

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TRANSPARENCIES

helping us recognize the light that shines through our parish

Kennedy Lecture a Huge Success

This year's topic, "Survival Guide for Thinking Catholics," drew record attendance of more than 250 and rave reviews from attendees on October 28. The speaker, Fr. Thomas J. Reese S.J., laid the foundation by saying that questioning Church issues is a good practice. In fact, a questioning mind is part of who we are as Catholics. He defined 10 guidelines on how he feels thinking Catholics should deal with such issues:

1. There is a need to understand what the Church is *really* saying and why it is saying it. He suggesting trying to understand the other point of view even better than the presenter does.
2. Church teaching should be treated within the best possible light, not with cynicism. As St. Ignatian stressed, "there is need to get inside the person's mind and heart and agree or disagree as a friend of the Lord."
3. Do your homework. These are complex issues and you need to read various sources for points of view...the Pope, Scripture, and the press.
4. We as a Church are a believing institution with 2000 years of history and survival. We need to take the "long view," to read and understand historical changes over time. For example, there have been many changes in the Mass, changes in how bishops are appointed and how popes are elected.

5. Understand the difference between law and doctrine. Election of popes and appointment of bishops are legal issues. The Trinity and divinity of Christ are doctrinal issues. Church laws have changed and continue to change, doctrine does not.
6. Understand the scope of the authority of the person making a proclamation. The first Vatican Council (1869) proclaimed the doctrine of infallibility, and since then the Pope has spoken infallibly only twice -- on the Assumption and on the Immaculate Conception.
7. Know how to interpret the proclamation, to understand the context in terms of its style and its target audience.
8. Know that the Church frequently uses words open to multiple interpretations. This stems from a need among proclaimers to get concessions from those with differing views and to achieve consensus.
9. Understand different cultural approaches to accepting teaching. Europeans don't challenge professors, but Americans do. Irish apply a strict discipline to accepting Church teaching, while Italians pick and choose. Humility and charity are needed ... everywhere.



Fr. Thomas J. Reese, SJ signs his book at this year's Kennedy Lecture.

10. Recognize that there will always be disagreements in the Church, such as Peter and Paul's basic disagreements at the first council. The disagreements are settled by compromise. Christians are to show love for one another. "They will know we are Christians by our love."

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OUR MISSION



We, the people of St. Peter's Parish of the Diocese of Charlotte, desire to grow in faith and in union with Jesus Christ and with one another. Through worship, prayer, ecumenical outreach, education and action, we seek to respond to the challenges of the Gospel in Uptown Charlotte and throughout the world. We strive to become a place of welcome and reconciliation to each person who comes to us; a people of faith impelled by love to reach out in service to the city and beyond; a community guided by a preferential love for the poor.

We shall pursue this mission faithfully, imploring the power of the Holy Spirit for the gifts needed to accomplish it.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December

12/2	Advent Ignatian Retreat begins	9 - 11:30 am	Annex
12/3	Respect Life Rosary	after 9am Mass	Church
12/4	Daily morning mass during Advent	7:30 am	Church
	Room In The Inn begins	5 pm	Biss Hall
	Baptismal Preparation	7-8 pm	Annex
12/5	Domestic Violence Workshop	12:30-2 pm	Annex
	Parish Reconciliation Service	7 pm	Church
12/6	End of Life Panel Discussion	7-9 pm	Biss Hall
12/8	Immaculate Conception, Masses	7:30 am, 12:10 & 5:10 pm	
	Office Closed		
12/9	First Reconciliation Retreat	9-11 am	Annex
	First Reconciliation celebration	11-noon	Church
	Advent Ignatian Retreat ends	9-11 am	Biss Hall
12/15	Memorial for Fr. Gene McCreech	7 pm	Church
12/17	Knights of Columbus meeting	7 pm	Annex
12/24	Fair Trade Coffee Sale	10 am & noon	Biss Hall
	Children's Pageant	4 pm	
	Family Mass	4:30 pm	
	Christmas Eve Mass	7pm & 11 pm	
	Lessons and Carols	10 pm	
12/25	Christmas Mass	10 am	
25-27	Office Closed		
12/31	Parish Pancake Breakfast	10 am & noon	Biss Hall

