



Saint Peter Catholic Church



St. Peter is the Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City.

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April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Cycle A

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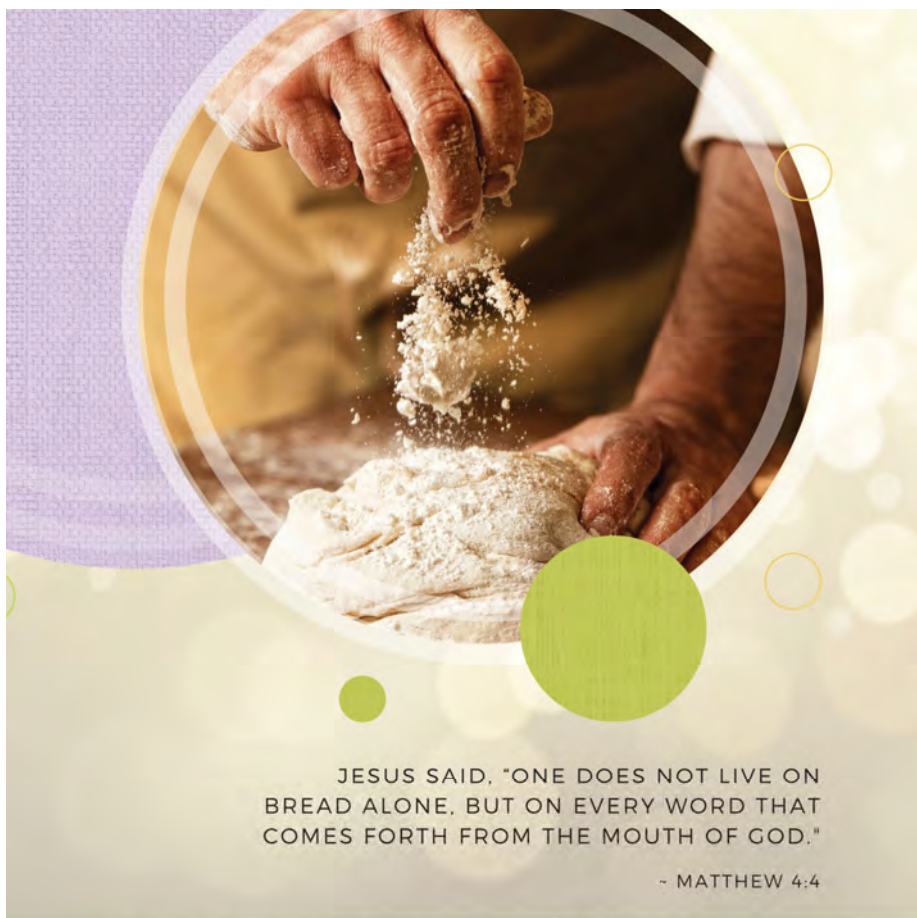
MASS SCHEDULE

Mon.-Fri.
12:10 pm

Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sunday Masses
9:00 am Church & Benedict 2
11:30 am
5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday—Friday 11:15am
or by appointment



JESUS SAID, "ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE. BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES FORTH FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD."

- MATTHEW 4:4

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**Parish Lenten
Reconciliation Service**
Tuesday, April 4
7:00 pm

Individual Confession available with one of five priests.

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Parish Calendar

Sun. April 2

10:00am	Alagia Library OPEN	IC
10:15am	Faith Formation—	BNH
2nd Gr, CGS, Pre-Confirmation, Whole Family		
JRS Walk a Mile in My Shoes		Garden
10:15am	Bible Study	BNHDev
10:45am	Respect Life Rosary	IC
11:30am	Lenten Friends	BNH
12:00pm	RCIA-the Word	IC
12:30pm	Kennedy Lec. Comm.	IC
1:30pm	Girl Scouts Troop 10	BNH2
5:00pm	RCIA 3rd Scrutiny	CH
6:05pm	Taizé Prayer service	IC

Mon. April 3

11:00am	Ig. Guided Retreat	BNH-McC
1:00pm	Ig. Guided Retreat	BNH-McC
6:30pm	Ignatian Team HL	IC

Tues. April 4

10:00am	Bible Study	IC
7:00pm	Parish Reconciliation Svc	CH
7:00pm	RCIA	BNH2N

Wed. April 5

1:00pm	AA meeting	BNH
6:30pm	Ign. Spiritual Exercises	IC
7:00pm	Ign. Guided Retreat	BNHMcC
8:00pm,	Men's Group	BNH2CR

Thurs. April 6

10:00am	Staff meeting	IC
1:30pm	Facility Comm. Mtg.	NHDEV
5:30pm	Liturgy Comm. Mtg.	BNHDEV

Fri. April 7

2:00pm	Lenten Retreat Set Up	BH
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Sat. April 8

