

The Saint

January 2025

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Sunday Services:

8:00am...Traditional Communion

9:30am...Family Communion (livestreamed)

11:00am...Bible History Class with Richard Fifield

6:00pm...Youth & Young Adults

Thursday Services:

6:00pm...Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

3rd Thursday of the First Month of the Quarter

6:00pm,...Healing Service

2nd Friday of every month

Praise Night - 7 pm

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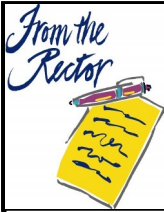
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The Rev., Dr. Richard Gonzalez

Dear church family,

Happy new year!

As we arrive at the New Year, it is customary that we make resolutions, which hopefully will be carried out during the year.

So many times, these resolutions have to do with our physical lives — we resolve to exercise more, build a healthier diet, become more organized, etc.

These resolutions may also involve the mental aspect of our lives — reading more, attending more cultural events, and so forth.

But too often we forget about the spiritual part of our lives.

Our souls need to be tended to, and we need to make sure that we are deepening our relationship with God throughout the entire year.

So, I would like to give you a list of possible spiritual resolutions for this new year.

And hopefully, you will try several of these resolutions throughout the year.

- Read and meditate on a chapter of Scripture a day.
- Read a spiritual book once a month.
- Think practically how to strengthen your marriage, your relationship with your children, grandchildren, friends.
- Make an examination of conscience as you end your day.
- Offer a prayer of blessing/thanksgiving before/after a meal.
- Take time to pray daily with your spouse/ family/friend.
- As an individual or a family, take time once a month to do some form of charitable work like visiting those who are homebound or in a nursing home, do some work for an elderly friend or neighbor, bring food to someone in need, etc.

This is not an exhaustive list, but hopefully, it gives you an idea that the small things done with great love can make a world of difference — both in your life and the lives of others.

Do not try to overdo any of these but build up to doing them on a regular basis.

Enjoy doing these resolutions and see what a blessing they are for you and others.

Let us pray that 2025 will be a year of grace and favor from God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Richard

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2024 Financial Report

(as of October 2024)

YTD Offering \$282,445.87

YTD Expenses \$259,382.34

YTD Balance \$23,065.95

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VESTRY MINUTES, December 10, 2024

Members Present: Father Richard, Jason Buckner, Fred Hutton, Jeff Jennings, Sonia Palmer, Doug Ryan, Jason Ullrich, and Denise Vega

Members Absent:

The meeting came to order at 6:04 PM with a prayer given by Fr. Richard

Minutes: The minutes of the November 2024 meeting were reviewed.

Motion: to accept the minutes of the November 2024 Vestry Meeting minutes. Motion was made by Denise Vega, second by Jason Ullrich, and all approved. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Finance: The financials for November 2024 were reviewed.

Motion: to accept November financials. Motion was made by Jason Ullrich, second by Jason Buckner, and all approved. There being no further discussion, the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business:

New Building for ATA:

Phil will be leasing two buildings and there will be no financial responsibility for SLSP – Wardens will re-write lease for ATA. SLSP is not responsible for any maintenance or repairs of the new or old buildings as follows.

<\$2000 ATA is responsible for any maintenance / repair

>\$2000 ATA and SLSP will split cost 50/50

Pledge Campaign: the giving envelopes have been ordered. These will be distributed this Sunday

Semi-Circle (Driveway): All vegetation will be removed and replaced with concrete. When Jose is available to do the work.

New Business:

Memorial Garden Walkway – Bill Durnick – has already replaced some of the stones but more permanent work will need to be done – when funds are available.

Memorial Garden – Future work - Replaced some of the wood on the island in center of the walk way in the garden.

Gate for Memorial Garden – Vestry voted and unanimously opposed the addition of gate to Memorial garden.

Thank you card / gift card for Bill Durnick for helping out - \$250 (Outback, Tractor Supply, Visa, etc.)

Christmas Trees in the Church – All will be done December 14th.