January

1/1	Solemnity of Mary, Mass	10 am	
	Office closed		
1/8	Baptismal Preparation	7-8 pm	Annex
1/9	Theology of the Body lectures begin	7-9 pm	Annex
1/16	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex
	Ignatian Prayer Night	6:30-8 pm	Biss Hall
1/23	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex
1/28	ESIG Fair Trade Coffee Sale	10 am & noon	Biss Hall
	New Parishioners Welcome Coffee	10 am & noon	Biss Hall
1/30	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex

February

2/ 4	Respect Life Rosary	after 9 am Mass	Church
2/5	Baptismal Preparation	7-8 pm	Annex
2/6	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex
	Parish Assembly	7 pm	Biss Hall
2/13	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex
2/17	Lenten Retreat begins	9-11 am	Annex
2/20	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex
2/21	Ash Wednesday, Masses	7:30 am, 12:10 & 5:10 pm	
2/23	Stations of the Cross	12:45 & 6:30 pm	Church
2/23	Parish Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Meal	7 pm	Biss Hall
2/24	Lenten Ignatian Retreat ends	9-11 am	Annex
2/25	ESIG Fair Trade Coffee sale	10 am & noon	Biss Hall
	New Parishioners Welcome Coffee	10 am & noon	Biss Hall
2/27	Theology of the Body lecture	7-9 pm	Annex
2/28	First Eucharist classes begin	6:15-7:30 pm	Annex

March

3/2	Stations of the Cross	12:45 & 6:30 pm	Church
3/2	Parish Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Meal	7pm	Biss Hall
3/4	Respect Life Rosary	after 9 am Mass	Church

Holiday Mass Schedule

Advent

During Advent, in addition to daily Mass at 12:10 pm, daily morning Mass will begin on Monday, December 4, at 7:30 am.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24

Sunday Mass at 9 and 11 am; Children's Pageant at 4 pm; Family Mass at 4:30 pm; Christmas Eve Mass at 7 and 11 pm; Lessons and carols at 10 pm.

Christmas Day

Christmas Mass at 10 am

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mass at 10 am

Ash Wednesday, February 21

Masses at 7:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:10 pm

Save the Date

Michael LaVecchia has graciously agreed to another of his famous seafood dinners for St. Peter's parish. Mark Saturday, February 24, 2007 on your calendar. Look for updates after the first of the year regarding menu and ticket sales. Anyone who wants to help with planning and ticket sales, please call Judith Toman at 704-375-5212.

Save the date for the next Splendor on the Green set for June 30, 2007. Dee Saltrick and Dawn LaVecchia are co-chairs for the event. Anyone interested in helping with this event should contact Dee Saltrick, at 704-896-8161, or Dawn LaVecchia, at 704-504-2357.

Pastor Candidate Update

Fr. Leo O'Donovan, SJ, one of three candidates for pastor, will visit our parish December 8-10, 2006. Fr. O'Donovan is the former president of Georgetown University, as well as an author and educator.

Changes to Mass Times

Last spring a committee was formed to discuss the possibility of changing Mass times. There was general agreement that increasing time between Masses would allow for parish assemblies, committee meetings and opportunities for socializing. Changing Mass times would also enable families whose children attend catechesis to attend Mass with their families. The most likely change would move the 11 a.m. Mass to 11:30 a.m. A questionnaire will be available later this year to elicit comment from the parish members.

Do you know... Robert Eaton



Zip code: 28215

At St. Peter's: Since 1988

Usual Mass attending: 11 AM

Hometown: Gowanda, New York

In Charlotte: 28 years

Profession: Retired, National Gypsum

Hobbies: Gardening, mechanics, travel.

Family: Suzanne, wife of 49 years; 4 daughters, 3 sons; 11 grandchildren.

Robert's children at St. Peter's include Cindy Eaton, cantor; Jacquie Stevens, executive committee member, and her husband, John, cross bearer, Eucharistic minister and usher.

What is your favorite hymn? "How Great Thou Art"

If you had a day with no obligations, what would you do?

Jump in my car and head across the U.S.

Do you have a personal motto? *Family is #1.*

What three possessions would you want on a deserted island?

My truck, computer and music.

What is your favorite music? *Classical organ music*

What color would you like to paint your bedroom?

Dark blue with a white ceiling.

What is the hardest thing or decision you have ever made?

