

THE FIRST 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 - 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

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| Saturday | March 8th | 4:00 PM | † Helen McDonough |
| Sunday | March 9th | 9:00 AM | † Andra Franciso, † Maximo Rodriguez, † Saura Luna, † Juan Gabriel |
| | | 12:00 PM | (Available) |
| Monday | March 10th | 9:00 AM | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | March 11th | 9:00 AM | (Available) |
| Wednesday | March 12th | 9:00 am | (Available) |
| Saturday | March 15th | 4:00 pm | † Mary Volz |
| Sunday | March 16th | 9:00 AM | † Mary Volz |
| | | 12:00 PM | † Magarita MesaRomos |



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, March 9 -Deu 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Mon, March 10 -Lev 19:1-2/Mttw 25:31-46

Tues, March 11 -Isa 55:10-11/Mttw 6:7-15

Wed, March 12 -Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thurs, March 13 -Est 14-16/Mttw 7:7-12

Fri, March 14 -Eze 18:21-28/Mttw 5:20-26

Sat, March 15 -Deu 26:16-19/Mttw 5:43-48

Sun, March 16 -Gen 15:5-12/Phili 3:17/Lk 9:28-36

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 15th
4:00 pm - Teri Daley

Sunday, March 16th
9:00 am - Donna Custis & Jane Regan

12:00 pm - Irene Ambrocio, Milania Grabiell, Pablo

Lector

Saturday, March 15th
4:00 pm - Esther Corpus

Sunday, March 16th
9:00 am - Joey Chamberlin & Chris Siminsky

Altar Servers

Saturday, March 15th
4:00 pm - Daniel P, Hayle L, Roemo L, Nathalia M, Cindy V, Mr. Lou

Sunday, March 16th
9:00 am - Iries C, Danny C, Larry C, Deily A, Aiden L, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Perla V, Brisa M, Lary H, Jose B, Natalia M, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, March 18th
6:30 pm - Eymi E, Cindy V, Kenna P, Perla V, Keylandy C, Mr. Ben

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, March 10th

9:00 - Funeral Mass
12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)
1:00 pm - Mass (eng)

Tuesday, March 11th

9:00 am - Mass
9:45 pm - Lent Reconciliation
1:45 pm - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg (Hall)
5:00 pm - Lent Reconciliation
6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour (Spanish)
8:30 pm - Lent Reconciliation

Wednesday, March 12th

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday, March 13th

6:30 pm - Youth mtg Mtg (Hall)

Friday, March 14th

6:00 pm - Meatless Soup Supper (Hall)
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross (Church)
8:00 pm - Emmaus Men mtg (Hall)

Saturday, March 15th

All Day - In-Service Traning
8:00 am - Charismatic Ministry Prayer & Fasting (Hall)
4:00 pm - Reconciliation
5:00 pm - Mass
6:00 pm - CCD = Rehearsal (Church)
6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)
9:00 pm - Emmaus Women Vigil (Hall)

Sunday, March 16th

Charismatics Anniversary @ Mary N Smith
9:00 am - Mass (Eng)
10:00 am - Confessions (McNulty)
10:00 am - Religious Education
10:30 am - Children's Ministry
12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness. This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading

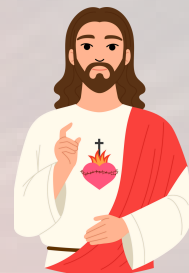
- Imagine that you are carrying the basket.
 - What's in the basket?
 - What do you do with the basket?
 - What do you say?
 - Who is with you?
 - How do you feel about this ritual?
 - What do you do next?
- Do you think Jesus wants to go to the desert?
- What do you think it's like in the desert?
- How do you imagine the devil approaching Jesus and talking with him?
- Discuss each temptation.
 - What seems acceptable about each one?
 - What seems wrong?
- How does the story end?

Gospel

- How is this ritual like our own Eucharistic celebration?
- What should you bring before God?
- What should you bring someone else?
- What are the biggest temptations you face?
- When are you most likely to be tempted?
- How might Jesus respond to the various things that tempt you?
- What happens when you yield to whatever tempts you?
- What happens when you resist such lures?

