

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



## ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### *Parish Bulletin*

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### **MASSES**

*All masses will continue to be live streamed.  
Masks are optional when attending mass.*

Monday - 9:00 am (English)  
Tuesday - 9:00 am (English) & 6:30 pm (Spanish)  
Wednesday - 9:00 am (English)  
First Friday of the Month - 9:00 am (English)  
Saturday - 5:00 pm (Bilingual)  
Sunday - 7:00 am (Spanish), 9:00 am (English) &  
12:00 pm (Spanish)

### **WELCOME!**

What a beautiful place God has provided us here on the shore! Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we are happy to have you. We invite you to browse our website and come visit in person as you find your home within our growing community!

### **MISSION**

We, the members of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, experience our faith as a worldwide community. Through our Baptism in Jesus, we are called to be ministers of the gospel, to become Eucharistic people, and to be people of service through the stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 21st	5:00 PM	† Norma P. Tolentino
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	March 22nd	9:00 AM	(Available)
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	March 23rd	9:00 AM	(Available)
Tuesday	March 24th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	March 25th	9:00 am	† Robert Kenney
Saturday	March 28th	5:00 pm	(Available)
		9:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	March 29th	12:00 PM	(Available)

**Please get in touch with the ushers before mass if you have asked for a Mass Intention to offer the offertory gift during the mass.**



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sun, March 22nd-Eze 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jh 11:1-45**  
**Mon, March 23rd-Dan 13:1-9/Jh 8:1-11**  
**Tues, March 24th-Num 21:4-9/Jh 8:21-30**  
**Wed, March 25th-Isa 7:10-14/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38**  
**Thurs, March 26th-Gen 17:3-9/Jh 8:51-59**  
**Fri, March 27th-Jer 20:10-13/Jh 10:31-42**  
**Sat, March 28th-Eze 37:21-28/Jh 11:45-56**  
**Sun, March 29th-Mttw 21:1-11/Isa 50:4-7/Phili 2:6-11/Mttw 26:14**

## Save the Date

### NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### Eucharist Minister

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 pm - Dawn Erato, Vinney Erato, Colleen Daley

Sunday, March 29th

9:00 am - Jane Regan, Stanley Thompson, Donna Custis, Delores Thompson, Jonathan Garcia

12:00 pm - Pablo Vicente, Celia Cruz, Benjamin Gutierrez,

Yolanda Lucas, Hugo Velaquez

#### Lector

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 pm - Esther Corpus

Sunday, March 29th

9:00 am - Henry Glowiak & John Morrison

#### Altar Servers

Saturday, March 28th

5:00 pm - Daniel P, Benny G, Hayle L, Romeo L, Lily R, Nathalia M, Sulamita, Mr. Lou

Sunday, March 29th

7:00 am - Katerin I, Jenaro S, Maria S, Jose B, Kimbirlyn RV, Amairany S, Lilian I

9:00 am - Roy, Cindy, Nick, Kenna P, Dania P, Mason, Ailyn L, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Kemylandy C, Miguel G, Lilian B, Gabriel G, Jerry EP, Natali EL, Deily A, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, March 31st

6:30 pm - -

### EVENTS & MEETINGS

#### Monday, March 23rd

9:00 am - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

6:00 pm - Hisp Youth Group Meeting (Hall)

6:30 pm - Altar Server Meeting (Church)

7:00 pm - Luz Y Vida Ministry Mtg (Hall)

#### Tuesday, March 24th

9:00 am - Mass

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour

#### Wednesday, March 25th

9:00 am - Mass

#### Thursday, March 26th

6:00 pm - Adoration Nocturna Meeting (McNulty)

6:30 pm - Hisp Youth Group Meeting (Hall)

7:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

#### Friday, March 27th

6:00 pm - Suop Supper (Hall)

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Church)

8:00 pm - Rosary by Marian Ministry (Church)

#### Saturday, March 28th

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

7:00 pm - Hisp Lenten Exercise by Predicadores (Church)

#### Sunday, March 29th

##### Food Sale by Emmaus Women (Outside)

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

10:00 am - Religious Education (McNulty & Library & Hall)

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

5:00 pm - Live Station of the Cross Practice (Outside)

## REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy. Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus. The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death. Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb. With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

## First Reading

- For whom is Ezekiel prophesying?
- What all might the graves represent?
- How do you think Ezekiel felt about proclaiming this to the people?
- What are all the ways the people might have reacted to this prophecy?
- Are there ways this prophecy could have changed how people lived?
- How do you respond to this prophecy?
- What relationship does Jesus seem to have with this family?
- Why do you think the sisters send word to Jesus that Lazarus is ill?
- What does Jesus say will happen?
- Do you think Jesus should go immediately?
- What are the disciples worried about?
- How do the disciples misunderstand Jesus?
- Why do you think Mary doesn't immediately go to greet Jesus?
- What all might Martha be thinking and feeling?
- What does Martha seem to believe about Jesus?
- How does Mary greet Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus weeps?
- In what ways might people react as Jesus commands that the tomb be opened?
- How would you have reacted when Lazarus emerged from the tomb?

## Gospel

- What part of the story most resonates with you? Why?
- Imagine Jesus calling you forth from the tomb
  - What does your tomb represent?
  - How did you become entombed?
  - How does Jesus call you forth?
  - Do you want to come out of your tomb?
- Have your Lenten promises loosened your bonds of sin?

