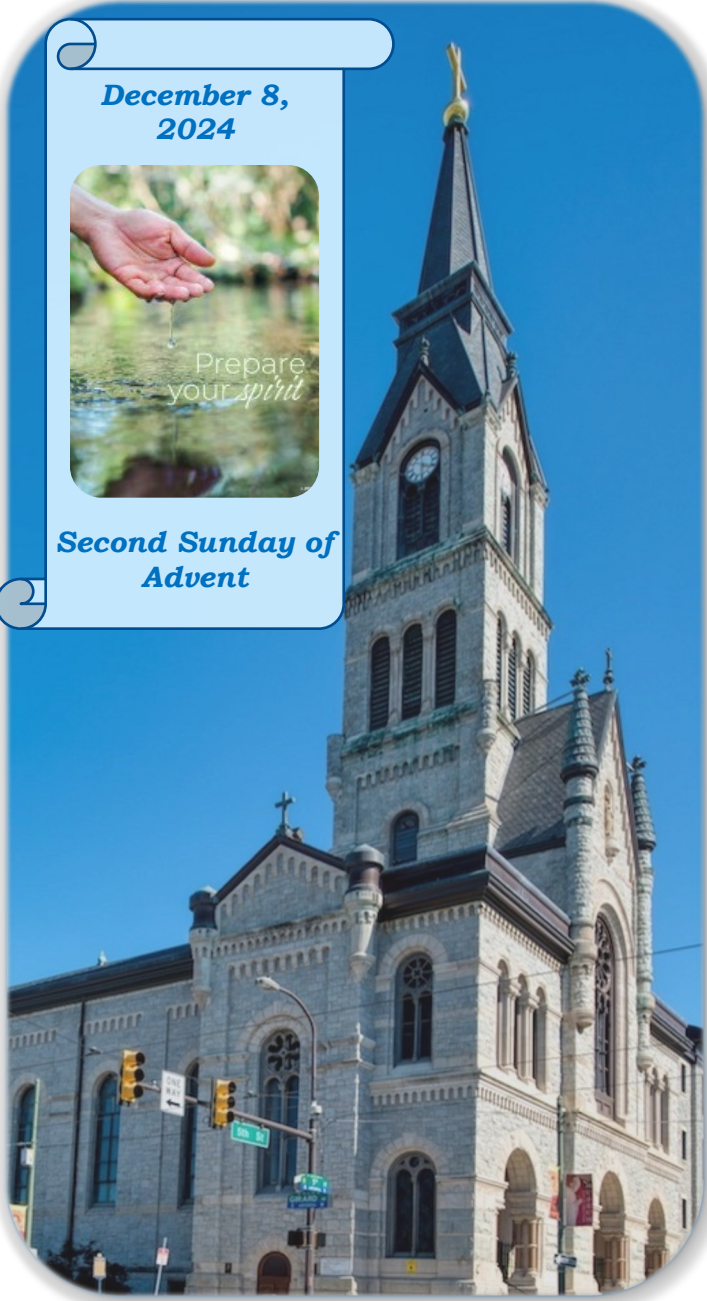


December 8,
2024



Second 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, DECEMBER 7

5:30 PM Luis & Jose L. Velazquez - rb: Haydee Velazquez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Parish Family and † Tim Rossiter - rb: Berndadette Rossiter

11:00 AM † Lucy Betancourt – rb: Nydia Betancourt

12:30 PM † Donald Famous – rb: Annette Giannini

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Martha Brindisi - rb: Ann Kernan

5:30 PM Catherine Krystopowicz - rb: Michael Grogan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † John Emperador – rb: Maria Goldston

5:30 PM † Julia De los Reyes - rb: Tarcelo De los Reyes & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM † Karl & Patricia Buchert - rb: Karl Buchert, Jr

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary Frances Mauger - rb: Susan Kearney

5:30 PM † Maria Chung Nguyen - rb: Son Nguyen

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † Dec'd Members of Campione & Masteroni Family - rb: Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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,

