



Welcome to
SS. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church

*Drawing from the treasures of the Gospel and Roman Catholic Church teaching,
we commit ourselves to be living examples of a community rich in faith,
seeking the Kingdom of God.*

Celebrating 93 Years!
1923 - 2016

Welcome!

Welcome to SS. Peter & Paul Roman Catholic Church! We are an active Catholic community within the city of Detroit, founded in 1923.

From our beginning in 1923, SS. Peter & Paul Church has grown and developed to become an integral part of the Detroit/Warrendale community. Its good works and programs, marked always with excellence, are well known and respected. We are proud of the accomplishments of the past and excited about the opportunities of the future.

I invite you to become acquainted with SS. Peter & Paul Parish - its ministries, activities and associations, and what we have to offer you.

SS. Peter and Paul Parish offers a variety of faith formation programs from ages three through adult, including pre-school, grade school, R.C.I.A., as well as Baptism and Marriage preparation.

The Christian Service Program seeks to assist those among us in need by sustaining a food pantry and promoting social justice and responsibility within the parish and surrounding community.

The Music Ministry provides music for all Liturgical celebrations throughout the year with auditioned cantors. Artistic excellence is promoted through concert performances featuring a variety of musical styles.

The Worship Ministry offers the opportunity to serve the Lord at Holy Mass by being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, or Usher.

I hope that you will share your prayers, your presence and your talents with us. Please call the parish office or visit our website or Facebook page for more information.

Together, may we work to do the Lord's work, and may we all grow in God's wonderful love.

May the Lord Jesus Christ and His Mom Bless and protect you always!

Father Jerry Pilus,

Pastor

SS. Peter and Paul Parish History

1923-2016

Before the founding of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in 1923, this far northwest section of Detroit was home to just a few farmers near the tiny Rouge River. When a rumor began to circulate at that time that the Ford Motor Company would be opening a huge plant near the Rouge River, a great many people began to migrate from the east side of Detroit, where the Highland Park plant was located to this area. In 1928 the Rouge River Ford Plant opened. Many of these migrants were Catholic and of Polish extraction and so a church was needed right away for them. In 1923 forty families got together and approached the pastor of the nearest Polish Parish, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary asking for guidance. Rev. Adalbert Zadala arranged for a committee of four representatives to have a meeting with Bishop Gallagher to present this need. The bishop agreed and placed Fr. Zadala in charge of organizing the new parish in addition to his responsibilities at Assumption Parish.

A small brick chapel was built on Tireman at Warwick for the new congregation to worship in temporarily. The lot for this chapel was donated by the Dow-Gilbert real estate agency that was quickly selling lots for new houses to be built in the area. The first Mass was offered in this chapel on Christmas Day of 1923 by Fr. Zadala. In 1924 the work of running two churches became too much for Fr. Zadala and so Bishop Gallagher assigned Rev. Raphael Chrzaszcz to be pastor of SS. Peter and Paul and at the same time pastor of the new St. Barbara Parish that had been founded in Dearborn. This work took its toll on Fr. Chrzaszcz and he died in 1925.

He was replaced by Rev. John Hewelt. By this time the congregation had outgrown the small chapel and a bigger church was needed. Twelve lots were donated by Mr. Peter Zielinski and Fr. Hewelt officially moved the parish to its present location at that time. At this new location the well known and beloved "little white wooden church" was built. In 1926 Fr. Hewelt also built a brick school building with four classrooms for the growing new parish.

In 1927 Rev. Vincent Borkowicz was made pastor of the parish. Later in his life he would be named a monsignor. During his time a rectory was built for the parish in 1927. Up until that time, the priest serving the parish was residing at the rectory of Assumption Parish. Fr. Borkowicz invited the Sisters of St. Francis from

Sylvania, OH to conduct the growing parish school and upon their arrival in 1927 a house was purchased to be used as a convent for them.

