

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. James Small †
- 10:45 a.m. Thomas Mudry †
- 12:15 p.m. Carl R. Gulakowski †
- 5:00 p.m. John and Eileen Patricia †

Monday, December 21

Saint Peter Canisius, priest, doctor

- 6:45 a.m. Anthony Canale †
- 8:30 a.m. John Paul Zuras SI

Tuesday, December 22

- 6:45 a.m. Victor Pellegrino †
- 8:30 a.m. Carol Braun SI

Wednesday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty, priest

- 6:45 a.m. Kenneth Eugene Martin †
- 8:30 a.m. Paula Thomas †

Thursday, December 24

- C 4:00 p.m. Anne and John Sykes †
- H 4:00 p.m. Children celebrating Sacraments SI
- BT 4:00 p.m. Joyce McCarthy SI
- C 6:00 p.m. Busch Family SI
- H 6:00 p.m. Patricia Conrad †
- 8:00 p.m. Kathleen and Jim Brandy SI
- 9:30 p.m. Devon McKniff †
- 11:30 p.m. Robbie Daniel †

Friday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

- 7:30 a.m. People of the Parish
- 9:00 a.m. The Petit Family SI
- 10:45 a.m. Grace Reny †
- 12:15 p.m. The Atem Family SI

Saturday, December 26

Saint Stephen, first martyr

- 8:30 a.m. Joan Bohler Adams †
- 4:30 p.m. Vivian White †

Sunday, December 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 7:30 a.m. Tommy Burnett †
- 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
- 10:45 a.m. Tom Mudry †
- 12:15 p.m. Marjorie Zibilich †
- 5:00 p.m. Jacob Dutch Glover †

Deceased - † Healing - ♥
Special Intentions – SI

Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

- will be in : C - Church
- H - Parish Hall
- BT - Blessed Trinity Auditorium

**Celebrants for December 27th
next Sunday's Masses**

- 4:30 p.m. Vigil MassFr. Rau
- 7:30 a.m.Fr. Rau
- 9:00 a.m.Fr. Yander
- 10:45 a.m.Fr. Rau
- 12:15 p.m.Fr. Atem
- 5:00 p.m.Fr. Atem

Subject to change

FROM THE PASTOR:

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Peace ~ remembering that what Christ offers in His gift of Peace, the world cannot offer. We take that gift within us and are called to share it when we receive Our Lord in Eucharist. As God's people, wait patiently for the time when He will bring His Peace to a waiting world at the end of the ages.

This week, we remember Peace as we frantically finish last minute preparations for The Feast of the Nativity on Friday (Christmas Day). In that spirit, St. Peter Chanel will be welcoming many guests and visitors to the church for Christmas Masses. I know I can count on you to offer hospitality with smiles and supportive hands—especially to those who might be looking to you to see when “to sit, stand, kneel”—our Catholic calisthenics. For some of our brothers and sisters, this will be the only time they encounter the sacred. With the prayers of the Virgin, you will their first encounter with Christ in His people at St. Peter Chanel.

You may have noticed that there is a Christmas Eve Mass that is not publicly advertized but will take place at 4:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Auditorium. I will be celebrating that Mass and I want to thank Mr. Frank Moore, the Blessed Trinity staff, and our Policemen for their help to us. Please remember to thank our “guys in blue” while entering and exiting the parking lots.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our annual Christmas collection which provides a significant portion of funds to support our many ministries and organizations. This is the single most important collection of the year for the operations of St. Peter Chanel. Thank you again for all your help.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Peter



Father Peter and the community of St. Peter Chanel wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Pat Schueler and family in the death of her husband, Richard Schueler. May he now share in Eternal Glory and his loved ones receive God's consolation and peace.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule, December 24th

No Masses at 6:45 a.m. & 8:30 a.m.
 4:00 p.m. Church with Christmas Pageant/Children's Choir
 4:00 p.m. Parish Hall with Christmas Pageant
 4:00 p.m. Blessed Trinity Mass Auditorium
 6:00 p.m. Church Teen Mass
 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall Mass
 8:00 p.m. Church Mass
 9:30 p.m. Church Mass
 11:30 p.m. Church Mass
 Adult Choir Program at 11:00 p.m. precedes Mass.