Moving my family from New York to North Carolina. I wouldn't have done it if my wife Suzanne hadn't encouraged me.

Describe a "WOW" experience: *As the marine transportation officer for my company, I participated in the launch of a huge ship out of Japan.*

My ideal Saturday night is to go out to dinner. (I LOVE chicken!!)

My favorite travel location is Venice, Italy.

What is something not many people know about you?

It took 13 years to get my B.A.: two years for my associate's degree and 11 years of night school to finish!

Linda Sanchez

Coffee & Conversation

Please drop in for a cuppa coffee after Mass on Sundays. Coffee will be available except for Panthers games or a major parish event such as a picnic or a pancake breakfast.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call or email Lou Weber at 704-364-9850 or lou.weber@mindspring.com.

HELP in Action

Twenty-three representatives from St. Peter's joined over 500 members of churches and other organizations on Sunday afternoon, October 29 at a HELP (Helping Empower Local People) Delegate Assembly. The meeting was held at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and a number of elected officials, candidates for office in the November 7 election, as well as city and county staff members were in attendance.

It was an inspiring and informative meeting starting with Father Mo West's Invocation, reports on HELP's recent activities and brief speeches by candidates for office. The highlight of the meeting was the specific commitments made by elected officials to work with HELP to alleviate problems in blighted neighborhoods including abandoned dwellings in Grier Heights. They also committed to work on code enforcement to assure that residents never have to leave their homes with only a few hours notice like the evacuation that took place for the residents of Mecklenburg Mills.

The meeting ended with a soul stirring rendition of "America the Beautiful" and pledges by those present to vote and to help get out the vote on election day.

Barbara Dellinger

Sr. Simone Campbell visits St. Peter's

St. Peter's welcomed attorney Sr. Simone Campbell, Sister of Social Service and national coordinator of NETWORK, on Saturday, September 9. NETWORK is a social justice advocacy group which lobbies Congress. Created in 1971 by 47 religious women, NETWORK's effort is to reflect Catholic social teachings in federal bills and laws.

Our parish social justice ministry hosted Sr. Simone and a diverse, ecumenical audience of more than 100 people, many from several other parishes as well as many not connected with our faith. Presentations and discussions focused on issues of poverty, immigration reform, a sustainable family wage for all, and better access to health care (with emphasis on children). Sr. Simone spoke eloquently on the call to people of faith to help create both an economy and a nurturing environment for integrating justice and charity into national policies.

The week before her visit to Charlotte, Sr. Simone testified before a senate committee on a potential living wage for all working people. After she completed her testimony, Senator Richard Durbin of Illinois approached her and said, "You make me proud to be a Catholic."

NETWORK has a bi-monthly publication, CONNECTIONS, which presents issues confronting Congress as well as voting records of senators and representatives. For further information, call (202) 347-9797 or visit www.networklobby.org.

Barney Offerman



Environmental Justice

St. Peter's joined with other faith communities throughout the country in raising the awareness of environmental justice. The movie *An Inconvenient Truth* was screened before 58 parishioners on October 4. A discussion was held two weeks later focusing on our Catholic perspective in relation to the US bishops statements and Catholic social teaching. The large turnout and informative discussion revealed an interest by parishioners about global warming and the environment.

The movie and discussion addressed the arguments put forth for both the cause and the cure of such a large problem. Statements by Pope John Paul II and the bishops address the situation morally as a call to be good stewards of God's creation. It is an ethical question asking how the family of nations can exercise stewardship in a way that respects and protects creation while providing for the common good and incorporating economic and social justice for all of humanity, especially the poor. The movie focused on the dimensions of economics, politics, science, and sociological aspects and the ensuing tragedies resultant if we don't take action.

Our discussion began with conversations of these types but evolved into the more practical ways that each person can help change to occur. Acknowledging our own diocese's beginnings of an environmental justice committee, participants wondered if our own community should address environmental concerns more aggressively. Some wondered whether in the future we might consider forming a committee to look at St. Peter's energy consumption, recycling practices and educational offerings.

The first step we proposed was adding information to the bulletin about environmental justice as a way of engaging the community in discussion and thought. As we begin to understand the problems and our role in saving the earth our hope is that St. Peter's can be a 'greener' community dedicated to showing the community of Charlotte our commitment to save the environment. Look for more information in the bulletin and on the bookrack in Biss Hall. Begin taking small steps in your home so that you too can help save the earth for future generations.