In 1936 Fr. Borkowicz was replaced by Rev. Peter Rypel. During his short pastorate plans were made to build a new church. He left the parish however before this great task could be started. This work fell to the next pastor, Rev. Francis Gramza who began his pastorate at SS. Peter and Paul in 1938. At thirty years he would be the longest pastorate in the history of the parish thus far.

The new church was completed in 1938 and the parish continued to grow by leaps and bounds with many new young families joining. This growth required the expansion of the school building in 1942. More sisters were needed to teach in the growing school and so in 1948 a new convent was built. The continued growth of the parish necessitated the expansion of the combination church and school building in 1950. In 1953 a new rectory was built to house the pastor, his assistants, and the weekend priest help coming from Orchard Lake.

In 1957 a ground breaking ceremony was held for the new and final church building for the parish. By June of 1959 the lower church was completed and Masses could be said there. The upper church was completed by December of 1959, and on December 22nd of that year Cardinal Dearden celebrated the Solemn Dedication Mass to bless the new church. The parish continued and a final edition was made to the school building in 1962.

In 1968 Fr. Gramza retired and was replaced by Rev. Francis Maliszewski. During his pastorate the activities building was completed and dedicated in name to Fr. Francis Gramza who served the parish for thirty years as its pastor. In 1970 SS. Peter and Paul parish formed its first Parish Pastoral Council. Fr. Maliszewski was replaced in 1981 by Rev. Richard Steiber whose pastorate was short. He was replaced in 1984 by Rev. Sigismund Kowalczyk. Fr. Kowalczyk served as pastor until 1993 when Rev. Francis Reiss took over. Fr. Reiss has since been ordained a bishop and serves as an auxiliary in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

In 1998 Rev. Stan Tokarski became pastor. He served until 2010 when Rev. Jarosław Piliś was appointed administrator of the parish and later made pastor in 2012. The parish continues to serve the needs of the Polish community by offering Mass and the other sacraments in the Polish language. At the same time the parish serves the needs of all Catholics residing in its territory and all those who choose to make the parish of SS. Peter and Paul their house of worship.

SS. Peter and Paul Parish

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Parish Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Welcome to SS. Peter and Paul Parish!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. You may visit the Parish Offices during the hours listed in this brochure. Please do not hesitate to call us at 313-846-2222 ext. 100 to speak with someone on staff. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish, a new member form is located in the bookrack/information desks in Church, the Sacristy, or in the Parish Office.

For current parishioners, we ask you to notify us if you are leaving the parish

or have changed your address and/or phone number. If you have not been active in the parish, we encourage you to read this brochure or call the office and find out how you can become more involved in your parish community!

Sacraments

Before any Sacramental Preparation (Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Marriage) can begin, we require that you be an active registered member for at least six months. This means attending a weekend liturgy with our parish community, using your weekly offering envelopes, and taking part in parish activities. Please contact the Parish Office for further information regarding Sacraments.

Anointing of the Sick Request

If a family member is confined at home or a medical facility and wishes to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Confession or Anointing of the Sick please call the Parish Office.

For Your Benefit

When attending Mass or other activities here at SS. Peter & Paul we recommend for your own safety and security, as well as that of others, that you please park in the main (north) parking lot. Thank you for your consideration!

Notary Service

Notary service is available at the Rectory. Appointment is required.

Christian Service Food Pantry

The Food Pantry regularly accepts donations. Baskets for donations are located throughout the church. Thank you for your generosity.

Saint Vincent de Paul Drop Box

The Saint Vincent De Paul Drop Box is located in the parking lot near the Activities Building. Clothing and shoes are accepted. For more information call 1-877-788-4623.

Information

There are two tables in Church and a bookrack in the vestibule. There, you will find new parishioner registration forms, volunteer forms, mass intention envelopes, and many inspirational and educational brochures and CDs available free of charge. Please take, read, and pass on to others!

SS. Peter and Paul Worship

Weekday Mass

Monday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 12:15 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Polish), 12:00 p.m.

