

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church

Where “We Are Family”

2010-2011 Directory of
Ministries, Organizations and
Religious Education

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:30 p.m.

Sunday Masses
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m.
5:00 p.m. Teen Mass

Weekday Masses
6:45 a.m. Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. Monday - Saturday
12:00 Noon Friday

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

For all other sacraments, please call the office.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

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

September, 2010

My dear friends in Christ,

When asked about St. Peter Chanel parish, I answer honestly that while we are blessed in many ways, the true treasure here is the community itself. You are the real treasure of St. Peter Chanel. It is within you that God has placed the many gifts and talents that He knows we might need. That was the promise given to the early Church and still holds true today.

“Gifts and Talents” is a phrase often repeated, but what does it mean—do you have any—and would the parish really need them? The answer is really very simple. Yes! Is there something you do well? Is there something that gives you great satisfaction to do? From welcoming visitors, to assisting at Mass in one of the many Liturgical Ministries, to teaching or assisting in the Parish School of Religion programs—we have a place for you. Perhaps you see the need for a new ministry, support group, or organization—help us get it started.

There are numerous ways to be involved at St. Peter Chanel, but most important is the understanding that we each share our talents and share our gifts because we truly believe that they were given to us by God for just that reason. Thank you and may God bless you and your family. Welcome!

Peace,

*Fr. Peter
Pastor*

What shall I render to the Lord for his bounty to me? Psalm 116:12

Our Parish History

“We Are Family”

The “family” of St. Peter Chanel began in the spring of 1998, when Archbishop John F. Donoghue asked Fr. Frank McNamee to become the administrator of the newly announced mission of St. Ann’s in Marietta. It was to be named after the Marist martyr, St. Peter Chanel, and located in Roswell, Georgia.

The search began for a Rectory, which in the beginning would serve not only as a residence, but also the parish office and a place to celebrate Mass. Beginning on November 2, 1998, Fr. Frank began celebrating daily Mass four days a week at the rectory. Plans began to renovate the lower level into a day chapel and a staff office, which was completed in May, 1999.

As attendance grew, the cafeteria at Roswell North Elementary School became the next home for St. Peter Chanel, when our first Sunday Mass was celebrated on November 29, 1998. At the same time, construction was underway for Queen of Angels School, the first building on the Archdiocese property on Woodstock Road, which subsequently opened in August, 1999. St. Peter Chanel began to celebrate weekend Masses in the school’s gymnasium in September, and our first year of religious education classes, including PSR, Adult Education, and RCIA, were underway.

With the blessing of the Archdiocese, a building committee was formed in mid-1999 to plan a permanent home for the community of St. Peter Chanel to be built on the same campus as Queen of Angels School and the future Blessed Trinity High School. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Fr. Frank McNamee, Deacon Martin Lampe, and the entire committee, the firm of Preston Phillips was selected as architects, and the construction contract was awarded to Dudley Barrett Construction Company. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on June 5, 2000, with Archbishop Donoghue presiding. Construction of the temporary sanctuary to seat 700, administrative offices and classroom wing began in the fall of 2000.

In his Decree of Establishment, Archbishop Donoghue elevated St. Peter Chanel to parish status effective September 24, 2000. On

January 6, 2001, the Archbishop celebrated the Installation Mass of Fr. Frank McNamee as the first Pastor of St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church. In appreciation of the tremendous support of the Archbishop and the Archdiocese of Atlanta, the Parish Council and Fr. Frank presented Archbishop Donoghue with a framed rendering of the new facility, and pronounced it the Archbishop Donoghue Pastoral Center. The Archbishop Donoghue Pastoral Center was completed in early September of 2001, and included our temporary sanctuary, offices, classrooms and kitchen. On December 1, 2001, Archbishop Donoghue celebrated the Dedication Mass and instituted Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Over the next years, two successful campaigns, “Building for the Generations” and “Building the Kingdom” gave us the opportunity, with the blessing of the Archdiocese, to embark on construction for the next phase of our church. For this project, the firm of CDH Partners, Inc. was selected as architects, and the construction contract was awarded to Van Winkle & Company. On September 24, 2006, the sixth anniversary of our elevation to parish status, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory presided over the groundbreaking ceremony for our next phase of construction. The plan for this construction phase included our new sanctuary, an expanded nursery and kitchen, and the conversion of our temporary sanctuary into our parish hall.

On August 15, 2008, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses were the first to be celebrated in our new Sanctuary. Construction continued on the kitchen and parish hall for the next three months. On November 29, 2008, the 10th anniversary of the parish’s first Sunday Mass, Archbishop Gregory celebrated our Dedication Mass for our new church.

