

SEASON OF GIVING

Ss PETER & PAUL • ST LAWRENCE



WEEK 2

Catholic Charities
of the Archdiocese of Newark

NOVEMBER 26

Items Needed:

- Laundry Detergents
- Dishwashing Detergents
- Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Deodorant
- Paper Plates
- Napkins
- Plastic Forks, Knives & Spoons



My Dear Parishioners of Saints Peter & Paul Parish:

Peace and all good things!

By now you have heard of my appointment as your Pastor, effective December 8, by our Cardinal Joseph Tobin, the Archbishop of Newark. I am very grateful, honored and humbled by the Cardinal's assignment of me to Saints Peter & Paul Parish.

I have always known of this Parish as being an engaged, prayerful, and loyal community, in worship of God and service to others. I look forward to joining you in prayer and fellowship as a welcoming Catholic Christian community, in the example and footsteps of Jesus Christ.

Already, I owe a debt of gratitude to Msgr Bob and Karen Imbach for their kindness and availability in introducing me to the workings of the Parish. I look forward, too, to ministering with the devoted and talented staff that are assembled and operative here.

I am grateful to be coming 'back home' to my hometown, where I was born and raised some years ago (albeit at one of those 'other Parishes' in the City - St Francis)!

Although I am a Diocesan Priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, by my religious upbringing, background, and formation I strive, daily, to be a Franciscan, in my own spirituality. The Friars were my home Parish Priests while growing up, providing me with a fine and holy example of the Priesthood and Religious Life, while living and serving in the midst of our City.

And, so, I pray that together we may always be Instruments of the Lord's Peace, so that we, and those who are seeking Jesus Christ, may encounter Him in our every interaction. Let us commit to help each other to become more and more like Christ.

In the weeks, months and, pray God, years ahead, we will become more acquainted. For now, I just wanted to greet you and let you know how happy I am to be among you, and to ask for your prayers. Be assured that I already have been remembering you in my Masses and prayers since receiving word of my appointment.

Thanksgiving Blessings to you and your Families.

Father Michael

Reverend Monsignor Michael A Andreano, VC

Vicar General & Chancellor

Archdiocese of Newark





SEASON OF GIVING

During the 6 weeks before Christmas, we offer you an opportunity to give back each week—from volunteering to bringing items or supporting financially. We ask you to choose at least one gift for the season of giving on top of your support for our parish.

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The Catholic Charities shelters we are collecting for includes St Bridget's Emergency Shelter in Newark, an emergency shelter which provides housing for men living with HIV/AIDS. We will also be supporting transitional housing, and permanent housing programs like Strong Futures, which provides transitional housing to youth, ages 16 to 21, who are aging out of the foster-care system, or who are homeless, and need to learn life skills that will prepare them for independent and productive living in the community.

By supporting these housing programs we are not only helping Catholic Charities give emergency shelter and care, but we are also helping Catholic Charities in its effort to change the courses of life for so many. You can help by bringing some of the following items to the church on November 26:

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Weekly Reflection By Matthew Ziarnik

I love listening to Spike playing the piano. His songs are amazing, and it inspires people because he only has one hand. Spike is a loving caretaker, yet he also is able to keep the Lunchtime Ministry in order.

Today, I helped two people, Grace and Jim understand what they should do in their lives. Jim has a child, and he feels that he has abandoned his child. Grace feels she needs Jim, to survive. I explained to Jim that his daughter should come first, before another relationship. In life you have to choose between desires and responsibilities. Jim knows he needs to be the dad to his daughter, but his desires to be in another relationship sometimes overwhelm him. Jim has to decide if he wants to be with

Grace, or if he wants to raise his daughter. I gave Grace the contact information to some of the homeless shelters, and she said that she would call them. This way Jim would be able to go back to his child, and Grace would be able to get a job. Let's pray for them so that Jim goes to become a father figure to his child, and that Grace is able to stabilize her life.

