

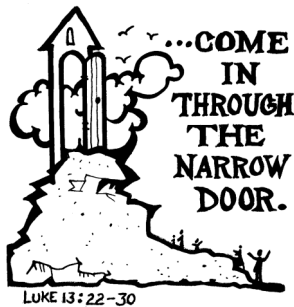
Saints Peter & Paul
CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25, 2019

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Dates to Remember

Sept. 8-Sunday School Begins
Sept. 14-Jr. Daughters' Spaghetti Dinner
Sept. 15-Blood Drive
Sept. 20-Stroke Scan
Sept. 21-Day of Spiritual Renewal
Sept. 21/22-Neat & Clean Shower
Oct. 4-6-Women's Retreat
Oct. 12-Steak & Chicken Dinner
Oct. 19-Welcome Ministers' Workshop
Oct. 19-KPCLA Bingo Night
Oct. 26-Harvest Fest
Nov. 1-3-Men's Retreat
Nov. 9-KPCLA Prayer Breakfast

To my parish family,

In June of 1959, the first bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, Francis Hyland wrote to the pastor of St. Thomas More expressing his desire to establish a parish in the southern part of DeKalb County. The bishop went on to say that a new parish was "not only advisable, but necessary".

He could not have been more correct.

For 60 years, people have walked through the doors of this parish seeking the spirit of the living God. Seeking the Body of Christ not just for themselves but for those they love. I sometimes think about all the prayers lifted up between the pews of this church. Those fervent, the ones full of angst, and the prayers of joy and thanksgiving. I imagine that over six decades The Almighty has probably heard it all!

Year after year, I marvel at what a phenomenal parish community we have. So many of you pass at least one or two other parishes to be a part of this family. You understand in a profound way the words of Bishop Hyland. We're not "just another church", the Holy Spirit has accompanied this community in such a way that it offers a unique reflection of the Body of Christ.

I'm so grateful for all of you who make this parish what it is. I'm continuously humbled that God has invited me to be not just a steward, but a pastor to this community of faith. I'm the luckiest priest in the world to be part of a community that gives people hope week after week. What could be more necessary?

Here's to the next 60!

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2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

This year, the theme of the Appeal is, "Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples". One way that we can show our gratitude is by offering our generous financial support to our parish and to our archdiocese. The gifts that we give enable ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. After we reach our parish Annual Appeal goal of \$44,500, the archdiocese returns 100% of each additional dollar received from our parishioners to us for use in our parish. All pledges will be billed in monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

Amount Pledged: \$62,700.00

Amount Received: \$41,442.17

of Pledges: 150

(as of 8/13/19)

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Parish calendar on website. Click on Events, then Calendar.

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August 25, 2019 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Coming Week

Wednesday, 28th

Choir Rehearsal 6:00PM-Church

Thursday 29th

Haitian Rehearsal 7:00PM-Church

Friday, 30th

Adoration 9:00-10:00AM-Chapel

Saturday, 31st

Gregg's Pantry Closed
Novena 4:00PM-Chapel

Sunday, 1st

Rosary 8:00AM-Church
Jr. Daughters 1:00PM
Jr. Knights 1:00PM

Monday, 2nd Labor Day

Parish Office Closed



Stewardship-A Disciple's Response

Due to the printing schedule, no figures are available at this time. In his encyclical letter, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis encourages "care for creation through the little daily actions" and "changes in lifestyle," for example, through "avoiding the use of plastic and paper, reducing water consumption, separating refuse, cooking only what can reasonably be consumed, showing care for other living beings, using public transport or car-pooling, planting trees, turning off unnecessary lights, or any number of other practices" (*Laudato Si*, no 211).

Sacramental Schedule

Wednesday, 28th

9:00AM

7:00PM Haitian Mass

Friday, 30th

8:30AM

7:00PM Haitian Mass

Saturday, 31st

4:30PM Confessions

5:00PM Lillian Pinede

Sunday, 1st

8:30AM For the people of Sts. Peter and Paul

11:30AM

1:30PM

Steak & Chicken Dinner

The Men's Club's Annual Steak and Chicken Dinner will be Saturday, October 12th in Maxwell Hall after the 5:00PM Mass. Tickets are now on sale. Steak Dinner tickets: \$20.00. Chicken Dinner tickets: \$17.00. Tickets are available from the Religious Shop or from any member of the Men's Club.

