

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



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 28th	5:00 PM	(L) Thanks giving for Life
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	March 29th	9:00 AM	(Available)
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	March 30th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Tuesday	March 31st	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	April 1st	9:00 am	† Robert Kenney
Saturday	April 4th	5:00 pm	† Wellington Burtan Death Annv.
		9:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	April 5th	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 29th-Mttw 21:1-11/Isa 50:4-7/Phili 2:6-11/Mttw 26:14
Mon, March 30th-Isa 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tues, March 31st-Isa 49:1-6/Jh 13:21-33
Wed, April 1st-Isa 50:4-9/Mttw 26:14-25
Thurs, April 2nd-Exo 12:1-8/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jh 13:1-15
Fri, April 3rd-Isa 52:13/Heb 4:14-16/Jh 18:1
Sat, April 4th-Please Go to USCCB website
Sun, April 5th-Acts 10:34/Col 3:1-4/Jh 20:1-9

Save the Date

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, April 4th

7:30 pm - Sarah Coleman, Milania Gabriel, Alva Miguel, Giselle Reyes, Daris Vasquez

Sunday, April 5th

9:00 am - Donna Custis, Delores Thompson, Judy Manning, Stanley Thompson, Jonathen Garcia

12:00 pm - Lorenzo Alvarado, Yurivia Martinez, Elder Isidro,

Angelica Zuniga, Karina Isidro

Lector

Saturday, April 4th

5:00 pm - Youth

Sunday, April 5th

9:00 am - Youth

Altar Servers

Saturday, April 4th

5:00 pm - Dalia LJ, Yulissa E, Arianny P, Perla V, Madelyn E, Larry MC, Danny MC, Mr. Lou & Mr. Ben

Sunday, April 5th

7:00 am - Kimberly VV, Ashley VV, Brisa PM, Thania EM MC, Nahomy G, Amairany SS, Jose B

9:00 am - Holly, Benny G, George B, Roy P, Nathalia M, Nick SC, Sulamita G, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Arturo B, LARRY H, Jerry E, Cindy BV, Henry H, Natali E, Keylandy C, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, April 7th

6:30 pm - -

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, March 30th

NO MASS

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

6:00 pm - Chrism Mass in Richmond

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

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

Tuesday, March 31st

NO MASS

Wednesday, April 1st

9:00 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Mass

Thursday, April 2nd

7:00 pm - Mass

Friday, April 3rd

2:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Church)

3:00 pm - Veneration of the Lord (Church)

5:30 pm - Live Stations of the Cross (Outside)

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

Saturday, April 4th

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

7:30 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

Sunday, April 5th

Food Sale by Emmaus Men (Outside)

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

8:30 am - Hisp Usher Mtg (Library)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

1:00 pm - Easter Egg Hunt

3:00 pm - Hisp Baptism Class (Narthex)

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy. In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father. Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28) While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death. Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today. There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

First Reading

- What might the two disciples be thinking as they carry out Jesus' instructions?
- How does the quotation from Zephaniah make Jesus seem?
- How do you imagine the people acting?
- What expectations do you think people have of Jesus?
- How does the city react?
- What do the crowds call Jesus?
- How well do people seem to understand Jesus?
- How do the supernatural events affect your impression of Jesus' crucifixion?
- Why do you think Jesus shouts, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- How do people seem to treat Jesus?
- What might the centurion and other soldiers think of Jesus?
- What do you think it's like for the soldiers to experience their sudden change of heart?
- What might the women be thinking and feeling during all of this?
- Where are Jesus' male disciples?

Gospel

- When have you welcomed Jesus?
- When has Jesus shaken or unnerved you?
- When do we use the word *hosanna*? Why do you think we use the word in this way?
- How might Jesus have acted differently during his Passion?
- What do you think helped Jesus to persevere?
- Through what must you persevere?
- How does the story of Jesus' Passion and death affect you?

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
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Esther Corpus	Vinicio Diaz
Donna Custis	Seberiano Ventura
John Lubniewski	Jack Wagner
Ronald L. McCabe	Jeffrey Barton (Bart)
	Weakley

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF March 24, 2026

*Thank
 you*

Collections	March 21-22	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,810.00	\$123,560.48	\$114,000.00
Plate	\$3,577.24	\$119,549.65	\$114,152.00
Total	\$6,387.24	\$243,110.13	\$228,152.00

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 1st Tuesday of the month!

The Ladies Auxiliary is sponsoring a card/game party on April 21st from 11:00am-2:00pm.

Tickets are \$15 and will go on sale the weekend of April 11/12. Lunch is included. Hope you can join us for this fun event.

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.



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!

The Knights of Columbus meeting will be canceled this April 2, but will be rescheduled on April 9 at 7:00 pm.



The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6.

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

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
Winfred Lee Lankford	Laurence Hanratty	Carl Volanoski	Fred Chemi	John Tyson
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