



The Church of St. Peter

An Anglo-Catholic Parish in the Diocese of the Holy Cross

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On September 23rd, our Diocese, the Diocese of the Holy Cross will vote to join the Anglican Catholic Church (the A.C.C.). The Diocese of the Holy Cross will remain a non-geographical Diocese within the Anglican Catholic Church. We will still have the same Bishop, Bp. Hewett, but we will also have an Archbishop, Abp. Mark Haverland.

So why are we merging with the ACC? In 2017 four Anglican Jurisdictions met for a joint synod in Atlanta, GA. Those four are the Anglican Catholic Church, The Diocese of the Holy Cross, the Anglican Church in America, and the Anglican Province of America. These four jurisdictions signed a concordat establishing full communion, *communio in sacris*. They also promised to seek organic administrative unity, to work towards establishing one church from the four. At the 2020 Joint Anglican Synods, the Anglican Catholic Church voted unanimously to invite our Diocese, the Diocese of the Holy Cross to join the ACC as a non-geographical diocese. Our vote this month to accept their invitation will be a first step towards achieving organic, administrative unity.

So who are the ACC? The Anglican Catholic Church is the most similar to the Diocese of the Holy Cross of the other Anglican Jurisdictions. This is in part because we have a shared history. The Anglican Catholic Church is the church that was established after the Congress of St. Louis in 1977 which produced the Affirmation of St. Louis, a founding document for the Continuing Anglican Church movement. Unfortunately, personality conflicts and differences of opinions led to schism and the Anglican Province of Christ the King (APCK) left the Anglican Catholic Church shortly after the ACC was established. Then in the early 2000's the Diocese of the Holy Cross left the APCK. Our merger with the ACC is not just a

sign of unity, but also of much needed reconciliation within the Anglican Continuum.

The Anglican Catholic Church has over 110 congregations, 79 of which are located in the United States, and over 10,000 members. The ACC has several Dioceses in North and South America, Europe, Africa, Asia and the Pacific. The ACC also has a Missionary Society of St. Paul, and a printing house, the Anglican Parishes Association Book Publishers, who published the Anglican Missal which we currently use.

We pray that our upcoming merger will be the first step toward full unity for the entire Anglican Continuum. *O God of unchangeable power and eternal light, do thou look favorably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through Him from whom they took their origin, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This Month at St. Peter's

Sept. 1st – Wed. Low Mass @ 10 AM, St. Giles

Sept. 3rd – Fri. Low Mass @ Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4 PM.
6 PM Game night in the Parish Hall.

Sept. 5th – **The 14th Sunday after Trinity**
Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.

Sept. 8th – Wed. Low Mass @ 10 AM, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sept. 10th – Fri. Low Mass @ Noon. Counsel and Confession from 2-4PM.

Sept. 12th – **15th Sunday after Trinity**
Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.

Sept. 17th Fri. Low Mass @ Noon. St. Hildegard Counsel and Confession from 2-4 PM.

Sept. 19th – The 16th Sunday after Trinity Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.

-ACC & DHC Synod in Athens, GA. -

Sept. 26th – The 17th Sunday after Trinity Mass @ 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM.

Sept. 29th – Wed. Low Mass @ 10 AM. St. Michael and All Angels. John Paul Snell's Confirmation @ 6:30 PM.

Our Prayer List

For our Parish, for its growth in sanctity, ministry, size, and financially.

For the Unity of Christ's Church Bp. +Paul, & Bps. +Mark, +Juan, + Chad, +Anthony, + Ryan Frs. +Geordan, +Micah, +Jim, +Sam, Dcns. David & Joshua For all Religious: Sr. Mary Grace and for St. Benedict's Abbey

For our upcoming Synod (Sept. 22nd-24th) in Athen's Ga.

For all in Authority; Joseph our President, and Gregg our Governor.

*For peace in our Nation
For the end of the Coronavirus and all who minister to those suffering from the virus.*

For all servicemen and women: Andrew Jacob, Preston, McKayla, Andy, Christoff

For Blessings received: Hunzicker's 57th Wedding Anniversary (9/5), Birthdays: Rosie (9/8) Katie (9/10), Andy (9/11) Tori (9/19) Glenn (9/25) For Jodi's healing.

For all Children born and unborn & for their mothers: Bri, Nancy and Darlene.

For those in sickness or in need: Kat, Elsie, Gabriella, Katheryn, Joe, Susan, Jan, Mary, Olga, Sherman, Sarah, Peggy, Laura, Kim, Wendy, Jennifer, Jolene, Jody, Marissa, Evelyn, Martin, Joey, Julianna, Christian, Shane, Ross,

Chad, Catherine, Linda, Phyllis, Peggy, Kevin, Bayleigh, Jeff, Jill, Whitney, Kolby, Pat, Amy, Barbara, Faye, Peter, Anna-Marie, Terry, Jerry, Anna, Verna, Tim, Elden, Kristen, James, Madison, John, Dianne, Kolby, Cable, Bob, Ann, Scotty, Chip+, Michael+, +David

RIP: Gary, Sharon, Virginia, Matt, Kimberly, Dean, Dot, Kelly, Jane, Susan, Moselle, Jimbo, Dick Dcn. Jay+, Kenneth+

Announcements:

We will have a Vestry Meeting, Sunday, September 12th, following Coffee Hour.

We are beginning a Bible Study on Friday's at 11 AM. We will continue our study of bad guys and girls of the Bible.

Our next Society of Mary Meeting, September 18th, from 11AM to 1 PM at St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Spring, Texas (6819 Louetta Rd. Spring, TX). The meeting will consist of the Rosary, Mass, and Lunch with a presentation. All are invited to attend!

We will not have weekday Masses September 22nd – the 24th, due to Provincial Synod in Athens, Georgia. Please pray for all those who will be traveling to and from Synod and for God's blessing on the Synod and our Diocese.

Mr. John Paul Snell will be confirmed on Wednesday, September 29th, at 6:30 Pm. All are invited to attend!

The Craft Guild is pleased to announce that they have successfully raised \$8,000 that will be used to build a playground for our parish! As the Craft Guild moves forward with their first steps in building the playground recommendations for reputable fencing companies are requested!

Join us Sunday's at 9:30 AM, we are reading through C. S. Lewis's Letters to Malcolm, all are welcome to attend.

If you would like to donate altar flowers or give money towards the altar flowers there are flower envelopes located throughout the parish for this use. We thank you for your generosity!

You may support St. Peter's by giving online through Zelle: The Church of St Peter, saintpeterscypress@gmail.com