



**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**  
**UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY PARISH**  
 THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

**St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish  
 proclaims the Gospel through worship, formation, outreach and service  
 in order to foster a faithful, loving, dynamic, and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ  
 and provides a spiritual home to the diverse local and university communities.**

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m.,  
 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
**Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
 Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

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**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Monday – Friday:** 7:30 a.m. in the Catholic Center Chapel  
**Monday – Thursday** 12:15 p.m. in the Catholic Center  
 Chapel, 84 Somerset Street

**CONFESSION (Sacrament of Reconciliation):**

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon; and by appointment

**NOVENA PRAYERS:** Mondays at 7:30pm in the  
 Catholic Center Chapel

**BAPTISMS:**

Normally scheduled on the second & fourth Sundays of the  
 month at 12:30pm (not during Lent). Please observe the  
 requirements for sponsors. Must contact the office in  
 advance to register. First-time parents are required to  
 attend a baptism formation session.

**WEDDINGS:**

Marriage arrangements should be made one year in  
 advance of the wedding. Please call the parish office before  
 making other definitive plans. Once a wedding is approved  
 and the date is confirmed, the required marriage  
 preparation process may commence.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:**

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the  
 administration of the Sacrament of the Sick and/or for the  
 reception of the Holy Eucharist to those who are ill or elderly.

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

In the case of an **emergency** requiring a priest after  
 business hours, please call **732-545-6185**.

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 including name and contact number)

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 William Carroll Cemetery Director

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 Br. Patrick Reilly, BH Director X16  
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**Monday, December 24**

5:00 p.m. George & Betty Pellowski  
12:00 a.m. DM—Mulvey & Maroon Family

**Tuesday, December 25—The Nativity of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. Beatrice Petix  
11:00 a.m. Margaret Cupano

**Wednesday, December 26—St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

9:00 a.m. Peggy Riley

**Thursday, December 27—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

9:00 a.m. John Bolton, Sr.

**Friday, December 28—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

9:00 a.m. Anna Olszewski

**Saturday, December 29—Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Furman Ti Updike, Sr.  
5:00 p.m. MaryLou Mangarella

**Sunday, December 30—The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 a.m. Caroline Joy Bolton  
11:00 a.m. Bill Manley  
6:00 p.m. For the People



## Pray for ...

Kevin Hoagland, Thomas Spataro, Connor Montferrat, Theresa Birdsey, Ginnie Previte, Jonathan Swedel, John William Criscuoli, Danielle Reiser, Esther Wambui, Norman Corbett, Florence Gowin, Margaret Cleary, Jenny Locandro, Teresa Yannazzone, Bill Spataro, Nicholas Rossi, Chris Joyce, Gary Vavila, Patricia & Sylvanus Ashamole, Louis Svelec, Joseph D'Imperio III, the sick members of the Akushie and Nwachukwu Families, Doris Tarquinio, Peg Byrne, Rick Scuderi, Edward Migliore, Linda Ryan, Rita Pietrobono, Nicole Mancini, Angelo Mancini, Becky Yurga, Rebecca Miller, Orlando Gines, Yvonne Finaldi, Sheila Lavery, Tanya Davis, Sgt. John McLaughlin, Patricia Deri, Alessia DePasquale, Brian Donoghue, Christine Fellin, Jose Lopez, Sara Mette, Joseph Gerity, Mary Cignarella, Joseph Mahoney, Lorraine Fellin, Russell C. Hall, Russell J. Hall, Angelo Rossi, Mary Ann Hrapsky, William Kish, Maria Kratzar, Theresita DeGuzman, Bette Smith, Mary Spicer, Tom and Kathleen Monchek, Anna Graziosi, Shirley Murphy, Joey Mahoney, Evelyn Echevarria, Patricia Krakowski, Carmella LaVera, Joseph Gutsick, Marlene Salimbene, Barbara Wittreich, Frederick DeLong, Anne Gutsick-Smith

*All the sick, those who are homebound, the hospitalized, and all who serve in the military.*

## Stewardship

*A Way of Life*

**December 23, 2018 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*“For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

**Beginning Monday, December 3rd to Friday, January 11th the 7:30 a.m. Mass will move into our Church for the Advent and Christmas Season. Please note: the 12:15 p.m. daily Mass and the 9:00 a.m. Saturday Mass will remain in the Catholic Center Chapel.**

### Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle Memorials



There are many dates available for both Mass intentions and memorials for the Sanctuary Candle. Please contact the parish office for information at extension 110. Our 2019 Mass Intentions book is open.

### This Week's Readings

**Monday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Tuesday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

**Wednesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Friday:** 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



*A Christmas message  
From Msgr. Celano*

Almost a decade ago, Pope Benedict XVI published his book *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*. The reviews ranged from praise for the short work dedicated to the story of the Nativity to the really sensational and downright silly. “Pope says there were no animals at the Nativity”, said the Huffington Post. “Pope disputes date of Jesus birth”, read Time Magazine. My favorite comes from the UK’s Daily Mail; “Killjoy Pope Crushes Christmas Nativity Traditions”.

