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The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City

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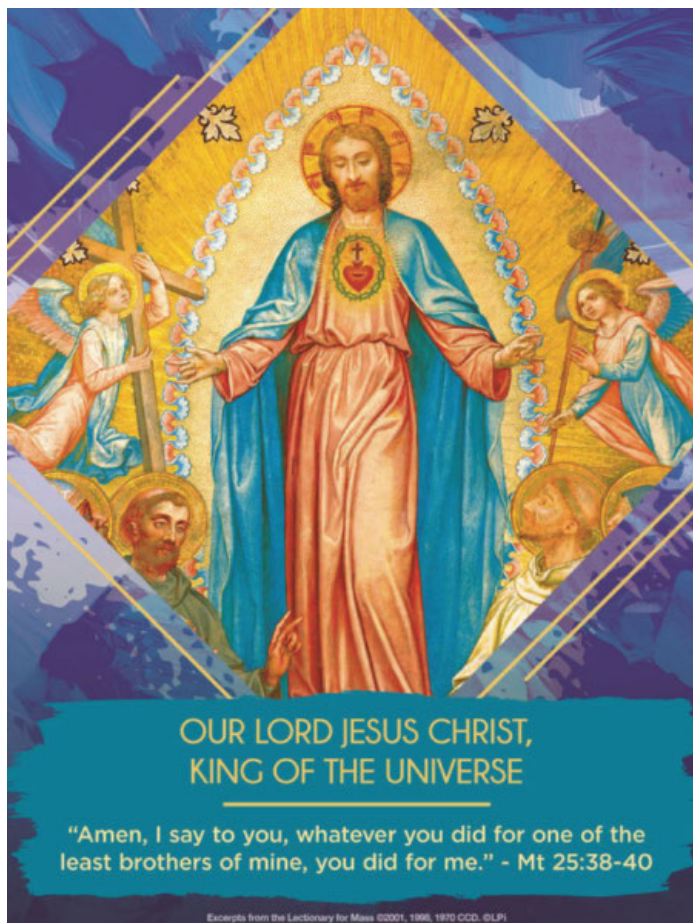
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- Please participant in a Listening Session for our Music Ministry. See page 3.
- Select an Angel from the Angel Tree. Gift collection begins Dec. 2 & 3. See page 3.
- Sign up for St. Peter Dinner Groups (Jan-June 2024). See page 3.
- The Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign ends on Sunday, Dec. 3. We need your pledge. See pages 4 & 5.
- The Room in the Inn is preparing for the winter season. They always welcome new volunteers. See page 7.

www.stpeterscatholic.org

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thu: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

St. Peter Catholic Church

507 South Tryon Street

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Mass Times:

Monday-Friday: 12:10 pm

Saturday: 5:00 Vigil Mass

Sunday: 9:00, 11:30 (*livestream*), 5:00

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 11:15 - 11:45 am or

by appointment, call 704.332.2901



Let us pray

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 20 Open Intentions
Nov. 21 Open Intentions
Nov. 22 Open Intentions
Nov. 23 Open Intentions
Nov. 24 Open Intentions

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Repose of the Soul

Please pray for all the souls in the Book of Remembrance.

For the Sick

Members of Our Parish:

Pam Brazas, Gail Breen, Lindsay DeBorde and Carole Mallamo

For Friends & Family: Kathy Reardon, Carolyn Ruppenthal 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 the Parish Office at 704.208.1976.

Parish Information

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. For online registration, go to the "New or Visiting" page. There are also cards in the back of the church, Biss Hall and at the parish office.

Baptisms are celebrated on the third week-ends of each month. Please contact the Faith Formation Office about the preparation class.

Weddings Due to our planned renovations, we are not able to schedule any more weddings at St. Peter Church for 2024. We still offer marriage preparation for parishioners who are planning a wedding elsewhere. Preparation with one of our priests should begin at least six months before your wedding. For questions and assistance with a marriage, email Fr. Tim Stephens at tstephens@stpeterscatholic.org

We begin with a prayer for the Capital Campaign



*Good and gracious Father, we thank you
for your blessings of our parish community
in number and in spirit.*

*As we now seek to renovate our Church home,
bless our members with wisdom, discernment, and
willing and generous hearts,
so that we may not only renew our Church
but also our commitments to serving You
and sharing your Good News.*

*As we enter this campaign,
may your risen Son seal us in your love,
and bless us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
May your saints, Peter, Benedict, Ignatius, and Katharine Drexel
who have been our models, continue to inspire us to seek your will.
Through Christ, Our Lord.*

This holiday season put your Catholic faith into action by purchasing gifts with a purpose. You can give a unique gift that supports families and strengthens communities worldwide.