Robert Perkins

Two Friends Announce Changes

St. Peter's has witnessed many changes over the years and another one is announced with the joy of new beginnings and the celebration of a job well done. Paul Ehrenburg, our long-time maintenance director has announced his retirement, and long-time volunteer Julie Pomeroy has been named as his replacement after, serving a month as a part-time assistant to Paul.

St. Peter's has been a strong focal point of Paul's life for many years beginning in 1952 when he was transferred to Charlotte with IBM. Paul and his family quickly became entrenched in the life of St. Peter's. His activities were varied -- serving on the parish council, as the choir director, the first cantor and lector, and for just about whatever was needed. "Those were the days when I'd come up and help Father Biss with the beehives out back and the kids would help us pick figs, pears and apples in the orchard behind the church," Paul recalled. With a smile, he shared that former St. Peter's pastor Fr.

Edward Biss was a fun-loving guy, "After the 11 am Mass we'd go into the office, crack open a few cold ones and count the collection as we laughed and solved the world's problems."

Paul remembered, "When the diocese closed us down as a parish, things looked mighty bleak, but those days of fun were revived when the Jesuits reopened the church." He had time after his 'first retirement' so Paul offered to help out and Fr. John Haughey hired him to help with the rebuilding. The interior of the church was renovated again (he's been through four of them so far), and he oversaw the reconstruction after hurricane Hugo, along with the creation and ultimate destruction of the fresco.

"The past 20 years, watching and assisting the parish grow to its present size, have been some of the happiest and most fulfilling experiences of my life. The many lasting friendships I have formed with the parishioners will fill me with warm loving memories for the rest of my life," he shares.



"It is with mixed emotions that I retire," says Paul. "My wife Nona is retiring too so we get to spend more time together, travel, take a cruise and fix the yard so I never have to cut grass again!" Nona has a list of things for him to work on and they are both looking forward to spoiling grandchildren and great-grandchildren. "I always said I couldn't leave until I found someone I could trust to take my place and I can relax knowing that I leave it all in good hands with Julie. I knew after this first month it was the right thing to do for me and the people of St. Peter's."

"My heart and support will always be here at St. Peter's and let people know my prayers will always be for the richest blessings on the wonderful parishioners and staff at St.

Peter's," said Paul.

Many parishioners are familiar with Julie Pomeroy because she has been coming to St. Peter's since 1992. She leaves behind a career in engineering and computer aided design to come work for the place she loves. Paul quipped, "She is the female version of me; she has been a catechist, led a Bible study, was leader of the El Salvador Interest Group, rang bells for the choir, even helped rebuild parts of the church; if there is a job to do, you can trust her to do it well."

Julie served as a missionary in Kingston, Jamaica from 1997-1998, and while there met a gentleman from Charlotte who had volunteered on a mission trip with St. Ann's. The community was surprised and excited when she returned to the parish with not only many stories but a future husband as well. Both she and Tom have served St. Peter's with joy, and during a brief time away, longed to be back at their spiritual home.

She is a woman of many talents and counts cooking, hiking, canoeing, photography, laughing and her ability to pull just about anything apart and figure out how it works, then putting it back together with "no spare pieces," as just a few of the past times she enjoys.

Julie shared her reasons for accepting the position: "I love it here so much and wanted to give back to this place something for the incredible graces and joys I have received over the years. This is not just a job. It is a vocation of love, a true ministry for the beautification of God's house and for taking care of the people of the church who have shared so much with me."

Clint Hunsche

From the Bookshelf of...Tom Crozier

Divine Guidance by Susan Muto and Adrian van Kaam, 1994
Epiphany Association, Pittsburgh PA

Our prayer group has been using this guide based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) as a starting point for reflection and prayer. It includes thought provoking poetry by Fr. Van Kaam. The book is an excellent road map to help incorporate the beatitudes into our lives. For example in Chapter 8, "Meekness Keeps Our Hearts Teachable," the authors discuss the historical meaning of meekness and note that our modern definition often refers to docility and lowliness rather than a generous surrender to Christ's teaching in relationship to our neighbor.