Christmas Day Mass Schedule, December 25th

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
 (10:30 a.m. at St. George Village)

NOTE: Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from 12:00 Noon on December 24 until 1:30 p.m. on December 25.

Mary Mother of God, January 1, 2010

Vigil Masses on December 31, 2009:
 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
 Masses January 1, 2010:
 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Monastery of the Holy Spirit

Pick up your holiday treats after all Masses in the Narthex. The monks from the Monastery of the Holy Spirit will be here with a selection of their most popular products, monk-made fudge, monk grown coffee and fruitcakes.

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2009

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: **Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Friday: **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Mission statement: Nourishing the Body of Christ by nurturing one another through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, December 20

CLOW
 8:45 a.m. Nursery
 6:00 p.m. Women's Group
 Christmas Party

Monday, December 21

Altar Linens Jinny Abi-Sarkis
 Krissie Albertson
 Dana Luca
 Mapy Ashton

10:00 a.m. Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant

7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary
 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, December 22

1:00 p.m. CMAP
 4:00 p.m. Children's Adoration
 4:45 p.m. Children's/ Youth Choir
 6:00 p.m. St. Philomena Novena
 8:00 p.m. Marian Devotion

Wednesday, December 23

Bulletin deadline for 1/10/2010

Thursday, December 24

Parish Office is closed for Christmas holiday and will reopen January 4, 2010.

Friday, December 25

1:30 p.m. Adoration resumes



Born on that First Holy Night, the message continues:

"For unto us a Savior is born."

Wishing you the closeness to the Lord that Mary experienced.

May you have a "Mary" Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

From our St. Peter Chanel Clergy and Staff.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday:

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

or by appointment.

Adult Education and RCIA www.stpeterchanel.org/AdultEd/

Deacon Mike Bickerstaff, Director ~ 678-832-1228 or mbickerstaff@stpeterchanel.org
Frank Zilinskas, RCIA Coordinator ~ 678-832-1232 or fzilinskas@stpeterchanel.org

Catholics Returning Home

Next Series Begins - Sunday, January 17, 2010

A Ministry of Compassion and Reconciliation

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you! Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you! No matter how long you have been away, for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

You are invited to a short "refresher course" and discussions. Six, 90-minute sessions will take place in classroom 1 at St Peter Chanel at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings beginning January 17th.

Topics will include Divine Revelation, the Sacraments, the Church, the impact of Vatican II, the Creed, and of course your questions and concerns. All questions are welcome.

For more information, or private inquiry, please contact Deacon Mike Bickerstaff.



How do I become Catholic?

We welcome anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. Each year we conduct two series of classes that lead people through the process of coming into the Catholic Church.

If you have never been baptized or need more instruction in the faith, we offer a series of classes that initially provide you with information to help you determine if this journey is right for you. If you choose to continue, the classes will prepare you for the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist.

A separate series of classes is offered to those who have been previously baptized and have some knowledge of the Catholic faith. This series will help prepare you to enter into full communion with the Church.

Both series of classes are part of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). This is not a program, but rather a process by which adults, after hearing the mystery and good news of Jesus Christ proclaimed, seek to enter the way of faith and conversion within the Church as guided by the Holy Spirit who opens their hearts. Every person is different, but all need to take that first step and we hope and pray that you do.

We are here to serve and help you. Please visit our website and download, print and complete the R.C.I.A. Information Form. For more information or to schedule a meeting, please contact Deacon Mike Bickerstaff, Director Adult Ed & RCIA at the contact information listed above.

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope... (1 Peter 3:15)

Have you been waiting for the right time to join a Bible Study or class? NOW'S the time! Bring your bible and a friend.

Sunday - Why Catholic? Why we believe what we believe in Blessed Trinity Media Center at 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Presented by Mike Carlton and Deacon Mike Bickerstaff. Classes resume January 10, 2010.

Monday Night Bible Study - Jeff Cavins' Great Adventures Bible Timeline in classroom 1 at 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Presented by Bill and Ellen Lowderman. Classes resume January 11, 2010.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study - Adventures in Revelation in classroom 1 at 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Presented by Deacon Mike Bickerstaff. Classes resume January 12, 2010.

