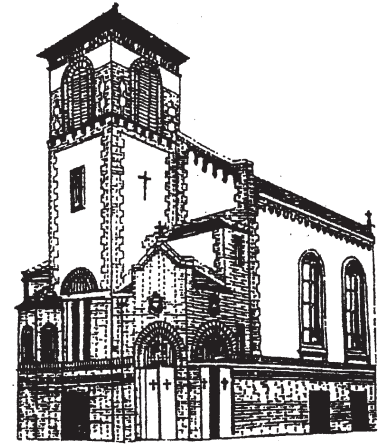




THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. PETER-ASSUMPTION-ST. PAUL

December 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Church of St. Peter
53 St. Mark's Place
Staten Island NY 10301
718 727-2672

Catechetical Center
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Staten Island NY 10301
718 447-1290

Church of the Assumption
15 Webster Avenue
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718 447-6362

Served by:

Rev. Glendino Ragsag, Parochial Vicar
Janet A. Kelly, Parish Manager
Magdalena Centeno, Religious Education Coordinator and Pastoral Associate for Hispanic Ministry
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St Peter's Cemetery 718 442-2363

Margaret Moschetto, Pastoral Associate
Religious Education Office 718 447-1290
Rev. Michael W. Cichon, Pastor

CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Monday through Friday 7 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.
Saturday 6 p.m. La Misa en Espanol
Sunday 12 Noon

CHURCH OF ST. PETER

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday through Friday 9 a.m.
Saturday 4 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.
Sunday 5:30 p.m. La Misa en Espanol

CONFESSIONS

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 to 9:45

Holy Day Schedule

To be announced prior to each holy day

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 6, 2015

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 5, 2015

4 p.m. Assumption Ann Marie Cotter

5 p.m. St. Peter All Interred in St. Peter's Cemetery

6 p.m. St. Peter (Spanish) People of our Parish

Sunday, December 6, 2015

10 a.m. Assumption Mervin Windfied

12 Noon St. Peter Rev. Terence Earley

5:30 p.m. Assumption (Spanish) People of our Parish

Monday, December 7, 2015

7 a.m. St. Peter Madeline Cumps

9 a.m. Assumption Kaitlynn O'Connell

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

7 a.m. St. Peter People of our Parish

9 a.m. Assumption People of our Parish

7 p.m. Assumption People of our Parish

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

7 a.m. St. Peter Honey and Tom Rowan

9 a.m. Assumption Rev. Leanage Praxid DeSilva

Thursday, December 10, 2015

7 a.m. St. Peter Robert Charles Hazard and

Mary Keane Hazard

9 a.m. Assumption Anna DiNiro

Friday, December 11, 2015

7 a.m. St. Peter Erin O'Connor

9 a.m. Assumption Michael Rodriguez

Saturday, December 12, 2015

4 p.m. Assumption Marie Rose Bonomo

5 p.m. St. Peter Betty Cumiskey

6 p.m. St. Peter (Spanish) People of our Parish

Sunday, December 13, 2015

10 a.m. Assumption In Honor of St. Lucy

12 Noon St. Peter Rev. Charles Cassidy

5:30 p.m. Assumption (Spanish) People of our Parish

Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make our Thanksgiving Dinner so special. Thanks to all who cooked, served, set up, cleaned up and worked so tirelessly behind the scenes. Everyone had a wonderful time because of your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY WHO ARE SICK, ESPECIALLY: Janette Aguilar, James Lawlor, Juanita Santiago, Margaret Barry, Margaret Ennis, Shirley Brockmeyer, Dolores DeLuca, Judy Trancucci, Joseph Albano, John Santore, Francine Rispoli, Frank Marrano, Jake Beurkle, Msgr. Vincent Bartley, Owen Harrison, Deacon James Stahlnecker, Zack Zayachek, Joyce Young, Beatrice Perera, Kenneth Courtney, Dianne Kinsella, Carla Buonviaggio, Elba Espinosa, Baby Joey Espinosa, John Perry, Jackie Guglielmini, Anthony Ruggiero, Ann Napolitano.

