

PRISON MINISTRY

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One of my favorite social media images is one of a person washing another's feet. We know this story in John 13, where Jesus washed the feet of his Disciples. The best part of this internet-generated image is the following statement:

“Jesus knew Judas’ heart, and still washed his feet.”

Engaging in Prison Ministry is a deeply fulfilling and meaningful experience, that brings joy and satisfaction to you and inmates alike. It is an opportunity to serve individuals who are often marginalized and forgotten by society, offering them hope, redemption, and the transformative power of faith. Regardless of their crimes, Jesus knows their hearts too and awaits the opportunity to redeem them.

Jesus instructed his followers to come to the imprisoned (*Matthew 25:36*). Likewise, your faith is impacted when you are witness to the transformation that can occur within the lives of the imprisoned. Charles Colson said many times that you do not end the cycle of criminal behavior with punishment, but instead with love. Many individuals in prison have experienced profound brokenness, trauma, and poor life choices. The message of Christ's love can help turn them away from a life of crime, addiction, and despair towards a path of redemption, hope, and faith.

Moreover, this ministry challenges you to extend grace and forgiveness even in the face of wrongdoing. It fosters empathy and compassion as you interact with individuals who have made mistakes but are seeking a second chance. Prison Ministry allows you to deepen your understanding of forgiveness, redemption, and the capacity for life alteration.

If you embark on this ministry, you will work alongside fellow volunteers who share your passion for making a difference. Together, you form a support team that encourages and uplifts one another, knowing that the work you do is challenging but vital. This sense of camaraderie and shared purpose can be a source of immense satisfaction.

If you're interested in breaking the cycle of crime and incarceration and contributing to safer communities and stronger families, I urge you to give this ministry a chance. By providing inmates with the tools to successfully reintegrate into society, you can play a role in reducing recidivism rates. This not only benefits the individuals you serve but also has a positive effect on society as a whole.

At St. Peter's, we have several different opportunities to be involved in Prison Ministry. Members are actively involved in Kairos weekend teams across the panhandle, Celebrate Recovery Inside teams, Prison Fellowship Academy, remote mentorship through CrossRoads Ministries, as well as involvement in numerous re-entry offerings in the area. We are also looking for more involvement with the Women's Federal Facility on Capital Circle. I ask you to prayerfully consider joining a team. You can reach out to me at JASONWHITE48@GMAIL.COM.

REMINDER!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES ARE DUE NEXT SUNDAY!

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM

EACH OF OUR EIGHT CORES HAS A SPECIFIC MONTH OF THE YEAR IN WHICH IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED.
NOVEMBER IS PRISON MONTH.

PRISON: COFFEE DRIVE | St. Peter's is now collecting **GROUND COFFEE** for our prison ministry needs. If you see it on sale at Publix, Costco, or anywhere else, pick up a few containers and bring them to the cathedral along with your peanut butter for **ECHO**. Please remember it will need to be **GROUND COFFEE** (*not coffee beans*). This will be used during our regular Prison Ministry events at local facilities. The large 3lb cans go the furthest, but we will take any and all that you can offer!

INTERNATIONAL: SWEET & SAVORY BAKE SALE

Sunday, 19 November | Between morning services

Come discover delicious homemade treats and other culinary items, such as smoked salmon, available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the ministry of the South Rwenzori Diocese in Uganda!

HAVE A DELICIOUS TREAT TO DONATE? Bring it to the cathedral prior to the 9am service that day. Call or text Joyce McNeill at 850.545.6916 to make special arrangements or for more information.

ST. PETER'S ARTISANS | NEW GALLERY WALL EXHIBIT!

The St. Peter's Artisan Wall features artwork created by inmates at the Gadsden Re-Entry Center in Quincy, Florida. The Gadsden Re-Entry Center is the last stop before the men are returned to life outside. It is one of only 4 re-entry centers in Florida and the only one that is not attached to another facility. Artwork is a form of therapy and expression for the inmates.

Gadsden Re-Entry Center's intention is always to reform the inmates, let them come out of their wrongdoings, and be a valuable part of society. The core programs at the facility are more behavior-therapeutic than a traditional prison. Inmates at Gadsden Re-Entry Center participate in religious-based services, and community-building projects, and recently started an art ministry. In addition to the therapeutic services offered, the inmates also receive education classes, vocational training, parenting classes, life skills training, and employment coaching.

As you admire the artwork, we invite you to pause and pray for the hands that created it with the Prayer for Prisoners from the Book of Common Prayer that is displayed with the pieces. Most of the artwork that is displayed on the artisan wall is available for purchase with all proceeds going to the re-entry facility. Each piece has a card with a suggested donation on it. *If you are interested in purchasing a piece please take the card, fill out the back side of it with your name and what you would like to donate, and put the card in the envelope provided near the elevator.*

UNDER-RESOURCED: GRACE MISSION | Grace Mission serves our homeless and under resourced population in downtown Tallahassee. They are currently in need of the following items:

- Ladies' underwear | Sizes M-2XL
- Ladies' bras | All Sizes
- Men's t-shirts | Sizes L-3XL
- Men's socks | Black & Blue
- Men's boxers | Sizes M-2XL
- Deodorant

Items may be dropped in the box in the Narthex until November 30th. Please reach out to Heidi King with questions HEIDI@HEIDITKING.COM



DISCIPLESHIP

SAVE THE DATE | ADVENT TRADITIONS CONVERSATION WITH THE DEAN (ZOOM CALL) | Tuesday, November 14th | 8:30–9:30PM

PARENTS! You are invited to join Fr. Marcus & Kim Kaiser for an Advent Traditions conversation! The topic of discussion is “*How do you use Advent to help your family prepare for the Christmas season?*” Do you do something different as a family during this season in prayers, devotions, or worship? Is this the year to start? If you have something you love, please come prepared to share! This call is all about inspiration and encouragement for Christian parents, so whether you have any existing traditions or not, get the kids to bed, grab those comfy clothes and a cup of tea, and join us for an enriching conversation! If you're interested, please email Amy Stewart at ASTEWART@STPETERSFL.COM for the Zoom link.

