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PETERSTOWN TEC

Deacon Dan

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The last newsletter from Peterstown TEC was February of 2020. That was a long twenty months ago because of the COVID pandemic, which shut us and the country down to a crawl. It has been tough to go through and forced many of us to change the ways we conducted our lives. But things are getting better and we're looking forward to an upcoming TEC weekend.

The Girls April TEC of 2020 had to be cancelled as were all the TEC weekends since then UNTIL next month, when we will have Girls TEC #219. Our leader is Julie Krzyzek who has been working very hard putting her team together and helping us to bring the TEC program back. Father Ronald Margherio from St. Bede is our Priest for this weekend & we are happy to have him.

We need candidates, so please encourage any girls you might know to sign up as candidates for TEC #219. The deadline to apply is November 29th. The candidates can apply online at Peterstown's website: <https://form.jotform.us/72208530984156>

As we continue to bring our Peterstown TEC program back up to speed, we can think about our central theme for each weekend, "The Paschal Mystery." All of us have to go through some "Good Fridays" in our lives, such as this pandemic, in order to look forward to the chances we get to rise again like Jesus did on Resurrection Sunday.

And we are only a short time away from the season of Advent, which is a "Little Lent," for each of us and is a season focused on preparing for Jesus' first coming. During this season of Advent, may we all grow a little more restless for Heaven and a little more aware of how precious every minute in the meantime truly is!

God Bless,
Deacon Dan O'Connor
Peterstown Spiritual Director

"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart."
-St. Padre Pio

LEAD US LORD

After Peterstown TEC having to cancel TEC #218 in the spring of 2020, we are all looking forward to “rebooting” the TEC movement here at Peterstown, DEC. 4-6, 2021! There are changes in the regular schedule throughout the TEC Weekend to keep everyone safe during the pandemic, and some of them are listed below.

TEC Team #219 will arrive on Friday evening at 7:00p.m. as usual. Set up and other Friday night activities will be followed thru on. Team members will go home at the end of the evening.

Saturday Dec. 4th-Team arrives by 8:00 a.m.

Registration of Candidates 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Welcome in the Conference room 10:00 a.m.

Candidates and team go home at 9:00p.m.

Sunday Dec. 5th-Team arrives by 8:00 a.m.

Candidates arrive before 8:30 a.m.

Candidates to dinner at 4:50 p.m.

Agape dinner at 5:00 p.m.

MASS IN CHURCH WITH TEC COMMUNITY 6:30 p.m.

Evening activities in Church following Mass 7:30 p.m.

Parents and TEC Community leave after activities, and asked to go to gym for writing notes and visiting the TEC STORE.

Candidates and team return home for the rest of the evening at 9:00.

Monday Dec. 6th-Team arrives by 8:00 a.m.

Candidates arrive before 8:30 a.m. and will meet in church for morning prayer service.

Final Mass in church at 3:00 p.m.

Dismissal 4:00 p.m.

There are other parts to the revised schedule but these are the major ones for the Peterstown TEC Community to be aware of. The evenings will wrap up earlier in the evenings so the team and candidates will have the travel time to return home and to arrive back the next morning at an reasonable time. We will not provide evening snacks or morning breakfast so we ask the team and candidates to eat breakfast at home before arriving at Peterstown for the day.

I would like to thank the Peterstown Core Team members, TEC Council members, and all who have been working behind the scenes to get Peterstown TEC ready to offer weekends to the young adults in our area! I ask you to keep Peterstown TEC in your prayers as we look ahead to this important first step back after the pandemic. Peterstown TEC has been around for over 40 years helping participants form a Christian Community with the message of Christ not only brought to mind, but also known to the heart. This is a time for young adults to reflect on those important questions of life. We ask our Heavenly Father to guide us as we proceed with prayerful hearts, cheerful hospitality, and the words only you Lord can provide.

-Lead us Lord-

TEC TEAM #219

GIRLS PETERSTOWN TEC TEAM #219

The TEC #219 Team members have been meeting, previewing reflections, and forming community in preparation for the first Peterstown TEC Weekend since February of 2020. Their last team meeting prior to the weekend is scheduled for Wed. Dec. 1st. There will be no team potluck. Please write the team a wheat letter to let them know what act of WHEAT you are doing for their team in their preparation.