- Supporting fair trade organizations ensures that artisans and farmers living in poverty are treated with respect and dignity and are paid fairly for their work.
- Supporting organizations that give back to their community helps those underserved and supports social justice causes.
- Shop local whenever possible.

Go to the Social Justice page on the website for gift ideas with a purpose.

A REAL NEED FOR ARRIVING REFUGEES

Many new refugee families are arriving in Charlotte and being resettled through Catholic Charities. St. Peter volunteers have been working for several years mentoring families as they arrive.

- Be a part of a team to welcome our refugees. They are in great need of our support and a friendly and compassionate face.
- It is a 3-6 month commitment to help our new neighbors learn about our country and culture
- No skills are required except a loving and kind heart

For more details, email Martha Schmitt at schmitt.martha@gmail.com

Participate in Events at St. Peter



Collection weekends are Dec. 2 and 3 and Dec. 9 and 10 BEFORE each Mass.

The Joy of Giving

This is the final weekend to select an angel from the Angel Tree!
Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 25 & 26

The tag will have instructions to fulfill a Christmas wish of a child or adult from Catholic Charities families, Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement families, Druid Hills Academy, or Room in the Inn.

- Please do not wrap gifts.
- Please give the gifts to our collection volunteers.
- Please do not leave the gifts in the Church.

St. Peter Dinner Group Sign Up is Open Use the QR code below January-June 2024 St. Peter Dinner Groups

Join this fun, parish social activity that enables adult members to come together for a meal and get to know each other better.

We create groups of up to eight people. Groups generally meet in each other's homes, hopefully once in each home during the six month period. However, the format is flexible and can be adapted to the desires of each individual group. A group can decide to meet at a restaurant or to meet for brunch instead of dinner. The goal is to enjoy each other's company in a social setting.

- New parishioners are encouraged to join this social activity to meet fellow St. Peter members.
- If you are continuing in the dinner groups, sign up for this next cycle so you will be included in the groups. After signing up, you will be contacted by a group leader.



You can also go to the St. Peter home page, look for *Events at St. Peter*. You'll find the Dinner Group Sign up link on the Events page.



Sign up for a Listening Session! December

Saturday, Dec. 2
6:15 to 7:15 pm

Sunday, Dec. 3
6:15 to 7:15 pm

Saturday, Dec. 16
6:15 to 7:15 pm

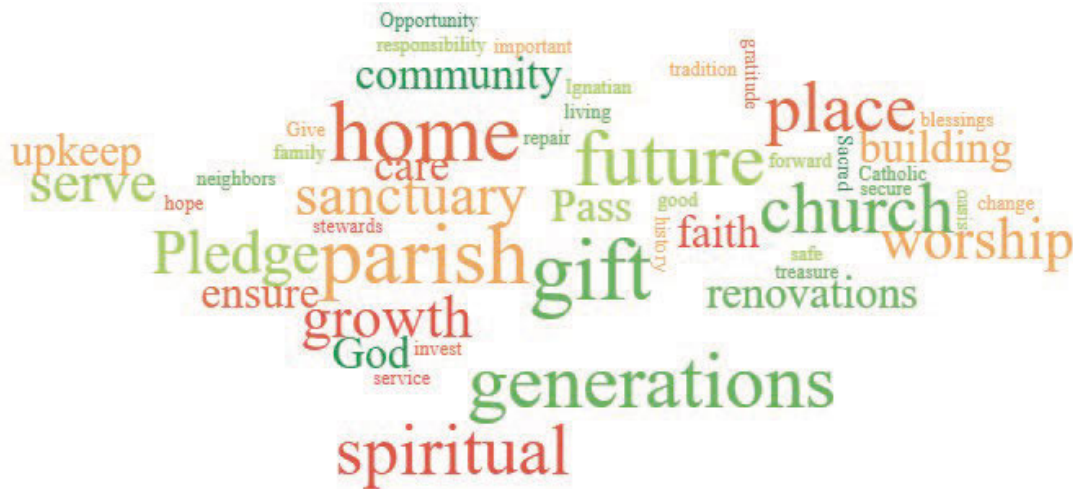
Sunday, Dec. 17
10:15 to 11:15 am

All December sessions in Biss Hall.
Additional sessions to come in January.

