back of the church, Biss Hall and at the parish office.

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

Marriage Preparation - it is best to plan 12 months ahead for a wedding 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. Contact Rebekah Thompson in the parish office at office@stpeterscatholic.org

Thank You FOR GIVING ONLINE

WeShare is on our website's e-Giving page

St. Peter Catholic Church
20s & 30s

HABITAT BUILD OCTOBER 16TH

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH FROM 8AM-4PM

Come join us at a Habitat Build on Saturday, October 16th from 8am-4pm! We will be working on framing of a new build. Stay tuned for a possible social event after! Please follow the steps at the link on our website page to sign up.https://www.stpeterscatholic.org/20s-and-30s-ministry
Email marylaurenshea@gmail.com with any questions.
We can't wait to see you there!

OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENT

THURSDAY OCTOBER 14TH @ 8:15 PM

Join the St. Peter 20s and 30s Ministry on Thursday, October 14th at 8:15 pm for trivia at VBGB Beer Hall & Garden! We'll get a group together for team trivia and fellowship.
The address is 920 Hamilton Street, and we hope to see you there!

SEEKING TWO FULL-TIME OFFICE POSITIONS - ST. PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Accounting and Database Management Assistant

St. Peter Catholic Church, a dynamic Ignatian-based faith community, is seeking two (2) full-time (40/hr/week) office positions reporting to the Finance and Operations Manager.

These positions would be responsible for maintaining the parish database used for managing parish notices, volunteer document compliance, sacramental records; maintaining, processing and posting transactions in various financial systems including accounts receivable & payable; preparing financial business correspondence; preparing financial and other reports for Parish Staff and Parish Councils (Pastoral, Finance, Ministry, etc.).

Qualifications include Associates Degree in Accounting or equivalent work experience; proficiency in accounting and database management software and Microsoft Office Suite, working knowledge of equipment in an office environment.
To apply or for more information, send resumé to business@stpeterscatholic.org. To see the full job description visit our website- front page link and link on Our Parish page.

Job Position: Sunday Mass Accompanist

Sacred Heart Retirement Community is a facility of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas in Belmont, NC. We are seeking an accompanist to play for one weekly Sunday mass, as well as for funerals and special feasts. Our worship space includes a 3-manual Moller organ and a baby grand piano. We use the OCP Music Issue and GIA Gather Comprehensive hymnals.
Applicants will have a BA in music or equivalent experience and will be proficient in piano and organ. Understanding of and experience with Roman Catholic liturgy is preferred. Send resume and cover letter to Sister Lillian Jordan at ljordan@sistersofmercy.org by Oct 27, 2021.

Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School (Grades 6th – 8th)

All prospective parents are invited to tour our school at one of the following times:

Tues, 10/26 9:00am or 10:30am
Wed, 10/27 9:00am or 10:30am
Thurs, 10/28 9:00am or 10:30am

We look forward to seeing you! Please use the following like to RSVP: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054FA8AB2BA75-tours

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools (MACS)

PreK-12 Information Sessions

Thursday October 7 2021

6:00-7:00 pm
Charlotte Catholic High School
7702 Pineville-Matthews Road
Charlotte, NC 28226
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