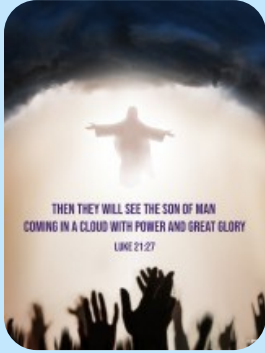
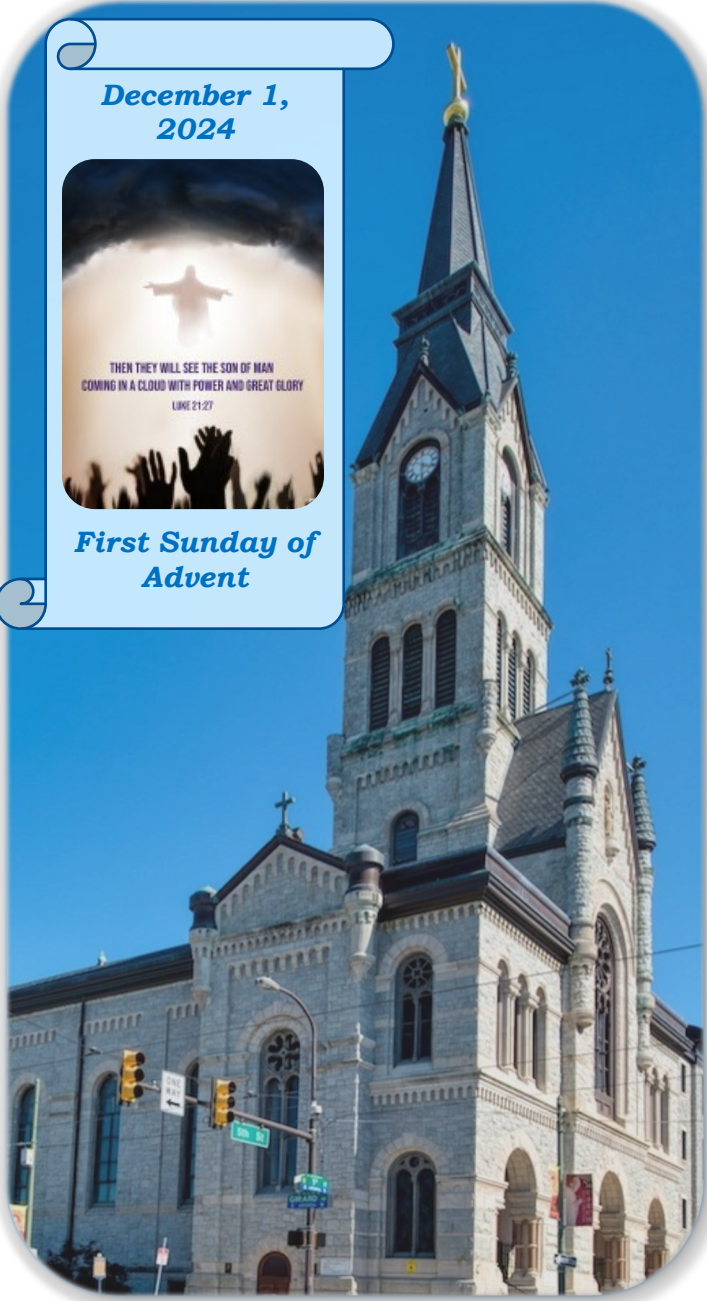


December 1,  
2024



**First Sunday of  
Advent**



## **St. Peter the Apostle National Shrine of St. John Neumann**

A Redemptorist Parish  
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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),  
12:30 pm  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**O.L.P.H. Novena:** 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Mon - Sat:** 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

**Monday - Saturday:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday** 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### **GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Sunday:** 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS:** You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

**SICK CALLS:** Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

5:30 PM † Marta Williams - rb: Maria Goldston

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1**

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Parish Family and Paul, Monica, & Wieslaw Lepkowski - rb: Eva Lepkowski

11:00 AM † Candida & Cesareo Delgado – rb: Damaris Quinones

12:30 PM † Roxana Graulau – rb: Eneida Davila & Family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2**

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary Sukany - rb: Mary Giampetro

5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary & Joseph DeRitis – rb: Lucille DeRitis

5:30 PM † Elizabeth Guzman - rb: Jennifer Bagaloyos

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4**

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM † Hao Nguyen - rb: Lam Nguyen

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5**

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Patrick & Margaret Cahill - rb: Karl Buchert

