

SHINING GOD'S LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

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Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, and he said, “*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, your neighbor as yourself*” (Luke 10:27). Then Jesus was asked, “*And who is my neighbor?*” (Luke 10:29). Jesus then tells the parable of the Good Samaritan where a person is beaten, robbed, and left half dead. A priest and a Levite see the beaten man and pass him by, but a Samaritan had compassion and provided care for him (Luke 10:29-37).

A lesson from this parable is that we are to be that Good Samaritan. We are to show God’s love to the world. We are to be God’s hands and feet in this world. We, the Church, are to be the shining light in the darkness of this world—and our world today is full of darkness. Human trafficking is a hidden, dark place throughout the world and here in Tallahassee. Men, women, and especially children are lured into the web of trafficking with promises that are never kept

What can we do as a church? Educate ourselves. Get involved. St. Peter’s has several new ministry partners that would love your help! Capital City Youth Services (CCYS) is a shelter and refuge for homeless, runaway, and at-risk youth. Hope Community is another new ministry partner under the Human Trafficking Core. Hope Community is a temporary emergency shelter for homeless families, most of which are moms with young children. Learn to be a mentor with the youth at CCYS and with the moms and dads at Hope Community. Tutoring and reading opportunities are also available with the children and youth at both places, which is a great way to become involved and share the love of Christ with those who are lost and broken. A big part of fighting human trafficking is awareness and prevention. We as a church can do both. We can do it within St. Peter’s and in the community. We can pray against human trafficking. Join our prayer team. We meet Mondays in-person at Noon in Room 102 of the Undercroft. We are also asking all of Tallahassee to stop and pray to end human trafficking wherever you are at Noon on Fridays.

Our St. Peter’s youth are currently collecting youth clothing and shoes for CCYS. Consider donating new or gently used items. The donation bin is located in the Youth House. Clothing would be a true blessing to the CCYS youth. You can also volunteer to help organize the CCYS clothes closet. Donate travel-size personal items like shampoo, deodorant, etc. Cook meals with the CCYS youth and teach them life skills along the way. Volunteer to answer phones. Chaperone on their field trips. At Hope Community, you can be part of the parent circle the *third Monday of each month from 6:30-7:30pm. October 17th will be St. Peter’s circle day.* Be part of a work team as we repair the living spaces at Hope to make this place of temporary shelter more of a home for the moms, dads, and children residing there.

Consider the following Bible verses as you pray for those affected by Human Trafficking:

“Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light.”—Ephesians 5:11-14

“When a wise man is instructed, he gains knowledge.”—Proverbs 21:11b

For more information or questions, please contact Human Trafficking Core Captain, Julie Dombroski, at juliedombroski@comcast.net.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

EACH OF OUR EIGHT CORES HAS A SPECIFIC MONTH OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED.
OCTOBER IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING MONTH.

PARTNERED EVANGELISM: HALLELUJAH NIGHT!

If you're looking for something different than the "Normal Secular Halloween," the Partnered Evangelism Core invites you and your family to Hallelujah Night on *October 31st at 6:30pm* at New Destiny Church in Quincy at *906 East Jefferson Street*.

Each year on *October 31st*, New Destiny invites the surrounding community to their church for candy, fellowship, and activities for the children. St. Peter's is in partnership with New Destiny to engage the poorest areas of Quincy with the Gospel of Christ. Our role will be to facilitate activities for all the children and to be open to fellowship with others.

For questions, or more information, please contact Partnered Evangelism Core Captain, Michael Thompson at michaelthompson43@gmail.com.

LIFE: 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL CAMPAIGN

You are invited to join other Christians in our community for the 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. This is the most effective means of ending abortion in our community. It may not seem like much, but committing to pray and fast can make a difference, even if only as a witness to our faith.

The Fall Campaign began last Wednesday morning and will continue until All Saints Sunday on *November 6th*. To find out how you can join this important work please visit the website at 40DaysforLife.com or contact Carolyn Parlato at carolynparlato@yahoo.com.

INTERNATIONAL: UGANDA MISSION 2023

INTEREST MEETING! | Please join us on *TONIGHT at 6pm* in the Parish Hall for a brief overview of a mission to Uganda in 2023. Trip plans, costs, and required paperwork and shots will all be discussed. Come learn how your gifts and talents can be used in the South Rwenzori Diocese to bless our brothers and sisters there!



THE CHARLES SIMEON INSTITUTE LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

LSOT ADVENT TERM

The Charles Simeon Lay School of Theology Advent Term will offer two classes:

- › INSTRUCTION IN SOUND DOCTRINE: AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE
 - › LED BY FR. MICHAEL PETTY
- › THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT
 - › LED BY FR. WESLEY OWENS

BOTH CLASSES WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:15-7:45PM
NOVEMBER 30th AND DECEMBER 7th, 14th, AND 21st

For class descriptions and registration, go to StPetersFL.com/Register.