The book has been around for more than ten years but it remains relevant. Reviews praise it as providing "step by step access to our hearts' desire to serve both self and others." This compact work can be very helpful for individual discernment or for group discussion. It can be obtained by calling Epiphany Association, Pittsburgh, PA, toll free 1-877-324-6873.

Recent Parish Meeting

The fall parish assembly began with a pot luck dinner and was held to discuss several items of interest to the parish including: "Refocusing our Vision," the finance report, a possible change to Mass times, update on the sanctuary art and assignment of a new pastor next summer. Deborah Delano, chair of the Executive Committee, led the meeting and presented the finance report in Lou Bonaiuto's absence.

Fr. Joe began the meeting with comments on returning to the parish vision. He noted that for several years the parish has been focused on dealing with events including the expanded parish campus, the capital campaign, the fallen fresco, the insurance settlement, a fire in Biss Hall and selection of an artist and art for the sanctuary. He believes that now the focus can return more specifically to "increasing our sense of God in our lives."

Fr. Vince has worked to assemble a committee to plan and lead retreats and Ignatian prayer nights throughout the year. Fr. Joe urged that members of the parish take advantage of these opportunities as they present themselves through the year.

The Finance Report, featured on page 11, shows a shortfall of \$28,410 for the first quarter of this fiscal year as a result of decreased offertory collection. Deborah noted that this is especially discouraging as last year did not reflect a decline in summer offertory collection. The parish net operating income was \$29,000 above budget for the fiscal year ending June 2006, which was better

than deficits from the prior two years.

To date the parish has not incurred debt as a result of its capital projects, but this could change soon with a gap expected in capital campaign promises and expenditures. There are no funds budgeted for interest payments should the parish incur debt in meeting its expenses as a result of capital spent. The parish capital campaign ends in April 2007.

Materials provided at the meeting made clear that 88% of parish expenses reflect fixed costs for salaries, office operation, facilities and equipment. The parish finance committee and parish staff work hard to reduce waste and to adhere to budget limits, but the parish campus has almost tripled with recent changes and there is inevitably some increase in demands on personnel, utilities and maintenance.

The parish finance and stewardship committees will be making a request to parishioners to be as generous as possible in upcoming offertory donations. Everyone was reminded that autodraft, on-line banking and stock gifts are now options for making financial contributions to the church. Contact Mary Ann Sullivan in the business office to arrange any of these gifts.

There will be a Development Committee to help coordinate parish fund raising efforts among various groups within the parish.

Judith Toman



Bob and Julie work on St. Peter's new Web site

Effort was made to ensure that all ministries and organizations are equally represented. The Web site includes access to the weekly bulletins, homilies and *Transparencies*. You will also note that on the home page we have quick-link buttons to our church publications and photo gallery for easy access. The home page also offers information about current church activities to bring them to your attention.

Please look at the Web site and give us your feedback. You can e-mail your ideas or comments to Bob at rlarkin@carolina.rr.com or Julie at jlavergne1@juno.com.

Robert Larkin

St. Peter's New Web Site

St. Peter's has a new church Web site. Take the opportunity to visit the site at www.stpeterscatholic.org. The format and design were developed by Bob Larkin and Julie Pomeroy over the last six months and incorporates many new features.

The Web site has been designed as a central depository to maintain as much information as possible about our parish. It gives parishioners, visitors, and potential new members a place to see more about the breadth and depth of our parish, 24 hours a day.

Advent Guided Retreat Week

Where did our quiet Sabbath Sundays go? How our weekends are filled with our families and with the chores we are not able to do during the week! Yet, there is an opportunity to give yourself a little Sabbath time here at the parish before the holiday rush begins. A retreat is simply a sustained period of time given over to deepening our journey with God.

It may be as short as a day in a quiet place, or as long as several days or even weeks away from it all, in seclusion. It may be a special kind of prayer journey interwoven with our daily lives and work, in our own home, in our own space. It may be silent, or it may give us at times a chance to meet like-minded people. The choice is ours.

A retreat can bring a breath of fresh air.
It can release new energy to keep us going, and growing.
Ask any who have participated in our prayer evenings and retreats.

Please keep this in mind in the coming days and months. The Ministries Retreat was well received by those who were there. The Advent Guided Retreat Week is December 2-9. The opening and closing programs will run from 9-11:30 a.m. Participant will have individual guides to take them through the week, meeting with the guide once a day their convenience. The material is Scripturally based. We can accept about 12 participants. For more information or to register, please contact Fr.Vince at the parish office at 704-332-2901.