Holy Day of Obligation Masses

9:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (English & Polish)

First Friday Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass followed by Exposition, Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass followed by Exposition, Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation (English & Polish)

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m.

First Friday: 6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion

After Wednesday Evening Mass

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Available Monday through Saturday

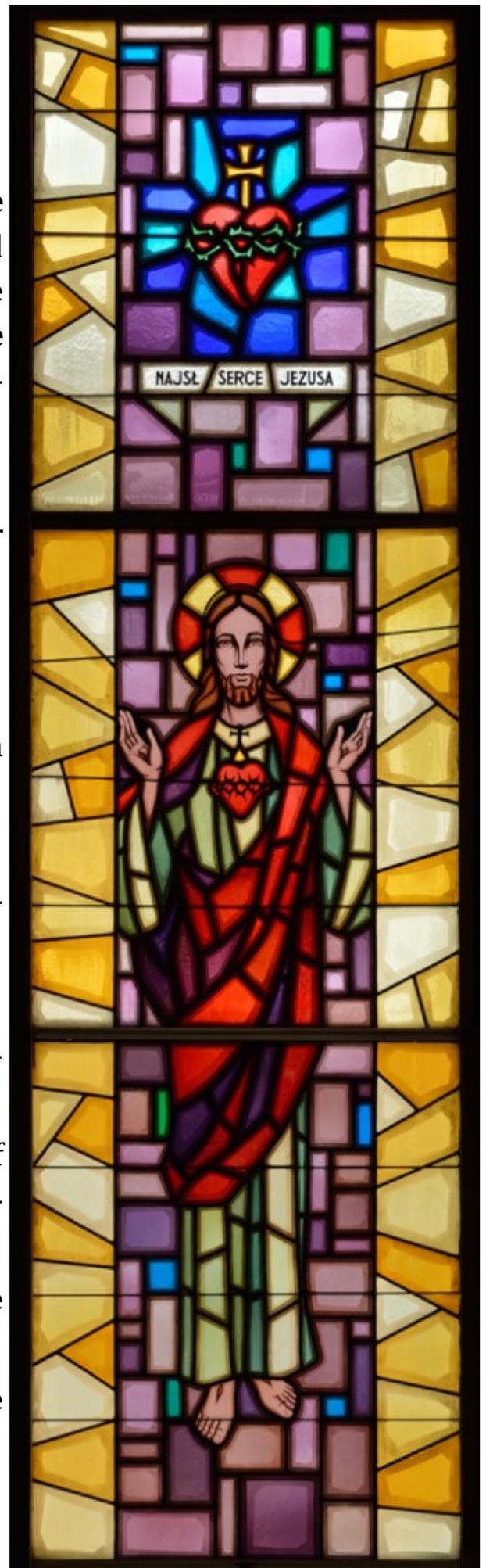
9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Devotions

First Friday Devotion

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became widespread as a result of the revelations Our Lord made to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, towards the end of the seventeenth century. Through her, He made twelve promises to those who should practice the devotion to His Sacred Heart.

- ◆ I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- ◆ I will give peace in their families.
- ◆ I will console them in all their troubles.
- ◆ I will be their refuge in life and especially in death.
- ◆ I will abundantly bless all their undertakings.
- ◆ Sinners shall find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
- ◆ Tepid souls shall become fervent.
- ◆ Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection.
- ◆ I will bless those places wherein the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and venerated.
- ◆ I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts.
- ◆ Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names eternally written in my Heart.



- ♦ In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

In order to make this devotion of the nine First Fridays well, we should make a very good confession and receive Holy Communion, offering all that we are and all that we have to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Everybody should make this devotion at least once.

First Saturday Devotion

During Her apparition at Fatima in July 1917, Our Lady said to Lucia, “I shall come to ask...that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world.” Although She made no further mention of this devotion at Fatima, on December 10, 1925, our Blessed Mother again appeared to Lucia at Pentevedra, Spain. It was there that Our Lady completed Her request for the Five First Saturdays and gave her great promise. Appearing with the Queen of Heaven in that apparition was the Infant Jesus, Who said to Lucia: “Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation.”