9:00am	Lent Ignatian Retreat	BH
12:00pm	Stations of the Cross	CH

Sun. April 9 PALM SUNDAY

10:00am	Alagia Library OPEN	IC
9:00am	Palm Sunday Mass	CH
9:00am	Family Mass	BNH2
11:30am	Palm Sunday Mass	CH
5:00pm	Palm Sunday Mass	CH

BH = Biss Hall BNH = Benedict Hall
 BNH2 = Benedict Hall 2nd floor
 BNH B1=basement BNHDev= Devereux
 BNHMcC=McrCreesh CH = Church
 IC = Ignatius Center G = Garden O = Office

**Reconciliation is offered every
 Monday through Friday from
 11:15am to 12:00 Noon**

Mass Intentions

April 3	Open Intentions
April 4	Billy Rice +
April 5	Kevin Kissa +
April 6	Ray Doles +
April 7	Open Intention

Welcome to our Parish Community



Arnold Bucher

Mayara Clemente Diaz Coelho

& Brandon Kaczmarek

Ryan Hennessy

Patricia Howe

Registration cards are in the back of the church, Benedict Hall, Biss Hall and parish office. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation & First Eucharist, MACS vouchers, and Baptism or Confirmation sponsorship. All adult children of parishioners 21 years or older register independently of their parents.

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth weekends of each month. Contact the Faith Formation Office about the preparation class.

Marriage Preparation - registration and participation prior to your wedding date is required. Preparation with one of our priests should begin at least six months before your wedding.

Questions? Call Rebekah Thompson in the parish office at 704.332.2901.

Today's Readings

First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

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Prayers intentions

Prayers for Members of Our Parish Community

Tony Allou, Greg Briner, Tom Crozier, Auguste Eaton, Kristen Langlois, Homer & Mary Payne, Mea Pierman, Craig Robinson and Suzanne Wittebort.

Prayers for Friends & Family

Rhonda Johnson, Suzy Spangenberg, Loretta Tracey, Mary Louise Vitez, John Willig, Joe Zasa *and all who have asked for our prayers.*

If you would like someone to be added or removed from the prayer list, please ask the person or their family first, then contact Rebekah Thompson in the Parish Office at 704-208-1976.

Names will remain on our Prayer List for 30 days unless otherwise specified.



Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and the Homebound

A volunteer will bring Holy Communion to any parishioner, relative, or friend that is ill, homebound and unable to attend Mass on a regular basis.

Please notify Rebekah Thompson in the office at 704.332.2901 or email office@stpeterscatholic.org.

**Stations of the Cross
 Saturday, April 8
 12:00 pm in the church
 All parish invited**



When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives - our gifts as well as our sufferings - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

Offertory	Actual
March 26, 2017	\$ 12,239
February 2017	\$ 99,123
July 2016 – February 2017 YTD	\$ 819,940

DSA 2017 Assessment

Total Committed & Paid \$104,471 77% complete
 Thank you to the 249 households in our parish who have participated to date.

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Holy Thursday—The Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, April 13th 7:00 pm

The first day of the Triduum begins in the upper room with Jesus sharing his body and blood in bread and wine.

Foot Washing ceremony



During this Mass, following the homily, we will have the foot washing ceremony in remembrance of the Last Supper when our Lord and Savior washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of love and humble service to others. Jesus commanded His disciples to do to one another what He had done to them. **St. Peter will invite all present to come forward to participate in this foot washing ceremony.** Children are also welcome and encouraged to partic-

ipate. This symbolic gesture is in keeping with Christ's spirit of humility and love for one another. We must then go forward in humble service to others. If you wish to participate, we recommend that you wear shoes and socks that can be removed quickly and easily.

The Stripping of the Altar At the end of Mass, all the altar coverings and decorations are removed, symbolizing the fact that Christ was stripped of his garments upon his arrest. The consecrated Communion hosts are then "reserved" in the Altar of Repose for the service on Good Friday. The church will be open for one hour following Holy Thursday Mass for prayer time at the Altar of Repose.

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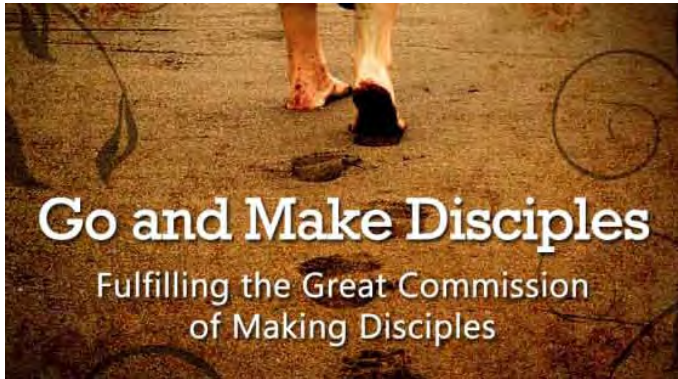
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Friday 8 00am-3 00pm



Lenten Retreat - Closing Our Lenten Journey

St Peter Ignatius Spirituality team presents:
"Go...make disciples of all nations..."