With the assignment of Fr. Frank McNamee as the new pastor of the Cathedral of Christ the King effective January 1, 2009, the family of St. Peter Chanel welcomed Fr. Peter Rau as our second pastor. St. Peter Chanel continues to grow from the original 7 families to over 2,650 families as of August, 2010. May God continue to bless this parish community and may He give success to the work of our hands.



ADMINISTRATIVE

Office Volunteer



Office volunteers assist the office staff by answering phones, filing, and performing other functions needed to help keep the office running smoothly. Volunteers are needed also for special projects that can be done from home.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1245
Email: officevolunteer@stpeterchanel.org

ADULT EDUCATION

Jesus tells us we are to be the "Salt of the Earth" and the "Light of the World." Such is both the dignity and obligation of being Catholic. The search for truth is mankind's greatest quest and leads one to a personal encounter with our God Who is Truth. The Adult Education office exists to help adults come to a greater knowledge of their faith and in doing so to experience a deeper relationship with their God. Volunteers, including teachers, facilitators, and aides, are needed to help plan, coordinate, promote and support the various classes, bible studies and special events that are offered throughout each year.

Adult Catechism

Join us as we journey through the Catechism, the Bible and other texts to grow in faith and learn not just the what, but the why of Our Lord's teachings. The format includes both lecture and discussion with questions and answers. This is an excellent opportunity to come to better know, love and serve God. Sessions are held on Monday evenings and Wednesday mornings from September through early May each year. Series topics include:

- Basic teachings - both the "what" and the "why"
- Spirituality and Prayer
- Catholic Moral Teaching
- Scripture and Tradition
- Liturgy
- Apologetics - Answering Common Objections
- How to live a holy life in heroic virtue

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1228
Email: adulted@stpeterchanel.org

Apologetics

St. Peter tells us in 1 Peter 3:15, "Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence." An ongoing series of apologetics classes are offered on Sunday mornings. Special series with guest speakers are offered on Tuesday evenings at various times during the year.

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Email: adulted@stpeterchanel.org

Bible Studies

It has been said that the Bible contains God's love letters to His children. To study, read or pray the scriptures is to encounter the very Person of Jesus Christ. Such an encounter cannot help but change one for the better! We offer a variety of Bible studies each year on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. Programs and studies include Navarre, Ignatius, and Little Rock as well as the popular series developed by Jeff Cavins.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1228
Email: adulted@stpeterchanel.org

Catholics Returning Home

Have you drifted away from active participation at church and the Catholic faith? Or do you know someone who has? We invite all baptized Catholics who have been away from the Church to come home. "Catholics Returning Home" is a special ministry designed to help make your return to the Church comfortable and joyful. Informal, six-week sessions are offered twice a year after Christmas and Easter. Private sessions are also available.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1228
Email: crh@stpeterchanel.org

Marriages Are Covenants (MAC)

This is a new ministry designed to help define the Sacrament of Matrimony as a sacred covenant between God and the husband and wife. The ministry will meet monthly to help give couples of the parish tools from a Catholic perspective to enrich their marriage. A typical meeting consists of: dinner; prayer; a presentation; break-out into small groups for discussion; and a question & answer period. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will end at approximately 9:00 p.m.

The ministry is open to all married couples of the parish who are seeking guidance and support to help better their marriage. It is not intended for marriages that are in crisis and near divorce. Couples are encouraged to attend together if at all possible.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1228
Email: marriagecovenant@stpeterchanel.org

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Bereavement Support Group

To experience the loss of any loved one within our lives brings a great sense of loss and it is an experience that changes our lives forever. The Bereavement Support Group will meet at various announced times during the year. The group's aim is mutual aid, an opportunity to share common problems, emotional support, an opportunity to develop a new social system, provide information about the process of grieving and loss, provide information about resources and give encouragement.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7026
Email: bereavementgroup@stpeterchanel.org

Cancer Support Group

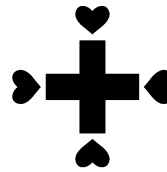
The Cancer Support Group offers a safe, confidential environment to share feelings, seek guidance from other cancer survivors and offer and receive encouragement, resource information, and most importantly, hope. When necessary, this ministry also provides meals, transportation to Mass, visitation and/or respite care.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7044
Email: cancergroup@stpeterchanel.org

