

# ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH TRANSPARENCIES

*helping us recognize the light that shines through our parish*

## ***Social Justice Ministry supports Faithful Citizenship with Fr. James Hug Answering the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Call***

The St. Peter's Social Justice Ministry will host nationally recognized guest Father James Hug, Director, Center of Concern, to complete the ministry's Faithful Citizenship series. Faithful Citizenship is an initiative of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops emphasizing the importance of voting by conscience this election year. The Social Justice Ministry has sponsored several presentations this spring to help Catholic voters better understand political language, the economy, global warming and what it means to live a consistent ethic of life.

Consider these thoughts from "Voting by Conscience," an article by Fr. Brian Bransfield, the Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis of the Conference of Catholic Bishops:

- The only difference between the voting booth and the conscience is we usually have to wait in line to get into one of them. Apart from that, the same thing is supposed to happen in each place...
- The common misunderstanding is that conscience amounts to "what I think" on an issue. Conscience is not just "what I think," but it is me "thinking about what is just" and true. It is not a partial appraisal based on the words of a preacher, politician or passions.
- Conscience tells me that to be free I must admit the truth that some acts are inescapably evil and no manner of circumstances or intentions can make them somehow good.
- Many issues volley for attention... Conscience lines up the quandaries in size order and sees the resemblance.

*Dee Grano*

## ***Garden of Eaten***

The Garden of Eaten has provided Carolina Panthers fans with hot dogs, soft drinks, bottled water, cookies and chips before every home game. This is the 12th year for the garden. To date over \$90,000 has been donated by the fans and distributed to numerous non-profit groups, including: Urban Ministry, McCreesh Place, Samaritan House, a Jesuit parish in New Orleans following Katrina, and a parish in New York following after 9/11 to name a few. So join us on gameday for the best hot dog in Charlotte!

If you would like to volunteer contact St. Peter's office. It is a great way for high school students to earn service hours. We set up the garden at 8:00 am. GO PANTHERS!

*Tom Crozier*



# OUR MISSION

**W**e, 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.

### Parish Staff

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### Transparencies

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## A New Season of The Ignatian Spirituality

Ignatian Spirituality seeks to grow awareness of God's presence in our daily lives and a desire to share the special gift of God's love with all those around us. St. Peter's Ignatian Spirituality Team, led by Fr. Vince and our pastor, Fr. Joe, begins another series of events for the 2008-2009 year. See the schedule below for details and mark your calendars.

The Ignatian Spirituality Program was well received last year by parishioners of St. Peter's and by our neighbors in the wider community. For the upcoming 2008-2009 year, the Ignatian Spirituality Team aims to continue fostering the spirituality of St. Ignatius by providing a variety of experiences, including Ignatian Prayer Nights, day-long retreats, and week-long guided retreats during Advent and Lent.

For more information, call Fr. Vince at 704-332-2901.

### October 26

Ignatian Prayer Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm Biss Hall

### November 8

First Women's Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### November 15

First Men's Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### December 6

Advent Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### December 13

Advent Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### January 24

Second Journey Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### February 8

Ignatian Prayer Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm Biss Hall

### February 28

Lenten Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### March 7

Lenten Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### March 28

Men's Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

### April 26

Ignatian Prayer Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm Biss Hall

### May 2

Second Women's Retreat 9:00 - 11:30 am Biss Hall

Kelly Payne

**Introducing the 9th Annual Kennedy Lecturer  
Edward Kessler  
“Challenges in Jewish-Christian Relations”**

*“I passionately believe that education is key to better understanding between faiths.”*



**T**his year’s Kennedy Lecture, the ninth, will be unique in several ways. It will be held in January rather than October; the speaker is from England rather than the States; he is a Jewish, rather than a Catholic, theologian.

Dr. Edward Kessler is a leading thinker in interfaith relations, primarily contemporary Judaism and Jewish-Christian as well as Jewish-Muslim relations. He is Founding Director of the Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths and Fellow of St. Edmund's College, Cambridge. Courses he has taught include New Testament, and Jewish and Christian Biblical Interpretation. He holds degrees from Leeds, Harvard, and Cambridge.