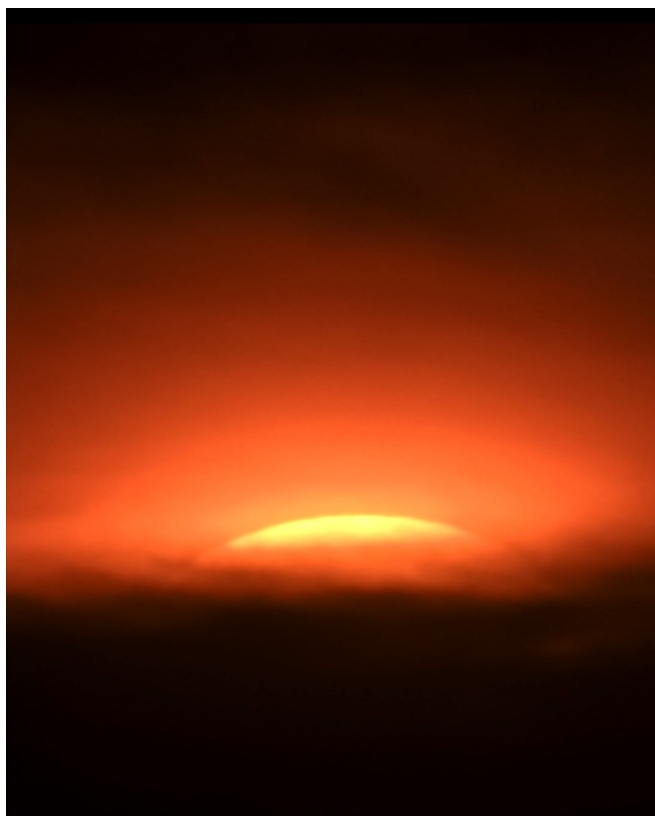
We see the faint light on the horizon, and we await the full, dazzling light of God's incarnation in Jesus Christ. We find ourselves now in-between, standing in that moment of the already and the not-yet. The light has dawned but doesn't seem yet to have reached the deepest darknesses inside and around us... To live the life of a disciple of Christ is to live always in Advent time, knowing that the light has come and awaiting the light that has yet to shine in its fullest measure.

-Elizabeth Webb

(Photo taken at San Alfonso Retreat House Long Branch, New Jersey)

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.



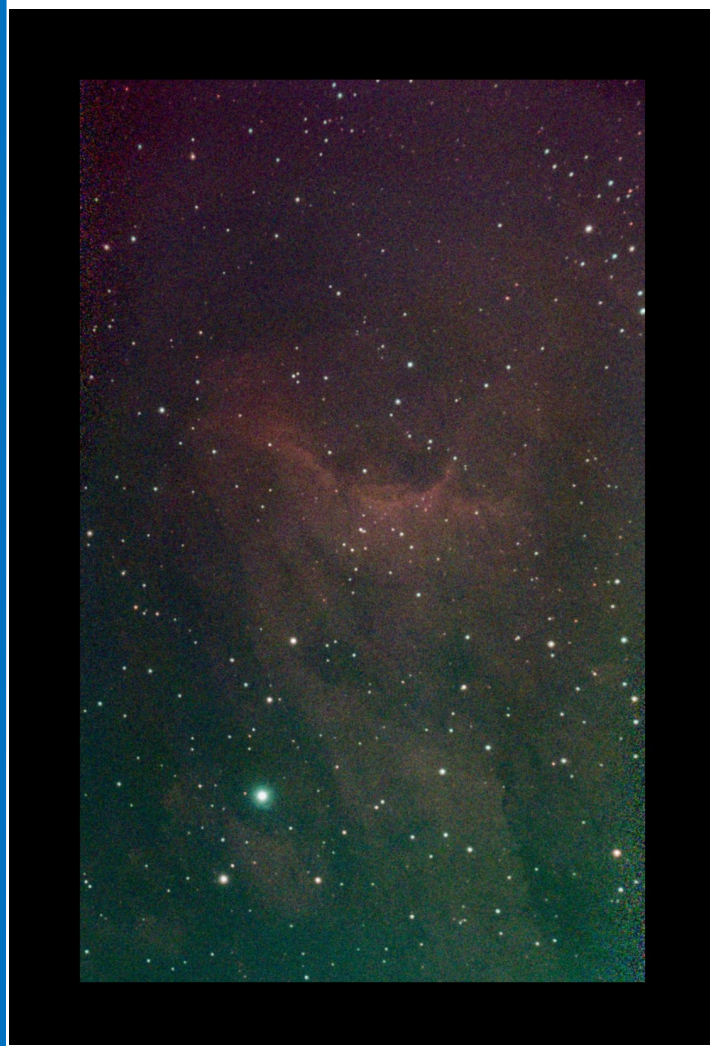
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Go to the page: spaphilly.org tab **Donate** and select the link with the **Parish Giving Logo**
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Celestial Wonders: A Glimpse into God's Creation