Care & Share Funeral Ministry

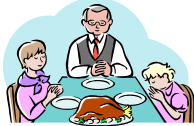
The Care and Share Funeral Ministry provides luncheon/reception services that include food preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up in support of family and friends as they comfort one another following a funeral.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7002
Email: care-share@stpeterchanel.org



Good Neighbor Meals Ministry

The Good Neighbor Meals Ministry provides temporary relief to parish families who are undergoing a severe time of illness or extremely stressful situation, by preparing and delivering evening meals to their home.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7069
Email: goodneighbormeals@stpeterchanel.org

Kairos Prison Ministry

The purpose of the Kairos Prison Ministry, a highly ecumenical organization, is to bring Christ's love and forgiveness to all incarcerated individuals, their families and those who work with them, and to assist in the transition of becoming a productive citizen. Weekend and follow-up spiritual growth activities, facilitated by Kairos volunteers and prison chaplains, challenge residents to accept God's call to a life of Christian witness and service while in the institution and beyond. Since the Kairos program takes place at an institution, it also generates a very positive impact on the entire facility.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7074
Email: kairos@stpeterchanel.org

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is the leading organization of Catholic laymen. Our St. Peter Chanel council embraces the order's values of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We believe that a man is defined by his actions as a follower of God, and as a leader in our Church and community. It is through five key areas of service - faith, community, family, youth, and fellowship, that we work at making a difference.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7027
Email: kofc@stpeterchanel.org



Ladies Auxiliary to Knights of Columbus



The purpose of the organization is to promote the welfare of St. Peter Chanel Council #13217, to assist in Catholic activities, to participate in community, civic and worthy charitable undertakings, and to promote intellectual, social and spiritual interaction among its members.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7009
Email: laux@stpeterchanel.org

Medical Transportation Ministry

This ministry assists St. Peter Chanel parishioners who need transportation to their medical appointments, i.e.: non-emergency visits; strictly limited to medical appointments only; limited resources for getting to a doctor's appointment; 72 hours notification required. Our volunteers will accompany participants to the doctor's office upon request. Drivers are St. Peter Chanel men and women who have had background checks in compliance with Archdiocesan safe environment guidelines.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7076
Email: medicaltransportation@stpeterchanel.org

Ministry to the Sick

Through this ministry, certified Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion take the Eucharist to parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion but are unable to attend Mass due to illness or infirmity. This ministry is provided to fill both long-term and short-term needs for those who are hospitalized, homebound, or residents of a nursing home or assisted living facility.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7033
Email: ministrytosick@stpeterchanel.org

Mission Ministry

The Mission Ministry offers free food, medical supplies and our volunteers' service and support to the neediest of the needy – for the abandoned and unwanted who are unable to take care of themselves. To this end, we offer pilgrimages to Jamaica and in preparation for Thanksgiving and Advent, we also organize the FEED HAITI food drive.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7052
Email: missions@stpeterchanel.org

Missionaries of Charity Volunteer



The Sisters of Mercy Ministry helps support the mission work begun by Mother Teresa. People from St. Peter Chanel go to the Gift of Grace Home the third Saturday of each month and help in the upkeep and running of the home. Participation is not required every month. The ministry also needs contributions of supplies for the home.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7011
Email: missionofcharity@stpeterchanel.org

Newcomers Social Ministry

The Newcomers Social Ministry organizes and implements the work of welcoming and including newcomers into the life of the parish. The goal of the ministry is to make sure that all who register at St. Peter Chanel are welcomed warmly and given an opportunity to discover everything that is available to them here. The ministry's primary function is to host Newcomer Dinners, introduce participants to our vision, values and structure and to respond to questions in an informal, relaxed setting. The dinner setting also provides time to get to know the SPC clergy and staff, ask questions, meet others who are new to the parish, and enjoy an evening together. These dinners are scheduled periodically, on Saturday evenings, in McNamee Hall.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7077
Email: newcomers@stpeterchanel.org

Newsletter Ministry

With the guidance of our pastor, this ministry develops the theme for each St. Peter Chanel Quarterly Newsletter. It then conducts interviews and prepares the articles to be included in each edition, which are submitted to staff for layout, printing and distribution to all registered families.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7072
Email: newsletter@stpeterchanel.org

Parish Hospitality Ministry

The purpose of this group is to organize special parish receptions at the request of the pastor. If you are willing to contribute by baking, decorating, setting up, serving, etc. then this is a great way to get involved in our community and to meet and get to know fellow parishioners.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7032
Email: hospitality@stpeterchanel.org

Prayer Chain

The Prayer Chain is a beautiful ministry that requires no time away from home. Our prayer requests are distributed via e-mail to pass along intentions of parishioners, AND WE PRAY. This is a very active ministry at St. Peter Chanel and we believe in the power of prayer! Join Us!