Consider joining our Senior Center. They meet every Tuesday in Cohalan Hall (St. Peter-St. Paul School, 129 Clinton Avenue) at 10 for coffee, bingo games, cards and to talk about upcoming trips.



Tuesday, December 8th in the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and a holy day of obligation. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated on

Tuesday at 7 a.m. at St. Peter, 9 a.m. at Assumption and 7 p.m. at Assumption.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to the family of Rev. Leanage Praxid DeSilva.

New Envelopes

By now, everyone should have received a packet of envelopes for December. Please note that there will be **one** collection each week. There will be occasional second collections, mandated by the Archdiocese of New York, for various charities.

If you are not currently receiving envelopes and would like to do so, please call the rectory and leave your name, address and phone number.



St. Peter's Alumni Concert

St. Peter's H.S. Seton Chorale/Glee Club Alumni present the 6th Annual Alumni Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church, December 13 at 4:00. Come, enjoy many traditional carols and new favorites. Tickets are \$10/\$15/\$20; children/ students/adults. For more information call Wayne '83 at 718-971-3267. For program ads call Theresa '72 at 718-981-8047.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 6, 2015

Need help caring for yourself or someone else, but not sure where to turn with questions about:

- Housing for seniors and disabled persons
- Access to healthcare
- Health-related legal and financial issues
- Dementia care
- Transportation options
- Caregiver support groups
- Food and nutrition
- Volunteer opportunities

Call ArchCare
ArchCare Care Navigation Center
855 951-CARE (TTY/TDD: 711)

Care Navigators are here for you from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., seven days a week. Help from a Care Navigator is totally free.

Everyday Stewardship

Even though some people seem to live graced lives with little struggle, the truth is we all have struggles in life. Financial problems, health issues, emotions of fear and inadequacy, and even twists of fate are part of the human condition. The fact is that we are imperfect beings living in an imperfect world.

But there is the One that came into the world to fill the valleys and lower the mountains. He makes winding roads straight and rough roads smooth again. In fact, he makes new again that which was created at the beginning of time but then fell into disarray due to our sin. He is Jesus, and he not only makes all things new, he provides glimpses of perfection in our imperfect world.

With all that we have been given as gift, the greatest gift was the Incarnation, God made man. Through the birth of a baby, our reality was altered in this world forever, and a hope for life eternal with our God was possible. And now, we are called to spend our days as co-creators with God, cultivating all that has been given to us so the good work begun in us may be drawn near to completion. Paul's words to the Philippians is for all good stewards: "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God." We are imperfect beings in an imperfect world, but the One who makes all things perfect is doing great things in us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Peter's Cemetery

St. Peter's Cemetery offers the purchase of future use graves. These future use graves will be limited to the graves available in Section R only (at the intersection of Tyler Avenue & Clove Road. Other sections of the cemetery will still be available for the purchase of immediate need of burial space. For individuals who prefer cremation, St. Peter's Cemetery also offers cremation niches that can hold two standard sized urns. The niches are available in St. Peter's Columbaria Garden for pre-need or immediate need. For more information, please call the cemetery office at 718 442-2363, Monday through Friday. Office hours are 8 a.m. to Noon, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

STATEN ISLAND CATECHETICAL OFFICE
invites you to an
ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Our Lady of Pity Church
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Special Guest Speaker - Fr. Brian McWeeney
Theme - Year of Mercy

Wine & Cheese Party

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring an Advent Wine and Cheese party in the rectory (53 St. Mark's Place) this Sunday after the 12 noon Mass. All are welcome.

Ladies of St. Mary

A cleaning service based out of St. Mary of the Assumption, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel-St. Benedicta parish, offers home or office cleaning services performed by trustworthy, qualified, responsible, hardworking members of the parish (serving the community for over 16 years). Services include deep, thorough cleaning of bathroom kitchen, floors, including dusting, vacuuming, polishing, tidying and much more, all for a reasonable price. Makes a great gift! For service or information contact Mrs. Contreras at 718 273-6934 or 718 442-3411. Also offering Adult Home care.