TEC TEAM #219 Team Members:

Lay Leader-Julie Mahoney Krzyzek

Assistant Leaders-Joan Morse and Brenda Vaessen

Peterstown TEC Spiritual Director-Deacon Dan O'Connor

Assistant Spiritual Directors-Phil Grant and Carol McLachlan

Weekend Spiritual Director-Fr. Ron Margherio O.S.B.

Other Team Members-Carly Burke, Diane Carlone, Kris Klieber, Laura Knapp, Patricia Sondgeroth, Jaiden Trone, and Margaret Vaessen.

Please keep them and all potential candidates in your daily prayers!

WHEAT ALL TECites CAN DO!

Not only is your daily prayer and WHEAT letter writing a couple forms of WHEAT the TEC Community can do for TEC #219, you could PURCHASE cookies and bring them to the main kitchen on Saturday morning. Normally TEC is known for home baked cookies however purchased is a safer way to move forward at this time.

You could also attend the Hoot Mass on Sunday evening at 6:30 at St. Peter and Paul Church. Note the time change. The Hoot Mass will also include the Team and Candidates of TEC #219. Yes, another change in the schedule. Other changes have been mentioned previously in this newsletter. There will be no Hoot in the gym, but the gym will be set up after Mass for letter writing as well as the TEC Store set up for you to purchase or order TEC merchandise.

TEC ADVENT EVENING

Save the Date!

Thursday, December 9th, 2021

6:00-7:00 p.m. Central Time

An Advent Evening of Prayer, Music, & Reflection

**In hope, Connecting with
the Peace and Joy of the Season**



To register online go to:

**[https://docs.google.com/forms/
d/1eqFWTayyD0DnXhBZ1aoE4VdYLSxJ3L9mek90InK
aw2w/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1eqFWTayyD0DnXhBZ1aoE4VdYLSxJ3L9mek90InKaw2w/edit)**

**A Zoom link will be provided to registrants
on December 6.**

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

Greetings to all!

Welcome back to a new TEC season! Many changes are being implemented with COVID-19. We still need you all to consider helping out wherever and whenever you can. If you want to bring cookies, they need to be store bought and packaged. Please consider being part of the TEC program. We need committed individuals to step up and accept responsibility for the future of our wonderful community. Contact me at (815) 866-6889 or rossranch92@gmail.com.

God Bless!
Jill Ross

WHEAT WHEAT WE LOVE WHEAT

Remember the feeling of discovering all the WHEAT that had been done in so many ways when you made your first TEC weekend? Well, it's time to pass that feeling on to others. It takes many hands to put on a TEC weekend, and if we have enough hands it makes the work light for everyone.

We ask that TECites serve on a Team prior to doing a Wheat Team. If you'd like to help us with re-igniting lights at Peterstown, please reach out. Applications are greatly appreciated, but an initial phone call or text will work too. If a Team or a Wheat Team won't work at a particular time, we can certainly share other ways for you to do some WHEAT for the program. We need everyone's help to rebuild and keep the Peterstown program strong!!

Keep Passing It On!!!
Brenda Barnickel
Wheat Team Chairman

IMPORTANT DATES

CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT DATES



Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Monday, Nov. 29th-

TEC Candidate completed applications due to Rachael and Brian Sherman in some form (online, picture by text, scan and email, or snail mail)

Wednesday, Dec. 1st-

Last TEC Team #219 Meeting 6:30 p.m. (no pot luck)

December 4-6th-

GIRLS TEC #219 Weekend

Wednesday, Dec. 8th-

Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Sunday, Dec. 12th-

Follow-Up in the Lounge 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25th-

Merry Christmas!

February 26-28th 2022-

BOYS TEC WEEKEND #220

April 2-4th 2022-

GIRLS TEC WEEKEND #221

A Catholic Thanksgiving prayer

Loving God,
who created and sustains the universe,
who loved us all into being
and who gives us every good thing,
we thank you for the blessings
that you bring into our lives.
We thank you for the gift of life itself,
which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.
We thank you for the fresh start of each new day
which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.
And we thank you for our friends, our families,
our neighbors and our coworkers,
whose human love is an image
of your divine care.
Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day
and help us to recognize all the good things
that we have, both large and small.
And magnify our desire to share
what we have with others,
so that they too may be
grateful to you,
Loving God.

Amen.

*This prayer is by [Jesuit Father James Martin](#), author of
"The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything."*

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC# 219 as they prepare for the girls TEC weekend to be held December 4-6.

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. May God grace them with his healing touch and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC website at <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