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST | PRAYER VIGIL TODAY!

Sunday, 5 November | 6:15PM | The Rt. Rev'd Neil Lebhar, retired Bishop of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese and current Chairman of the Board of Directors for CMJ-USA (Church's Ministry among Jewish People—CMJ-USA.ORG) will speak briefly on the state of the Church in Israel as well as how we should pray for the current conflict as tensions rise in the region. Following his talk, there will be a Prayer Litany for Peace.

SECOND SUNDAY MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL PARTY TODAY! | Sunday, 5 November | 6:30–8PM

Our 2nd Sunday Party has been moved to the 1st Sunday this month due to Veteran's Day weekend. Middle & High Schoolers are welcome join us at the Youth House for a jam-packed party! We will hear from **PATRICE FLOYD**, the Founder of *Javacya Arts Conservatory*, and have dinner with some of her Middle & High school students. Then we will pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please bring items to pack from the list provided. We can't wait to see you there!

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, 9 November | NOON | Join us for the November Senior Lunch & Learn! **ELIZABETH ROSARIO**, author of [100 THINGS TO DO IN TALLAHASSEE BEFORE YOU DIE](#), will be our speaker. Hear about the hidden treasures of our city! Lunch is \$10. Registration is important for planning. Please register at STPETERSFL.COM/LUNCHANDLEARN

SMALL GROUP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, 12 November | 10:30-11AM | St. Peter's is in the process of forming new small discipleship groups. If you are interested in joining a group or want to know more about them, you are invited to an informative gathering that will take place on Sunday, November 12 from 10:30-11:00 am in the church. Members of the Small Group Leadership Team and some small group leaders will be present to answer question and help you find a group. Small group interest indication cards can be found at the Parish Life Desk in the Narthex.

MARY & MARTHA GUILD | NOVEMBER GATHERING | Monday, 13 November | 9:45AM

Join us for our November Gathering at the home of Fran Shaw. This will be our annual auction to raise money for the Charles Simeon Institute. Please contact Dolores Mosby at DCMOSBY1@GMAIL.COM if you have any item(s) to donate. The gathering starts at 9:45am and the auction begins at 10:30am. This is a fun way to begin your Christmas shopping and support our seminarians. All women are invited!

CATHEDRAL OFFICE CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY | The office will be closed Friday, 10 November

in observance of Veterans Day. Normal office hours will resume *Monday, 13 November*.

CATHEDRAL TOUR

Saturday, 11 November | 10-11AM | From stone to spire, arch to altar, the traditional Gothic architecture of St. Peter's reflects the orthodox truth of Holy Scripture. Seriously. Take a tour and be inspired!

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 ASANDERSON@STPETERSFL.COM

Please call the Cathedral Office at 850.701.0664 or email ASANDERSON@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, LCpl Sam Henri, SSgt Corey Owen, Lt. Col. Daniel Dean, Capt. James Dilworth, Capt. John Easterbrook Jr, Airman Drew Edwards, Sgt. Michael Gaskins, Capt. Griffin Jax, Capt. Savannah B. Jax, Capt. 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, MM3 Tommy VanLandingham, SN Benjamin Waddill, PFC John P. Warren, 2nd Lt Jack Ubben, PFC Noah C. Bielling

Parishioners, Relatives, and Friends: Gigi Schaum, Elizabeth Carrouth, Rick West, Gene O'Donnell, Katherine, David Ferguson, Scott Patton, Bonnie Cook, Eva, Fred, Pat, Gordon, Bobby Buckingham, Kim Wilson, Clayton & Philip, Cindy & Ben, Vicki, Bart

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHORAL EVENSONG | We're excited that this fall, in lieu of Choral Compline, we will be offering Choral Evensong each *Wednesday* at 5:30PM during the class semester. Have dinner at 5PM and then join us for Evensong or come for Evensong at 5:30PM and eat dinner in the Parish Hall right after. Our Choristers will be leading this service on the following dates:

12.6 | Youth Choristers

12.20 | Chorister Christmas | All Choristers

ADVENT
LESSONS
& CAROLS 3 SUNDAY
DEC | 5PM

STEWARDSHIP

You may have noticed that Pledge Cards for the 2023-2024 Operating Budget have been distributed. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord is nudging you to continue (*or increase!*) your financial support of the Kingdom work happening in, through, and beyond this Cathedral. We only exist by the grace of God and the generosity of you, our members! May we continue to be a thriving cathedral parish that is blessed to be a blessing to the hurting world around us!

PLEDGES MAY ALSO BE SUBMITTED BY VISITING StPetersFL.com/Stewardship

Any questions should be directed to our Bookkeeper, Lynn Stafford.