To sign up for a listening session:

Scan the QR code, go to the link "Sign up—Listening Sessions" on our website home page or if you prefer to call, contact:
Anne Cochran at 806-773-5873.





Why did you make a pledge to the Capital Campaign?

I felt that I owed it to the parish to **“pay it forward”** since parishioners in the past had been good stewards of the parish for me and my family. I also want to do whatever we can to **keep the “oasis” of St. Peter** available to those of us that treasure Ignatian Spirituality.

We view St. Peter as our spiritual home. So, just as we care for the upkeep of our personal home, we feel it's important to care for the upkeep of our spiritual home. We made a pledge to **"care for our spiritual home."**

I see contributing as my opportunity to invest in the future of our Living Faith and to ensure that the generations to come will always have a safe and secure place to worship God and serve their neighbors.

Our donation will **ensure that the sanctuary will continue to serve as the home of St. Peter parish** for the next 50 years and beyond for the next several generations to come.

We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, and now it is our turn to lift-up those who will follow.

St. Peter Catholic Church is our home. So, when there is a need for “repair and restoration,” we accepted our responsibility to help and feel privileged to be part of a church where everyone is welcomed!

**Get the Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign 2023
Pledge Form — Scan the QR code:**



Have a question about
pledge options available on
the back of the pledge form?
Email:
fnance@stpeterscatholic.org

We contributed to the capital campaign in
gratitude
for all that the **St Peter's parish**
community has meant to our family
over the years.

St. Peter Catholic Church Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign 2023

Go to stpeterscatholic.org

You'll find a link to the Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign page that provides information about the campaign and the project. We will continue to post updates and provide information.

Why are the repairs needed now?

St. Peter Church was dedicated on December 24, 1893. **The Church building is 130 years old, and the ceiling, floor, and pews are all original.**

Thirteen decades of worship and a growing parishioner population have taken a toll on the Church building.

- The wood floor can no longer be repaired (which is why carpet covers the aisles) and needs to be replaced.
- The ceiling shows its age.
- Electrical systems and lighting need to be brought up to standard.
- The audio system needs updating.

The Diocese is expected to begin raising funds for a new cathedral in 2027, so we have until the end of 2026 to obtain the funds to repair the Church.

If we miss this 'window of opportunity,' we will not be able to renovate the Church until after 2033. We run the risk of serious problems of an aging Church building in the meantime.

3-year pledge guide

A pledge is a promise a supporter makes to donate a certain amount at a specified time.

Monthly	Yearly	Total Pledge
\$500	\$6,000	\$18,000
\$350	\$4,200	\$12,600
\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400
\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600
\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$30	\$360	\$1,080
\$25	\$300	\$900



Your pledge is a gift,

which ensures the Church we inherited from past generations is the Church we will pass on to future generations.

- Scan the QR code to access the Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign 2023 pledge form.
- Pick up a pledge form in the church narthex, Biss Hall or the parish office.
- Find the link to the pledge form on the stpeterscatholic.org home page.
- Go to Online Giving on our website, and select Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign

All contributions to the Renovations and Repairs Capital Campaign are tax deductible to the fullest extent provided by the law.



Coming up in December

St. Peter Hiking, Saturday, Dec. 2

Croft State Park (located just south of Spartanburg, SC). 8 miles, moderate difficulty.

Meet at 8:15 am at the first level of the Green parking lot. Depart at 8:30 am. Destination may change due to weather conditions.

Contact Bob Crowley at stpetershiking@gmail.com or call 704.343.2617



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, Dec. 8

Mass at 12:10 pm and 5:30 pm

Death Penalty First Friday

Prayer Vigil—Dec. 1

Join with others across the country
at 2:00-3:00 pm

On the First Friday of every month, through prayerful petition, Scripture reflection, and contemplative silence, we pray for an end to the death penalty and for all those affected by capital punishment: victims, accused, their families, and those carrying out the execution.