Wednesday Morning Movies with the Saints in classroom 1 at 10:00 - 12 Noon
Presented by Cherie Czabala and Beverley Tetric. Classes resume January 13, 2010.

Wednesday Night Bible Study - "Exodus" study by Jeff Cavins in McNamee Hall right at 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.
Presented by John and Barb Gordon. Classes resume January 13, 2010.

Parish School of Religion

www.stpeterchanel.org/psr/

Cathy Marbury, DRE ~ 678-832-1229 or cmarbury@stpeterchanel.org
Chris Simons, Registrar ~ 678-832-1230 or csimons@stpeterchanel.org

PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * No PSR Sessions on Sunday, December 20th, 27th, and January 3rd or Wednesday, December 23rd, 30th and January 6th.
- * A complete calendar is posted on the web site under the Forms and Calendars tab.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - CLOW

- * Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. nearly every Sunday. Adult helpers are needed to lector and help with the children. Please contact Cathy Marbury at cmarbury@stpeterchanel.org or 678-832-1229 for more information.
- * Children's Liturgy of the Word teams: Please return your Green Weekly Leader Guide to the front desk at your convenience. We are now in liturgical year C. Please contact Cathy Marbury to pick up your new "red" year C book.
- * CLOW will meet on December 20th. There will be NO CLOW on December 27th and January 3rd.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Coordinator: Kathy Kehner, 678-832-1221 or kkehner@stpeterchanel.org

Confirmation Year Two Candidates and their Sponsors are invited to attend an Evening of Reflection in January.

This event, a Year Two formation requirement, is an opportunity for the Candidate and Sponsor to share an evening of faith and friendship before the celebration of the sacrament on May 1st. The registration form may be found on the website and Candidates should register for one of the following two events:

Sunday, January 17th (MLK, Jr. Day on Monday--no school) or **Friday, January 22nd**
6:30-7:00 p.m. ----- Parent Meeting to complete Mass Preference Forms
7:00-10:00 p.m. ----- Candidate-Sponsor Program

Note to Candidate: If your sponsor is unable to attend this event, please invite another Catholic adult to share the evening. The adult you choose to invite should be someone with whom you are comfortable talking and sharing thoughts.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

ALIVE! High School Coordinator: Megan Kyle, 678-832-1239 or mkyale@stpeterchanel.org

Upcoming Teen Events - Service Opportunities

January 8-10th - Covecrest Retreat: This is open to all high school teens. This retreat is teen led. Teens do you want to feel more connected with your parish and faith? This is a great opportunity to form a strong community while growing closer to Christ! Permission slips are available on our website.

January 22-24th - Search Retreat: This is a retreat that is sponsored by the Archdiocese. It is teen led and a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Catholic teens. More information is available on our website.

Pine Straw - High School Teens Fundraiser: All profits benefit our high school mission trip. This year we are taking 54 people to Milwaukee, WI. All support is greatly appreciated! **Do you need Pine Straw this fall?** Pine straw is delivered right to your house! Order forms are available in the Narthex and on our website. Please support our high school teens by ordering your pine straw through us!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

PSR Coordinator: Kendra Lockhart, 678-832-1235 or klockhart@stpeterchanel.org

Bible Study Coordinator: Debbie Parisi, 678-832-1212 or dparisi@stpeterchanel.org

Thank you to all the catechists who make the Bible come alive for our middle schoolers on Sunday and Wednesday evenings. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Did you know? ... By joining the SPC Email List ...

You can receive important announcements about upcoming speakers, events, and classes, plus a new monthly Adult Education Newsletter. We will never share your email address with anyone. It is safe and easy to both subscribe and unsubscribe. Just click on the quick link on the homepage of our website, www.stpeterchanel.org.

