

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 9, 2018



CAMPAIGN FOR THE CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY OF SOUTH JERSEY

Catholic Strong is a campaign initiated by the Diocese of Camden to help ensure the financial stability for each of our parishes and address crucial needs at the diocesan level that are not able to be met through our ordinary income. The overall goal is \$50 million. Of this goal 70% will be returned to the parishes.

Individual parish campaign targets are based on 1.35% of a parish's average ordinary income. Our goal here at St. Peter's is \$1,520,000. Of these funds, 70% will be returned to us for our parish needs. Once we reach goal, 80% of the overage will come back to us.

This campaign will last 3-5 years, with the annual House of Charity drive remaining in place. We will start Catholic Strong at St. Peter's this September and attempt to complete it by this December.

Practically speaking Catholic Strong will take the form of a presentation of parish needs over the next five years. It will require personal visits with parishioners, speaking from the pulpit, recruiting lay leadership, working with parish leaders to follow the campaign plan, and encouraging all parishioners to participate in this historic endeavor.

You will be hearing more about Catholic Strong in the upcoming weeks. I hope you will support this effort with the same generosity you have shown in the past. If you wish to learn more about Catholic Strong in a video, please go to www.camdendiocese.org and click on Catholic Strong.

With deep gratitude,

Fr. Tim Byerley
Pastor

Catholic Strong Campaign Prayer



Father,

We are grateful for the gift of our church and the blessings of its parishes, schools and ministries.

Please watch over us as we embark on this campaign, **CATHOLIC STRONG**, which will fortify these gifts for the benefit of the entire community of South Jersey.

Let this be an opportunity to celebrate our tradition of church teaching by going outward, strengthening our future and becoming Missionary Disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ, to the people of Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties.

We pray that you watch over us and guide us as we invigorate our parishes and leadership, raise our public image, embrace our diversity, and continue to serve Your mission on Earth.

Father, bless our campaign and send forth your Holy Spirit so that we will be for years to come
CATHOLIC STRONG.

*A*men.

*"Ours is a joyful faith that follows the mission of Jesus Christ. **CATHOLIC STRONG** is a call to make His mission more present in South Jersey by building up the ministries of our parishes through programs of evangelization."*

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan D.D.
Bishop of Camden

CASE FOR SUPPORT

Parish of St. Peter | Merchantville, NJ



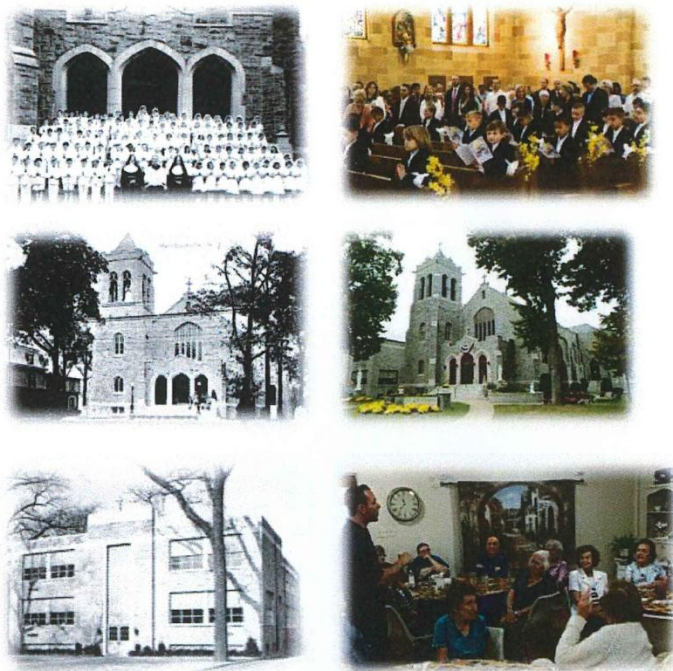
OUR HISTORY

The cornerstone of our beautiful Church was laid on November 4, 1906. The church was completed and dedicated by Bishop McFaul of Trenton on April 26, 1908. The church was destroyed by fire in 1924, rebuilt by the parishioners, and reopened again the following year. In September, 1926, St. Peter's School was erected. In 1956, the church was expanded to twice its original capacity. Other facilities were built. Throughout the decades, the Parish of St. Peter has grown in size and vibrancy. The great faith, dedication, and generosity of the parishioners of this community are the hallmark of its success. We give thanks to the mercy of God for the favor He has shown and continues to show to the Parish of St. Peter.

