

Bulletin Announcements

Now – January 12

Thank You Weekends

Thank you * Thank you * Thank you * to everyone who generously gave to our 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your faithful support has helped our parish tremendously and has brought 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 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your faithful support has helped our parish tremendously and brought 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 2020 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 18/19

Prayer Weekend

This year the Annual Pastoral Appeal is themed: ***WE ARE SALT & LIGHT, Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal***, a message that states who God intends us to 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. That He will grant 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 8/9, 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.

Let us also 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 and 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 2020 APA. Please review the brochure that comes with it and learn more about the good works of our local Church made possible by APA.

January 25/26

Education Weekend

Soon you will receive a personal invitation from Bishop Parkes to participate in the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Remember that APA not only assists our parish in fulfilling our financial 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 1/2

Clergy Support & Education Weekend

As you receive your personal invitation from Bishop Parkes for participation in the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal, remember that APA not only assists our parish in fulfilling our financial 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 next week. While reflecting on your own blessings, consider how you can bring the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to someone in need.

February 8/9

Commitment Weekend

Today is our Commitment Weekend for the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal: ***WE ARE SALT & LIGHT, Living 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 and 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. Being His Salt and Light calls us to transform the lives of others for the good. **Thank you** in advance for continuing to support our parish and our diocesan faith family in so many ways.

February 15/16 and February 22/23

Follow-Up Weekends 1 & 2

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the request to participate in the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your gift is received with great humility, thanks and gratitude by the thousands of people supported through your donation. As we journey together, 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 <https://www.dosp.org/> and discover something new about our 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.

February 26- April 12

Lenten and Easter 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 2020 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 2020 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 along 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 His 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.

April 26 – until goal is reached

Update & Continued Communications

Option 1:

Thank you to our parishioners who have responded generously with pledges and gifts in support of our 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your generosity helps our parish financially 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.

Option 2:

The 2020 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! You are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World, help someone else be that too!

Option 3:

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. You are His Salt and Light for the world to see. 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.

