

## Bulletin Announcements

Now – January 20/21

Thank You Weekends

**Thank you \* Thank you \* Thank you \*** to everyone who generously gave to our 2018 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your faithful support has helped bring thousands within our diocese closer to God through the ministries, programs, and services funded through APA. We have much to be thankful for, and your participation in APA tops the list! **Thank you!**

OR

**Thank you \* Thank you \* Thank you \*** to everyone who generously made a sacrificial gift to the 2018 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your faithful support has helped bring thousands within our diocese closer to God through the ministries, programs, and services funded through APA. And of course, through your participation, our parish achieved goal! (*if applicable*)

With this New Year comes the launch of the 2019 APA in our parish, and an invitation from our bishop to participate will arrive soon through the mail. We hope that you will consider supporting this year's effort as we pray for Bishop Parkes, give thanks for his support of our parish and leadership of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and the good works we do in the name of Jesus Christ.

January 26/27

Prayer Weekend

This year the Annual Pastoral Appeal is themed: ***BE COURAGEOUS Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal*** A message that calls us to stand firm in our Catholic faith and be a source of hope and life for each other and people in need here and now, and in the future. Together, let's pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our journey and bestow His grace upon us as we serve others. Please pray for the success of our appeal, which reaches beyond ourselves and our parish, and gives hope to thousands through the ministries, programs, and services that enrich a Christ-centered way of life. Our parish commitment weekend is on February 16/17. Please bring your intent card from home or pick-up an in-pew pledge envelope at Mass and come prepared to participate and courageously be part of the Good Works of our diocese.

Please pray for the success of the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Let us pray for our parish and our diocese, that those in need of charity, service, formation, and education will be assisted with God's promise of love and mercy. Let us pray that by our witness and courageous response, those in need will know the same comfort and hope that we have in our hearts and lives. Soon, you will receive an invitation from Bishop Parkes to participate in the 2019 APA. Please review the brochure that comes with it and learn more about the good works of our local Church made possible by APA.

February 2/3

Education Weekend

As you receive your personal invitation from Bishop Parkes for participation in the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal, remember that APA not only assists our parish in fulfilling our commitment to the ministries, programs, and services of our larger Church, but also helps to provide the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of thousands that we could not serve from our parish alone. Your pledge or gift to APA on behalf of our parish funds these services that are essential to advance the mission of Christ and help those in need. Our parish commitment weekend is in two weeks. While reflecting on your own blessings, consider how you can bring the joy of Jesus Christ to someone in need.

**February 9/10**

**Clergy Support & Education Weekend**

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**February 16/17**

**Commitment Weekend**

Today is our commitment weekend for the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal: ***BE COURAGEOUS Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal.*** Everyone is asked to join Bishop Parkes and all parishes and missions throughout our diocese in making a pledge or gift for the benefit of each parish, and more importantly, for the many in need throughout the five counties of our diocese. Every gift is valuable. Sometimes it is hard to envision how one gift could make a difference in an organization the size of our diocese, but it does. Every Catholic in every parish, when united, can advance the mission of Christ, loving and serving one another. In times of change and transition, our gifts from God may be more difficult to identify; but we must remember God blesses each of us every day and there is no limit to His mercy. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. Our focus is not equal gift, but equal sacrifice. ***BE COURAGEOUS*** and transform someone's life. **Thank you** in advance for continuing to support our parish and our diocesan faith family in so many ways.

**February 23/24 and March 2/3**

**Follow-Up Weekends 1 & 2**

**Thank you** to everyone who has courageously responded to the request to participate in the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your gift is received with great humility, thanks, and gratitude by the thousands of people supported through your donation. As we embark on our new diocesan vision, let's give thanks for the Good Works being done in Jesus' name throughout our diocese. APA is an opportunity to learn more about the 50+ ministries, programs, and services available throughout our diocese. If you have any questions about APA, the services it funds, or how it benefits our parish, please call our parish office or visit our diocesan website at [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org) and discover something new about local Church outreach. If you have not yet responded, please know we want and need your participation! Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice brings hope to someone seeking the love and mercy of Christ.

**March 6 – April 21**

**Lenten Prayer Weekends**

*Optional for Lent*

As we reflect on our many blessings during this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us be mindful to give God thanks and praise. Monsignor/Father \_\_\_\_\_ would like to extend his personal gratitude to all who have generously participated in the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. As we pray on the Life, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord remembering the unconditional sacrifice He made for us and our salvation, may we remember those in most need throughout our diocese, and courageously respond with grateful hearts and generosity.

*Rejoice in the resurrection!* **Thank you** to the \_\_\_\_\_ households that have responded generously to the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. We have reached \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward our goal amount \$\_\_\_\_\_. A follow-up message will be going out to those who have not yet made a commitment, with an invitation to be a conscious, active participant in the mission of our Church with a gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal. If you have not yet made a pledge or gift, please prayerfully consider sharing a portion of the blessings you have received to help to advance our mission of love and mercy in Jesus' name to uphold God's kingdom here in our local Church. Every gift is courageous, no gift is too small and each gift changes a life. You can make a one-time gift, or you can pledge an amount that is payable over 10 months. Our parish wants and needs your active participation and support.

**May 11 – until goal is reached****Update & Continued Communications***Option 1:*

**Thank you** to our parishioners that have responded generously with pledges and gifts in support of our 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your generosity helps our parish support the ministries, programs, and services provided by our local diocesan Church. To date, we have received \$\_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ households toward our \$\_\_\_\_\_ goal. If you have not yet made your pledge or gift, it's not too late! Every gift is courageous, no gift is too small and each gift changes a life. We want your participation and need your support. **BE COURAGEOUS!**

*Option 2:*

The 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal continues to make progress in our parish. \_\_\_\_\_ households have responded generously with \$\_\_\_\_\_ in pledges and gifts toward our goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_. If you have not yet joined in, we want your participation and need your support. Please pray and respond with a gift that inspires those seeking the love and mercy of Christ! Stand firm in the faith, **BE COURAGEOUS!**

*Option 3:*

As the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal continues to make progress in our parish, we are grateful to the \_\_\_\_\_ households that have made the sacrifice of a generous gift. Our parish has raised \$\_\_\_\_\_ toward our goal of \$\_\_\_\_\_! **Many thanks** for your active participation in this appeal. If you have not yet made commitment, please open your heart to what you can do to help. It is not too late and we want your participation and need your support! Please consider a pledge, payable through December 2019, or a one-time gift. Pledge envelopes are located (*describe where you have the envelopes*) for your convenience.

*Option 4:*

Our parish is filled with caring, generous people who understand and embrace the Annual Pastoral Appeal and the good that it brings to our parish and to our diocese. **Thank you** to all who have given a sacrificial gift to this year's APA. Your generosity to APA supports the mission of Jesus Christ, allowing us to bring God's love and mercy past our parish boundaries. If you have not yet made a gift, it's never too late. **BE COURAGEOUS**, let faith be your guide, hope be your inspiration, and love inspire your action. Every gift of every size spreads the loving message of Jesus Christ.