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7013
Email: prayerchain@stpeterchanel.org

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life Ministry promotes the Church's sanctity of life doctrine in four ways: through prayer and worship; public information and education; pastoral care; and public policy. Each month, we pray a rosary during the Marian Holy Hour for Respect Life intentions. We have monthly ministry meetings at which we invite guest speakers to discuss Respect Life issues. We participate in both the annual "Life Chain" outside the Cathedral of Christ the King and the Mass for the Unborn at Immaculate Heart Church in Atlanta. We collect and deliver baby items to crisis pregnancy centers. Our goal is to promote the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7014
Email: respectlife@stpeterchanel.org

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for married couples who are experiencing coldness and conflict in their marriage and who are looking to rediscover the loving relationship within their marriage.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7046
Email: retrouvaille@stpeterchanel.org

Sewing Ministry

The Sewing Ministry members lovingly sew baptism bibs and altar cloths used in our celebrations. If you enjoy sewing, we need your talents.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7045
Email: sewing@stpeterchanel.org



Shrine Homeless Shelter Ministry

The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception homeless shelter provides dinner and overnight housing from November 1 through March 31. Our ministry commits to about 10 nights per year and provides dinners, bag lunches, and overnight chaperones. Volunteers can participate in any of these activities, from meal preparation, food delivery and serving, making lunches, and spending the night at the shelter. This is a wonderful opportunity for families, church groups, PSR classes, or teen groups.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7038
Email: shrineshelter@stpeterchanel.org

St. Vincent de Paul

We are the St. Vincent de Paul Society serving the 30075 (Roswell) area, but, on occasion, assisting in adjacent areas when we are made aware of an unmet need. We seek to find the forgotten, the suffering or the deprived so that we may bring them Jesus' love. We provide our time, counseling, and, through the boundless generosity of our parish family, food pantry items and financial aid in this mission of charity.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7016
Email: svdp@stpeterchanel.org

VirtueMedia

VirtueMedia is a non-profit ministry dedicated to producing and airing high quality pro-life radio and television ads that declare the truth about abortion. This ministry is giving women real hope, and giving their babies a chance at life! It's our gift, our passion, and our single focus. We reach people all across the nation for less than one penny per household! It has been nothing short of a miracle and a real answer to prayer.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7034
Email: virtuemedia@stpeterchanel.org

Wedding Guild Ministry

Ministry volunteers provide assistance to the wedding party beginning with the rehearsal and concluding with the wedding celebration. Responsibilities include: setting up the altar; assisting the bride, groom and wedding party on the day of the ceremony; and extending a warm welcome to their guests.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1244
Email: weddingguild@stpeterchanel.org

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Boy Scout Troop 1134



The Boy Scouts offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth. Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit. We stress self-reliance, have personal values based on religious concepts, have the desire and skills to help others. We're an active group that hikes, bikes, camps, caves, kayaks, climbs, or something exciting each month.

All boys from age 11-17 are welcome to join us at any time. For young men and women aged 14-20, we offer a Venturing program where they can pursue their special interests, grow, develop leadership skills, and become good citizens.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7039
Email: troop1134@stpeterchanel.org

Community Medication Assistance Program (CMAP)

This program is a ministry of St. Peter Chanel in conjunction with the Georgia Partnership for Caring Foundation. Its purpose is to improve the quality of health of medically uninsured members of our local community, who are near or below the federal poverty level, by assisting them with applications for free access to select brand name prescription medications.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7030
Email: cmap@stpeterchanel.org

Cub Scout Pack 1134



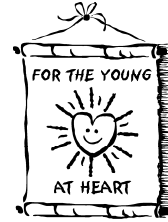
Cub Scouting includes a variety of fun and exciting activities for boys in the first through fifth grades. But there's more to it than that. Being a Cub Scout means you are a member of a worldwide youth movement that stands for certain values and beliefs. Cub Scouting is more than something to do. It's all about the boy you *are* and the person you will *become*. The aim of Cub Scouting is to help boys grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. Cub Scouting is fun with a purpose.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7037
Email: cubscoutpack1134@stpeterchanel.org

Forever Young

Forever Young is open to all members of the parish, age 55 and older. Spiritual, social and service-oriented activities are planned throughout the year.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7024
Email: foreveryoung@stpeterchanel.org



Men's Club (Catholic and Non-Catholic)