Date: **Saturday, April 8**

Time: **9am - 12pm**

Location: **Biss Hall**

Registration required

Go to our website or <http://bit.ly/2mAUmUn>

Join us for *Stations of the Cross* at Noon
in the church following the retreat.

Lenten Reconciliation Service and Individual Confession

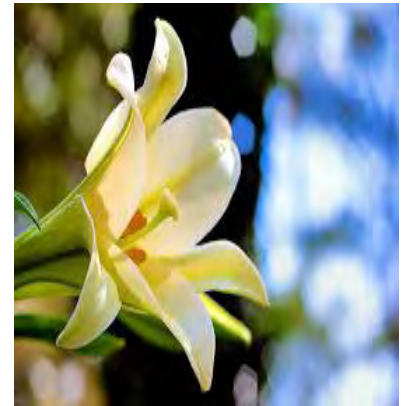
Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00 pm.
In the Church.

Stations of the Cross Saturday, April 8th at 12:00 pm.

Will be in the Church after the retreat.
All parishioners are invited.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate Easter Flowers for our altars you may do so by using your envelope or by donating electronically—visit our website at www.stpeterscatholic.org and select "Online Transaction" under the "Giving" tab or contact Terrie Morin at tmorin@stpeterscatholic.org



"I Have Called You by Name, You are Mine" *Isaiah 43:1*

Have you noticed the liturgical banner behind the pulpit in our church? With the words "I Have Called You by Name, You are Mine", we are visually reminded of being chosen by God to life through Christ. Doneata Grisdale, who leads our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) team, suggested the design to fiber artist Stephanie Ward. You may remember that Stephanie created the Year of Mercy banner that is now in the Benedict 2 worship space.

Stephanie has a special place in her heart for RCIA. She first met Doneata through St. Peter's RCIA when she was invited to journey along with Tamarra, an RCIA candidate, as a sponsor. Doneata and Stephanie's friendship over 12 years has led to a creative partnership. As Stephanie says, "Doneata had a design idea she showed me with the shell and water, symbols of baptism. The water turning into 'fire' is a symbol of newness, and becoming filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit - all symbols used during the holy sacraments of baptism and confirmation." The banner took about 60 hours over 6 months. She is grateful to be a part our parish, and we are grateful for Stephanie's handiwork and support of our RCIA program.

Our RCIA elect and candidates are greeted each time they come to the altar by this banner, an expression of God's calling.

Stephanie's next project is a grapevine table cloth to be used as a fiber art board in Benedict Hall for First Communicants.





Holy Week at St. Peter Catholic Church 2017 The Jesuit Church in Charlotte's Center City

April 9 Palm Sunday

(5:00pm Saturday—Vigil Mass with palms)

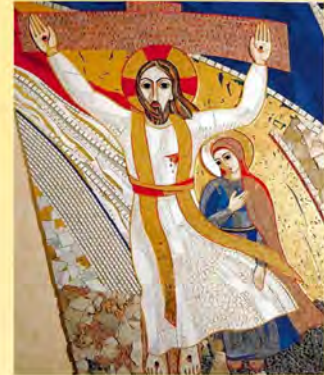
- 9:00 am Masses in the Church and Benedict Hall 2nd Floor with palms
- 11:30 am Mass with palms
- 5:00 pm Mass with palms

April 10, 11 and 12

- 11:15 am Sacrament of Reconciliation
- 12:10 pm Weekday Mass

April 13 Holy Thursday *No 12:10pm Mass*

- 7:00 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**
Altar of Repose for one hour following liturgy



April 14 Good Friday

- 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross
- 1:15 pm **Good Friday Service:**
The Passion – Veneration of the Cross – Presanctified Communion
- 3-4pm Church open for silent prayer

April 15 Holy Saturday

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil
Reception for those coming into full communion with the Church

April 16 Easter Sunday

- 7:15 am Easter Mass – *no incense*
- 9:00 am Easter Mass, with overflow in Biss Hall
- 9:00 am Easter Mass in Benedict Hall, 2nd Floor – *no incense*
- 11:30 am Easter Mass, with overflow in Biss Hall
- 11:30 am Easter Mass, in Benedict Hall 2nd Floor

Parish Offices will be closed Thursday April 13 at 12:30pm through Monday, April 17 in observance of Easter.

2017 Day of Service Saturday, May 13

Social Justice Ministry

Corner

Check our parish website for Sign Up Genius!