Now, we are embarking on a major campaign: Catholic Strong. This campaign is a strategic plan designed to enhance our faith formation and evangelization ministries and to solidify the physical and operational needs of individual parishes. The Parish of St. Peter has historically been very generous to these kinds of fundraising efforts, both on the local and diocesan level. Catholic Strong is another opportunity for the Parish of St. Peter to distinguish itself in our customary fashion.

We are asking our parish family to lend generous support to the campaign. As our current parishioners, we now call upon you to carry on the generosity, spirit, and sacrifice that filled the hearts of the men and women who have supported our parish and diocese throughout our history.

As we have been blessed, let us act as stewards by supporting the **Catholic Strong** campaign to preserve the essence of what we and all of the faithful within the greater Church in South Jersey are blessed to have and to ensure the Church's presence in the lives of our children and grandchildren. Let us continue to show the power which blessed the first apostles to our parish and diocese. Your prayers, generosity, and sacrifice will ensure our success.



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CATHOLIC STRONG

OUR PLAN

The Catholic Community of South Jersey continues to reaffirm its commitment to promote the healing, redemptive, and teaching presence of Jesus Christ to those seeking solace, forgiveness, and instruction. We have followed Christ's invitation to love one another, to be a community of faith, and to share our gifts in a spirit of stewardship and gratitude.

As vital and active members of the Diocese of Camden wishing to make our contribution, we are beginning the **Catholic Strong** campaign to provide the resources needed to ensure our parishes are financially stable, strengthen Catholic education, expand our outreach capabilities, and enhance our evangelization efforts. A successful campaign will ensure the vitality of our faith communities and ultimately meet the evolving needs of our diocese.

Our Church's target goal is to raise a minimum of **\$1,520,000**, of which we will receive 70% (or a minimum of \$1,064,000), that will go toward parish needs. Additionally, we will receive 80% of all funds raised over our parish target. We will use our share to address the following needs:

Parish | \$382,000

- Padding for church kneelers (\$29,000)
- Pastors' Hall renovations (\$146,000)
 - New Restrooms (\$80,000)
 - Sound System (\$15,000)
 - Tables (\$22,000)
 - Chairs (\$29,000)
- Security camera enhancement (\$7,000)
- Endowment for a Congregation of Sisters to serve our parish in the following areas of ministry: youth, evangelization, and school and religious education involvement (\$200,000)

School | \$433,000

- New windows (\$123,000)
- New thermostat system (\$5,000)
- Upgrade preschool playground (\$100,000)
- Heating system evaluation (\$45,000)
- Roof evaluation (\$160,000)

Rectory | \$47,000

- Paint exterior (\$40,000)
- Upgrade computer systems and telephones (\$7,000)

Convent | \$122,000

- First Floor
 - Add second restroom (\$18,000)
 - New carpeting in chapel and hallway (\$28,000)
 - Paint interior (\$15,000)
 - Replace emergency exit door (\$2,000)
 - New flooring in main room (\$8,000)
- Second Floor
 - Upgrade bathrooms (\$36,000)
 - Paint interior (\$15,000)

Gym | \$20,000

- Upgrade Restrooms

Grounds | \$10,000

- New truck for maintenance department (\$5,000)
- Removal and trimming of trees (\$5,000)

Global | \$50,000

- Rebuilding of 25 homes of Christians in the Middle East that were driven from their villages by persecution (\$50,000)

**Above costs are projections and require diocesan consultation and approval. All projects are considered pending until campaign funds are realized.*

PARISH GOAL **\$1,520,000**

(We will receive \$1,064,000)

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Mass Intentions

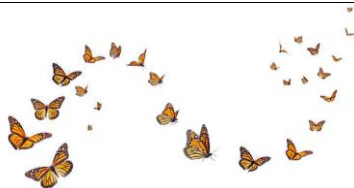
**Mass Celebrant Code:*

TB = Fr. Tim Byerley – FK = Fr. Francis Kim – JW = Fr. John Wasilewski – MS = Deacon Mike Scott