5:30 PM † Iris Rios - rb: Helen

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6**

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † Lorraine Kingsbury Miner - rb: Sr. Catherine Clark

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

**REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Andrew Boyle, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, Elsie Cintron, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Carmen Rodriguez, Crecensia Ayala, Luis Soler, Jr., Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena and Michael Miccilo. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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**FROM THE  
PASTOR'S  
DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

Advent is that sacred season of anticipation and expectation in which we come to terms with the deep yearning of our soul- a yearning fulfilled only in Jesus Christ. As we wait in longing for the coming of the Christ Child at Christmas, we turn over to him all the false satisfactions- the compromises- of our life. To live Advent is to live in the awareness of a presence that changes us. Our Advent preparation is marked by vigilance- custody of the heart, In which we keep our soul fixed on the Lord. For what we see incarnate in the infant Jesus, we desire for ourselves: purity, innocence, and childlikeness restored. In the Birth of this Child, we know the promise of our spiritual rebirth.

(Advent 2024, The Magnificat Advent Companion)

Finally, thank you to all the parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community, and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to reflect upon and renew your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Peter the Apostle Church. For those who are able - there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the church office. For those of you who would prefer to fill out your Commitment Card online, please visit the parish website at [www.spaphilly.org](http://www.spaphilly.org)

Blessings,

Fr. Mike

# ADVENT THRU CHRISTMAS

## Bible Study



7pm on Mondays  
DECEMBER 2  
THRU JANUARY 6



Join us this Advent and Christmas as we study the scriptures we will be hearing and praying throughout this season

**DECEMBER 2 | THRU | JANUARY 6**

PLEASE CONTACT SR. CARMEN TORRES, SHCJ OF YOUR INTEREST AT 215.625.9755 OR SAINTPETERPA@GMAIL.COM

### THE ROSARY

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



### ELECTRONIC GIVING



Go to the page: [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org) tab *Donate* and select the link with the **Parish Giving Logo** Follow the simple instructions

## Celestial Wonders: A Glimpse into God's Creation

The Pacman Nebula sits high above St. Peter the Apostle Church, ten thousand light years away, showcasing God's boundless creativity.



### WEEKEND COLLECTION - 11/17/2024

Due to early printing, the collections of last weekend will be in the next bulletin

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

#### *Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)*

*Nguyen Family* - rb: *Le Nguyen*

#### *OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)*

*Little Family* - rb: *Nora Little*

#### *St. John Neumann Altar*

*Nguyen Family* - rb: *Le Nguyen*

#### *Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)*

*Joan Ambrose* - rb: *Donald Ambrose*

*Redemptorist Chapel*  
*Available*

### LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Candida & Cesareo Delgado – sp: Damaris Quinones

### CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

### DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

### VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)*

*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*

*Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Familia Little - sp: Nora Little*

*Altar de San Juan Neumann*

*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Joan Ambrose - sp: Donald Ambrose*

*Capilla de los Redentoristas*

*Disponible*

### RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Andrew Boyle, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, Elsie Cintron, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Carmen Rodriguez, Crecensia Ayala, Luis Soler, Jr., Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena and Michael Miccilo. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.



## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

El Adviento es esa temporada sagrada de anticipación y expectativa en la que llegamos a un acuerdo con el anhelo profundo de nuestra alma, un anhelo que solo se cumple en Jesucristo. Mientras esperamos con ansia la llegada del Niño Jesús en Navidad, le entregamos todas las falsas satisfacciones, los compromisos, de nuestra vida. Vivir el Adviento es vivir conscientes de una presencia que nos cambia. Nuestra preparación para el Adviento está marcada por la vigilancia, la custodia del corazón, en la que mantenemos nuestra alma fija en el Señor. Lo que vemos encarnado en el niño Jesús, lo deseamos para nosotros: pureza, inocencia y la restauración de la infancia. En el nacimiento de este Niño, conocemos la promesa de nuestro renacimiento espiritual. (Adviento 2024, El Magnificat, compañero de Adviento)

Por último, gracias a todos los feligreses que han completado y enviado su Tarjeta de Compromiso a la iglesia. Para aquellos feligreses que aún no han tenido la oportunidad de enviar su tarjeta, se les enviará por correo una carta con una Tarjeta de Compromiso personalizada. ¡Todos y cada uno de ustedes son miembros vitales de nuestra comunidad parroquial y queremos saber de ustedes! Esta es una oportunidad para reflexionar y renovar su compromiso sacrificial de apoyar la misión de la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol. Para aquellos que puedan hacerlo, existe la oportunidad de hacer una donación única a la parroquia. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la oficina de la iglesia. Para aquellos que prefieran completar su Tarjeta de Compromiso en línea, visite el sitio web de la parroquia en [www.spaphilly.org](http://www.spaphilly.org)

Bendiciones,  
Padre Mike

Join our  
**Nazareth Group**  
for Young Married Couples



Come by for **Dinner, Fellowship** and **To Discuss** how the faith helps us in the married vocation!

