

St. Peter Catholic Church Parish

Synod Update #5

September 2018

Evangelization Committee

The Kid's Bulletin is now available each week for the children of our parish. The bulletin is designed for children in grades PreK – 7.

“Joy In The Family” Family Day, 2018

Our Family Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 23 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the church grounds. We will serve hamburgers, hot dogs and chips. There will be bingo and other games. There is no charge for the food or the activities. Please come out and join us for food, fellowship and fun. Bring your chairs and a dessert to share! We will have a big screen TV so that no one has to miss the Saints game.

St. Peter Parish will host an introductory workshop for Ministers of Hospitality (aka – “greeters”), on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in church. All of those who are interested in becoming a greeter are asked to attend. If you have not signed up yet you may still do so, or you may sign up at the meeting. All ages are welcome. We are looking for those with friendly faces and warm hearts!

Social Justice Committee

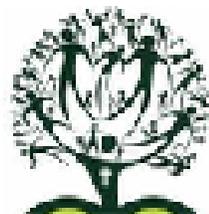
St. Peter Catholic Community, along with St. Hubert Church, has set up a Food Box (Wagon) for non-perishable donations located in the front vestibule of the church. Please consider bringing 1 can/donation each week to Mass to be placed in the Food Box. Donations will be used for food baskets and the Ministry of Care. If enough parishioners participate we can make a delivery of donations from St. Peter's Church every month. If you prefer to leave your can good item at the doors of church, someone from the committee will place it in the food wagon for you. Hunger knows no season and it doesn't take a vacation. Thank you for helping us fight it.

Family Life Committee

Thanks to Diane Abbondante for sharing the following Marriage and Family Life information:



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Making our Homes Little Saint Factories

Our Parish is currently subscribed to **formed.org**. Please take advantage of the many programs that will guide you as parents, teens, young adults, singles, and as married couples. Take a good break with technology and enrich their lives and yours with the following:



A Great website that was recently recommended to me by Fr. Geoffrey Burke is called “**Peanut Butter and Grace.**” They also have a Facebook and Pinterest page. It has great suggestions for family life, and our good friend Father Geoff also does a monthly video podcast. For instant, if you want to know how to respond to the latest crisis in the Church, or how to talk to your children about it, that is posted this week and will be archived. If you are struggling with how to pray with your family, there are holy helps there as well. Check it out.

Upcoming events:

Alpha starts Tuesday, September 4th at AOL in the Don Bosco Hall at **6:30 pm**. All are invited. Dinner is free every week, followed by a video and then a table discussion. It is for all denominations, and we especially invite those who are away from a life of faith. Last year we had over 50 who attended, including over 15 from St. Peter’s parish. St. Joan of Arc and AOL participated last year as well. It was indeed so nice to see our churches coming together, but we also want to invite those who do not enter our churches each Sunday. Think about who you would like to invite and come with them. Check the website or bulletin for details to register. Forms are also in the back of church.

Here are some comments from those who attended the last Alpha:

“The gift to Alpha to me was the community building across parish lines. Also sharing our faith openly without judgements or criticisms from one another.”

“Alpha opened my heart to see strangers as friends as I heard their struggles and their skills in dealing with them with the help of Jesus. Their faith impressed me and guided me to use Jesus in new areas of my life.”

Deacon Richard & Diane will be offering a six week session using the materials from formed.org, more details to follow later.

September is Family Month- details are available in the information above from the Evangelization synod team on plans for our family picnic at St. Peter’s.

The Theme this year is “Joy In The Family.” The purpose of Family Day is to promote and strengthen all families and the Parish family. The Trinity, Father-Son and Spirit- gives us the strength and graces to know that our family is sacred, especially in the details of our ordinary lives.

Volunteers Needed- Deacon Rich and I could use some help in preparing our young adults for marriage, and for helping us with the Marriage and family life committee. Please if we ask you to help us it is because we have recognized that you have a special gift to offer the church please accept our call and join us. We also would be interested to know what it is that we can do for you and we would love to hear your ideas and suggestions. You can reach Rich by email or phone at

rabbond@bellsouth.net or 504-382-4480. Diane can be reached at Pray4Him2@gmail.com or 985-665-2210,

With Holy Joy always,
Deacon Richard & Diane Abbondante

Vocations Committee

Due to other obligations, Ms. Barbara Tregre had to resign as coordinator of the Vocations Committee. We would like to thank Ms. Tregre for her service. She will continue to share her time and talents with the St. Peter Community through other ministries. Welcome and thanks to Ms. Mary Kay Vicknair who has assumed responsibility for coordinating the Vocations Committee.

Our parish will sponsor a Vocations Crucifix, which will help us to remember to pray for vocations. The vocations Crucifix will be placed in the sanctuary the weekends of September 8 -9 and September 15 – 16, so that everyone will be able to see it. Beginning the weekend of September 8 – 9 there will be a sign up sheet in the front of the church where our parishioners will be able to sign up to take the crucifix home. A family will be able to take the crucifix home for a two week period beginning on the weekend of September 22 – 23. When you sign up you will be able to select the Mass at which Fr. John will present the crucifix to you. You will then host it in your home for two weeks. It must be returned to the rectory by 12:00 p.m. on the second Friday following. For instance, if you receive the Vocations Crucifix on Sunday, September 24, 2018, you must return it by Friday, October 5th. The kit that comes with the crucifix contains prayers that you may use during the time the crucifix is with you. You may use these, but please feel free to use your own favorite prayers, such as the Rosary or scripture based prayers. You may pray privately with your family, or you may invite your extended family, neighbors, or friends to come and pray with you. The whole idea is to create a “culture of vocations” in our parish. We pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as vocations to married life and single life. Fr. John will explain more about the Vocations Crucifix the weekend of September 8 – 9.

St. Peter School is also working to create a “culture of vocations” in the school. Every day the children will pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The school has its own Vocations Crucifix and each week a different class will get an opportunity to host it. Its presence in the school/classrooms will remind the children to pray daily for vocations.

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