DISCIPLESHIP



THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING

Sunday, October 23rd | 10:30am-3:30pm

Donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, t-shirt, and pair of socks! Sign up at StPetersFL.com/bigredbus

PARISH VISITORS GUILD OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

| The Parish Visitors Guild is a group of parish members who are passionate about coming along side those who need encouragement. It could be the loss of a loved one or job, illness, or any number of difficulties we all face. They reach out in several ways. This is a great opportunity to offer encouragement to those who truly need it.

If you are interested in being part of this vital ministry, please contact Alice@StPetersFL.com for more information.

LADIES' AFTERNOON TEA!

Sunday, October 23rd | 2:30-4pm | Women of all ages are invited to join the Women of St. Peter's for an afternoon tea at the home of Joyce McNeill where they'll enjoy inter-generational fellowship while creating nosegays and teacup gardens! Sandwiches, sweets, and of course, tea will be provided so grab your mom, sister, grandmother, daughter, and girlfriends and join us! *Address: 6240 Old Water Oak Rd N*

WRITERS NEEDED FOR ST. PETER'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

| Work has begun on St. Peter's 2023 Lenten Devotional. Each year, we publish a collection of devotions for each day of Lent (*which begins on February 22, 2023*) written by members of the cathedral community. These are brief reflections on an assigned passage of Scripture. If you would like to write one, contact Fr. Michael Petty at MPetty@StPetersFL.com.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Dead Theologians Society will be on *Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm* in the Sacristy. The group is currently working on Book 4 of St. John of Damascus' work *On the Orthodox Faith*. New members are welcome!

YOUTH MISSIONS PROJECT

St. Peter's Middle & High Schoolers have committed to donating 25 bags of clothes for Capital City Youth Services (CCYS)! Clothing should be new or gently used, and in a style teenagers will love. Clothing for youth ages 12-18 is most needed. The donation bin is located in the Youth House. *Note: This event is ongoing until we reach 25 bags!*

HIGH SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT | CHRIST & FILMS

5pm | Monday | October 17th | All high school students are welcome to join us for dinner and a screening of the movie Coco! There will be popcorn and a discussion about the theology of Coco, Día de los Muertos, and All Saints' Day. Be there!

YOUNG ADULTS OUTING

Sunday | October 23rd | The Young Adults of St. Peter's are going to lunch after the 11:15am service before going rock climbing at the FSU Rez Lakefront Park (3226 Flastacowo Rd.) FSU students get in free, all others bring \$20 (cash only).

Questions, contact Katy Merritt at psychedout4@gmail.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Keep an eye out for an announcement regarding OCC Shoeboxes and when you can pick one up for this year's effort! It will be in the next week!

WORSHIP

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL?

Welcome—we're so glad you're worshipping with us today! Our nursery is available during Sunday morning services for children newborn through Kindergarten. We hope you'll join us on the lawn for coffee & other refreshments between morning services! Whether today is your first time or you've been coming for awhile, we are so glad you're here!

CATHEDRAL PRAYER LIST & CARE MINISTRIES



If you have any pastoral needs or know of someone who needs pastoral care and prayer, please contact Care Ministries Coordinator, Alice Sanderson at Alice@StPetersFL.com

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email Alice@StPetersFL.com to be added to the Cathedral Prayer List. **YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST OR CARE MINISTRY NEED AT STPETERSFL.COM/PRAYER**

Military: Lucas Bell, Jose Betancourt, Lt. Col. David Chichetti, SSG Corey Daws, Major Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, SSgt Corey Owen, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, 1st Lt. Parker Jax, Capt. Chandler B. Jax, 1st Lt. Carson Jax, 1st Lt. Rebecca Jax, Gabriel Melendez, Col. Burt Newman, Major Gen. John Richardson, Capt. Oliver Rushing, Spc. Andrew Sanderson, Lt. Cmdr. Chris Smith, SFC Dewey Spence, Lt. Patrick Swain, Capt. Parry Thomas, Lt. Cmdr. Blake Van Brunt Jr, Tommy VanLandingham MM3, Seaman Benjamin Waddill PFC John P. Warren

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Allen Sears, Mary Carol Gonzalez, Roberta & George Boyer, Adam, Tanny, Brady Jax, Courtney Evans, Kathryn Neal, Marian Williams, Bart & Connie MacFarlane, Phyllis Schmidt, Ben Allen, Joan Moore



FINANCIAL MINUTE

Total Operating Budget: \$2,896,155.24 | % Collected YTD: 93.66% | Debt Retired in October: \$12,137.05
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