The Men's Club is a spiritual, service and social oriented group for the men of St. Peter Chanel. All men of the parish are considered members. Activities include monthly meetings with speakers of interest to the members, Bible Study, spiritual retreats, service projects for the Church and local community, sports and the hosting of parish social events.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7022
Email: mensclub@stpeterchanel.org

SPC Business Association

The SPC Business Association provides an environment where business men and women can come together to share with and support one another focusing on Christian values and related issues and conflicts in the workplace. Meetings also include guest speakers, reflections on scripture, etc.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7047
Email: spcbusiness@stpeterchanel.org

SPC Job Seekers Ministry



The Job Seekers Ministry prepares those seeking employment, or in career transition, by giving them the skills and tools to locate and acquire satisfying work while incorporating spirituality in the process. Topics focused on include networking, interviewing, resume creation and social media skills. All are welcome to participate.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7023
Email: jobseekers@stpeterchanel.org

SPC Military Ministry

The Saint Peter Chanel Military Ministry seeks to serve military personnel of the parish and local community through a variety of spiritual and corporal works of mercy. In addition to a weekly holy hour in the Adoration Chapel for the intentions submitted to us, we stand ready to assist with requested support for active duty military and their families through a network of volunteers and military support organizations.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7054
Email: militaryministry@stpeterchanel.org

Single Adults Ministry

A ministry consisting of single, widowed and divorced Catholic men and women, age 40 and over. Activities include stewardship, community service, and socializing. You may participate in as many activities as you like, based on your availability and interests. You might want to consider this ministry if friends at work, or your family, don't always include "singles." Perhaps you just want to meet new people and enjoy life. You can join by just coming to any event, or using the contact information provided below.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7051
Email: sam@stpeterchanel.org

Women's Group (Catholic and Non-Catholic)



The Women's Group is open to all women in the parish, Catholic or non-Catholic. We have monthly socials including spiritual topics. We are active in volunteering for holiday functions, the church picnic, St. Patty's party, as well as different tasks needed by the church. We have a bake sale fundraiser and a Charity event yearly. We are a growing group, and are so glad to see new people join. It's a great way to meet other ladies in the parish and be active!!

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7025
Email: womensgroup@stpeterchanel.org

Young Adult Ministry (SPC YAM)

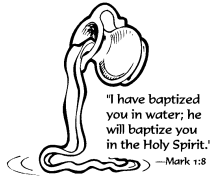
The Young Adult Ministry is open to all parishioners, ages 18 – 35. This exciting new ministry celebrates the contributions of our young adults. We look forward to meeting you.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7043
Email: yam@stpeterchanel.org

FORMATION

Baptism Preparation Classes

Expectant parents and parents of unbaptized children prepare for the sacrament by attending a Baptismal Preparation Class. This class is typically offered on the second Sunday of each month at noon. Call the office to enroll in a class or receive additional information on preparing for Baptism.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1214
Email: baptismprep@stpeterchanel.org

Engaged Sponsor Couples

One of several forms of pre-Cana preparation, this program uses parishioner couples, trained by the archdiocese, who meet over a period of weeks with a couple preparing for marriage. Couples are appointed to this ministry with the pastor's approval and must attend the Archdiocesan training class as a couple.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7031
Email: engagedsponsor@stpeterchanel.org



Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) - Becoming Catholic

Catholicism is a way of life. Becoming Catholic is a journey of faith. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person: living with the Church community (practical formation), praying with the Church community (liturgical formation), serving with the Church community (ministry formation), and believing with the Church community (doctrinal formation).



We offer two sessions. One begins in the Summer and one starts in the Fall.

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Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) – Sponsor

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults enter or complete their initiation and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Sponsors are needed to accompany catechumens or candidates on their faith journey by attending sessions, liturgical rites, and providing support.

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Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA): Team Member

Team Members assist in the RCIA process by providing help in the following areas: hospitality, catechesis, organization, setup and teardown. They provide the infrastructure to create a comfortable, welcoming environment and fellowship for those who are working toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

The Parish School of Religion (PSR) offers a variety of program options at various times throughout the week. Our programs offer children and youth the opportunity to learn about their faith as well as build a strong faith community within our parish. Volunteer catechists and aides are always needed. Please call the PSR office for information.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sessions follow a Montessori format. These sessions are held on Tuesday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. (levels I-III) and Sunday at 8:45 a.m. (levels I-II) 10:30 a.m. (level I) and 12:15 p.m. (level I). Level I sessions are open to children ages 3-5, level II sessions for ages 6-9 and level III for children up to age 12.