Ministry News

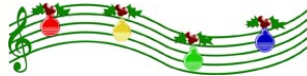
MUSIC MINISTRY

678-832-1247 jjackson@stpeterchanel.org

*"Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, bless His name..." Ps: 96*

We invite you to join in the weekly Communion chant:

***"O sing to the Lord and bless God's name,
Alleluia."***



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

678-832-1281 # 7027 kofc@stpeterchanel.org



Are you interested in finding out more about the Knights of Columbus? We would be happy to talk to you! Contact us at the email and/or number above.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

678-832-1281 # 7044 cancergroup@stpeterchanel.org

The St. Peter Chanel Cancer Support Ministry acts as a liaison for people with cancer and their families offering support such as: Meals, Transportation to Doctor Appointment or Mass, Visitation and Respite Care. Please let us know your needs and how we can be of assistance by emailing or calling the Cancer Support Ministry line.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

678-832-1281 # 7043 yam@stpeterchanel.org

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18 and 35? Come interact with fellow young adults in the parish through SPC YAM. For information about upcoming events, sign up for our e-mail list by contacting us at our ministry email. We hope to see you at our next event!

ST. PHILOMENA DEVOTION

678-832-1281 # 7050

stphilomena@stpeterchanel.org

We gather every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel for a devotional in her honor. Fr. Henry does a Benediction at the Novena as well as an anointing of holy oil, on the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us on Tuesdays.



MARIAN DEVOTION

678-832-1281 # 7021 mariandevotion@stpeterchanel.org

We meet every Tuesday from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the chapel. We say the rosary followed by the Divine Mercy chaplet. Come any Tuesday and join with us in holy prayer.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

678-832-1281 # 7049 divinemeracy@stpeterchanel.org

We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday after the noon Mass. Please join us for this special devotion.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

678-832-1281 # 7007 adoration@stpeterchanel.org

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. to Sunday, 7:00 a.m. and
Sunday, 6:00 p.m. to Saturday, 8:30 a.m.



Our Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, waits patiently for us to bring our every need and desire to Him.

*If you are busy, come!
If you are burdened, come!*

Do you have an hour to give to the Lord? If you are interested in becoming a guardian for any hour, or a substitute, please call the Eucharistic Adoration ministry hotline or email our ministry leader.

ELIJAH CUP MINISTRY

678-832-1281 # 7006 elijahcup@stpeterchanel.org

At each weekend Mass, a parish family has the opportunity to take the Elijah Cup home to offer daily prayers for young men and women to respond to God's call to serve Him in His Church as a Priest, Deacon or Sister. There is probably nothing more gratifying than to know that the prayers of your family have caused just one young man or woman discerning the Lord's call to respond. The families are selected from the list of those who make known their desire to participate in this very rewarding ministry. Please prayerfully consider bringing the Elijah Cup to your home for a week of family prayer for vocations. Please call or e-mail your time and date preferences.

The commitment is small...the reward everlasting

Saturday, December 19th

4:30 p.m. Vigil The Cranna Family

Sunday, December 20th

7:30 a.m. The Brady Family

9:00 a.m. The Czajkoski Family

10:45 a.m. The Javier Jimenez Family

12:15 p.m. The Navarro Family

5:00 p.m. The Holland Family

MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

678-832-1281 # 7011 missionofcharity@stpeterchanel.org



Each

Advent

Season, on

behalf of the Gift of

Grace Home/Missionaries

of Charities Ministry at SPC,

we collect **new hats, gloves and**

socks to be brought downtown and

distributed to the homeless throughout the

city. Two decorated boxes have been labeled

**and placed in the Narthex to collect these items.
Donations will be brought to Grace Home on 12/21.**

**Thank you for
your Support.**

Ministry News

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY (SAM)

678-832-1281 # 7051 sam@stpeterchanel.org

The Single Adult Ministry (SAM) is for single adults over 40, who are looking for a safe place to meet and share fellowship and common interests with other single adults. We meet on the second Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in classrooms 6/7. Come and be part of this ministry, meet people and help plan our next events!

RETROUVILLE

678-832-1281 # 7046 retrouvaille@stpeterchanel.org

The Retrouville program is for married couples who are:

- Constantly arguing or fighting;
- Experiencing coldness or conflict;
- Frustrated, hurt, or angry with their spouse;
- Alone or distant from their spouse;
- Anxious about their marriage relationship;
- Disillusioned or bored in their marriage;
- Without the time or desire to communicate;
- Unable to see how to change their situation;
- Considering divorce.....



Rediscover your love and give your marriage a second chance. Go to www.retrouvailleofatlanta.org. The next Retrouville weekend is January 29 – 31, 2010. You can also call 770-495-8592 to leave a message and a volunteer will return your call. Your call is confidential.