Our Lady then spoke: “See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary. “

The elements of this devotion, therefore, consist of the following four points:

1. Confession. This confession can be made before the First Saturday or afterward, provided that Holy Communion be received in the state of grace. In 1926, Christ in a vision explained to Lucia that this confession could be made a week be-

fore of even more, and that it should be offered in reparation.

2. Holy Communion. Before receiving Holy Communion, it is likewise necessary to offer it in reparation to Our Lady. Our Lord told Lucia in 1930, “This Communion will be accepted on the following Sunday for just reasons, if my priests allow it so.” So if work or school, sickness, or another just reason prevents the Communion on a First Saturday, with this permission it may be received the following Sunday. If Communion is transferred, any or all of the other acts of the devotion may also be performed on Sunday if the person so desires.

3. Rosary. The Rosary is a vocal prayer said while meditating upon the mysteries of Our Lord’s life and Passion and Our Lady’s life. To comply with the request of our Blessed Mother, it must be offered in reparation and said properly while meditating.

4. Fifteen minute meditation. Also offered in reparation, the meditation may embrace one or more mysteries; it may include all, taken together or separately. This meditation should be the richest of any meditation, because Our Lady promised to be present when She said “...those who keep me company...”

To those who faithfully follow Our Lady’s requests for the Five First Saturdays, She has made a wonderful promise which She, as Mediatrix of All Graces, will certainly fulfill: “I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.” This means that our Blessed Mother will be present at the hour of death with the actual grace of final perseverance (which after the gift/grace of Faith), is the most important grace.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

For many centuries throughout the world, this picture has been revered as an icon of hope and inspiration. The original picture of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is a product of Byzantine art. It is known to be at least five hundred years old in its present form.

It is only in the past 125 years that devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help has increased dramatically. In 1866, Pope Pius IX entrusted the miraculous icon to the Redemptorists and told them to “Make Her Known Throughout the World.”

As they have criss-crossed the globe bringing the Good News of Salvation, Re-

demptorist priests and brothers have also erected churches and shrines to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. They have encouraged people to gather each week to pray the novena prayers and then to pray daily in their homes to Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Countless miracles, healings, and conversions are attributed to Mary by those who pray to her as Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Millions of copies of the picture can be seen around the world in churches and homes. Each week hundreds of thousands of people gather to pray the novena prayers to Our Mother of Perpetual Help while in their homes each day millions of people invoke the assistance of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

The devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place every Wednesday after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. Join us!

Mother of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer, but Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and God's mercy is from age to age on those who love God. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Mother of Perpetual Help.



Sacraments

The sacraments are a sign of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us through the work of the Holy Spirit. The sacraments are seven in number: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance (Reconciliation) , Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, and Matrimony. For more information on the sacraments, please call the Parish Office.

Baptism

Baptism is the first of the seven sacraments, and the “door” which gives access to the other sacraments. Baptism is the first and chief sacrament of forgiveness of sins because it unites us with Christ, who died for our sins and rose for our justification.

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist constitute the “sacraments of initiation” by which a believer receives the remission of original and personal sin, begins a new life in Christ and the Holy Spirit, and is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ.

The rite of Baptism consists in immersing the candidate in water, or pouring water on the head, while pronouncing the invocation of the Most Holy Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Penance

The sacrament of penance is the liturgical celebration of God’s forgiveness of the sins of the penitent, who is thus reconciled with God and with the Church.

The acts of the penitent – contrition, the confession of sins, and satisfaction or reparation – together with the prayer of absolution by the priest, constitute the essential elements of the Sacrament of Penance.

Eucharist

The Eucharist is the sacrament in which we receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The Church teaches that Christ is really present in the bread and wine that have been consecrated by the priest at Mass. Although the bread and wine still look

and taste like bread and wine, the substance, what is actually there, has changed. As one of the seven sacraments of the Church, the Holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation.