People seek security. We want to be loved, and cared for. Yet, sometimes we see the Church as imposing harsh regulations on us. Marriage is seen like this because today we view love as the sole importance of a relationship. Yet, the Church teaches that marriages, although not always perfect, are meant for the spouses to grow closer to God together, and for their children to have a stable family life. Children need their parents to help and guide them in their lives. Also, young people often think the Church is giving us harsh rules on how not to have fun. The Church says you cannot get drunk, have sexual relations, or gossip, because they are all a sin. But why do they say this? Are they trying to limit us? We are all called to love God and each other. If we break our relationship with either God or other people, we are not complete. Gossiping damages our relationships with our friends. How are we free if we can't be ourselves when we are with someone? We all seek love in our hearts, and we are called to give it. Hatred and sin makes us unable to love. Drugs and sexual relations try to satisfy our physical desires, but the rush quickly ends. We end up more broken, because we have not found true love. Maybe the Church isn't limiting us, but helping us. Giving us Christ to strengthen our souls, forgiving us to make our hearts happy, and joining us as the Body of Christ. Let's pray for all those who lead the Church.

How to Give

Giving to the Church is part of your commitment as a parishioner. It is also through your donations that our parish can remain financially sustainable.

✓ Contributing electronically

We encourage our generous parishioners to utilize eGiving as it alleviates our internal processing and contributes to a more predictable budget process. The parish uses FaithDirect for electronic donations. You can schedule automatic monthly donations and manage your payment methods and donation calendar with a minimum suggested monthly donation of \$75. To register for electronic giving, go to faithdirect.net and securely enroll online with our parish code.

✓ Contributing by envelopes

If you prefer to contribute by donation envelopes, please contact the parish offices and we will send you preprinted envelopes. Please make sure you always write the amount of your donation on the envelope and don't use tape or staples.

✓ Contributing by anonymous cash in the basket

Parishioners who contribute anonymously are incapable of receiving tax receipts for the IRS, certifications to serve as Godparents, and do not qualify under the "support" requirements in fulfillment of other parish policies.

How much to give is a decision you should make in conscience. We recommend that each working parishioner in your household should give the equivalent of one hour of your income. To get a better idea of how much that represents, here is a scale based on a 40-hour week:

Annual income	Hourly Wage
\$300,000	\$144
\$250,000	\$120
\$200,000	\$96
\$150,000	\$72
\$125,000	\$60
\$100,000	\$48
\$75,000	\$36
\$50,000	\$24
\$25,000	\$12
\$15,000	\$7

For instance, if your combined annual income is \$75,000, you should aim to contribute at least \$36 every week.

WHY FAITH DIRECT IS BETTER THAN ENVELOPES

Currently a portion of our collection is electronic: a simpler, safer and more predictable way for our parish to collect your contribution:

- **It's safer than checks or cash.** It's more secure than giving by cash or check, both of which can get lost, stolen or mis-tracked. Online gifts through FaithDirect are secure and sent directly to the parish's bank account.
- **It creates faithful giving:** recurring gifts help you make giving a priority. For the parish it makes income more predictable, budget planning an easier process and keeps giving consistent.
- **It reduces the administrative burden of the parish financial team.** It eliminates the printing, mailing, processing and recording of donations of the envelope system. Faith Direct allows you to track your donations and access tax statements as any time.



ENROLLMENT

Creating an account is simple. You can enroll online or by mail, so you can give to your church in a way that works best for you.

GIVING OPTIONS

Give to any collection offered by your church; choose your credit/debit card or a bank account for payment. Schedule monthly recurring gifts or make a one-time gift anytime.



**ENROLL ONLINE TODAY AT
WWW.FAITHDIRECT.NET!**

Ss Peter & Paul Parish Code: NJ627

St Lawrence Parish Code: NJ670

Are you a registered parishioner? Is your registration information up to date?

Please visit our website
www.spphoboken.com

and complete or update the registration page or to receive information on parish and community opportunities and events!



This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday, November 27

Church Open - No Services

Tuesday, November 28

12:10 pm † Mariette Fontaine

Wednesday, November 29

12:10 pm † Claribel Fajardo

Thursday, November 30

12:10 pm † Teresa Velazquez

Visit us online at
spphoboken.com

 Saints Peter and Paul Hoboken

Did you know you can donate Bread & Wine or Altar Flowers?

If you would like to offer a Mass for a living or deceased person or donate Altar Bread, Wine or flowers, please contact the parish office. The donation is \$10 per Mass and a card can be sent on your behalf to the family of the intention.

The donation for bread, wine or flowers is \$25.