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Have you been attending Mass here for awhile and would like to learn more about Catholicism? Are you yearning to receive Communion with everyone else? If you feel called to join the Catholic Church, the process for that is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). RCIA class begins Sunday, September 29th at 10:00AM in the Parish Office. There are no sign-ups, just come with your questions.

Sunday School

Sunday School begins September 8th at 10:00AM. Online registration is now open. There is no fee for Sunday School. That is covered by the yearly Religious Education collection.

Save the Date!

The 7th Annual Neat and Clean Shower for Gregg's Pantry will take place the weekend of September 21/22. Now is a great time to start collecting cleaning products and toiletries for this event hosted by KPCLA Ct. 313. Contact Caren Dias for additional details (404) 625-8860.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cancer Home Annual Fundraiser

A donation of \$5 for a book of 6 tickets will help support terminally ill patients in need of medical care and supplies. You will have a chance to win the following prizes: \$500 Cash, 2 Night Stay at the Westin Jekyll Island, Ring Video Doorbell 2 with Protection Plan. Please see members of Women's Council for tickets. St. Jude Circle, St. Elizabeth Circle and St. Vincent de Paul Circle members. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause. The annual luncheon and silent auction will be held at St. Peter Chanel Church on October 19th. Luncheon tickets are \$50 each. Dorothy Rutledge, OLPH Fundraiser Coordinator

Notes from
The Catholic Foundation



Benefit Your Parish with a Gift of an IRA:

A simple way to give a gift to your parish is with an IRA rollover. If you are over 70 1/2, you can make a direct transfer from your IRA to the parish endowment fund, and this would not be taxed or counted as taxable income. Contact Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation to learn more at (404) 497-9440 or jgreco@cfnga.org Visit www.cfngalegacy.org for information about creating your estate plan.

Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse by attending the next World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend on September 27th-29th or November 8th-10th. You can get more information or apply online at GATN-wwme.org or by calling (678) 242-WWME. For information on Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial, see enriquecetumatrimonio.org.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day

Governor Brian Kemp has proclaimed September 9th as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day (FASD). All churches throughout the state of Georgia are being asked to ring their church bell on September 9th at 9:00AM, to represent the 9 months of alcohol free pregnancy. Parishioners are asked to prayerfully remember families affected by FASD on September 9th. If you or your family are in need of assistance or additional information about FASD, please contact Melissa Cook at mejcook@aol.com or Maggie Rousseau, Director, Disabilities Ministry, Archdiocese of Atlanta at mrousseau@archatl.com.

Every 40 Seconds, Someone in the US is Having a Stroke!

Stroke Scan Plus will be at Sts. Peter and Paul on September 20th to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possible serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. Stroke Scan Plus will be offering them to you for \$149 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on September 14/15 or please call 832-437-7355 or toll free 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in the Parish Office. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com

Annual Blue Mass

The Archdiocese of Atlanta will have the annual Blue Mass for all public safety officials and first responders at the Cathedral of Christ the King on Wednesday, September 11th at 10:00AM. All are invited to attend the Mass to pray and show appreciation for those who serve and protect the public.

Readings for the Week



Monday, 26th

1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, 27th St. Monica

1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3,4-6 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, 28th St. Augustine

1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17 Mk 6:17-29

Friday, 30th

1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, 31st

1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, 1st Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11 Heb 12:18-19,22-24a

Lk 14:1,7-14

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Jean-Claude Augustin, Novar Bates, Shawn Broussard, Faith Brown, Toni Brown, Porscha Bryant, Jerome & Lula Bullard, Ephraim Burrell, Jean Charles, Zayia Cherilus, Stephanie Cooper, Buddy Cospelich, Ida Cruse, Phyllis Daniel, Cameron Davis, Patricia Davis, Marlon Dotson, Jean Driskell, Christine Edwards, Caroline Egbula, Nneka Eto, Mary Flourmoy, Michelle Giles, Laura Hassell, Pierce Hawkins, Ron Hayes, Mayreais Honore, Brittany Ivory-Brown, Joseph Mario Jean-Louis, Ronald Jean-Louis, Salyon Johnson, Darnell Kelly, Andrea Lys, Stanley & Roy Mayfield, Elsa McBean, Dianna Menefield, Mimi Moore, Gregory Montgomery, William O'Neal, Claudia Pierre, Lynette Reid, Charles & Emma Reynolds, Audrey Shirley, Johnathan Sulton, Sylvia Vialva, Reynold Voltaire Jr., Merlyn Walker, Justin Wiley, Roland Woods