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church, together with Baptism and Eucharist. Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism by a special outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which seal or “confirm” the baptized in union with Christ and equip them for active participation in the worship and apostolic life of the Church.

Marriage

When validly contracted between two people, marriage is a sacrament. The sacrament of marriage is a covenant or partnership of life between a man and woman, which is ordered to the well-being of the spouses and to the procreation and upbringing of children.

Holy Orders

The Sacrament of Apostolic Ministry by which the mission entrusted by Christ to his Apostles continues to be exercised in the Church through the laying on of hands. This sacrament has three distinct degrees or “orders”: deacon, priest, and bishop. All three confer a permanent, sacramental character.

The priest’s special calling is first and foremost to preach the Good News of God’s love and humanity. In offering himself as a candidate for the priesthood, he must give evidence of wisdom and spiritual maturity, as he is called to lead the Christian community with patience and kindness. The priest celebrates Mass and administers the Sacraments, taking an active role in offering Christ’s gift of Himself.

From earliest times, deacons have had a special place in the pastoral work of the Church, preaching, ministering at baptisms and weddings, and caring for the poor and hungry on behalf of the whole Church. Nowadays, married men are more and more frequently ordained to the diaconate, where they have a strong role in assisting priests and bishops and serving the people.

Finally, bishops are chosen and ordained to supervise and lead priests and deacons, to unify, bless and teach the people and act as a sign of Christ in the local church and community.

Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of anointing of the sick is administered by a priest to a baptized person who begins to be in danger of death because of illness or old age, through prayer and the anointing of the body with oil of the sick. The proper effects of the sacrament include a special grace of healing and comfort to the Christian who is suffering the infirmities of serious illness or old age, and the forgiving of the person's sins.

Planning a Funeral Mass

The death of a loved one is a very difficult time in life and all of us here at SS. Peter and Paul Parish share the sorrow and grief that you feel at this moment.

Like any celebration of the Sacred Mass, the essential purpose of the funeral is the worship of God, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the celebration of the paschal mystery. Secondly, the Mass is offered for the repose of the soul of the deceased and should invite prayer for the judgment they face, and for their ultimate and happy repose after any necessary purification.

It is our great hope that the prayers of the Funeral Mass will be meaningful and express your own faith and that of your loved one.

The Funeral Home will contact the Parish to make arrangements. A booklet has been put together to help you to plan and be a part of the Funeral of your loved one.

The booklet is quite easy to use. Simply return this booklet after filling in the information requested. The booklet needs to be returned to the priest officiating at the Funeral before the Funeral Mass. This will allow us to make all the preparations necessary in a timely manner.

May God strengthen you in this difficult time.

The Sacrament of Marriage at SS. Peter and Paul Church

All of life is a journey. As a man and woman love and commit themselves to each other, they continue their journey of life together. The Sacrament of Marriage brings such a couple together in a spiritual bond that lasts through good times and bad, in sickness and health, as long as they both shall live.

At SS. Peter and Paul Church, we take our responsibility for your sacramental preparation very seriously, just as we do the preparation necessary before any sacrament is celebrated.

For more information on the Sacrament of Marriage at SS. Peter and Paul Church, a marriage preparation booklet provides an overview of the timeline, requirements, and details of your preparation to be married in the presence of God and the Church. It can be obtained at the Parish Office or downloaded online at www.ssppdetroit.com.

Call the Parish Office and schedule an appointment with Father Jerry to discuss the Sacrament of Marriage.



Religious Formation

Sunday Preschool Program

For children ages 3-5, the Sunday Preschool Program introduces the Old and New Testament throughout the year by bible study, crafts, religious pictures, prayers, and snacks.

Religious Formation

Children's Religious Formation is a necessary component of evangelization. This ministry flows from the witness Jesus himself gave to us.