The stunning Pelican Nebula, a breathtaking cosmic cloud, resides 1,700 light-years away, above the steeple of St. Peter the Apostle Church. Its ethereal beauty captures the imagination, inviting us to ponder the wonders created by God.



WEEKEND COLLECTION - 11/17/2024 and 11/24/2024

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 † Lucy Betancourt – sp: Nydia Betancourt

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

Disponibile

**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.



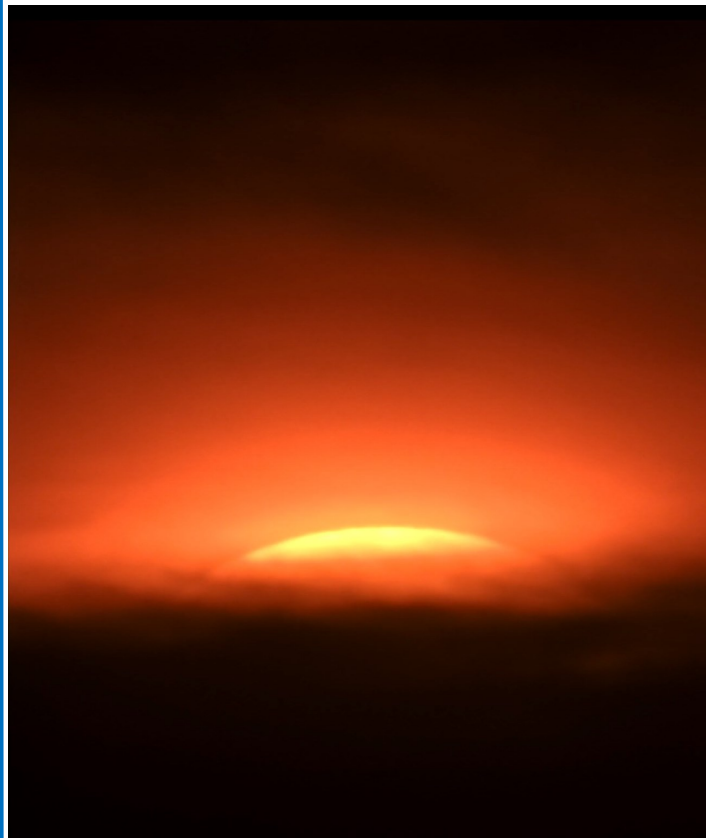
**DEL ESCRITORIO
DEL PASTOR**

Queridos Feligreses,

Vemos la tenue luz en el horizonte y esperamos la luz plena y deslumbrante de la encarnación de Dios en Jesucristo. Ahora nos encontramos en medio, en ese momento del ya y del todavía no. La luz ha amanecido, pero no parece haber alcanzado todavía las tinieblas más profundas dentro y alrededor de nosotros... Vivir la vida de un discípulo de Cristo es vivir siempre en tiempo de Adviento, sabiendo que la luz ha llegado y esperando la luz que aún debe brillar en su máxima medida.
-Elizabeth Webb

(Foto tomada en San Alfonso Retreat House Long Branch, Nueva Jersey)

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike



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.



