

THIRD 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 - 4:00 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 7th	4:00 PM	† Claudia Johnson, † Brian Daley
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	March 8th	9:00 AM	† Marisa Gianneli
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	March 9th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Tuesday	March 10th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	March 11th	9:00 am	(Available)
Saturday	March 14th	4:00 pm	† Holy Souls in Purgatory
		9:00 AM	† Marie Johnson, † Marie Johnson
Sunday	March 15th	12:00 PM	(Available)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, March 8th-Exo 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2/Jn 4:5-42
Mon, March 9th-2 Kin 5:1-15/Lk 4:24-30
Tues, March 10th-Dan 3:25/Mttw 18:21-35
Wed, March 11th-Deu 4:1/Mttw 5:17-19
Thurs, March 12th-Jere 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Fri, March 13th-Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Sat, March 14th-Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Sun, March 15th-1 Sam 16:6-7/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

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.

Save the Date

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, March 14th

4:00 pm - Milania Gabriel, Daris Vasques, Elder Isidro

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 am - Donna Custis, Delores Thompson, Stanley Thompson, Jane Regan, Alva Miguel

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

Lector

Saturday, March 14th

4:00 pm - Mary Catherine Langley

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 am - Elaine Brehm & Maria Hrubes

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 14th

4:00 pm - Lilian BP, Lily Rose, Nick SC, Gabriel Gomez, Miguel Gomez, Mr. Lou

Sunday, March 15th

7:00 am - Perla V, Katerin RI, Lilian RI, Kenna LP, Dania LP

9:00 am - Georges Broyles, Hayle Lopez, Romeo Lopez, Keylandy Chavez, Yuridia Ventura, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Arturo MB, Jose Bravo, Larry Hernandez, Yulissa Escalante, Henry Hernandez, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, March 17th

6:30 pm - Lilian BP, Benny Garcia, Perla Velasquez, Cindy BV, Kim Ruiz V, Mr. Ben

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, March 9th

9:00 am - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

6:00 pm - Mass - CCD 1st Communion

6:00 pm - Hisp EM Mtg (Hall)

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

Tuesday, March 10th

9:00 am - Mass

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour

6:30 pm - Food Sale

Wednesday, March 11th

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday, March 12th

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

Friday, March 13th

6:00 pm - Suop Supper (Hall)

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

Saturday, March 14th

11:00 pm - Mass - CCD Confirmation

4:00 pm - Mass

5:00 pm - Reconciliation

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

Sunday, March 15th

Food Sale By Hisp. Hisp Choir

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

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

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

6:30 pm - Cleanup

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jesus reveals himself to the Samaritan woman at the well.

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle. In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law. The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands." Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come. The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship. After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him. The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people. The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

First Reading

- Where are the Israelites?
- Where are the Israelites coming from?
- How have things changed for the people?
- What might life have been like after Egypt?
- What are the people feeling? Why?
- What might God be "feeling?"
- What might Moses be feeling?
- What exactly does God tell Moses to do?
- What is the significance of the staff?
- What is life like for the woman?
- What all could the living water be?
- What is the controversy about true worship?
- How do the disciples react?
- How do the disciples misunderstand Jesus?
- What all is the harvest?
- In what ways are these harvests gathered?
- How does the woman slowly grow in her understanding of Jesus?
- What might the woman feel during all of this?
- How does the woman change?
- Why do the Samaritans go to Jesus?
- How do these villagers experience Jesus as the savior?
- What are all the boundaries that are broken?

Gospel

- Do your feelings toward God change from one experience to the next?
- Have you been thankful one moment only to complain later?
- How have you misunderstood Jesus?
- What stages have you gone through in your own faith journey?

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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	Weakley

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF March 5, 2026

*Thank
you*

Collections	Feb 28 - Mar. 1	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$3,915.00	\$114,177.48	\$105,000.00
Plate	\$4,223.01	\$109,806.66	\$105,140.00
Total	\$8,138.01	\$223,984.14	\$210,140.00



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Ladies Auxiliary welcomes all women to join us on Tuesday, March 3, at 1:45 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 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Ladies Auxiliary asks the Parish to especially pray for all women during Lent. The Stations of the Cross invite us to reflect on how women were essential to the ministry of Jesus and integral in the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. Over the next three weeks, we ask that you especially focus on three Stations of the Cross”

Fourth Station: Jesus Meets His Afflicted Mother”

Sixth Station: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

Eighth Station: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

What are our answers to these questions?

“Would I have been present with these women as Jesus passed by?

“Today, where does Jesus see me?”



The Knight of Columbus Council #6963 is looking for good men to join our council, please contact Henry Glowiak at 757-787-3250 or 302-258-4734 or email at capthank2001@yahoo.com.

We are now receiving donations for Easter Lilies. You may place your donation in your own envelope labeled Easter Lilies, or take a flower donation envelope found on the usher table. Please take donations to the office. Thank you in advance.

Station of the Cross Schedule

6:00 pm - Soup Supper

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross starting every Friday, Feb. 20 through March 27.

Then we end on April 3 with the live Station of the Cross at 5:30 pm.

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
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	† Ines and Juan Manalansan	†Judy Maher	† Shirley Cristian	
	† Remy Manalansan	† Steven J. Hughes	† Norma Tolentino	
		† Willie Z, Roces	† 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
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