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Email: psr@stpeterchanel.org

Ages 3-4 (Preschool)

Children meet in age level groups of approximately 12-15 children to hear Bible Stories, and learn basic Catholic vocabulary. Sessions are offered on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

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Ages 5-10 PSR Sessions

Sessions for children ages 5-10 (typically K-Grade 5) meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 (in Blessed Trinity HS) as well as on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 (SPC classrooms). Guided by a team of volunteer catechists following a curriculum, children at each age level learn about Catholic teachings, faith traditions and scripture. Staff coordinators support catechists and encourage active learning and community building in PSR sessions.

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Ages 11-13 (Middle School)

The Middle School program offers youth two choices for the ongoing foundational religious education as well as various youth ministry events throughout the year.

Sunday Morning PSR- Sessions meet on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in classrooms at Blessed Trinity High School. A weekly middle school "donut social" is held on Sunday at 10:15 near the middle school rooms. Session content focuses on deepening the adolescent's understanding of Catholic traditions and scripture, developing a sense of service to others and strengthening bonds with their parish community.

Middle School Bible Study- These sessions meet on Sunday evenings at 6:45 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Through the study of scripture, participants discover the roots of our Catholic faith and traditions. Small group format facilitates learning as a small faith community. Pizza is offered in the SPC classroom hallway on Sunday evening immediately following Mass when PSR is in session.

Middle School Youth Ministry events are offered throughout the year. These events are open to all St. Peter Chanel Middle School youth and include on-site and off-site activities. Visit the SPC website for a list of events, activities and permission forms. Volunteers are needed to chaperone these events.

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High School

Food and Fellowship – offered each week that PSR is in session as well as other weeks according to the published schedule. This event is for HIGH SCHOOL teens only and is held in McNamee Hall following the 5:00 p.m. teen Mass. Food (pizza or snacks) is offered until 6:45 p.m. Teens who attend class on Sunday night begin their sessions at 6:45 p.m. Those attending class on another night and those already confirmed are encouraged to stay for discussion groups or social time.

Confirmation Candidates – participate in classes in a traditional setting with an emphasis on catechesis and active learning. Sessions take place in St. Peter Chanel classrooms as follows:

- Sunday Morning (donuts provided) – 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday Morning (donuts provided) – 10:15 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
- Sunday Evening (grades 9 and 10) – 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Evening – 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
- Summer Session – one week, ending on Friday with group social

Beyond Confirmation or Just for Fun – open to all teens, grades 9 to 12, these options are designed for teens who want additional opportunities to gather with their parish community socially or spiritually. It includes Food and Fellowship gatherings as described above and Wednesday Evening Bible Study, scheduled from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Bible study is set in a small group, mixed age format and snacks are offered.

Adult volunteers are needed to lead and assist catechetical sessions and Bible Study. Training and materials are provided.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1239
Email: alive!@stpeterchanel.org

Home Study

Families may request to home school their children EXCEPT during sacrament years (Grades 1, 2, 9, and 10). All home school families must complete PSR registration and a Home Study plan. Both of these documents must be submitted to the PSR office and approved by the pastor. Once approved, participants must attend a Home School orientation and complete quarterly reviews to remain in good standing. The fee for Home School is the same as regular PSR.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1229
Email: psr@stpeterchanel.org

Nursery

The nursery is open for children who are walking and 12 months through 2 years of age (as of August 31) during the Saturday 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass and Sunday 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses. Volunteers are needed to work during one Mass every two months. It is imperative that families who use the nursery services participate as volunteers on a rotating basis.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7012
Email: nursery@stpeterchanel.org

Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC)

Children, grades 3 through 5, who have not celebrated the sacraments of Baptism or Communion, or those who wish to become Catholic, explore the teachings and traditions of the Church. This is a two year program. Sessions are held at Blessed Trinity H.S. on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Order of Christian Initiation for Youth and Teens

Youth in middle school and high school who have not celebrated the sacraments of Baptism or Communion, or wish to become Catholic, explore the teachings and traditions of the Church. This is a two year program. Sessions are held in St. Peter Chanel classrooms on Wednesday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

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Email: psr@stpeterchanel.org

PRESCHOOL

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church Preschool

The goal of the St. Peter Chanel preschool is to offer a loving environment that will enable each child to grow spiritually, emotionally, socially, intellectually and physically. Through the guidance of our teachers and staff, the children will learn about respecting themselves and others, sharing, listening and experiencing God's love. Our program is designed to build on the child's learning and experiences at home as well as to expose them to group situations. We welcome all children regardless of their national origin, race or religion.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1231
Email: mmo@stpeterchanel.org