Fr.Vince Alagia

Snapshots of Parish Life...

from the 2006 Parish Picnic on the Green



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The question and answer sessions were particularly stimulating as Fr. Reese is great at engaging the audience in honest discussion. A whole array of topics was covered, including: homosexual seminarians, Pope Gregory XVI and Islam, the appointment of bishops, abuse of children, reaching out to young Catholics, and abortion.

On November 4 a follow-up discussion was led by Mary Kaczmarek. When asked which of Fr. Reese's 10 points had resonated the most with those in attendance, several mentioned the importance of studying church history for perspective. Being reminded of the difference between law and doctrine was also a key point, along with understanding the "other side" in all matters. Those attending spoke openly of their frustrations with the hierarchy, and several shared their thoughts on the positives that keep them in the Church.

Although Fr. Reese is a Jesuit of the California Province, he has spent many years living and working in Washington, DC and in New York City. He has an M.A. in political science from St. Louis University, a Master of Divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology and a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Berkley. Presently he is a senior fellow of the Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University and has authored a trilogy examining church organization and politics on local, national and international levels. Reese is probably best known for his five years as editor of *America* magazine and for his frequent appearances on TV as an expert on Church governance. During the funeral of Pope John Paul II and the subsequent election of Pope Benedict XVI, he was a key observer and television commentator.

Joe Breen

Kennedy Lecture Success



Richard Kennedy, Ann Weber and Tom Kennedy



Fr. Reese with Richard and Tom Kennedy

Sanctuary Art

John Collier has completed portions of the art for the sanctuary. At this time there is a panel depicting St. Katherine Drexel, an early benefactor of our parish, with Mary and Jesus. Spring 2007 is the targeted completion time for the artwork.

John Collier's sculpture of Mary Magdalene has just won the 2006 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Award in the Visual Arts, presented by the AIA affiliate, the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture. Collier has won this award three of the past four years. St. Mary Magdalene is one of four sculptures he created for the Catholic Memorial at Ground Zero in New York (now permanently installed at St. Joseph's Chapel). Three of his Ground Zero sculptures are also on view at the Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Longview, Texas. To see more of Collier's work, visit www.hillstream.com.

Maria Bonaiuto
Judith Toman

Columbarium in Use

Following the parish Mass of Remembrance on November 4, ashes of Anneliese and Eugene Dickey were laid to rest in the columbarium at St. Peter's. Anneliese, who died in 2002 was a long-time advocate for the columbarium at the parish and it is fitting that she and her husband are the first to be immured in this special site. Several other individuals were immured during the month of November. This quiet and prayerful location is an additional asset to our parish campus.

Parish Retreats for 2006-07

Why does St. Peter's offer Ignatian Prayer Nights and Retreats?

Prayer is the foundation of a spiritual life. St. Ignatius provided a great gift to the Church, prayer that allows each person to develop a deep relationship with Christ. The priests and parishioners of St. Peter's have a special calling to provide anyone interested an opportunity to experience Ignatian spirituality.

Ignatian Prayer Nights

1/16/07, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Annex
 3/27/07, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Annex
 5/15/07, 6:30-8:00 pm in the Annex

Advent Retreats

(see page 7 for more information)
 12/2, 8:30 am-12 noon in the Annex
 12/9, 8:30 am-12 noon in Biss Hall