MISSION MINISTRY

678-832-1281 # 7052 missions@stpeterchanel.org

Upcoming Mission Ministry Pilgrimages

Are you interested in doing something very different? Would you like to grow in your faith by serving and experiencing Jesus in "the least of your brothers"?

The Mission Ministry has planned four exciting trips to Haiti and Jamaica. There are two trips with Mustard Seed Ministries (MSC) and two trips with Missionaries of the Poor (MOP). Space is limited and vacancies for these exciting projects will be filled on a first come basis.

The dates for the 2010 Pilgrimages are:

- **March 13-17** ~ MOP Construction Trip to Cap Haitien Haiti
- **June 12-19** ~ MSC Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica
- **July 21-26** ~ MOP Mission Trip to Kingston, Jamaica
- **October 16-23** ~ MSC Mission Trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica

If you are interested in hearing more about any of these trips, please email us or leave a voice message with your contact information and we will invite you to an information meeting.

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please remember that even one "no show" for a Mass has an effect on the Liturgy. If you cannot make your scheduled Mass, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. You may pick up a copy of the ministry schedule from the literature rack in the Narthex or view them online. Any questions please contact Deacon Scott Sparks at 678-832-1215 or ssparks@stpeterchanel.org.

	Sat 12/26 4:30 PM	Sun 12/27 7:30 AM	Sun 12/27 9:00 AM	Sun 12/27 10:45 AM	Sun 12/27 12:15 PM	Sun 12/27 5:00 PM
1 st Read	Amling, Alan	Stinson, DeeDee	Nelli, Carl	Clement, Greg	Vienneau, Jackie	Cregge, Kyle
2 nd Read/Com	Ward, Susan	Gordon, John	Gardner, Debi	Czabala, Cherie	Durand, Marilyn	Shults, Jennifer
Altar Appren	Hernandez, A	Smith, Benjamin	Cote, David	Czabala, Patrick	Leach, Thomas	Finn, Aidan
Altar Appren	Uhrik, Dylan	Herdegen, Julia	Stoke, Caylin	Donnelly, Connor	Caseiro, Lorenzo	Tanaka, Katherine
Altar Leader	Mathews, Anna	Metzinger, Josh	Czajkoski, Cole	Giangiordano, G	Leach, Alex	Vassil, Andrew
Altar Leader	Merrigan, S R	Rowe, James	Cregge, Katherine	Thomas, Ashley	Clark, Joseph	Moffit, Jill
Altar Server	Sugg, Tyler	Metzinger, Megan	Stoke, Chris	Giangiordano, Matt	Leach, Jonathan	Finn, Everett
Altar Server	Stegemoeller, Will	Metzinger, Sam	Schwartz, Cole	Thomas, Andrew	Clark, Christopher	Allen, Kyle
Altar Server	Brooks, Cole		Reagan, Michael	Thomas, Emily	Anderson, TJ	Vassil, Ryan
Altar Server	Stegemoeller, B		Reagan, Nicole	Byrnes, Anna	Newhart, Elizabeth	Dooley, Olivia
Greeter	Longino, Leigh		Dietrich, Patricia	Carlson, Matt	Bearden, Kim	
Greeter	Siegert, Judy		Drake, Carolyn	Carlson, Susanne	Kranyecz, John	
Greeter	Treanor, Rose		Drake, Ronald	Handler, Lisa	Maire, Patricia	
Greeter	Valentine, Barbie		Duckett, Leslie	Harrison, Lisa	Pinto, Ida Elisa	
Greeter			Gonzalez, Lauren	Tanaka, Gwyn		
Greeter			Pokorny, Ann	Troiano, Kim		
Sacristan	Sugg, Steven	Flowers, Suzanne	Parra, Barbie	Darensbourg, R	Fernandez, Celso	Gruver, Richard
Usher	Dahm, David	Bolton, Andrew	Apple, Chris	Gudenkauf, Stan	Gransden, Bob	
Usher	Dahm, Jason	Kauffmann, Vince	Carrow, Bruce	Harris, Patrick	O'Malley, Paul	
Usher	Keck, Debi	Newhall, Brian	Johnston, Bill	Leonard, Ethan	Ryan, Janet	
Usher	Keck, Jerry	Parsons, Mark	Lewis, Lou	Leonard, Tom	Stidfole, Eugene	
Usher	Muniz, Bob	Penso, Pedro	Nee, John	Stockmal, David	Vanden Heuvel, T	
Usher	Muniz, Carol		Taylor, William	Zibilich, Michael	Zabroske, Tom	