The Twelve Promises of Jesus to those devoted to His Sacred Heart

- 1) I will give them all the graces necessary for their state of life.
- 2) I will establish peace in their homes.
- 3) I will comfort them in their trials.
- 4) I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
- 5) I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
- 6) Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
- 7) Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
- 8) Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
- 9) I will bless every place in which an Image of My Heart is exposed and honored.
- 10) I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
- 11) Those who shall promote this devotion will have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
- 12) I promise you in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays of nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in My disgrace, nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Sacred Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



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
Business Manager - Consuelo Gonzalez
Office Secretary - Giselle Reyes Hernandez
Bookkeeper - Lucille Parker

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 4, 2025

| Collections | March 1-2 | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Envelopes | \$4,899.00 | \$102,252.00 | \$105,000.00 |
| Plate | \$4,025.95 | \$108,257.03 | \$97,604.00 |
| Total | \$8,924.95 | \$210,509.03 | \$202,604.00 |

*Thank
You*



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Starting on March 15, 2025, the Bilingual Masses on Saturdays will begin at 5 pm.

The Ladies Auxiliary meeting has been postponed to March 11, 2025 at 1:45 pm in the church hall.

Congrats to 2nd place - Aron Diaz and 1st place Yasmin for winning the raffle by Hispanic Chorus.

On Monday, March 10, 2025, the mass for 9:00 am has been canceled due to a funeral mass that will be held for Ms. Penny Dowell at 1 pm.

At the Narthex there are sticky notes to write your hopes and prayers.,which will be read during each mass.

JUST_US_ONCE AGAIN...

Well over 10 years ago a small group of singers known as the "Just Us Singers" banded together to travel to all the Nursing and Rehab Centers along the Eastern Shore. They performed 4 programs a year at 6 locations. These programs were highly anticipated by all of the residents who have seen us perform in the past. Unfortunately, when Covid arrived it put an end to our program. We are now reaching out to recruit singers to bring this program back to life. If you're looking for something rewarding and heartwarming to give back to the community and like to sing (everyone does)! then by all means come join us. We either rehearse or perform on the selected day which has yet to be determined. My name is Joe Ficchi and I can be reached at 757-694-7311 if you have any questions. We are also in need of a keyboard player to assist us on this journey, if anyone knows someone willing to assist us by all means let me know. We thank you in advance for bringing joy to all the residents of these facilities.

This weekend we are conducting the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal - Sharing His love with Others. The appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish such as Fuel an Hunger Fund grants and youth and young adult ministry.

Thank you to all who participated in the preparation and serving of the Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm.

It was a huge success!
Special thanks to the Women's Emmaus for all their hard work and contributions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE SPECIAL INTENTIONS

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| 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 Riggini-Bundick |
| Troy Reynolds | † Martha Martinez Palacios | † Anthony Palio | Robert Manfredonia | Steve Bendick |
| Ruth Kiks | Bryan Daffin | † C. Shirley Hirsch | Michael Belmorla | Ann Marie Parmenter |
| + WESLEY E. | Janiszewski Michael | † Judy Maher | † Shirley Cristian | Joan Riggini |
| HUGHES, JR. | Sister Margaret | | | |

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

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| Trent Serini | George Faustino | Ron Kromer | Don Williams | Al Grez | Winfred Lee Lankford |
| Terry Mullins | Steve Beshak | Paul Braunstein | Joseph M. Kelly | James Kimidy | Laurence Hanratty |
| George O'Brien | Frank Conway | Bruce Paone | H Bruce Arnold | John Kauffman | Carl Volanoski |
| Harry Cockey | Peter Setaro | Charles Moscatello, Sr. | John Remis | Domenic Sollitto | Fred Chemi |
| Ted Warczynski | Dennis Caccioppo | Paul Kennedy | John Chrzanowski | Jack Pierson | John Tyson |
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| Joe Paranzino | Paul Sulik | Arthur Matthews, Jr. | Gordon Muise | Henry Willke | |

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