When?

*The Last Thursday of Every Month*

Where?

*The Newman Lounge*

Contact [ccammarata97@gmail.com](mailto:ccammarata97@gmail.com) for more information

**COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA**

**DE 11/17/2024**

*La información de la colecta del último fin de semana estará en el próximo boletín.*

**DONACION ELECTRONICA**

Ingresa a la página [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org) y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



**EL ROSARIO**

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



**Maravillas celestiales: una mirada a la creación de Dios**

**La Nebulosa Pacman se encuentra por encima de la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol, a diez mil años luz de distancia, y muestra la creatividad ilimitada de Dios.**



**WE ARE  
HIRING**

**JOIN OUR  
TEAM**

**PART -TIME OPEN POSITION**

- INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EDUCATOR

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES,

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:

[srdanielle@stpetertheapostleschool.com](mailto:srdanielle@stpetertheapostleschool.com)



A message from our Pastor,

**FR. MICHAEL CUNNINGHAM, CSSR**



## UNITED IN FAITH AND LOVE *Program*

ON COMMITMENT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH, I INVITE EACH OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND HELP US RESPOND TO GOD'S GREAT GIFT OF LOVE. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REVIEW THE BROCHURE YOU SHOULD RECEIVE IN THE MAIL AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH BY FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRIES, FURTHERING OUR MISSION, AND REINFORCING OUR FUTURE.

WE ASK THAT ALL FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS COMPLETE A COMMITMENT CARD. A CARD WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BROCHURE MAILING FOR YOU TO:

- MAIL TO THE CHURCH USING THE PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE
- BRING YOUR CARD TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY
- OR YOU MAY VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE AT [WWW.SPAPHILLY.ORG](http://WWW.SPAPHILLY.ORG) AND COMPLETE AN ELECTRONIC COMMITMENT CARD

THE BACK OF THE COMMITMENT CARD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU TO INCLUDE ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS YOU WISH TO SHARE. WE WELCOME ALL INTENTIONS AND THEY WILL BE PRAYED FOR COLLECTIVELY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST, PLEASE INDICATE SO ON YOUR CARD AND WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU. OUR GOAL IS 100% PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH!

STORYBOOKS AND SMILES

# Book Donation Drive



Pay it forward and donate a new book to assist women and children at a local shelter!

HELP SUPPORT OUR ALTAR SERVER GIANCARLO SORICILLO WITH HIS 7TH GRADE NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY SERVICE PROJECT, BY PURCHASING A BOOK FROM THE TARGET OR AMAZON REGISTRY BELOW, OR DROP OFF A NEW BOOK OF YOUR CHOICE TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.



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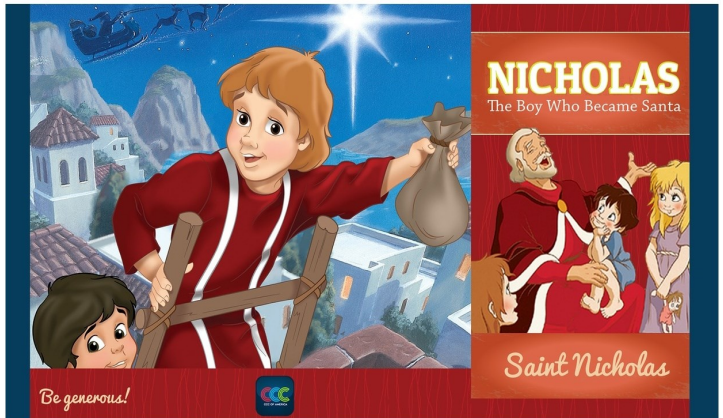
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



## Holiday Christmas Card Donation Drive

Gift cards of \$10 or above to Wawa,  
Dunkin, Target, ShopRite, etc.

Help make the holidays special for  
DEPAUL:

St. Raymond's House, Depaul House,  
and St. Joseph's House.

These programs serve formerly homeless  
individuals and housing-insecure college  
students in our area.

DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE  
RECTORY OFFICE.