



ST. PETER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*“You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone ...
For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.”
James 2:24,26*

Dear Parishioners,

This fall, we are celebrating our 180th anniversary in a spirit of gratitude for all of God’s many blessings for us as a parish and individually through this life-changing pandemic.

Soon you will receive specific stewardship information to help you respond to all the ways God constantly blesses you. It is a call to develop a deeper understanding that stewardship is not just that pesky annual money talk. It is a process to continuously grow in our faith through expanding your prayer life, spending more of your time engaged in the life of your parish, participating in deeper formation exercise and classes, and supporting your parish’s budget in a more intentional and dependable way. You will be given additional information to make your thoughtful commitments known through a pledge of prayers, time and talent and for predictable financial support.

The information will include a list of ways to extend and enrich your prayer life, many opportunities to pledge your time and talent and a method to calculate an intentional pledge that reflects your appreciation for all that God has provided you. Just as your family probably plans your budget with some expectation of your income during the year, the parish also needs to know it can cover its annual expenses and attract and retain our talented staff who work hard to meet our parish’s needs.

Finally, if you were not able to join us this past Sunday for the “POP Online!” virtual presentation of the parish’s exciting new strategic plan, please take some time to review it by visiting www.StPeterChurch.org/stewardship for a better understanding of what we hope, we can accomplish together. You will see how your help in implementing the plan will enhance our experience as members of St. Peter Parish for yourself and our entire faith community. (For your convenience, the highlights of the plan are enclosed.)

Thank you for taking a few minutes to familiarize yourself with what we are about to undertake as a whole community of faith. This plan can transform your life and draw you closer to our Lord and God and contribute to the flourishing of St. Peter’s parish and your faith community.

Please join me in praying for the parish’s success in this worthy endeavor. And pray for a spirit of gratitude and a receptive heart for you and all our faithful parishioners as this season of stewardship is launched, and we celebrate our 180th anniversary.

Yours in Christ,


Fr. Augustine DeArmond, O.P.
Pastor