Register to join the live-stream on Zoom or YouTube, go to catholicsmobilizing.org/first-friday-vigils

Receiving Gifts Gracefully Advent Retreat

Saturday, Dec. 2, 9:30-12 Noon
Biss Hall

(9:15 am—gather for coffee)

Join us for the annual Ignatian Spirituality Advent retreat that offers Ignatian prayer experiences of reflection, imaginative contemplation, and meditation with time for individual prayer and group sharing. If interested, **send an email to StPeterIgnatianSpiritualityCLT@gmail.com**



“Prepare the Way,” an experience with the infancy narratives as they are shared with our students.

- **Saturday, Dec. 9 after the 5:00 pm Mass**
- **Sunday, Dec. 10 after the 11:30 am Mass**

Adults, join us! We will meet in the Level II Atrium in the basement of Benedict Hall. Come experience the joy and wonder of the season as you did when you were a child.

St Peter Library news:

The St. Peter library in Ignatian House will be open between Sunday Masses during the season of Advent. (Dec. 3, 10 and 17.)

For details: Bill Rice, bill@wlrice.com, 704-517-8488

2nd week of Advent, additional confession times:

Saturday, Dec. 9 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 10 - 10:15 am and 4:00 pm

3rd week of Advent, additional confession times:

Saturday, Dec. 16 - 4:00 pm

Sunday, Dec. 17 - 10:15 am and 4:00 pm

4th week of Advent, additional confession times:

Saturday, Dec. 23 - 4:00 pm



Register to build Dec. 2 (flooring), 8 (trim) or 9 (painting). You don't have to climb ladders or hammer to work on site. You could measure, cut or carry flooring or drywall, or you could paint walls or trim. **Sign up by scanning the QR code** or go to habitatcltvolunteers.force.com/apex/VolunteerGroupSearch
Search group number: 1686

Select: Charlotte Church Partners Volunteer Team
Log in to an existing account or create a new one.

Did you know—Habitat Charlotte Region's Critical Home Repair program addresses issues where an income-qualified homeowner's health and safety might be at risk. Extending the functional life of the home allows the owners, often seniors living on fixed incomes, to age in place while also preserving more of our community's affordable housing units.

Serving our neighbors and the Church

**St. Peter hosts each Tuesday during the 2023-2024 Season
Starting Dec. 5 through March 26, 2024**

We welcome your participation in the Room in the Inn (RITI) ministry. Come join us.

St. Peter's "RITI ministry" offers:

- Drivers to transport our neighbors from the Urban Ministry to Biss Hall for a warm safe place to sleep.
- Host Teams to prepare, serve, and share dinner with conversation and compassion.
- Overnight team (St. Peter Men's Group) to chaperone, distribute clothing, organize showers, serve breakfast and distribute bag lunches (made by our host team the day before).
- "Rooster Team" arrives in the morning to assist with organization, clean up and acknowledge the neighbors as they exit the safe shelter of St. Peter.

Since 1996, St. Peter Church has partnered with other host sites of many faiths to open their facilities to provide shelter and food for our homeless neighbors during the winter months from December 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024.



**Interested in serving on
the Room In the Inn Ministry?**

**Email Glen McLaughlin and let him
know you're interested:
gmclaughlin640@gmail.com**



Homeless Relief Ministry is in need of furniture items to furnish apartments for formerly homeless brothers and sisters: dressers, small dinette sets, small sofas or love seats, coffee tables, and night stands. We continue to furnish apartments regularly and our "back stock" has run very low. We can arrange for pick up at your convenience. Please contact Betsy at: homelessreliefministry@gmail.com.



November Intention:

For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father;
as he fulfils his mission,
may he continue to accompany
the flock entrusted to him,
with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Ready for Mission

If you, or someone you know, has ever considered serving the Church as a Jesuit, then the Society of Jesus invites you to pray and discern if your passions and desires may lead you to a life with us.

For almost 500 years Jesuits have been serving God's people as "men on mission." Through prayer, we aim to orient our own passions and desires with God's desires for the Church and the world.

To explore if God is calling you to serve in Christ's mission as a Jesuit brother or priest, please visit the Jesuit Vocation website: **BeAJesuit.org**

We are ready to help you to discern our Jesuit life.

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