**BAPTISM**

We recommend parents to notify the parish 3 months in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and participate in preparation sessions prior to the celebration of the sacrament. To ensure proper record keeping, our office requires a pre-baptismal form and a copy of the child's birth certificate. Please call the Parish Office to attend the preparation session.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

Are you or someone you know interested in learning about joining the Catholic Church? Please contact Jane & Peter Regan by email at twinoakst@verizon.net or through the office.

**FIRST EUCHARIST**

Preparation sessions for children and parents begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 2nd grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

**CONFIRMATION**

Preparation sessions for children and sponsors begin in the fall. We encourage children to be at least in the 10th grade. Parents must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, parents must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate.

**MATRIMONY**

We recommend couples notify the parish 6 months in advance. Couples must attend preparation sessions. The groom and bride must be registered members of the parish. To ensure the required sacramental record keeping, groom and bride must provide a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal, first communion, and confirmation certificates.

**SICK & HOMEBOUND**

If you know someone who cannot attend mass or desires the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the parish office.

**FUNERAL**

We highly encourage the family to follow up with the funeral home, so the parish office and funeral home can coincide with the most suitable date. We also ask the family to complete and deliver the funeral intake form to the parish office.

**PARISH STAFF**

Pastor - Fr. Michael Imperial  
 Parochial Vicar - Rev. Fr. Stephen Ofori Acheampong  
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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 Friday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**ADORATION**

First Friday of the Month: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
 Every Tuesday: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm (Spa)

**RECONCILIATION**

Every Saturday: 4:00 pm  
 By appointment for other day/time

**MEMBERS OF PPC 2025**

Fr. Micheal Imperial, Pastor

Joanne Boyko (Chair)	John Morrison
Henry Glowiak (Co-Chair)	Mark Eliot Nuckols
Esther Corpus	Vinicio Diaz
Donna Custis	Seberiano Ventura
John Lubniewski	Jack Wagner
Ronald L. McCabe	Jeffrey Barton (Bart)
	Weakley

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF March 17, 2026**

*Thank you*

Collections	March 14-15	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,435.00	\$120,750.48	\$111,000.00
Plate	\$3,181.75	\$115,972.41	\$111,148.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,616.75</b>	<b>\$236,722.89</b>	<b>\$222,148.00</b>



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Ladies Auxiliary welcomes all women to join us each Tuesday, April 7, at 1:00 pm for our monthly meeting. We begin our meetings by praying the Rosary. If you are unable to attend, please pray the Rosary with us wherever you are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month!

The religious education director, Amber Fisher, is looking for anyone interested in possibly teaching CCD for the 2026-2027 CCD year. Please contact Amber as soon as possible if interested for more information.

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Mark Nuckols, our organist and member of the Parish Pastoral Council!



## Knights of Columbus (KOC)

Council 6963

We invite all men of the parish to join!

**Meetings: 1st Thursday Each Month**

**7:00PM**

**Church Social Hall**

Founded in 1882, all members of the Knights of Columbus are guided by principles that built lifelong relationships and empower Catholic men to live their faith and serve their family, parish, community and country.

- Please join as we work together on exciting projects of service and put our faith into action.
- Pray for us as we seek to unite all men of this parish!

We look forward to sharing news about the upcoming events!

LOVEINC ESVA is having a celebration on Sunday, March 22 at the Moose Lodge in Belle Haven.

Presentations will begin at 2:00 pm, Lunch at 1:00 pm for those who have signed up for lunch.

Please come and learn how St. Peters can be a part of a community of churches helping those in need.

Contact Christine Waldenmaier at 757-710-7151 if you have any questions.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Charles Flynn	Bill Taylor	Perkins Family	Patricia O'Donnell	† Matías Félix Juan
Maricela Carmona	Carolina S Brizuela Pérez	Hernan Enrique	Tom & Jan Perkins	† Richard LaMontagne
Maria Ross	Carolyn Love	Caceres	Dot Reynolds	† Ma Concepcion Soto
Melissa Melody	Barbara Hargis	Veronica Natalia	Stacey Reynolds	Quintero
Karen Paglia	Charles Kyles	Chavez	Gerald Bono	Mary Fabricatore
Andrew Pic	Donagh McDonough	Luz Alejandra Bringas	Peter Manfredonia	Victoria Riggin-Bundick
Troy Reynolds	†Martha Martinez Palacios	† Anthony Palio	Robert Manfredonia	Ann Marie Parmenter
Ruth Kiks	Sister Margaret	† C. Shirley Hirsch	Michael Belmoría	Joan Riggin
	† Ines and Juan Manalansan	†Judy Maher	† Shirley Cristian	
	† Remy Manalansan	† Steven J. Hughes	† Norma Tolentino	
		† Willie Z, Rocés	† Wesley E Hughes, Jr	

*If you would like to add or remove someone from our prayer list, please feel free to send us an email at [StPeterOnley@gmail.com](mailto:StPeterOnley@gmail.com)*

**In Memory of Brother Knights**

Trent Serini	George Faustino	Ron Kromer	Don Williams	Al Grez
Terry Mullins	Steve Beshak	Paul Braunstein	Joseph M. Kelly	James Kimidy
George O'Brien	Frank Conway	Bruce Paone	H Bruce Arnold	John Kauffman
Harry Cockey	Peter Setaro	Charles Moscatello, Sr.	John Remis	Domenic Sollitto
Ted Warczynski	Dennis Caccioppo	Paul Kennedy	John Chrzanowski	Jack Pierson
Tom Hirsch	Bob Storherr	Richard Hugh McCarthy	Gregory Coleman	Tomas Elis Skeel
Joe Paranzino	Paul Sulik	Arthur Matthews, Jr.	Gordon Muise	Henry Willke
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