Intentions:	Requested by:	*Mass Celebrant
Monday, September 10		
6:45 AM Jonathan & Yulin Page	Family	TB
9:00 AM Eleanore O'Brien	Estate	JW
Tuesday, September 11		
6:45 AM Frank Schmidt, Jr.	His Wife, Dot	TB
9:00 AM Deacon Emil Ralbusky	Marie Ralbusky	JW
Wednesday, September 12		
6:45 AM Samuel Richards	Debbie Moran	JW
9:00 AM Lillian Dunn	Mary Anne	FK
Thursday, September 13		
6:45 AM Mary Ellen Stewart	Karen Burns	TB
9:00 AM Dorothy Donnelly	Her Daughter	FK
Friday, September 14		
6:45 AM Rita Acker	Her Husband, Frank	JW
9:00 AM Stephen J. Tiver, Jr. & Family	Estate	TB
Saturday, September 15		
9:00 AM Kathy McGarrigle	Dan	TB
5:00 PM Intentions of Elda Ranken	Her Daughter, Elizabeth	FK
Sunday, September 16		
7:30 AM Sandy Hendrzak	Family	JW
9:00 AM Frank Schmidt, Sr.	St. Peter Senior Ministry	FK
10:30 AM Margarete Brown	Nick & Mary Lou D'Antonio	TB/MS
Geraldine Rooney	Ed & Mag Verbilla	TB/MS
Stanley Eick, Jr.	Nathan & Oliver Goldwasser	TB/MS
John Ward	Frank & Diane Sinatra	TB/MS
Parishioners of St. Peter Parish		TB/MS
7:00 PM Kathryn Hunton	Adelene, Marion & Sophia	TB

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of the
Russo, Cataldo & Trallo Families
the week of September 9 – September 15
requested John Russo.



Sanctuary Lamp in the Convent Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of
Thomas Buono, Sr.
the week of September 9 – September 15
requested by his Wife, Joan.



Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the
Holy Souls in Purgatory
the week of September 9 – September 15
requested by A Parishioner.

Father's **Q**uick **Q**uote: "A glad spirit
attains to perfection more quickly than any
other."
~ St. Philip Neri

Prayer of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus for Priests

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (**especially**). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. **Amen.**

Parish Sick List

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to add a loved one to the list. *You are kindly asked to inform the person that their name will appear in the Bulletin.* Please pray for: Ray Dick, Barbara DeFranco, Jimmy Genzano, Louis Grosso, Donna Hartman-Maglio, Tim Hesser, Bridget Hopkins, Hailey Hunt, Irving Lamb, Jr., Joseph Lesniak, Pat Lyons, Joseph Manghan, Jim Maryanski, Scott McDowell, Mary Moran, Matthew Moran, Marilyn Ott, John Petrowsky, Bob Piekarski, Theresa Smurlo, Joe Teti, William Waldron, Bob Walker, Alan Young, Andrea Young. **May God heal them in mind, body and spirit! Thank you for your prayers for our sick and shut-ins.** PLEASE call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 when your loved one has recovered!

Upcoming Baptismal Classes

Monday, September 17th

Monday, October 15th

Class begins at 8:00 PM in the Senior Center.

You may schedule the Baptismal date at the class.

Please call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to register for a class so that we have adequate materials. Godparents are welcome, if able to attend. Both parents are encouraged to attend the class and children are welcome.

Adoration Chapel

You are cordially invited to spend an hour with Our Lord!

All hours are available most especially:

Sundays ~ 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Mondays ~ 11:00 PM – Midnight

Thursdays ~ 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

Fridays ~ 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fridays ~ 9:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Saturdays ~ 3:00 AM – 4:00 AM

Call Flora @ 665-4833 or Stacey @ 856-304-2261 or

Ben @ 662-4338 to schedule your hour.

Intercessory Rosary Group

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

@ 3:00 PM in the Convent Chapel.

All are welcome!