Kessler is much sought after as a speaker, and his engagements take him far from Great Britain. He is renowned for his ability to draw those of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim backgrounds into meaningful conversations. In July he was one of 200 internationals of Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths who were invited by the King of Saudi Arabia to gather in Madrid for the Conference on World Dialogue. Its purpose was to reassert the significance of religion as a basic rectifier for human communities.

His writings are numerous, including nine books and 26 journal essays; many are readily available online. He also writes in the news media and broadcasts regularly for the BBC.

In the near future you will be hearing about opportunities to meet in groups to discuss some of his works. Among the challenges in Christian-Jewish relations we will be studying are the long history of anti-Semitism culminating in the Holocaust, the establishment of the state of Israel, and the occupation of Palestinian lands in recent times.

We are very fortunate to have Ed Kessler as our speaker this year. He is equally delighted to have been invited. He is married and has three children. Ed came to our attention through a member of the Kennedy family who met him when he was at Harvard; they have remained as friends.

*Ann Weber*

**Challenges in Jewish-Christian Relations  
Dr. Edward Kessler**

**Saturday, January 10, 2009  
9 am - 12:30pm  
Biss Hall**

**Call the church office to reserve a place  
[www.stpeterscatholic.org](http://www.stpeterscatholic.org)  
Contact Ann Weber for more information**

## ***El Salvador Interest Group***

**S**t. Peter's El Salvador Interest Group continues to meet the Third Sunday of each month at 10:15 in the Annex. The last Sunday of each month the faithful Brichs, Nicolette, Nagems and Gloria Walls are there to provide you with Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate. Buying FairTrade enables the growers to support their families from the sale of their products. This also enables St. Peters to support the youth Christmas party each year in Comunidad Segundo Montes.

Our partnering with Comunidad Segundo Montes in the Morazan area has continued since 1990. Our first delegation was in 1992 after the Peace Accords were signed. Each delegation is challenged by the residents to listen to the stories of the people and share these stories at home. We continue to try to study and inform ourselves of the effect of our US policies on the people of El Salvador. St. Peters tithing has annually contributed to Voices on the Border and the Partnership.

Voices on the Border is the national organization that is our liazon with the Salvadoran Community. Directors of Voices have visited St. Peters several times. Roddy Hughes is the present director who spoke to us with our own Nicolette in February, During the 16 years of work with Voices on the Border we have had a St. Peter's member on the board most of the years. Jan Valder is presently on that board.

Jan with husband Barney Offerman attended the summer board meeting in July. The board consists of members from California, Washington, New York, Minnesota, New Orleans and here. The board now employs a full time director in Washington DC, a full time volunteer, Rosie, in El Salvador and a newly hired stipended volunteer for the Morazan area.

*Jan Valder*

## ***Help Your Neighbors in Need***

**C**atholic Social Services presents the 7th Annual Vineyard of Hope Fundraiser on Friday, November 7, at the Hilton Charlotte Center City Hotel. It's a delightful evening of exquisite wine tasting and sumptuous foods.

Your attendance and participation can help answer the needs of personal counseling, needs of pregnant women, burial of people with limited resources, adoption, and those in need of food. St. Peter's parish members have been loyal supporters of CSS for many years. Please continue the tradition.

Tickets are \$50 per person. And consider being a Hope Host. Purchase 7 tickets and the 8th is free! Sponsorships support the needy in wonderful ways. Sponsorship Contribution Provides:

- \$15,000      25 burials of 75+ for a typical year
- \$10,000      Needs for 4 pregnant women
- \$5,000        Basic needs assistance
- \$2,500        Supplement food pantry for 3 months
- \$1,500        16 counseling visits
- \$500          Holiday gift certificates

Please help CSS be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus.  
[www.csssnc.org/vineyardofhope](http://www.csssnc.org/vineyardofhope) or 704-370-3232

*Joe Breen*

## Welcome to Our New Executive Committee Members

Please offer your congratulations to our new committee members, Dee Grano, Carry Swan and John Tonetti. They were elected this past June to serve a three-year term. Best wishes to each of them for great success in their new assignment.