We’ve known that the date of Christ’s birth has been off a few years since we moved from the Julian to Gregorian calendar in 1582, so this story is almost 500 years too late. We also know that in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, St. Francis of Assisi inserted the animals into the crèche based on the words of Isaiah that even the “ox and the ass know their Master, but my people do not know me” (Isaiah 1:3). Nothing new here either.

Some historians have suggested that the early church fixed the date of the Nativity of Jesus to the winter solstice, in part because of the words of John the Baptist who said, “He must increase, I must decrease” (John 3:30). Light now begins to increase in the heart of winter’s darkness. From this point on, every day grows a little brighter, the sun a little warmer. While all this may fascinate some, or bore others, the point is this: in the cold and dark, light comes. Which is why Pope St. John Paul II said, “*The mystery of the Holy Night, which historically happened two thousand years ago, must be lived as a spiritual event in the ‘today’ of the Liturgy. The Word who found a dwelling in Mary’s womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with a*



*singular intensity at Christmas.”*

The Church celebrates this day as a “coming”, the coming of God into the world; the “Word is made Flesh” in the real world of human hopes, joys, sorrow, and tears. We are small, and of no account. But we are also precious, unrepeatable, known and loved from all eternity. Divine love is a powerful thing; it cannot be tamed or trivialized. Nor can we be purely sentimental about it, as if it were only given for our comfort, and not for our reformation. The God who, in love, lays claim to us in Jesus Christ both shatters the darkness that lies within the human heart, while at the same time giving us its cure in Jesus, the Word Become Flesh.

The essential message of the Nativity is this: Jesus Christ, the true light, has come into the world, “a light no darkness can extinguish” (John 1:5). It is my hope and prayer for you that, somewhere in the depth of your soul, you will better know the coming of God into the world, once in Bethlehem and now here on the altar; that you will know in a life-changing way that God has irrevocably claimed you as His own, and that the Word which relentlessly knocks at the door to our hearts may find a new and deeper welcome in us.

In the heart of winter’s cold and darkness, light begins to increase. The Word Made Flesh knocks of the door of every human heart. “He must increase...” is not just about the Forerunner yielding himself over to the One whose way He came to prepare. It is the call of the Christian life and the Love that makes us whole again.

*Merry Christmas!*

*Rev. Msgr. Joseph A. Celano*

We are grateful to the following people for their contribution towards the Christmas decorations in our Church.  
Please remember their intentions in your prayers.

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**In Memory of:**

Deceased Members of the Anigbogu & Onwuasonjas Families  
Felix R. Acevedo  
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*And the Word became flesh, and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, The glory of the Father's Only Son, Full of Grace and Truth.*

*A Blessed AND Merry Christmas to all from the Clergy and Staff of St., Peter's!*

### **St. Peter the Apostle University & Community Parish proclaims a:**

#### **MARIAN YEAR**

A year of preparation, prayer and catechesis.

Please join us as we raise awareness of the importance of devotion to Our Lady!

Our next catechesis will be on Monday Jan. 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. on the topic of *Mary, the Mother of God offered by Msgr. Celano.*

We invite you to join us throughout the year for presenters in prayer and study as we grow closer to Our Lady. If you have questions, please e-mail:

***FrJames@StPeterNewBrunswick.org***

#### **CORRECTION**

*In the Dec. 9 bulletin, St. Peter the Apostle Parish published that in honor of the Marian Year, on Monday, Jan. 7 there would be all-day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and sung vespers, followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This information was incorrect. On Jan. 7, there will only be sung vespers and catechesis, beginning at 6:30 in the church. St. Peter's regrets the error.*

#### **Holiday Parish Office Hours**

*Please note the following hours for our parish office for this coming week:*

Christmas Eve 12/24 - Closed  
 Christmas Day 12/25 - Closed  
 Wednesday 12/26 - Closed  
 Thursday 12/27 - 9am-3pm  
 Friday 12/28 - Closed  
 Monday 12/31 - 9am-12pm  
 Tuesday 1/1/19 - Closed  
 Wednesday 1/2/19 - 9am-3pm

*Please note our emergency contact information on the front page if you are in need of a priest. Thank you.*

### **Christmas Season Mass Schedule**

***For those who will be in town for the upcoming Christmas season, please take note of the following Mass schedule at St. Peter's:***

#### **Monday, December 24, 2018**

The Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
 Mass Times: 5:00 p.m., 12 Midnight (with Choral preludes at 11:30 p.m., see below)

#### **Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
 Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday, December 30, 2018**

Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
 Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

#### **Monday, December 31, 2018**

\*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  
 Mass Times: 5:00 p.m.

#### **Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

\*Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  
 Mass Times: 11:00 a.m.

#### **Sunday, January 6, 2019**

The Epiphany of the Lord  
 Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

#### **Sunday, January 13, 2019**

The Baptism of the Lord  
 Mass Times: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

***\*The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Metuchen.***

#### **PRELUDES TO MIDNIGHT MASS**

*A time of music, prayer and preparation*

Beginning at 11:30 p.m., our church will be filled with the joyful music of Christmas. The parish choir and an ensemble of brass and string instruments and harp will lead the singing and offer choral anthems and solos. Plan to arrive early and enter into this time of music, prayer and preparation!

*Christmas Flower Donation...continued*

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