Lenten Retreats

2/17/07, 8:30 am-12 noon in the Annex
 2/24/07, 8:30 am-12 noon in the Annex

Men's Retreat

3/10/07, 8:30 am-12 noon in the Annex

Women's Retreat

4/28/07, 8:30 am-12 noon in the Annex

New Parishioners

Kelsey R. Abbott-McArthur
 Kelli R. Brennan
 Shannon Bezner
 Andre, Elizabeth and Andre, Jr. Clark
 Michael L. Corressell
 Brian and Anna Driscoll
 Paul Elizondo and Banu Asik
 Serena M. Fill
 Catherine E. Funsch
 Jose and Roxanne Gamboa
 Daniel and Danielle Grano
 Rex Vinod and Isabel Gregory
 Jonathan, Betsy and Brandon Hollar
 Clifton C. Jensen
 Keith P. Kuhn
 Carolyn Lewis
 Jocar, Marlene and Jocar, Jr. Lopez
 Michael, Kari Lynn and Cassandra MacMurray
 Melissa Marchetti and David Brown
 Sr. Eileen McLaughlin
 Paul and Amy O'Toole
 David, Maria and Emmelia Grace Pitt
 Craig W. Ponsonby
 Michael W. Ramus
 Richard Rosello and Daisy Stirzl
 David, Marie and Yvonne Rousmaniere
 Louis A. Schmitt
 Diane Simone
 Sandra Supernavage and Robert Gatelein
 Jill G. Thor
 Sr. Joann Ury
 Mariana Vas de Mello
 Brian, Robin, Parker, Taylor and Peyton Wallace
 Tanya E. Whitner
 Robert N. Wood

Marriages

William Sanders and Kerry Fochi August 12, 2006
 Scott Ladner and Darcy Walraven August 19, 2006
 Bryan Kern and Nicole Carinci August 26, 2006
 Stephen Nett and Raili Gillooly September 17, 2006
 Joshua Davis and Melissa Martin September 30, 2006
 Talion Hendren and Christina Dudley October 7, 2006
 Ryan McLaughlin and Tracey Carney October 21, 2006

Baptisms

Isabella Rose Aiken, daughter of Kristian and Elizabeth
 Madeleine Marianne Bouvette, daughter of Pierre and Michelle
 Makeena Ellen Butlak, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth
 Sophia Julia Cartafalsa, daughter of Marc and Ana
 Ifenlota Starr Ejikeme, daughter of Stanley and Stella
 Henry Charles Hobson, son of Lewis and Karen
 Rudy Needham Hudson, son of Rick Hudson and Jeremy Needham
 Bree Simone Lewis, daughter of Scott and Melanie
 Ethan Henry Lynds, son of Jeffrey and Shana
 Jane Elizabeth McPherson, daughter of Jonathan and Sheree
 Lillian Virginia Saverin, daughter of Justin and Michele
 Joseph Paul Stein, son of Jason and Dana

We Remember...

Recent Deaths

Christine Randolph October 15, 2006
 Joan Heppert October 13, 2006
 Patrick Reen October 4, 2006
 Michael Cummins September 17, 2006
 Henry "Hank" Uberecken October 2006
brother of former parish liason Cathie Tillie

Death Anniversaries

Robert Paquet, SJ 12-2-2003
 Joseph Salem 12-5-2005
 Yvonne Long 12-18-2000
 Gloria Holmes 12-18-1999
 Fred Mitchell 12-18-1999

Robert Frese	12-26- 2005	Ned Burgess	1-21-2000
Gordon Cole	12-27-2005	Ree Gately	1-22-2000
Ignatius Toner	12-28	Ann Burgess	1-30-2000
Luticia Martin	12-30-1997	Bob Gately	2-3-2001
Masoud Salem	12-31-1992	Angela McFadden	2-4-1992
Terri Fister	12-31-1992	Jane Rice	2-6-1996
Mary Liska	1-1-2000	John Cooper	2-11-2000
Dr. Jennepher Micalizzi	1-8-2006	Sidonia Preston	2-14-1998
Harry Ries	1-9-2005	Paul Johnson	2-16-2006
Ugo Abbadessa	1-15-1998	Joseph Bambury	2-17-2001
Jan Kelly	1-16-2002	Jean Treacy	2-17-2003
Kenneth Ross	1-16-2003	Anneliese Dickey	2-18-2002
Pearl DeVeaux	1-18-1995	Doris Delano	2-18-2003
Robert Knight	1-20-1995	Thomas Delutis	2-22-2006
Mehretab Woldeghebriel	1-20-05	Charles Edwards	2-24-1995



The Emergency Winter Shelter

Twenty-five years ago, in the winter of 1981, three homeless men in our community died of exposure from the cold. This tragedy sparked the development of the Emergency Winter Shelter to serve homeless men in the winter when all other community shelters are full. Supported by 46 Catholic and Protestant churches in Mecklenburg county, the shelter has provided 19,816 nights of shelter and over 20,000 meals for men who would otherwise have been left out on the street. The shelter is entering its second year in its recently renovated facility on Statesville Avenue. Its commitment to serving the men includes directing them to available services in Charlotte through the use of case managers. This past summer EWS began making the building available for homeless women to meet a critical need in Charlotte.