### **Dee Grano**

Dee Grano and husband, Dan, moved to Charlotte from Baton Rouge in 2000. They met as students in Communications Studies at LSU, and are huge LSU football fans.

Dee is marketing director at The Light Factory, which produces and assists in the production of motion pictures. Dan is a professor at UNCC.

They joined St. Peter's a year after coming to Charlotte while looking for "a more fulfilling spiritual connection" than they were getting at their former parish.

Dee is active with the Social Justice Committee and with the Young Adults. She's very involved in NoDa with the Crime and Safety committee as well as writing for the NoDa newsletter.

She is "thrilled and honored" to be joining the executive committee. Dee feels that she can draw on her news reporting experience to work effectively on the committee by "looking at both sides of issues...in facilitating and finding common ground".

### **Carry Swan**

Carry and his wife, Genea, have two children, Cole, 10, and Dru, 7.

Carry works for Wachovia and Gena is currently busy as a stay-at-home mom.

The Swans joined St Peter's in 2005. They, like so many of us, were attracted to the parish because of its spiritual environment and welcoming way. Carry and the family enjoy camping, especially in the North Carolina mountains. His favorite food is Japanese, particularly tempura sushi style. And he enjoys cooking...even cleaning up!

Carry is enthusiastic about serving on the Executive Committee and is particularly interested in the two important areas of community relations and welcoming new parish members.

### **John Tonetti**

John Tonetti and his wife, Janet, have six grown children. John and Janet are currently living just across the state line in South Carolina, but looking forward to moving

into the Southminster Community as soon as construction on their new home is completed.

The Tonettis first attended Mass at St. Peter's in 1982, before the Jesuits arrived, but formally joined the parish just two years ago. He's retired from an international gas and oil company and lived overseas in England for more than 10 years. John is a Naval Academy grad and served as a Marine Corps officer in Korea. His hobbies include golf, gardening and refinishing furniture. It's not surprising that his favorite food is Italian.

He's happy to join the committee and wants to put his financial experience to work for St. Peter's. John feels that his international business experience will be particularly helpful to him in working well with people of all kinds of backgrounds.

*Joe Breen*

## From the bookshelf of...Barbara Evans

This is not about a basketball great or about a disintegrating house in any city or town. The Shack is a book by William P. Young who presented to me a very interesting view of the Trinity. Yes, there are still three persons in one God, but oh how those persons are depicted within the experiences of the principal human person of McKenzie. McKenzie is the character with whom the Trinity fully interacts.

In the first pages of the book do not become impatient and let the story as the Irish say, "unfold". "It will all unfold" and you will be treated to McKenzie's time with The Occupants of "The Shack" which is a superb tale of trust, forgiveness and love.

The 248 pages of the book engaged me in a way some "heavier" writings have failed to do. It is a tiny book with a story/reality that had me reading with relish for the next paragraph. Try it...I hope you will like it. The book took me to another possible way of depicting The Trinity.....anything is possible with God!