AMAZON



TARGET

DROP OFF LOCATION

RECTORY OFFICE
THROUGH
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA

DE 11/17/2024 y 11/24/2024

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

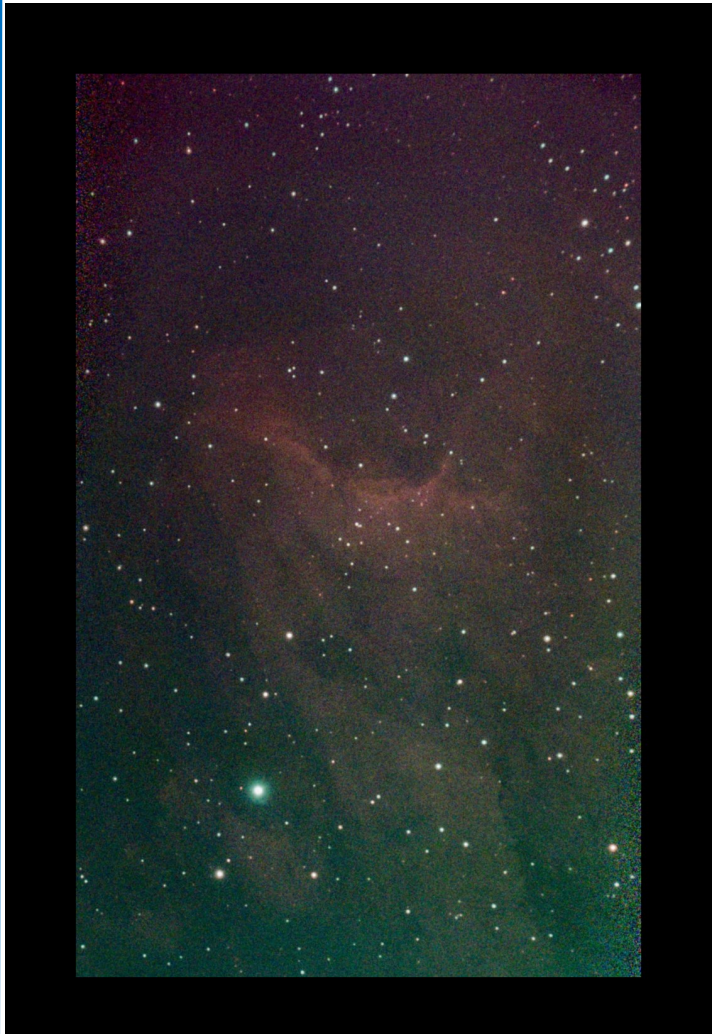
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Maravillas celestiales: una mirada a la creación de Dios

La impresionante Nebulosa del Pelicano, una nube cósmica sobrecogedora, se encuentra a 1.700 años luz de distancia, sobre el campanario de la Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol. Su belleza etérea captura la imaginación y nos invita a reflexionar sobre las maravillas creadas por Dios.



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JOIN OUR
TEAM

PART -TIME OPEN POSITION

- INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EDUCATOR

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES,

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:

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ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH:
REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES IN SHRINE
AT 7:00 AM AND 12:15PM

CHOIR CONCERT AT 5:00 PM
VIGIL MASS AT 5:30 PM IN THE UPPER CHURCH
NO CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH:
9:30 AM (ENGLISH) AND 11:00 AM (SPANISH)
IN THE UPPER CHURCH, NO CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST:
9:30 AM IN THE SHRINE
NO CONFESSIONS

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2024 SCHEDULE

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Gabi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

7:00 pm in the Shrine

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30 pm in the Shrine, followed by
the Nativity Play and Christmas Party in the SJN Center

for information and sponsorship
requests, please call 856.425.8870



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN
1019 N. 5TH STREET IN PHILADELPHIA

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.

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 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!