Pete's Eagle Scout Project – Peter will build a Bench Swing that will be placed in the Memorial Garden

Warden Time:

ERC – is no longer dead. Jason Ullrich signed a POA so that Scott can represent us with the IRS.

Loan payment is due in January.

ACS – they tried to invoice Jason Ullrich for the remainder of the work. Jason asked them to send us signed permits before final payment will be made.

Date for the Annual meeting – Sunday January 26, 2025 – this takes the place of the January vestry meeting

Annual Convention – Delegates chosen were Justin Ortin, Jeff Jennings, and Jason Buckner

Lisa Ortin - Alternate

The next Vestry meeting will take place on Sunday, January 26, 2025 as the Annual meeting.

The meeting ended at 7:09 PM with the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted,
Sonia Palmer, Vestry Member

january

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 C	2	3	4 Fellowship Breakfast 9 am at Fat Boys Restaurant
5 8am Church Service Rite 1 9:30 am Church Service Rite II	6	7	8 Choir practice 6:30pm	9 St. Cloud Cares 9:30am parish Hall Bible Study 6 pm	10 Praise Worship 7pm	11
12 8am Church Service Rite 1 9:30 am Church Service Rite II DOK Meeting 11am	13	14	15 Dig In 5:30pm grilled cheese and soup - 6pm class Choir practice 6:30pm	16 St. Cloud Cares 9:30am parish Hall Bible Study 6 pm	17	18
19 8am Church Service Rite 1 9:30 am Church Service Rite II	20	21	22	23 St. Cloud Cares 9:30am parish Hall Bible Study 6 pm	24	25
26 One Service 9:30 am Parish Annual Meeting after service	27	28	29	30 St. Cloud Cares 9:30am parish Hall Bible Study 6 pm	31	

PRAISE NIGHT!



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, AND PRAISE!

JANUARY 10TH, 7PM-8PM @ ST. LUKE AND ST. PETER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2745 CANOE CREEK ROAD, ST. CLOUD, FL, 34772

IN THE SANCTUARY

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

BRANDON PHELPS AT (407) 301-0735



Our Christmas Dig In was awesome!!! Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by for a visit, we celebrated Jesus' birthday, made Christmas cards to go with all of the blankets going to the nursing home that were collected by the parents of the Preschoolers. And because of them they reached their goal of 50 blankets to donate to the residents.

Such a fun night. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers!

On Christmas Eve we had a Live Nativity with the Children performing. They did a great job.

We pray that everyone has a blessed Christmas!





YOUTH MINISTRY *updates*

Hello everyone! Another month has come and gone, and now we are venturing into a new year! This month the Youth Group didn't have a whole lot because of the craziness of the holiday season, but we did have some fun stuff that we got up to!

The first is that we held our annual Rock the Universe bake sale in December. With close to 15 of our Youth either participating or baking something themselves, and thanks to the generous and giving hearts of our congregation we were able to raise close to \$1,000 towards this event! I speak for the entire Youth Group when I saw how thankful we are for the ever continuing support of this congregation towards this Youth Group and wonderful Youth Ministry.

The other exciting thing that we did was we had our annual Christmas party. We did things a little bit differently this year, meeting up at the church and heading out for lunch, where we then headed over to the St. Cloud Twin to watch Sonic the Hedgehog 3. It was such a fun time getting everyone together, even being joined by two of our former Youth Group members Brayden and Marcelina while they are down visiting for the holidays.

With that also came some very exciting personal news that I have officially finished my certification for Youth Ministry through the Youth Ministry Institute! I will be receiving my certificate in the mail in the next few weeks where I will get up and address the congregation but I once again cannot say how grateful I am to have this church and congregation to call home and thankful I am for everyone that has contributed to this journey and season in whatever way.

This upcoming month we have a bit of a busy one for the Youth Group, we will be doing Rock the Universe on Jan. 24th, followed by the annual meeting on the 26th. With all of that we will be getting back into the normal groove of things with our meetings and fellowship together.

Until the next time!
Brandon Phelps



January 2024



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SAT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
		Youth Group			Praise Night!	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Rock the Universe Deadline			PB&J Outreach, Dinner			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Youth Group			Rock the Universe!	Diocese Convention
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Annual Meeting						



The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) is an order for lay women in the Episcopal Church with the purpose of encouraging and practicing ministries of prayer, service, and evangelism.

