



NEWSLETTER

St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church

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Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

Your prayers and the manifestation of love during my recent illness have been overwhelming. I thank you with all my heart as I am steadily improving. It is in moments like these that we realize how much we need each other!

This year **Lent** begins on March 6 (Ash Wednesday) and on that date we are customarily being asked to give up something for Lent as our penance. How about doing something positive as an expression of our Love?

Together in Mission is a yearly diocesan Campaign that gives us the opportunity to get involved in the mission entrusted to us by Christ. If you have not yet responded, the envelopes for this campaign are available at the entrance of the church. Please pick up one and follow its instruction. What we do for others is, first of all, a gift that we do to ourselves!

Also, our Parish has been sponsoring for years the Scalabrinian pre-Seminary with a **gala fund-raiser** dinner that will take place at Casa Italiana on Saturday, April 27. Besides participating in the banquet, there are many other ways of joining in this fund-raising: Donate or bid on a silent or oral auction item or place an ad in the program book. Please call the Parish at (323) 225 – 8119.

Other suggestion for Lent: most of us spend hours every day in front of the television or computer. These media do not give us a **Christian prospective on the culture in which we live**. In order to acquire this prospective we need help, and help is available! We are blessed, in our Archdiocese, with a weekly magazine called "**Angelus**" that offers us an intelligent "catholic, hopeful look" at what is happening in today's world. If you don't receive it by mail at home, please subscribe to it. It is well worth it! (AngelusNews.com). Then take some time to read it. It is informative and refreshing. If you are facing challenges with your Faith, know that you are not alone, and that there are millions of Catholics who are asking the same questions and walking your same a path of Faith.

As a community, we have a rich **calendar of activities** that keep us in touch with each other. Your decision to participate, as a member of the community, is a gift for which we all give thanks to God. May He bless you and your family!

Fr. Louis Piran
Pastor, St. Peter Church

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 14

Blessing of the Palms at all Masses
9:30 a.m. (English), 11:00 a.m. (Italian) 6:00 p.m. (English)

Holy Thursday, April 18

7:00 p.m. Last Supper with washing of the feet.
Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Liturgical Services
Adoration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Confessions
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Celebration

Easter Sunday, April 21

9:30 a.m. (English), 11:00 a.m. (Italian)
No Evening Mass

ST. PETER & SAN CONRADO MISSION. SCALABRINI OUTREACH ANNUAL PROGRAM SUMMARY OF SERVICES -2018

The mission of St. Peter's/San Conrado Scalabrini Outreach Program is to see and embrace Christ coming to us in the poor; to promote and restore the dignity and rights of the migrant, homeless and economically vulnerable families.

THANK YOU! Your gifts of time and money make this possible.

During 2018 we provided 42,500 meals, 10,200 hygiene kits, and served 1,848 families through the food pantry.

We continued to partner with the **Order of Malta** to produce **850 personal hygiene kits per month**. These are distributed to Los Angeles shelters for the homeless and the Casa Migrante shelter for migrants in Tijuana, MX. Kits are assembled the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

28,800 meals were distributed to small missions in downtown Los Angeles, La Placita food program, Orange and Ventura Counties.

The Scalabrini **Food bank** was open the 2nd Friday of each month and served an **average of 154 families per month**. The families served are English, Spanish and Asian speaking families.

We provided **1,400 meals and assistance to Day Labor programs** for migrants in search of work at various Home Depots.

5,400+ meals were prepared the last Saturday of the month for distribution in Skid row and homeless encampments.

350 blankets were distributed to people living on the streets of Downtown LA and the La Placita area during **cold weather**.

More than 1500 meals and 450 baskets were distributed at our **Thanksgiving celebration**.

400 meals were prepared to assist with **Our Lady of the Holy Rosary's Day Labor Thanksgiving celebration**.

Thanksgiving Day through the following Saturday, we partnered with other institutions to distribute an **additional (combined) 5000 meals in downtown Los Angeles**.

\$1500 was contributed to the Indian School in Mexican Huichol Sierra State for **new school supplies**.

We regularly update parishioners regarding migrant and refugee rights and host training on migration issues.

Congratulations San Trifone Society



Welcome Lorena Margaret Iniguez 2019 Queen!

I am a student attending Pasadena City College (PCC). I am working on my general education so that I can enter the Licensed Vocational Nursing program at PCC. I am employed part-time as a hostess for Mama Petrillo's Italian Restaurant. I enjoy knitting and reading anime as hobbies in my free time. In between studying for school and my part-time job, I go to the gym to work out and help my mom with cleaning and baking. I enjoyed representing San Trifone Society in 2018 and I look forward to representing the society and the church in 2019.

Dates to Remember

Following is the schedule of your next opportunities to **come together at St. Peter's** for our feast days and social activities. (For Tickets reservation, please call the contact persons listed below.)

St. Peter's Church & Casa Italiana

Sunday, March 10 - Feast of Madonna Di Constantinopoli

Mass 11:00 am; Procession follows

Dinner Dance 1:00pm Contact Joe (626) 261-9848

Sun, Mon, Tue. March 17,18,19 - Feast of St. Joseph

Mass 11:00 am each day

Blessing of the St. Joseph Table at noon.

Complimentary spaghetti served each day 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sunday March 31 - Parish Brunch after 11:00 a.m.

Mass.

Contact Palmie: (818-246-5749)

Friday, April 12 - Lenten Crab and Fish Fundraiser

Dinner 6:30 Contact parish office: (323) 225-8119

Saturday, April 27 – Seminary Fundraiser Banquet Scalabrini Discernment House

Mass 5:00 pm; Banquet & Dancing follows

Contact parish office (323) 225-8119

Sunday, April 28 – Feast of Madonna della Stella

Mass 11:00 am; Procession follows

Dinner Dance 1:00 pm Contact Palmie (818) 246-5749

Sunday, May 19 - Padre Pio Birthday after 11:00am

Mass.

Contact Maria Bruno: (818) 241-4672

Monday May 20 – Polenta Dinner

Contact Nick (562) 947-2819 or parish office (323) 225-8119