Daily Mass Readings

Sunday, September 9

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

Monday, September 10

First: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8

Gospel: Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday, September 11

First: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Gospel: Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

First: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31

Gospel: Luke 6:20-26

Thursday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

First: 1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Friday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast

First: Numbers 21:4b-9

Second: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: John 3:13-17

Saturday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

First: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22

Gospel: John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Sunday, September 16

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Second: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

EWTN Program of Particular Interest to

St. Peter Parish Family

Our parishioners, Gary and Charlotte Wiley will appear on *The Journey Home* program on EWTN:



TOMORROW EVENING

Monday, September 10, 2018 @ 8:00 PM

They will be interviewed by Marcus Grodi, the host, about their journey into the Catholic Church. Gary was a Wesleyan pastor/missionary for 33 years. They converted to Catholicism in 2016 at the Easter Vigil at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Inwood, New York.

Parish Weekly Offerings

First Collection Total for the weekend of
September 1 – September 2 was **\$12,109.80.**

Second Collection was **\$2,229.35**
for a total of **\$14,339.15.**

Thank you for building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Our shelves are getting bare and we are in need of these food items: cereal, mac and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, brownie mix, canned beans, peanut butter, jelly, cookies, boxed mashed potatoes, tuna and canned fruit. If you cannot donate food, you can

make a monetary donation in the poor boxes at the doors of the Church and we will buy the food we need.

If you or someone you know is in need of help, please call our hotline at 856-904-7397. *Thank you!*



Monday, September 10

Senior Exchange

Super Stretch with Rossana

Tuesday, September 11

Trivia with Rocky

Wednesday, September 12

Fit & Focused with Rossana

Intercessory Rosary led by the Legion of Mary

Thursday, September 13

Guest Speaker: Father Frederick G. Link

Topic – Growing Older “Grace-fully”

Friday, September 14

“Balancing Act” with Rosanna

St. Peter Senior Ministry Fundraiser

“The Age of Beauty”

featuring

Studio Incamminati Artist ~ Linda C. Dennin



Showcasing the “Graceful” faces of the
St. Peter Senior Ministry Seniors

Date: Saturday ~ September 22, 2018

Time: 6 pm - 9 pm

Location: St. Peter Pastors' Hall

Tickets are \$25.00 Includes: Cocktail Hour, Dinner,
Music Accompaniment by Ron Smith
and the long awaited unveiling of the
St. Peter Senior Ministry Senior Portraits

Tickets will be sold in Pastors' Hall after all Masses.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monthly Business Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 11 @ 7:30 PM in the Knights' Room.

Bob Altenbach

Grand Knight

Bob Blessinger

Membership Director

BNABLES315@verizon.net

(856) 317-5855

Support Our Students!



\$5 donation buys you an all day

25% OFF* Bosco's Shopping Pass

100% of your \$5 goes back to St. Peter School
to support our students.

**some restrictions apply*

SHOPPING DAY: Tuesday, October 16, 2018

from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm at all Bosco's locations.

**Coupons may be purchased after all weekend Masses until
Sunday, October 14.**



C.C.D. CLASSES! Save the Dates!

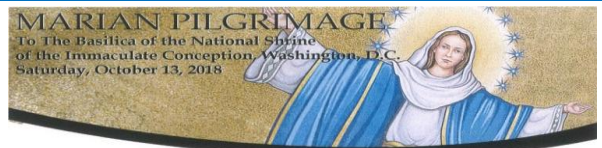
Monday, September 10th @ 7 pm

PARENT ORIENTATION K-8

Classes begin Tuesday, September 18th @ 5:30 pm K-8

Substitute Teachers Needed!

Please contact the Religious Education Office @
856-663-4490 or stpeterparish.religious.ed@gmail.com



**Come See The New
Trinity Dome Mosaic!**



*Concert of Sacred Music
Procession of Parishes
The Holy Rosary
Sacrament of Confession*

*Holy Mass in the
Great Upper Church with
Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.
Bishop of Camden*

Sponsored By



Catholics from throughout the Diocese will participate in
the Procession of Parishes,
and join together in praying the Holy Rosary
to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust
our Special Intentions to her.

We are having a bus leave from St. Peter's Parish

Parking Lot @ 7:30 AM

returning @ approximately 8:00 PM!

Price is \$25.00 per person.

Brown bag your lunch. Short dinner break at an
I-95 Travel Plaza on return trip back to St. Peter's.