Don't forget: Coffee, Cake and Fellowship every Sunday after the 10 a.m. Mass at Assumption Church in the Church Hall.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 6, 2015

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER

On the grounds of St. Joseph Hill Academy
850 Hylan. Blvd.

For further information please call (718) 720-1097 and leave a message for Ronnie Keane, the Provincial Secretary.

December 8th—7 p.m.
Advent Evening of Reflection
Sister Gerri Contendo, MPF

An invitation to all to come together and be gently immersed into the Mystery of the Incarnation. The evening will consist of prayer, presentation, quiet time and sharing. This advent experience will culminate with a social gathering and homemade sweets for all to enjoy. Fee: \$20

Food Pantries

There is a mobile food pantry outside St. Peter Church on Tuesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. You need proof of residence to take advantage of the pantry.

If you are in need of food, the parish food pantry is open on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Go to the back of 145 Clinton Avenue and someone will assist you.

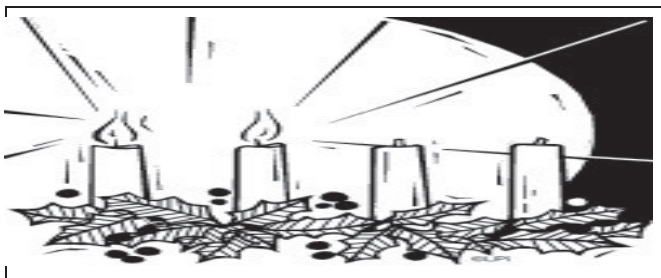
Project Hospitality offers a meal every Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at Assumption Church in Assumption Hall. All are welcome.

Giving Tree

Beginning November 14th, tags will be hanging on our Giving Trees, at St. Peter and Assumption. If you can help bring a smile to someone's face on Christmas morning, please take a tag, buy the item on the tag, wrap it with the tag on the outside and place the gift under the tree, **no later than Dec. 13th**. Thank you for your continued help and generosity.

Separated & Divorced Support Group

This Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. The next meeting will be on Friday, Dec. 11th at 7:30 p.m. at 145 Clinton Avenue. Please call 718 447-6362 should you wish to join the group. The facilitator will return your call.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast

Friday December 11:

The Rosary: 6:00 p.m. at Assumption Church.
Mass at 7:00 pm at the Church of Assumption, after Mass we will have the "mañanitas" from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. After the mañanitas, food will be served in the lower hall.

Saturday, December 12:

Mass at 3:00 p.m. at St. Peter Church After Mass, food will be served in the Farrel Hall.

POSADAS

Our Posadas are going to be held from December 16 to December 22 in the St. Peter-St. Paul School Gym at 7:00 p.m. December 23 at Assumption Church.

December 24: Mass at 7:00 p.m. Last Posada after Mass.

Fiesta de la Virgen de Guadalupe

Viernes diciembre 11: Empezamos con:

El Rosario a las 6:00 p.m. en la Iglesia de Asunción. Misa en Español a las 7:00p.m. en la Iglesia de Asunción después tendremos las Mañanitas de las 9:00 p.m. a las 11:00 p.m.

Después de las "mañanitas" la comida será servida en el salón de abajo.

Sábado diciembre 12: Empezamos con la Misa en Español en la Iglesia de San Pedro (de la misa la comida será servida en el salón de abajo.

POSADAS

Las Posadas serán del 16 al 22 de diciembre en el gimnasio de la escuela de St. Peter-St. Paul. a las 7:00 p.m.

Diciembre 23, la posada será en la Iglesia de Asunción. Diciembre 24, misa en español a las 7:00 p.m. y la última posada será después de la misa.

Readings for the Week of December 6, 2015

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18