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

Year End Reminders

1. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our annual Christmas collection which provides a significant portion of the funds used all year long to support our many ministries and programs. This is the single most important collection of the year for the operations of St. Peter Chanel. Don't forget the regular Sunday collection on 12/27.
2. Remember the December 31st deadline for charitable gift tax deductions. Contact Tom Blond at 678-832-1224 or tblond@stpeterchanel.org if you wish to make arrangements for a special gift before year end. He will also provide instructions on how to transfer stock or other assets.
3. Checks postmarked 2009, but delivered in 2010, can be claimed as a deduction in 2009.
4. Statements of contributions to St. Peter Chanel for 2009, which many use for tax preparations, will be mailed by the end of January.

Thank you again for your support and prayers for the needs and work of St. Peter Chanel

E-Giving

St. Peter Chanel now offers Electronic Giving for your convenience.

Save time, simplify your life, and support our church. We're keeping up with the times by offering our parishioners a new way to make contributions. Our new Electronic Giving program is an automated program that will allow you to make contributions without having to write a check or reach into your wallet for cash.

It is fast, safe and easy! The electronic transfer will cost you nothing and you save the cost of a check. St. Peter Chanel will continue to issue a donation statement each year for your tax records. Your bank or credit/debit card statements will provide you with a record of transfer as additional proof of your contributions. Please visit our website at www.stpeterchanel.org for further details.

Creative Ways to Make a Gift to St. Peter Chanel

The Season of Giving is all about family: Do you realize that your parish is part of your family too? The parish plays a vital role in each phase of our lives from Baptism to the Last Rites. They really are part of your family. Please remember your parish family during this season and include St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church as a beneficiary of your 401K, IRA or of a life insurance policy. Fr. Peter asks that for more information about making a planned gift to St. Peter Chanel please contact Diane Duquette at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia: 404-497-9440 or dduquette@cfnga.org. Additional information is available at www.archatl.com/giving/gp.

PRAYER LIST

The prayer list will be cleared at the end of each month. If prayers are still needed for you or your family member, please call the bulletin editor at 678-832-1233 or email bulletin@stpeterchanel.org to add to next month's list.

We ask that you pause a moment to offer a prayer for the sick of our community: Dylan Andrada, Brian Bedford, Dess Bickerstaff, Ellen Boccuzzi, Elaine Bohl, Christina and Michael Bresnan, Stacey Butler, Vince Callahan, Tom Cassidy, Will Chastain, Mark Coleman, Pat Comer, Brenda Cremins, Louis Curti, Cheryl Curtis, Mike Daigle, Jim Deffet, Patty Dietrich, David Edwards, Andrea Fuller, Montye Gardner, James Gionfriddo, Larry Gorman, Jackson Greene, Rosemarie Grogan, Lois Gulakowski, Wade Hansard, Susan Garrison-Hinds, Bob and Gina Howard, R. J. Howard, Joan Johnston, Kathryn Joosten, Merrill King, Bob Lally, Ann Lampe, Mykola Leddy, Colleen Lohnes, Anne Lopez, Laura Lee Lopez, Nancy Makofske, Mary, Bridget McKenzie, Harold McClure, Trudi Miller, Peter James Minor, Lester Mullins, Bobby Murdock, Greg Nalley, Michael Pardee, Fr. Joe Peek, Charles and Irene Pizzo, Mary Ramirez, Helen Ray, Tom Richard, Ulises Rodriguez, Robin Shifflett, Ben Smith, Noel Smith, Deacon Scott Sparks, Doni Strok, Sallie Stultz, Paul Sykes, John Wachtel, Angela Wallace, Bill Wilkins, and Edith Wilkins. Please pray for our loved ones who are going through medical procedures. We pray for all who give them care. We pray for all those who are homebound. May they feel the healing touch of the Lord.