Don Caldwell

TITHING COMMITTEE: DISBURSEMENTS

The Tithing Committee held its quarterly meeting on September 10.

We voted to distribute funds to the following:

Emergency Winter Shelter	\$3,500
Loaves and Fishes	\$2,000
Urban Ministry	\$5,000
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000
TOTAL DISTRIBUTED	\$11,500

St. Peter's Night at Men's Uptown Shelter

Please join us in preparing dinner for the homeless at the Men's Uptown Shelter. Volunteers are always needed! The shelter is located at 1210 North Tryon Street. Arrive at 4 pm. Contact Kimberly Saltrick at 704-948-6288.

St. Peter's Nights at the Men's Uptown Shelter

December 16 January 20
February 17 March 17
April 21 May 19

Shortfall in Finance Report

The Finance Report, shows a shortfall of \$28,410 for the first quarter as a result of decreased offertory collection. Deborah noted that this is especially discouraging as last year did not reflect a decline in summer offertory collection and the parish net operating income was \$29,000 above budget for fiscal year 2006, which was better than deficits from the prior two years.

To date the parish has not incurred debt as a result of its capital projects, but this could change soon with a gap expected in capital campaign promises and expenditures. There are no funds budgeted for interest payments should the parish incur debt in meeting its expenses as a result of capital spent. The parish capital campaign ends in April 2007.

Materials provided at the meeting made clear that 88% of parish expenses reflect fixed costs for salaries, office operation, facilities and equipment. The parish finance committee and parish staff work hard to reduce waste and to adhere to budget limits, but the parish campus has almost tripled with recent changes and there is inevitably some increase in demands on personnel, utilities and maintenance.

The parish finance and stewardship committees will be making a request to parishioners to be as generous as possible in upcoming offertory donations. Everyone was reminded that autodraft, on-line banking and stock gifts are now options for making financial contributions to the church. Contact Mary Ann Sullivan in the business office to arrange any of these gifts.



ST. PETER'S QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT

Net Operating Results

For the Quarter Ending September 30, 2006

	YTD September 2006	YTD Budget	Variance to Budget
Receipts			
Offertory	\$143,992	\$162,500	(\$18,508)
Donations, Unrestricted	150	7,500	(7,350)
Donations, Restricted	500	0	500
Poor Box	1,118	925	193
Votive Offerings (Net)	491	275	216
Fundraising for the Parish	2,337	0	2,337
Fees - Faith Formation Programs	0	188	(188)
Fees - Other Programs	900	625	275
Rental Income	250	375	(125)
Investment Income	5,207	2,375	2,832
Exempt Capital Fund	13,211	56,250	(43,039)
Total Receipts	\$168,156	\$231,013	(\$62,856)
Less Non-Operating Receipts:			
Restricted Donations	(500)	0	(500)
Exempt Capital Fund	(13,211)	(56,250)	43,039
Operating Revenue	\$154,445	\$174,763	(\$20,317)
Operating Expenses			
General Parish	\$155,077	\$151,983	(\$3,094)
Faith Formation	23,855	26,499	2,645
Ideal Way	3,924	4,667	743
Total Operating Expenses	\$182,856	\$183,150	\$294
Net Operating Income/(Deficit)	(\$28,410)	(\$8,387)	(\$20,611)

Consolidated Balance Sheet

September 29, 2006

Assets	6/29/102	9/29/102
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Operating Accounts	\$37,850	\$23,206
Restricted Funds	257,098	245,335
Investment Accounts	262,156	265,807
Property, Plant & Equipment	5,006,326	5,027,105
Total Assets	\$5,563,429	\$5,561,453
Misc Liabilities	11	26
Columbarium	44,000	44,000
Total Liabilities	\$44,011	\$44,026
Total Net Assets	\$5,519,418	\$5,517,426
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$5,563,429	\$5,561,453



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	12:10 pm
Saturday Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	9:00 am
	11:00 am
	5:00 pm
Holy Days	7:30 am
	12:10 pm
	5:10 pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2006-2007

Pam Allen	David Huizenga	Steve Rickman
Angela Bauer	Gene Katz	Fr. Joe Sobierajski, SJ
Kevin Bezner	Celia Klein	Jacqui Stevens
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