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Christ Renews His Parish

CRHP is centered on a parish renewal weekend and stresses a clear focus on the Gospel. It furthers personal conversion and community building, ministry and prayer, healing and holiness, spiritual growth and Gospel service. CRHP emphasizes continued growth in Christian Life during our daily contacts with others and offers an excellent opportunity to meet other parishioners. It is an opportunity to say "yes" to a closer and deeper relationship with God.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7017
Email: crhp@stpeterchanel.org

Cursillo/Ultreya

Cursillo is a "short course" in Christian living and is a weekend event for people of faith who want to deepen their relationship with Christ. Men's weekends are typically held in January, May, and September with the women's weekend following two weeks later. Ultreya is a group of people who have made their Cursillo weekend and get together once a month to support each other on their walk of faith.

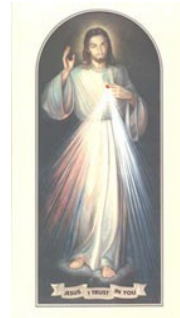


Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7020
Email: cursillo-ultreya@stpeterchanel.org

Divine Mercy Devotion

St. Faustina Kowalska, who was beatified on April 18, 1993, and canonized on April 30, 2000, was an uneducated Polish nun from the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland. Her writings are the source of the message and devotion of Divine Mercy. Following the Friday 12:00 Noon Mass each week, participants gather for devotion.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7049
Email: divinemercury@stpeterchanel.org



Eucharistic Adoration Guardian

Jesus asked, "Could you not spend one hour with me?" The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry offers each member of the parish an opportunity for an hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament, the Living God. The blessings you receive are unbelievable. In this ministry, we have opportunities for weekly guardians and for substitutes who are called occasionally as needed. Our parish is so blessed to have Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are unable to actively participate in this ministry, please know we welcome visitors to the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at any time. "Come when you can and leave when you must."



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7007
Email: adoration@stpeterchanel.org

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of over 3 million active Catholic men and women dedicated to bringing glory to God through the holiness of its members. In union with Mary and under the direction of a spiritual director, its members develop spiritually through prayer and apostolic works. The Legion of Mary is open to all practicing Catholics 18 years and older who feel called by Mary to participate in her work.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7035
Email: legionofmary@stpeterchanel.org

Marian Cenacle Prayer Group

Are you consecrated to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart? Come to the Marian Cenacle Prayer Group held in the Adoration Chapel every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The hour includes adoration prayers and a reading from the book, "*To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons.*" The Rosary, Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and silent adoration complete the hour. All are welcome.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7041
Email: cenacle@stpeterchanel.org

Marian Devotion

St. Peter Chanel's Marian Hour is held every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Bring your rosary, or we can provide you with one. Please make time to join us as we honor our Lord's mother.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7021
Email: mariandevotion@stpeterchanel.org

St. Philomena Devotion



St. Philomena is the "Virgin Martyr" of the second century, and patroness of St. John Vianney and St. Peter Chanel. This powerful intercessor longs to give graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Members gather every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a devotion in her honor.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7050
Email: stphilomena@stpeterchanel.org

WORSHIP

Altar Linens

Helping to maintain the altar linens is a silent, generous way to serve God and the parish community. Parishioners take turns each week as the primary person or substitute responsible for collecting, cleaning, and pressing the linens used during the Masses and on the altar. Volunteers usually serve two or three times per year. We are always looking for substitute and primary volunteers.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7001
Email: altarlinens@stpeterchanel.org

Altar Server

The goal of an altar server is to serve God by helping the Priest and the Deacon at the celebration of the Mass in a variety of ways. To be an altar server, you have to have made your First Communion and be at least 9 years old.



Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7036
Email: altarserver@stpeterchanel.org

Chapel Ministry

The Chapel Ministry does light cleaning of the Church and Chapel on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7003
Email: chapelmin@stpeterchanel.org



Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) Volunteer

Children's Liturgy is a planned program to enrich our children's liturgical experience of God's presence in the ritual proclamation of the Word. CLOW invites children ages 4½ years through the 4th grade to worship and pray together at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Mass most Sundays of the year. No registration is required for CLOW. Children begin in Mass and are dismissed following the opening prayer.



Volunteers participate in teams that escort children to and from Mass, proclaim the Word, sing songs and deliver creative, engaging homilies. Each team is scheduled one Sunday per month. Training and materials are provided.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1217
Email: clow@stpeterchanel.org

Church Environment

This ministry is responsible for decorating the Church Sanctuary for all liturgical services. This includes flowers and seasonal décor for holidays, feast days and other special occasions.