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This Week's Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 28

9:30 am † Bernice Varallo

Wednesday, November 29

9:30 am † Members of the Jones Family

Thursday, November 30

9:30 am † Thomas Cheplick

Weekday and Sunday Readings are available on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at usccb.org

Visit us online at
stlweehawken.com

 St Lawrence RC Church

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SS PETER & PAUL AND ST LAWRENCE
PRESENT

W A I T I N G
F O R L O V E

AN ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CANTATA BY GERARD CHIUSANO & MARY HOCHMAN
PERFORMED BY CHILDREN FROM BOTH PARISHES



DECEMBER 17, 2017

AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH IN HOBOKEN

For more information or to register your child, please contact
faith-formation@spphoboken.com



**Introducing Walking with Purpose
WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY**

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose at Ss Peter & Paul. A six-week study will be held during Lent 2018, beginning on the evening of Tuesday, February 20, 2018. The course, Living in the Father's Love, a study of God the Father, reveals how deeply relevant the Gospels are to our relationships, both with God and those we love. No previous Bible study experience is necessary; come as you are as we discover just how much God loves us.

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal study and small group discussions at WWP each week link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

For questions or to learn more, contact Joan Allman purpose@spphoboken.com or visit [Walking with Purpose online](http://WalkingwithPurpose.com) for more information. We hope you will join us!

**Looking for a great photo
for your Christmas cards?**

**Portraits with photographer
Marie Papp will be available in November
at her studio in the Monroe Center.**

Please call 201-659-1978 to book your session.

*(A percentage of each sale will go
to Ss Peter & Paul or St Lawrence)*

**We are looking for families to
sign up for our upcoming Advent
Pageant through this link:**

[surveymonkey.com/r/6NLCJY6](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6NLCJY6)



INDISSOLUBLE MARRIAGE, ETERNAL LOVE: DREAMS BEYOND REACH? Love and relationships in a time of change in light of Disarming Beauty by Fr. Julián Carrón Presented by Crossroads Cultural Center on Friday, December 1, 2017 @ 7 pm. Crossroads Auditorium 125 Maiden Lane, Suite 15E, New York (ID required to enter building) Speakers: Dr Joseph Atkinson, Associate Professor of Sacred Scripture, John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family and Barry and Laura Stohlman. This conference is open to the public and free of charge. **For more information, please visit: www.crossroadsculturalcenter.org**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW On Sunday, December 10th, Saint Joseph Regional HS, Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Show from 10 am until 4:00 pm, showcasing the talents of over 125 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. No strollers permitted. www.saintjosephregional.org

JOB OPENING IN OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK The Benefits and Pension Assistant will assist in the day to day operations of employee benefit programs including medical, dental, life insurance, short-term disability, severance plan, Global Solutions, Workers' Comp and FMLA. Will also assist in the day to day operations of Pension Plan benefits, Pension billing, vendor invoices and ongoing research into pension matters. Anyone interested in applying for this position should do so in writing. Please include resume and refer to position title. Office of Human Resources | Fax (973) 497-4103 E-mail: floresra@rcan.org

SEEKING PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, is seeking a part time Youth Minister. Responsibilities include planning and implementing regular activities for the youth of the parish from 8th grade through high school that will address the faith needs of the youth through regular weekly social/catechetical gatherings, monthly events aimed at service and community building as well as participation in the wider parish community. Candidates should be a practicing catholic with working knowledge of the catholic faith and practice, have experience in youth ministry, a Bachelors degree (preferably in Theology or related field). Candidate will also need strong interpersonal skills and be willing to collaborate with other staff members and volunteers. **Please send letter of interest and resume to: Fr Michael Ward, IHM Parish, 1571 Martine Ave Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 Or frmike@ihmparish.net**

LGBT MEETING AT OUR LADY OF GRACE Take part in a parish faith sharing group at Our Lady of Grace Hoboken, for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender adults 18 and over, their families and friends that seeks to engage their faith through exploration of Catholic spirituality. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30pm in the OLG Parish Center, 411 Clinton Street. In partnership with the OLG Young Adult Group, the topic will be a discussion and exploration of the Catholic Millennial's view and experience on cultural and spiritual issues, specifically as they pertain to LGBT matters. **Please contact padrealex@yahoo.com if you plan on attending, or if you have any questions. ALL are welcome, and cookies WILL be served.**