Since it is a lay order, members make a lifetime commitment of prayer service and evangelism. Before formal installation, each candidate goes through a three-month course of study.

Daughters of the King meets the first Sunday of every month at 11am. If you are interested in becoming a daughter, call Esther Gonzalez or attend one of our meetings.

Donation Info:

Daughters of the King (DOK) and Families in Transition (FIT)

Boxes are in the church for you to drop off any donations you have for the DOK program for the Homeless and the FIT Program

* FIT program is in need of TRAVEL SIZE - shampoo, lotion and water bottles (8 oz)

Thank you!



Who We Are

OSL is an international, inter-denominational, Christian healing organization. We are made up of healing communities dedicated to offering healing prayer in Jesus' name to all who are in need. We are a Christian community of faith, prayer and service. We are a network of individual believers who come together to learn more about God' healing love and the power of the Holy Spirit to transform lives and bring wholeness. Once trained, we offer healing prayer in our communities. This is our unique mission and ministry.

**We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the First Month of the Quarter
6:00pm, in the Sanctuary.
Please enter through the Narthex (the side doors will be locked)**

Jesus's healing is for today just as much as it was when he walked the earth and performed miracles of healing the sick and disabled. The Bible tells us that "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." ~ Isaiah 53:5.

Jesus can still heal today!



"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven."

- James 5:14-15

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." ~ Isaiah 41:10

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." - Psalm 147:3



Short Prayer for Healing - "Father, help me to keep my focus on You when the pain and hurt are overwhelming. Help me be faithful and see the good and blessings surrounding me. Please strengthen my mind, heart, and body, and heal me today. May the Holy Spirit guide me in peace and comfort. Amen."



St. Cloud Cares gets back to work Thursday (1/9) morning at 9:30 providing some weekend food assistance to area elementary school children.

We wound up before Christmas with 300 food packages distributed to the ten schools.

There are twenty packing days between now and the end of the school year in May. And that's a lot of food to send out.

So your continuing help is needed.

When shopping this week look for:

- *Canned tuna in 5 ounce cans
- *Peanut butter crackers in the multiple item packages
- *Vienna sausages in 5 ounce cans

These are less expensive than most items and generally available in local stores.

Each Sunday bring the food and put it in the container located in the narthex.

If you prefer we do the shopping send a tax deductible check to:
St. Cloud Cares, 2745 Canoe Creek Road, 34772.

Thank you.

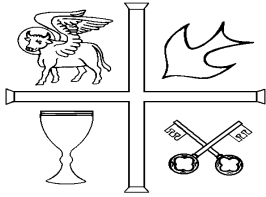


Do you love to sing ?

We are always looking for individuals
That would like to join the Choir.

Please see Mr. Timothy Hearn
if you're interested in learning more about this ministry





St. Luke and St. Peter Church

Playlists on YouTube

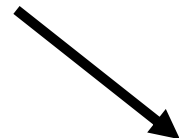


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 **JANUARY**
Birthdays

 **JANUARY**
Anniversaries

1st Pete Buckner
3rd Thelma McGhee
Sonja O'Rourke
10th Morgan Smith
Lyn Dower
11th Pauline Huey
12th Laura Misenti
13th Rev. Dorothy Hunter-Spencer
23rd Parker Reich
25th Linda Mikesell
29th Kaye Hughes
30th James Brickley

12th - Michael & Margaret Hinds

*(If you had/have a Birthday or Anniversary this month and your names aren't here, please contact the office so that I can update your information in our database).
Thank you! Carrie - Office #407-892-3227 or email to slspchurch@gmail.com*

