



NEWSLETTER

St. Peter's Italian Catholic Church



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Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Peter's Italian Church: Merry Christmas!

We praise our God for the gift of His Son born into the world.

As we go about preparing and exchanging gifts and sharing holiday meals, let us try to **keep Christ at the center** of our celebration! When preparations make you stressed, when family tensions start to rise, when gifts aren't appreciated or when things don't go as planned, keep coming back to Bethlehem, where nothing went as planned by Mary and Joseph, but everything went as planned by God!

Thank you for being faithful members and supporters of St. Peter's. Our Parish is only as strong and alive as our members are.

The Societies announced their 2020 princesses at our annual parish brunch on November 24th. Princesses: *Madonna di Costantinopoli*, Isabella Bernacki, daughter of Angela and Edward Bernacki. *Canneto Colony of Saints*, Sarah Taylor daughter of Francesca Taylor. *St. Anthony Society*, Daniela Tejeda, daughter of Maria and Francisco Tejeda. *Sacro Cuore di Gesu*, Giuliana Roio, daughter of Nancy and Giancarlo Roio. *Padre Pio Society*, to be announced.

Please continue to stay in touch with St. Peter's in any way you may be able to. As you can see from the calendar included, we have an occasional **brunch** at Casa Italiana, following the 11:00 am Sunday Mass; an inexpensive way to spend a Sunday afternoon with family and friends, and an opportunity to make new ones. Check the website for additional brunch dates. Our "**polenta night**" is also a very popular ticket. If you have not tried yet, come! I am sure that you will want to come back again! Both events help underwrite our general operating expenses.

We recently celebrated our traditional parish Thanksgiving week fiestas. This year we prepared 450 baskets for economically vulnerable families and during this week, fed five-thousand homeless, day-labor workers and poor people in our midst. This is a yearly occasion when our Parish shows its best colors, with *hundreds of volunteers* donating food and volunteering for its distribution. **Our benefactors and volunteers all deserve our sincere thanks!**

We include a Christmas envelope for your donation. You may use it as a way to say: "Count me in! I wish to continue to be an active member of St. Peter's and be part of its ministry.

May you and your family enjoy all the warmth this season has to offer.
Have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with love.



New Year's Eve Gala Fundraiser

Reservations are now open, \$110.00 per person, (adults only). Call (323) 225-8119

Join us Tuesday, December 31st

No host cocktails, Hors D'oeuvres 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Dinner 7:30 pm: Midnight buffet, party favors, champagne, and dancing until ???

Free Valet parking Music by Duo Domino.

Name(s) _____ Phone number _____

Please reserve _____ tickets at \$110.00 per person. Please seat with _____

Please make reservations by December 20, 2019. Make checks payable to Casa Italiana. No refunds after December 20, 2019 – No exceptions.

DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 6:15 PM. PLEASE DO NOT ARRIVE EARLY

