

# 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 - 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	February 21st	4:00 PM	(Available)
		7:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	February 22nd	9:00 AM	† Luise Josph Fichi
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	February 23rd	9:00 AM	(Available)
Tuesday	February 24th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	February 25th	9:00 am	(Available)
Saturday	February 28th	4:00 pm	† Robert Glynn Savage, † Claudia Webb
		9:00 AM	(Available)
Sunday	March 1st	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, February 22nd-Gen 2:7-9/Rom 5:12-19/Mttw 4:1-11**  
**Mon, February 23rd-Lev 19:1-2/Mttw 25:31-46**  
**Tues, February 24th-Isa 55:10-11/Mttw 6:7-15**  
**Wed, February 25th-Jo 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32**  
**Thurs, February 26th-Es 14-16/Mttw 7:7-12**  
**Fri, February 27th-Eze 18:21-28/Mttw 5:20-26**  
**Sat, February 28th-Deu 26:16-19/Mttw 5:43-48**  
**Sun, March 1st-Gen 12:1-4/2 Tim 1:8-10/Mttw 17:1-9**

## Save the Date

### NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### Eucharist Minister

Saturday, February 28th

4:00 pm - Judy Manning, Colleen Daley, Dawn Erato

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 am - Delores Thompson, Stanley Thompson, Henry Glowiak, Alva Miguel, Jane Regan

12:00 pm - David Perez, Irene Ambrosio, Darias Vasquez,

Giselle Reyes, Ingrid Vasquez

#### Lector

Saturday, February 28th

4:00 pm - Esther Corpus

Sunday, March 1st

9:00 am - Henry Glowiak & Valeria Arizmendi

#### Altar Servers

Saturday, February 28th

4:00 pm - George B, Holly S, Sulamita G, Benny G, Lily R, Mr. Lou

Sunday, March 1st

7:00 am - Amairany SS, Jenaro S, Maria IS, Jose J. VB

9:00 am - Perla V, Arturo MB, Cindy BV, Yuridid V, Arianny PR, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Yulissa E, Madelyn E, Deily A, Darel FG, Gabriel G, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:30 pm - Keylandy Chavez, Lilian B Perez, Cindy B Velasquez, Araiza Tomas, Mr. Ben

### EVENTS & MEETINGS

#### Monday, February 23rd

9:00 am - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

6:00 pm - Mass for CCD

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

#### Tuesday, February 24th

9:00 am - Mass

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour

6:30 pm - Food Sale

#### Wednesday, February 25th

9:00 am - Mass

#### Thursday, February 26th

6:30 pm - Youth Group Mtg (Hall)

#### Friday, February 27th

6:00 pm - Suop Supper (Hall)

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

#### Saturday, February 28th

7:00 am - Parish Cleanup + Mulch (Outside)

4:00 pm - Mass

5:00 pm - Reconciliation

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

#### Sunday, March 1st

**Food Sale By Charismatics**

7:00 am - Mass (Spa)

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

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

10:30 am - Children's Ministry

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

3:00 pm - Hisp RCIA Class (McNulty)

4:00 pm - Emmaus MEN Mtg (Hall)

7:30 pm - Cleanup

## REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture. The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted. Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call 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; God alone is God.

## First Reading

- What is the man's connection to the earth?
- How does the man relate to God?
- What is life like in the garden?
- What thoughts and feelings pop into your mind when you hear the word serpent?
- How is the serpent cunning?
- What does the serpent say will happen if the people eat from the forbidden tree?
- What do you think the man is doing while the serpent talks with the woman?
- Why do you think the people eat that fruit?
- What are all the things that change for the man and woman after they eat?
- What do you think Jesus feels as he heads out into the desert?
- How do you imagine the desert?
- Do you think it's hard for Jesus to fast?
- Why do you think the devil approaches Jesus when he does?
- Why do you think the devil tempts Jesus?
- Discuss each temptation.
  - What seems acceptable about each one?
  - What seems wrong about each one?
  - Do you find one harder to resist than the others?
- What all might Jesus feel as he faces the devil?
- Where does the devil go?

## Gospel

- How does this story help you reflect on your choices and relationships?
- What temptations do you face?
- How do temptations sneak up on you?
- How do some sinful things appear good?
- Reflect on a time you struggled mightily against a temptation and resisted it.

**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  
 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 February 18, 2026**

*Thank you*

<b>Collections</b>	<b>Feb 14-15</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>YTD Budget</b>
Envelopes	<b>\$3,891.00</b>	\$107,823.48	\$99,000.00
Plate	<b>\$4,353.00</b>	\$102,623.67	\$99,132.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,244.00</b>	\$210,447.15	\$198,138.00



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



We are now receiving donations for Easter lilies. You can give your donation to Sandy Paulhus or the office.

The Ladies Auxiliary is looking for good women to join our council. Please get in touch with Teri Scharf at (703) 401-7752 or by email at [terischarf@icloud.com](mailto:terischarf@icloud.com).

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The Ladies Auxiliary welcomes all women to join us. We meet this Tuesday at 1:45 pm. Please look in this space each week to learn more about the Ladies Auxiliary.

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.

Social Ministry is very grateful for a \$10,000 grant from the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund. In this cold weather, heating bills have been very high and this money will benefit many in our community.

**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 Belmoria	Joan Riggin
	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](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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