Congratulations To Our Expectant Mothers

Jessica Jackson

Congratulations to Our New Mothers



Prayers of the People

Members of the Parish

Robin Hengels	Sharon Hudson	Betty McBride
Adolfo Figeac	Henry Rohde	Joe Grady
Pat Smith	Miriam Kinard	Craig Russell
John Chambless	Maria Borchers	Carol Woods
Rose Rohde	Marilyn Stempfowski	Judy Kraubetz
Danny Collier	Judy Grinnell	
Esther Gonzalez	Cindy Davis	Gail Hayden
Carole Bock	Inshan Ali	Nerissa Ali
Isabella Ali	Zachary Ali	Lloyd Ranchurejee
Ann Logan	Susan Hill	Maryella Wood
Joyce Albright & Family	Charlene Lackey	Colleen Hutton
Richard P.	Tripp Kessler	Cassie H.
The Weber/Reich Family	Brandt Palmer	Fr. Guy

Family and Friends of the Parish

Richelle Barber	Ivy Trujillo	Nadia Eaddy
Joe Henderson	Niecey	Joan Herbert
Kathleen Randall Marks	Audra Webber	Shemenski Family
Lydia Wirth	Bill & Rochelle Wilner	Barney Browder
Ed Parks	Nicolai Ward	Cleo Miller
Brenda Harrod	Dawn Davis	Cathy Neveu
Dionne Wilson	Kristi Melton	Joanne Lee
Weston Nobles	Robert Ray	Bryant Avedisian
Ruth- Ann	Ralph Sharp	Curtis Hearn
Oraida Lastre	Calvin Leverette	Virginia Vanorskie
Irene Rodriguez	Cathy Moore	Doug Deboy
Drew Payne	Darwin Hedges	Joyce Seaward
Jesse	Ms. Joachim	Emily Kennelly & Family
Joe Nathan	Geraldine Reithmiller	Linda Fischer
Gema Evans	Dionne Wilson	The Kennelly Family
Henry Hearn Jr.	Carol Yanish	Rainey Bell Nunery & Family
Eileen Croucy	Wayne Garland	Glady's Leverette
Nelida Gonzalez	Roger P.	Issac Sabo
Tracie Miller	Craig Coulton	James Chaffee Sr.'s Family
Mellisa Shafer	Yesenia	Sadie & Adalind Chaffee
Italo Victor Brett	Suzanne Petrone	David Grabosky
Louis Chancey	Bryan & Sue Dever	

Our Military Personnel:

Steven Lightsey, Jason Smith, Justin Belford, L.B. Belford, Robert Jordan, Joshua Quinn, John Garland, Jr., Molly Solsbury, Ashli & Richard Africain, Andre Sinclair, Amanda Patton, Taylor Patton, Sammy Martin, Zachary Brady, Nathan Grigsby, Caleb Hayden, Jared Rotunda, Victor Romero and Jaynie.

Homebound Members and Friends

Joanne Welker	Lyn Kirkland
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Expectant Mothers

Jessica Jackson



January

8:00 A.M. SERVERS

DATE	LAY READER	READER	USHERS
1/5	Donna Tafat	Sandra Vassel Jeremiah 31:7-14	Sandra Vassel
1/12	Jon Stevens	George MacArthur Isaiah 43:1-7	Sandra Vassel
1/19	Brandon Phelps	Sandra Vassel Isaiah 62:1-5	Sandra Vassel
1/26	Jon Stevens	Donna Millman Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10	Sandra Vassel

January

9:30 A.M. SERVERS / Christmas Eve

DATE	LAY READERS	ACOLYTES	READER	PRAYER LEADER	USHERS
1/5	Martin Harris	Grace Ullrich Blasé Ullrich	Mike Scibetta Jeremiah 31:7-14	Jason Ullrich	Rene Lewis
1/1 2	Mike Misenti	Kimberly Mi- senti Zoe H.	Laura Misenti Isaiah 43:1-7	Merrielle Buckner	Richard Fifield Kathy Russell
1/1 9	Brian Phelps	Sofia Grady Emily Grady	Jason Buckner Isaiah 62:1-5	Kathy Russell	Roop Chandoo Ken Beckles
1/2 6	Brandon Phelps	Montana Ander- son Lanie Aslan	Justin Orton Nehemiah 8:1- 3,5-6,8-10	Colleen Hutton	Darnley Davis