

THE FIFTH 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 - 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	April 5th	5:00 PM	(Available)
Sunday	April 6th	9:00 AM	† Pompilie & Carmela, † Alberico Nardone
		12:00 PM	† Ercle F Herbert, (L) Familia Alonso Jose
Monday	April 7th	9:00 AM	† Ercle F. Herbert † Wellington Burton † Valeria Antao
Tuesday	April 8th	9:00 AM	(Available)
Wednesday	April 9th	9:00 am	† Susan Peterson
Saturday	April 12th	5:00 pm	(Available)
Sunday	April 13th	9:00 AM	† Guy Eugene
		12:00 PM	(L) Arianey Perez Roblero

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, April 12th

5:00 pm - Irene Ambrocio

Sunday, April 13th

9:00 am - Mary Wardius & Jane Regan

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

Lector

Saturday, April 12th

5:00 pm -

Sunday, April 13th

9:00 am -

Altar Servers

Saturday, April 12th

5:00 pm - Daniel P, Benny G., Aiden, Hayle L, Romeo I, Mason S., Sulamita, Mr. Lou

Sunday, April 13th

9:00 am - Roy, Jenaro, Cindy, Nathalia M, Kenna P, Amairany S, Vanessa L, Mr. Lou

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

Tuesday, April 15th

6:30 pm - , Mr. Ben



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun, April 6 -Eze 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Mon, April 7 -Dan 13:1-9/Jn 8:12-20

Tues, April 8 -Num 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wed, April 9 -Dan 3:14-20/Jn 8:31-42

Thurs, April 10 -Gen 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fri, April 11 -Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Sat, April 12 -Eze 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sun, April 13 -Lk 19:28-40/Isa 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14

EVENTS & MEETINGS

Monday, April 7th

9:00 am - Mass

12:00 pm - AA Mtg (Hall)

Tuesday, April 8th

9:00 am - Mass

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

Wednesday, April 9th

9:00 am - Mass

Thursday, April 10th

6:30 pm - Youth Group Mtg (Hall)

Friday, April 11th

6:00 pm - Meatless Soup Supper (Hall)

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

8:00 pm - Emmaus Men Mtg (Hall)

Saturday, April 12th

8:00 am - Charismatic Ministry Prayer & Fasting (Hall)

4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass

6:30 pm - Charismatics (Hall)

Sunday, March 13th

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 does not condemn the woman caught in adultery.

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery. In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death. In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus. Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in [Mark 12:13-17](#). Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus. Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See [Luke 18:9-14](#)). Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

REFLECTING THIS SUNDAY'S

READINGS:

First Reading

- What has God done for his people?
- What do these past events reveal about God?
- What are all the new things God promises to do?
- When will these things happen?
- How might people have responded?
- How might the prophet have felt?

Imagine you're a bystander in this story. These questions invite reflection from the bystander's perspective, but you might prefer to imagine that you're a Pharisee, the woman, etc.

- Describe your surroundings. What all do you see, hear, smell, etc.?
- What are the people around you saying and doing?
- What, if anything, are you saying and doing?
- What has Jesus been saying?
- In what manner do the scribes and Pharisees arrive? How do they seem to you?
- Do you know the woman?
- How does the woman seem to you?
- How do the people around you react?
- What, if anything, do you expect Jesus to do?
- What runs through your mind when Jesus says who should throw the first stone?
- How do the other people in the story react to Jesus' words?
- What does Jesus do as the crowd disperses?
- How do Jesus and the woman interact with one another?
- Do you ever talk with the woman?
- How do you feel about what's happened?

Gospel

- In what ways has God prepared a path for you?
- When have you hesitated to follow God?
- When have you eagerly followed God?
- What does this story leave you thinking about?
- What action does this story invite you to take?

*"O lord, make this
Lenten season
different from the
other ones. Let me
find you again.
Amen."*

—Henri Nouwen

*"As Lent is the time
for greater love, listen to
Jesus' thirst... 'Repent
and believe.'"*

—Blessed Teresa
of Calcutta

*"Whoever wishes
to be my follower must
deny his very self, take
up the cross each day,
and follow in my steps."*

—Luke 9:23

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)
- Henry Glowiak (Co-Chair)
- Esther Corpus
- Donna Custis
- John Lubniewski
- Ronald L. McCabe
- John Morrison
- Mark Eliot Nuckols
- Vinicio Diaz
- Seberiano Ventura
- Jack Wagner
- Jeffrey Barton (Bart) Weakley

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF April 3, 2025

Collections	March 29-30	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Envelopes	\$3,517.00	\$114,759.00	\$117,000.00
Plate	\$2,918.00	\$119,075.03	\$108,756.00
Total	\$6,435.00	\$233,834.03	\$225,756.00

*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.

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 or Angelica Zuniga.

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 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

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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