Offertory for December 13th

Weekly Need: \$44,241.00
 Offertory Collection: \$44,230.50
 E-Giving Offertory: \$5,295.00
 Total Collected this Week: \$49,525.50

of Envelopes Used: 712
 Fiscal YTD Needed: \$1,056,273.00
 Fiscal YTD Collected: \$1,070,957.33

Mortgage Payment

Monthly Need: \$55,285.00
 Monthly Collection: \$20,624.00
 Add'l Mortgage \$\$ Rec'd: \$10,897.50
 E-Giving Mortgage Rec'd: \$1,902.50
 Total Collected this MTD: \$33,424.00

of Envelopes Used: 422
 Fiscal YTD Needed: \$165,855.00
 Fiscal YTD Collected: \$131,986.55

Second Collection

Retirement Fund for the Religious \$8,017.00

We appreciate your support and generosity

Please consider remembering
 St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in your Will.

**The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
 Second Collection**

will benefit Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Inc. Catholic Charities, a ministry rooted in the Gospel, partners with our community to move people facing adversity to wholeness and self-sufficiency. Catholic Charities serves all people, regardless of religion, origin, race or background and last year served more than 14,000 families and individuals in north Georgia with: mental health counseling for families, children, and individuals; seminars on financial literacy & foreclosure prevention; counseling on mortgage default intervention, as well as English classes & healthy marriages classes; immigration legal services; crisis pregnancy counseling, parenting and adoption services; refugee resettlement services; after school tutoring programs & summer camp, and information & referral services. Give generously where it truly counts. Help Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope for individuals and families in need in Georgia.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS ORDER FORM

If you are interested in donating a poinsettia for our Christmas Celebration in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please fill out the form below and **return it to the parish office by December 21st**. Flowers are \$20 each. Return this form with your donation in an envelope to the parish office.



Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Please indicate your memorial designation on each line (In Honor of or In Memory of)

1.) _____

2.) _____

3.) _____

4.) _____

5.) _____

Number of plants ordered _____ X \$20.00 = \$ _____ Amount enclosed

Around the Archdiocese and Community News

Al-Anon Meetings

Are you troubled by a loved one's drinking? Did you grow up with a problem drinker? Al-Anon is for families, relatives and friends whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. The Al-Anon Family Group meets every Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. at SPC in classrooms 3/4.

Village of St. Joseph Counseling Services

They offer affordable, professional mental health counseling for children, adolescents, parents, individuals, couples and families. One of their counselors, Rev. Stewart Wilber, M.Div., LMSW, is available to provide counseling services here at St. Peter Chanel Parish. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact: Intake Line 404-733-3527.

Queen of Angels Catholic School



Queen of Angels Catholic School will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year in the month of January. Please check their website, www.qaschool.org, for admissions information and deadlines.

Applications are available for download from their website or they can be picked up at the school beginning on January 5, 2010. Applications and all supporting documents are due on January 29, 2010. Interested applicants and their families are invited to attend the Open House on Sunday, January 24, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous is held Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. in SPC classroom 1. If you are interested in AA's program of recovery from alcoholism you are welcome to attend. For more information contact Maureen at 404-354-0727.

Journey of Hope 2010

Presented by DivorcedCatholic.com

This powerful and dynamic conference for separated and divorced Catholics addresses the issues of healing, faith and navigating life after divorce.

Saturday, February 27th and Sunday, February 28th
at Marriott Atlanta North Hotel

The keynote speaker is Fr. Thomas Williams, CBS/NBC Analyst, theologian and author of *Can God be Trusted? Spiritual Progress Knowing Right from Wrong*.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory will celebrate Mass on Sunday. For more information or to register, visit journeyofhopeconference.com. See the Saturday and Sunday schedule on the website.

Going to the hospital? Hospitalized unexpectedly?

Please remember to let the parish office know if you or a loved one are ill, hospitalized, scheduling surgery, or homebound. You should let the hospital know you are Catholic and a member of SPC. Many times we do not find out until after a need has passed. You may not be aware that because of the privacy issues, hospitals are no longer allowed to ask your religion, so we do not automatically know if someone has been hospitalized. The clergy staff and the Ministry to the Sick are available. Please call Debi Moore at 678-832-1222 with your pastoral needs so that the clergy can be informed and respond.