

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



ST PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 30, 2025



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 - 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 29th	5:00 PM	† Mary Volz
Sunday	March 30th	9:00 AM	† Miguel Samayoa, † Erminia Samayoa, † Erudeli Samayoa, † Arcar Samayoa
		12:00 PM	(Available)
Monday	March 31th	9:00 AM	† Ercole F. Herbert
Tuesday	April 1st	9:00 AM	† Ercole F Herbert
Wednesday	April 2nd	9:00 am	† Ercole F Herbert
Friday	April 4th	9:00 am	† Ercole F Herbert
Saturday	April 5th	5:00 pm	(Available)
		9:00 AM	† Pompilie & Carmela, † Alberico
Sunday	April 6th	12:00 PM	Nardone † Ercole F Herbert

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, March 30 - Jos 5:10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3
Mon, March 31 - Isa 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tues, April 1 - Eze 47:1-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wed, April 2 - Isa 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs, April 3 - Exo 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Fri, April 4 - Wis 2:12-22/Jn 7:1-2
Sat, April 5 - Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Sun, April 6 - Eze 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharist Minister

Saturday, April 5th

5:00 pm - Colleen Daley

Sunday, April 6th

9:00 am - Sarah Coleman & Mary Wardius

12:00 pm - Giselle, Hugo, Arturo Morales

Lector

Saturday, April 5th

5:00 pm -

Sunday, April 6th

9:00 am -

Altar Servers

Saturday, April 5th

5:00 pm - Daniel P, Hayle L, Roemo L, Nick SC, Mason S, Mr. Lou

Sunday, April 6th

9:00 am - Leslie V, Benny G, Sulamita G, Roy P, Kevin G, Mr. Lou

12:00 pm - Perla V, Natali EL, Lilian P, Thania V, Arianny P, Mr. Ben

Tuesday, April 8th

6:30 pm - Kimberly V, Ashley V, Daner P, Henry P, Heidi R, Mr. Ben

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, March 31th

9:00 - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

Tuesday, April 1st

9:00 am - Mass

1:45 pm - Ladies Auxiliary Mtg (Hall)

6:30 pm - Mass & Holy Hour (Spanish)

6:30 pm - Food Sale (Outside)

Wednesday, April 2nd

All Day - CCD Confirmation Event Prep (McNulty)

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday, April 3rd

All Day - CCD Confirmation Event Prep (McNulty)

6:30 pm - Nights of Columbus Mtg (Hall)

Friday, April 4th

All Day - CCD Confirmation Event Prep (McNulty)

9:00 am - Mass & Adoration

6:00 pm - Meatless Soup Supper (Hall)

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

8:00 pm - Confirmation Set-up (Church)

Saturday, April 5th

All Day - CCD Confirmation Event (McNulty)

11:00 am - Confirmation Mass

11:00 am - Confirmation Reception (Hall)

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

Sunday, March 6th

9:00 am - Mass (Eng)

10:00 am - Religious Education Mtg (McNulty)

10:30 am - Children's Ministry

12:00 pm - Mass (Spa)

3:00 pm - Matrimonio Class (Narthex)

4:00 pm - Emmaus Men Mtg (Hall)

Jesus teaches about forgiveness in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is unique to the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has been teaching the crowds as he journeys to Jerusalem. As he teaches, the Pharisees and scribes complain and challenge Jesus because he is welcoming sinners at his table. Today we hear the third of three parables that Jesus tells in response to his critics. These three familiar parables—the lost sheep, the lost coin, and today's parable of the prodigal son—invite us to consider the depth of God's mercy and love. The Pharisees taught a scrupulous observance of Jewish Law. In their interpretation and practice, observant Jews who shared table fellowship with sinners would be made unclean. Like Jesus, the Pharisees hoped to lead sinners back to God. The Pharisees, however, required that sinners first become ritually clean—observant of the Pharisees' interpretation of Jewish Law—before sharing table fellowship. This appears to be one of the major differences between the Pharisees and Jesus. Jesus reaches out to sinners while they are still sinners, inviting them to conversion through fellowship with him. Jesus is God acting among us; by befriending us, he is inviting us to return to friendship with God. Through friendship with Jesus, our sins are forgiven and we, in turn, bear fruit for God. Recall last Sunday's Gospel and the barren fig tree. Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father. First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being. The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father. We find no surprise in the anger of the older son. Yet the father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love. The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading

Imagine you're an Israelite.

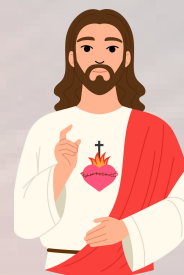
- What do you know about what happened to your ancestors in Egypt and how they were freed?
 - What do you believe about the God who did those things in Egypt?
 - What has your life been like without a homeland?
 - What all are you thinking and feeling as you celebrate Passover?
 - What are other people saying?
 - How is the food different?
 - What are you leaving behind?
 - What are you looking forward to?
 - How do you feel about the future that awaits you?
 - For what all do you pray?
- Imagine you're one of the people in the parable.*
- What are the other people like?
 - What is life like on the estate?
 - Describe what happens. What do you see, hear, smell, etc.?
 - What expectations do you have?
 - What all do you say and do as the story unfolds?
 - What all do you think?
 - What do you feel throughout the story?
 - Why did you choose to be the person you did?

Gospel

- How does this passage help you reflect on significant times of transition in your own life?
- How does this parable challenge you?
- How does this parable help you examine your relationships with others?
- What, if anything, should you do now?

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 25, 2025

Collections	March 22-23	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$2,578.00	\$111,242.00	\$114,000.00
Plate	\$2,484.51	\$116,157.03	\$105,968.00
Total	\$5,062.51	\$227,399.03	\$219,968.00

*Thank
You*



ANNOUNCEMENTS



St. Peter's Migrant Ministry urgently needs winter weight sweatshirts/pants, especially medium and large size, clean socks, flannel shirts, sweaters, hoodies, jeans and khaki pants size up to 38 waist, and blankets/comforters for 20 men who have arrived on the Eastern Shore to prepare tomato fields for planting. More workers are expected in the next two weeks. Please bring donations to the office or the hall or call Kathy at 757 678-7102 or Donna at 757 442-5708 for pick-up. Thank you.



We are currently receiving donations for this year's easter lilies. Stop by during office hours to leave your donation.

Social Ministries has a client in need of furniture. If you have a bed, table, plus chairs, or any cabinets or dressers to donate, please call Christine Waldenmaier at (757) 710-7151 or leave a message in the parish office.

If you would like to send a card to Ann Scott, there will be a card that you can sign at the Narthex.

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

Please Join the St Peters Walk For Life Team on May 3 at Onley Baptism Church at 8:45 am. Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer after MASS. For more information, call Christine Waldenmaier.

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	Steve Bendick
Ruth Kiks	Bryan Daffin	† C. Shirley Hirsch	Michael Belmorla	Ann Marie Parmenter
+ WESLEY E.	Janiszewski Michael	†Judy Maher	† Shirley Cristian	Joan Riggin
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

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
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