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Elijah Cup

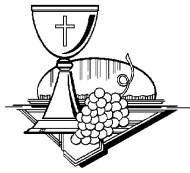
We all need to pray for vocations. Each week, families have the opportunity to bring into their homes a chalice that has held the consecrated blood of our Lord Jesus Christ into their homes. The Elijah Cup serves as a focal point encouraging family prayer for religious vocations in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, for seminarians and for our serving religious. It is a powerful presence and inspires prayer for adults and children alike.



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Email: elijahcup@stpeterchanel.org

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, without seeing you with our bodily eyes, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is Christ yesterday, today and tomorrow. We welcome parishioners who would like to serve the community at Mass by administering the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. This is a very special and privileged ministry as we are authorized to dispense Holy Communion during Mass. Training sessions are held quarterly for new ministers as well as those who have served in other parishes. The minimum age for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is eighteen, with the exception of those youth who would like to serve at the Teen Mass at age sixteen. To be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you must take part in Eucharistic Adoration and are appointed by the pastor.



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Lector/Commentator

Lectors and Commentators serve our faith community as lay ministers by proclaiming the Word of God through scripture readings at Mass. Our goal is to help make God's word come alive, and inspire contemplative reflection within the assembly. We strive to enhance the proclamation of God's word through preparation, study and understanding of scripture.



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Music Ministry

"Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all you lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Ps. 100: 1-2



Our music ministry seeks to encourage full, conscious and active participation in our liturgies through music drawn from our rich Catholic heritage. To help us reach this goal, please consider membership in one or more of the groups that follow:

Adult Choir

The Adult Choir sings at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass (September – May) and at special liturgies throughout the year. The choir rehearses Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and new singers are always welcome (no audition required).

Children's/Youth Choir

The Children's/Youth Choir sings at various liturgies throughout the year (September – May). Students 2nd grade and older are encouraged to join us. Rehearsals take place on Wednesdays from 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Instrumentalists (Brass, Woodwinds, Strings)

Musicians (high school/adult) who possess expertise in instrumental music with strong sight-reading skills and who would like to share their talent at special liturgies throughout the year, should contact the music director for audition information.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1247
Email: music@stpeterchanel.org

Teen Band

The Teen Band encourages teen participation, and sings/plays at the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass. Vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome.

Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7040
Email: teenband@stpeterchanel.org

Regis Guild



The Regis Guild maintains the craft of fine linen construction and care, necessary for the celebration of Mass here at St. Peter Chanel. Individuals who are competent at sewing and/or embroidery, and possess the capability to make handsome linens for our church, are encouraged to contact the ministry. Materials, guidance and support are provided.

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Sacristy Ministry

The Sacristy Ministry is centered on preparation of the altar and altar area for the celebration of Mass. Sacristans arrive at least 20 minutes before the start of Mass. We ensure that the bread and wine are prepared to be brought to the altar during the presentation of gifts. We keep fresh candles on the altar. We replace the corporal (altar cloth), and place purificators (napkins for chalices) and towels out to be used during the celebration of Mass. While we welcome anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry, we are especially in need of teens that would be willing to take on responsibility for the Teen Mass Sunday evening.



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Usher

The goal of the Usher Ministry is to provide a neat, comfortable and orderly environment for the community during our celebration of the Mass. We also collect the tithes and offerings of our parishioners, and present these gifts to our celebrant during the Offertory of the Mass.



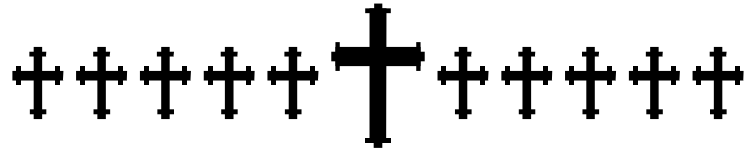
Contact: Phone: 678-832-1281 Mailbox #7018
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Welcoming Committee (Greeters)

The Welcome Ministry is a very rewarding and enjoyable ministry. From the very beginning of St. Peter Chanel (Where "We are family"), we have always strived to offer a warm, welcome environment for newcomers as well as current members. We encourage everyone to join this ministry to help make each and every person feel welcome.



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*Christ's peace must reign in your hearts,
since as members of the one body you
have been called to that peace ...
Whatever you do, whether in speech or
in action, do it in the name of the
Lord Jesus.*

Colossians 3:15, 17