SS. Peter & Paul believes that formation in our faith is life long. It is important that children as well as adults continue to grow in their relation with God, Jesus and the Church. We know that our beliefs often run counter to the present society that each of us lives in. We offer guidance & support to families in their ever important and sometimes difficult responsibility of passing on and living their faith.

Families attending our program must be practicing Catholics (weekly mass attendance) and registered at SS. Peter & Paul Church. Families of other Catholic Parishes are always welcome to attend.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Catechumens are individuals who have been baptized in any tradition and need basic evangelization and catechesis. Candidates are individuals seeking full communion with the Church and fall into one of two groups: baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church; and Catholic people who have been baptized but who are not fully initiated, with little or no instruction in the Bible or general Christian teachings.

For more information please contact:

Gloria Yarber

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Christian Service

Christian service here at SS. Peter and Paul Parish means responding to the human family both inside and outside the parish according to spirit of the gospels. Respecting at all times the dignity and value of all individuals as the children of God. We keep in the depth of our hearts the notion that the best way to serve God is by serving our neighbors. The following are some of the ways we seek to be of service to others:

Food Pantry

We provide bags of food to families and individuals in need in the surrounding area, primarily serving the 48228 zip code. We do this throughout the month, but do our primary service on the fourth Friday of every month between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Activities Building (7718 Westwood). We pride ourselves on not turning people away and by doing our best to meet the basic food needs of our community.

Holiday Food Program

We have turkey or hams with baskets of food that we gift to families for both Thanksgiving, Christmas and as well, baskets for kids at Easter time. A wonderful way to celebrate the true spirit of the holidays!

Resource Guidance

We assist people in need to connect with the resources they need to improve their lives and to address their needs.

Giving Tree

Each year, starting in November, we help the homeless of Detroit by providing much needed clothing and hygiene items to SS. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church's Warming Center.

Right To Life

We provide support to pro-life organization's such as Right to Life: Lifespan and Guadalupe Partners who seek to protect the rights of the unborn and the aged as well as supporting pregnant woman to choose life for there child rather than abortion.

Senior Program

We support the seniors in having monthly gatherings with great food, conversation and cards!

Volunteers

The more volunteers and supporters we have the more we can do! To volunteer or donate to any of the above Christian Service efforts please call Michael Thomas at 313-846-2222 Ext. 107 or cserve-sspp@comcast.net

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is available Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. For more information contact the Parish Office at 313-846-2222 ext. 100 or Genevieve Czorny at 313-271-1752.

Jesus in the Tabernacle protects me against the evil spirits, the world, my own wicked passions, and evil inclinations. He is my support in weakness, and comfort in suffering, my weapon in combat, my refreshment in heat, food for my hungry soul, my stimulus when I am exhausted - He is my heaven on earth. Jesus in the Tabernacle is my riches in poverty, my defense in calming, my crown in misfortune. Jesus in the Tabernacle is my God and my all.



Worship Ministry

Lector

The men and women who are entrusted with the awesome and challenging responsibility of proclaiming the scriptures to the Christian assembly assume a necessary and vital role with the Church.

The lectors' main function is that of proclaiming the word of God from Sacred Scripture in the liturgical assembly (a very visible role of service). Lectors also recite the prayers of the faithful.

QUALIFICATIONS

- * Desire to serve the Lord
- * A practicing member of SS. Peter and Paul Parish
- * High school age and confirmed
- * Able to speak in a clear voice before the assembly
- * Understand the role of the lector, so that the Scripture reading becomes the living Word of God.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

When the size of the congregation or the incapacity of the bishop, priest, or deacon requires it, the celebrant may be assisted by other bishops, priests, or deacons. If such ordinary ministers of Holy Communion are not present, the priest may call upon extraordinary ministers to assist him, (including) other faithful who have been deputed for this purpose.