### ***New Parishioners***

John Ahrens	David Lawrence
Alfredo Azpurua	Susan Lewis
Liza Barroso	May Lopez
Joseph Battiste	Rocio Lugo and William Bonsall
Gina Bio	Jack Marinelli
Thomas Brian	Glen and Diane McLaughlin
Benjamin Bringardner	Chivonne Mott
Mariusz and Mariola Burnat	Timothy Murphy and
George, Yvette and	Stephanie Welter
Violet Cerbone	Marc and Nicole Nespeca
Philip and Amalia Dineen	Jeff, Kimberly and Sydney Nystrom
Molly Fitzpatrick	Christopher and Keiko Pace
Sarah Ford	Carla Paola
Gregory, Kerry, Sophie and	Dennis, Melissa and
Lily Golba	Nicholas Paretta
Louise Hanford	Sandy Pawlowski
Robert and Jennifer Hartwick	David Rains and Suzie Shermer
Robert Hoffman	Jessica Renaghan
Timothy, Mary Lou, Christine	Thomas Simonik
and Brendan Lawson	Kathleen Kerry Soukup
Russell and Josephine Long	Michael, Elizabeth, Kathleen,
Jonathan, Heather and	Blake and Mary Jane Stacy
William Hoveland	Veronica Staub
Adam, Tracey and	Christopher Sweeney
Addison Hummell	Carlos Viquez
Bogdan Irimies	

### ***Marriages***

Robert B. Rosinsky and Christine M. Keigher	May 3, 2008
Griffin P. Query and Emily C. Quehl	May 10, 2008
Daniel W. Belk and Ellen T. Nowak	May 17, 2008
Daniel M. Koch and Anna C. Odle	May 17, 2008
Spencer M. Brown and Courtney E. Horn	May 31, 2008
Joshua L. Durham and Carolyn Reed	June 7, 2008
Ashton B. Watson and Kelly M. Strang	June 14, 2008
Andrew S. Thiede and Michele L. Calabro	June 28, 2008
Mark G. Hofberg and Susan P. Everett	July 12, 2008
Adam W. Stenavich and Kathryn T. Gorman	July 12, 2008
Adam B. Gabriel and Kristin M. Conte	August 2, 2008
Stephen A. Carro and Tiffany M. O'Connor	August 9, 2008
Steven Chellini and Christine Slattery	August 16, 2008

### ***Baptisms***

Adriana Christina Bianchi, daughter of William and Christina Bianchi  
 Connor Michael Daly, son of Devon and Denise Daly  
 Addison Mae Garsik, daughter of Ronald and Heather Garsik  
 Garrett Thomas Godshall, son of John and Monica Godshall  
 Zebulon Lee Kolb, son of Michael and Katherine Kolb  
 Gianni Lopez, daughter of Erick and Saira Lopez  
 Dominic Joseph Mascioi, son of Scot and Aimee Mascioi  
 Audra May Potter, daughter of Kevin and Lynette Potter  
 Austin Matthew Riess, son of Justin and Amanda Riess  
 Ava Lillian Szakaly, daughter of Joseph and Jennifer Szakaly

### ***Deaths***

Lauren Edison Butlak,  
 newborn child of Christopher and  
 Elizabeth Butlak  
 June 30, 2008

Catherine Stahl,  
 former parishioner and  
 wife of Bil Stahl  
 July 15, 2008

### ***Death Anniversaries***

Jane Wavrick	9-14-1990
Gabriel Gonzalez	9-14-1997
Michael Cummins	9-17-2006
LaVerne Beatty	9-20-1999
Russell Shriner	9-21-1991
George Wrenn	9-21-1992
Connie McLaurin	9-22-2005
Leo Brien	9-26-1995
Mary Lawrence	9-28-1993
Sadie Morrison	9-29-1993
Elsie Molinari	9-30-1992
Mary Brennan	10-1-1990
Peter Elkovich	10-1-1998
Henry Uberecken	10-3-2006
Patrick Reen	10-4-2006
Janie Lewis	10-5-1999
Francis McGrath	10-6-1990
Claire Audet-Bean	10-9-2002
Patricia Norman	10-12-2003
Joan Heppert	10-13-2006
Nora Hennelly	10-14-1988
Harry McKenna	10-15-1996
Christine Randolph	10-15-2006
Helen Sullivan	10-16-1988
Mary Cadmus	10-17-2003
Mary Ann Underwood	10-19-2002
Mary Salem	10-23-1990
Cornelius Maloney	11-2-1996
Stanley Pietras	11-2-2002
Margaret O'Daniel	11-3-2005
Charlotte Conley	11-9-1996
Andrew Sexton	11-9-1997
Anthony Ulchar	11-15-2006
Susan Biggerstaff	11-16-1997
Eileen Hester	11-20-1999
Jacaueline Maloney	11-21-1994
Robert Vislay	11-24-2004
Bertha Ott	11-29-1992
Catherine Harrison	11-30-2002