The Day of Service is our parish community's effort to reach out to the frontiers – to serve those forgotten, overlooked, afflicted and in great need of Christ's message of love.

Will you be the face of Christ to others?

Volunteer to serve at a site in the morning or help prepare the fellowship lunch in the church garden.

Some of the people we will serve this year include the residents at McCreesh Place, women at Dove's Nest, children at Alexander Youth Network, women at YWCA and the men at North Tryon Men's Shelter.

Service begins at various times for each site. Back at the church garden, volunteers will prepare a fellowship lunch for all who have served at the various sites. At lunch we will share and reflect about seeing and being the face of Christ with others.



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News from Race Relations Committee

-- Members of St. Peter's are enjoying the Fish Frys at Our Lady of Consolation on Fridays during Lent -- 16+ on the first Friday and 22+ on the second Friday - Come join us for great food and fellowship ending with Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.

-- During Black History Month 15 members of St. Peter's attended the Black History Program at Our Lady of Consolation on February 8 and several members attended other Wednesday Evening Black History month programs at Little Rock AME Zion Church.

-- Two representatives from St Peter's attended "RACISM: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" - A Friday Night Live Session at St. Therese in Mooresville.

-- Three members of St. Peter's and a member of Our Lady of Consolation previewed the documentary "I Am Not Your Negro". Tentative plans call for showing the DVD when it is available in June in a special program.

News from the Ignatian Immigration & Refugee Initiative Committee

Provided a letter writing campaign at St. Peter to urge our Senators and Congressional representatives to support the BRIDGE Act. Very successful with over 400 letters going to each member (and hand delivered to Senator Tom Tillis).

Assisting two groups working with immigrants/refugees with obtaining grants from St. Peter's Tithing Committee: \$3,000 for International House for its Summer Program for children of immigrants and \$2,000 for the Kino Border Initiative.

Upcoming Visit

Nick Napolitano, Assistant for Social Ministries for the Jesuit Maryland Province, will be visiting St. Peter's April 19-21.

Bulletin announcements must be submitted on **WEDNESDAYS, 10 days prior** to the weekend's distribution by 4 00 for the publisher's deadline. Please note earlier Holiday schedules. We ask you to **complete a Communications**

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Ignatian Spirituality and You

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving Psalm 92:2

One of the usual fruits of making the Spiritual Exercises is gratitude for the great mercies which God has shown to us. As we come to find God in all things, we realize how good God is, how much God loves us, and we respond by loving God more wholeheartedly, following God more closely, and serving others as Christ has served us. – Fr. John

Cicero rightly observed that "Gratitude is not only the greatest of all the virtues, it is the parent of all others." But how grateful are we? Do we even know how to be grateful?

How many thank God for their pillow? I have seen many who lay their heads down upon a sidewalk. I have seen limestone being used as a pillow. And how many thank God for the luxury of a warm shower? Have you any idea how many people do not get to take a shower in the morning, much less a warm one?

How many thank God for their clean underwear in the morning? How many thank God for the change in their pockets that allows them to purchase a coffee? I know many people for whom a cup of coffee is a luxury. Despite whatever little emotional quirks you may have, have you ever thanked God with tears for the soundness of your own mind? I see the unsound of mind everyday on my street and at our morning Mass.

A Christian should never get out of bed without thanking God for his or her bed, home or the chance to live that day. Christians should not close their eyes at night without thanking God for the 10 million and more mercies bestowed throughout the day. Lenten fasting, abstinence, or sacrifice, what of it? If it is not done in absolute gratitude, then cut it off. It is worthless. The graces of gratitude are boundless. The evils of ingratitude know no end.

Meister Eckhart once said, "If the only prayer you said in your whole life was 'thank you,' that would suffice." This Lent, we might ask ourselves, "How grateful am I, really?"

Father Matthew Ruhl, SJ, is pastor of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Belize City, Belize

Period of Purification.

As our RCIA elect, approach the final preparation into initiation. They will enter into an intense spiritual journey which goes hand in hand with our season of Lent. The elect will have deep reflection and will be called to purify their hearts and minds. The three rituals of purity are the "Scrutinies." These rituals strengthen and assist the elect to complete their conversion. The Presentation of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer bring to light the final weeks of the Sacrament. During Holy Week, we come to the conclusion of Lent, on Holy Thursday at sunset, with the sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter begins.



Sacrament of Initiation

The Easter Vigil begins at sunset on Holy Saturday. The elect will either be initiated into the Sacrament of either one or more of the following, Baptism, Confirmation and receive Eucharist. Where they will be baptized, and followed by the receiving of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus in Eucharist. Some of the baptized candidates may make a profession of faith, be Confirmed and receive Eucharist. This is what we call the most Holy of all the Church's liturgies.

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