QUALIFICATIONS

- * Desire to serve the Lord
- * A practicing member of SS. Peter and Paul Parish
- * Belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist
- * Eighteen years of age or older, confirmed, and in good standing with the Church

Altar Server

From the earliest days of the Church, when people gathered for prayer, they were lead by and served by members of their local communities. This ancient and venerable practice continues to the present day and is nowhere more evident than when we gather to celebrate Mass.

Throughout the ages, the Church has seen developments in various ministries. The role of server, once entrusted only to those preparing for the priesthood, in an installed order of acolyte, the role and the opportunity to serve has been expanded.

Any child in the parish who has received first Communion is eligible to become an altar server. Adults are also invited to become altar servers.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A SERVER

- * Desire to serve the Lord
- * Commitment to duties
- * Punctuality
- * Desire to actively participate in the Mass
- * Respectful attitude at Mass
- * Is a member of a family that regularly attends Mass at SS. Peter and Paul Parish.

Usher

Ushers greet people as they enter Church, handle the collection, and assist Parishioners with any needs that may arise while attending Mass. Anyone (both male and female) who has received the Sacrament of Confirmation is able to become an Usher.

Music Ministry

Cantors

Cantors lead the congregation in song for most Liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Becoming a Cantor is by audition only.

Concert Series

The SS. Peter and Paul Parish Music Ministry provides artistic excellence and spiritual renewal through concerts featuring a variety of musical styles. All concerts are free of charge and all are welcome.

Pipe Organ

In 1980 a contract was signed with the Reuter Organ Company of Lawrence, Kansas, to build a pipe organ for the vast nave of SS. Peter and Paul Church, which seats over 1,700. Due to financial constraints at the time, a modest 26 rank (prepared for 33 ranks) two-manual pipe organ was built and installed in 1980. This instrument served the liturgical needs of the congregation for 23 years.

In 2003 the decision was made to renovate many aspects of the organ and consider additions to complete the instrument. After months of discussions, proposals, and ideas, it was decided that Allen Organ Company would be awarded the contract. The end result was a three-manual Allen console controlling 50 digital ranks and the pipe organ of 26 ranks, beautifully blended together to make one complete instrument.

While preserving the integrity of the Reuter Pipe Organ, the Allen Organ provided the Parish the opportunity to tonally enhance their instrument of worship. The organ is now better suited for its three main purposes: Providing a more solid foundation for congregational singing and service music; providing suitable accompaniment for Choirs, Soloists, and Instrumental Ensembles; and performing the vast library of organ literature of all stylistic periods. The organ performs all three tasks beautifully and will do so for many generations to come.

For more information on Worship and Music please contact:

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ALTAR SOCIETY OF SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH

Formed on December 10, 1944 and is pledged under the protection and patronage of Saint Anne for all women of the Parish.

ALTAR SOCIETY has been established to:

- ♦ ***promote and foster*** the personal sanctification of the members by encouraging them to receive the sacraments and to work against all things which offend God and His Church;
- ♦ ***assist*** the members to participate more intimately in the life of the church,
- ♦ ***perform*** such special works as are assigned by the Pastor of the Parish.

The purposes of the ATAR SOCIETY are to:

- ♦ ***receive*** Corporate Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of each month;
- ♦ ***contribute*** toward the proper performance of the ceremonies of the altar by supplying necessary furnishings and decorations;
- ♦ ***increase*** the interest of the members in the general welfare of the parish;
- ♦ ***promote*** friendships and goodwill among the members;

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Please contact the Parish Office for more information, questions, or comments.***

***SS. Peter and Paul Church is located on
Detroit's west-side in the heart of the Warrendale community.***

We offer a traditional Liturgical setting!

We are handicap accessible!

We have ample and well-lighted parking!

We provide a well-heated and air-conditioned Church!

Security is provided for all parish Masses and events.

***Please consider inviting someone you know
to worship at SS. Peter and Paul Church!***

***"May the Church be a place...where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven,
and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel." - Pope Francis***

***SS. Peter and Paul Church
Rev. Jarosław Piliś, Pastor***