Call the Rectory @ 856-663-1373 to reserve your seat.

It's Time to Sign Up for



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

2018 ~ 2019 CLASSES BEGINNING IN OCTOBER

RCIA classes begin on **Thursday, October 11**
@ **7:00 PM** in the Senior Center

Classes will take place **every Thursday** night for one hour
from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM until Easter when the candidates
will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Return
the completed form to the Rectory or give it to one of the
Priests.



Classes begin Thursday, October 11, 2018
7:00 PM in the Senior Center

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

I am a non-Catholic ()

I am a baptized Catholic, but need the following
sacraments:

Holy Eucharist () Confirmation ()
Refresher Course ()

Service Schedule

Extraordinary Ministers for September 15 - 16

5:00 PM	K. Burns, P. Foti, C. Foti, F. Sinatra
7:30 AM	P. Bilinsky, J. Foster, N. Perry, M. Ralbusky
9:00 AM	D. Binder, M. Carlino, J. Dymond, A. Lipenta
10:30 AM	B. Boulger, M. Deluhery, M. Kenney, A. Naidas, C. Petrowsky
7:00 PM	T. Crymes, M. DiPiero, M. O'Callaghan, K. O'Callaghan

Lectors for September 15 - 16

5:00 PM	C. Zia-Sass & R. Curley
7:30 AM	T. Presenza & C. Engine
9:00 AM	O. Rivera & J. Chevere
10:30 AM	M. Pascale & W. Hartman
7:00 PM	A. Marinelli

Altar Servers for September 15 - 16

5:00 PM	Bonaventure McWilliams, Ignatius McWilliams, Dominic Saffioti, Jason Saffioti
7:30 AM	Maria Montes, Sebastian Montes, Michael Ricci, John Wirth
9:00 AM	Joziah Reyes, Justin Schiavo, Nicholas Schiavo, Brian Clemens
10:30 AM	Sebastian DeFeo, Gabe Fowler, Ronan Fowler
7:00 PM	John Paul Dunphy, Anthony Marinelli, Giovanni Marinelli

Altar Servers for the Week of September 17

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday

9:00 AM Justin Schiavo & Nicholas Schiavo

Miraculous Medal Novena

Bella Francesconi & Rachel Rogers

Thursday – Friday – Saturday

9:00 AM Matthew Abate

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER?



Yes, I would like to be an Altar Server
for St. Peter Parish.

Please Print All Information. Thank You!

Name: _____

Grade: _____ School _____
(Must be in 4th Grade through High School)

Home Address

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Information

Home Number: _____

Cell Number: _____

Email
Address: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

New Server Signature

Parents' Signatures

Please place this completed form in the
**Collection Basket on Sunday, return the form to your
Teacher or bring it to the Rectory.**

**ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED
BY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018**

Banns of Marriage



Please pray for all who are entering into the
Holy State of Matrimony especially:

Andrew Norton & Breana Kilpatrick

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Reading I – Isaiah 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

***R.* Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

***R.* Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

***R.* Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

***R.* Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Reading II - James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please, " while you say to the poor one, "Stand there, " or "Sit at my feet, " have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-- that is, "Be opened!" -- And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Remembering 9/11

O God of love, compassion, and healing, look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions, who gather today at this site, the scene of incredible violence and pain. We ask you in your goodness to give eternal light and peace to all who died here -- the heroic first-responders: our fire fighters, police officers, emergency service workers, and Port Authority personnel, along with all the innocent men and women who were victims of this tragedy simply because their work or service brought them here on September 11, 2001.

We ask you, in your compassion to bring healing to those who, because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness. Heal, too, the pain of still-grieving families and all who lost loved ones in this tragedy. Give them strength to continue their lives with courage and hope.

We are mindful as well of those who suffered death, injury, and loss on the same day at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Our hearts are one with theirs as our prayer embraces their pain and suffering.

God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the earth. Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred. God of understanding, overwhelmed by the magnitude of this tragedy, we seek your light and guidance as we confront such terrible events. Grant that those whose lives were spared may live so that the lives lost here may not have been lost in vain.

Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign among nations and in the hearts of all.

Pope Benedict XI -- Prayer at Ground Zero
New York, 20 April 2008