# ST. PETER'S FINANCE REPORT

**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008**

**Year-to-Date June 30, 2008 Results**

**Net Operating Results**

**For the Period July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

	YTD 06/30/08	YTD Budget	Variance to Budget	YTD 6/30/2007
<b>Receipts</b>				
Offertory	\$716,577	\$675,000	\$41,577	\$664,336
Non-Exempt Capital Fund	\$6,032	\$5,200	\$832	\$6,977
DSA Rebate	\$10,206	\$0	\$10,206	\$0
Donations, Unrestricted	161,325	25,000	136,325	\$19,985
Donations, Restricted	68,774	0	68,774	\$17,264
Poor Box	6,339	5,000	1,339	\$6,132
Votive Offerings (Net)	1,664	2,000	(336)	\$2,421
Fundraising for the Parish	17,027	5,000	12,027	\$10,943
Fees - Faith Formation	2,392	1,200	1,192	\$255
Fees - Other Programs	7,375	4,000	3,375	\$4,575
Earned Columbarium Income	28,000	0	28,000	\$0
Rental Income	0	917	(917)	\$645
Investment Income	16,727	7,500	9,227	\$22,381
Exempt Capital Fund	0	0	0	\$133,291
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,042,438</b>	<b>\$730,817</b>	<b>\$311,621</b>	<b>\$889,205</b>
Less Non-Operating Receipts:				
Restricted Donations	(68,774)	0	(68,774)	(17,264)
Earned Columbarium Income	(28,000)	0	(28,000)	0
Exempt Capital Fund	0	0	0	(133,291)
<b>Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$945,664</b>	<b>\$730,817</b>	<b>\$214,847</b>	<b>\$738,650</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
General Parish	\$641,029	\$609,865	(\$31,164)	\$589,220
Faith Formation	105,497	111,676	6,179	\$105,768
Ideal Way	25,233	22,650	(2,583)	\$19,295
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$771,759</b>	<b>\$744,191</b>	<b>(\$27,568)</b>	<b>\$714,283</b>
<b>Net Operating Income/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$173,905</b>	<b>(\$13,374)</b>	<b>\$187,279</b>	<b>\$24,367</b>
	<b>\$270,679</b>			

## NOTES

St Peter's parish completed its fiscal year on June 30, 2008. Thanks to your generosity, the parish completed a very successful year. We had receipts of over \$1 million and expenses of \$770,000. Excluding restricted funds, we ended the fiscal year with an operating surplus of nearly \$174,000. This surplus is a result of better than forecasted offertory receipts, your support of the Diocesan Support Appeal, investment income, a successful "Splendor on the Green," and a significant gift from the Jesuit Community of the Maryland Province. We are grateful for these gifts and for the generosity of our parish. The parish is adequately reserved and has no debt. The Finance Committee is completing the FY 2009 budget and a 10-year forecast of major spending needs for the parish. More information will be shared with the parish over the next two months.

## Consolidated Balance Sheet

**June 30, 2008**

Assets	6/30/2007	6/30/2008
Cash and Cash Equivalents:		
Operating Accounts	\$25,685	\$2,677
Restricted Funds	243,698	389,126
Investment Accounts	276,943	224,306
Property, Plant & Equipment	5,201,529	5,381,061
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$5,747,855</b>	<b>\$5,997,169</b>
Misc Liabilities	11	0
Columbarium	44,000	32,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$44,011</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,703,844</b>	<b>\$5,965,169</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$5,747,855</b>	<b>\$5,997,169</b>

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## 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

2008-2009

Pam Allen	Steve Garbarino	Fr. Joe Sobierajski, SJ
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