

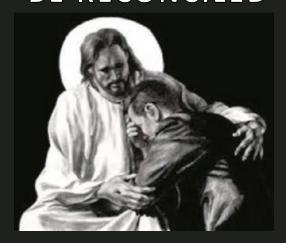
THIRD WEEK OF LENT

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Bishop Malloy

Has issued a canonical dispensation from our Lenten obligation to abstain from eating meat next Friday, March 17th. Enjoy the corned beef Everyone!

BE RECONCILED



Sacrament of Reconciliation

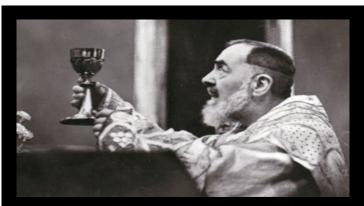
Saturdays from 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm Fridays from 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm Wednesday, March 29th 9:00 am - 11:00 am, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm





We are so please to welcome **Dennis and Teresa Wille**Into our parish family!

In order to serve you better, we kindly ask that all members be registered. Simply call the Parish Office at 815-675-2288 or visit us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org



"Every Holy Mass, heard with devotion, produces in our souls marvelous effects, abundant spiritual and material graces which we ourselves do not know. It is easier for the earth to exist without the sun, than without the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass."

~ St. Padre Pio (1887-1968) ~

On March 2nd
Angels presented **Jeff Rietschel's soul**to God the Most High



In Christian charity, ask our Blessed Mother to console Kathy and their entire family during this difficult time, and to strengthen their hope in God's lasting goodness.

Eternal rest grant unto Jeff, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of the Samaritan woman – to rush out, and proclaim what we have seen, that by our testimony and our belief, others may know Christ.

Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what He speaks and the beauty of what He proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

Preparing Hearts for Easter Joy

Lent is the Church's gift to us to help prepare our hearts for Easter by purifying our hearts, opening up to love, and putting love into action.

Purifying our hearts: Every heart yearns for love, yet only God's love can truly satisfy that yearning. The goal of Lenten penance is to purify ourselves of whatever blocks us from God's love or closes our heart to others. This can include excessive social media, materialism, gossip, or sinful habits like lust or deceit. From what does your heart need to detach so there's room for God and others?

Opening up to love: Mother Teresa wrote, "Have you seen...how [Jesus] looks at you with love?... Have you heard the loving words He speaks to you?" Strive to know God's heart. Seek Him, not just His gifts. Only by receiving God's love first, beginning with prayer, can we share it with others.

Put love in action: "Even as I have loved you... you also love one another" (John 13:34). God commands us to love as we've been loved – because we are loved. Find small, doable ways to serve during Lent. Commit to a Work of Mercy (Corporal or Spiritual). Practice patience. Give the gift of listening. True joy at Easter comes from loving Christ and imitating Him. Strive to do this throughout the rest of Lent and beyond.



EASTER HOLIDAY BULLETIN SUBMISSION

ALL ARTICLES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOON

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND (PALM SUNDAY)

ARTICLES DUE: SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH

BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH (EASTER SUNDAY)

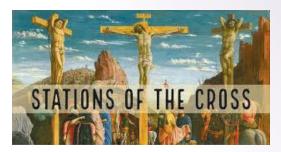
ARTICLES DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST



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Starting at
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CONSIDER EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT TO ATTEND THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SPIRITUALLY WALK WITH JESUS AS HE WALKS

"THE WAY OF CROSS"



The Stations of the Cross or the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way), or simply the Way of the Cross has been a popular devotion among Catholics for many generations. The stations follow the path of Christ from Pilate's praetorium to the tomb.

Join Deacon Mark as he leads us in praying The Stations of the Cross, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Church every Friday during Lent. At the same time, Fr. Joe will be available to hear confessions.



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Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from March 12th through March 25th for † **Stanley J. Stack** &

† Christine C. Wiedemann

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch.

Jesus, be with them all, especially:

Deanna Adducci Diana Kattner Gina Adducci Ronald Klein Anna Boettjer Loman Kubista Debra Cooke Rich Lecropane Deacon Eugene Damian Caroline Madson Sandy Devine Deb & Bob Maliszewski Carol Flatley Earl Miller James Formeller Fr. Thomas Moran Julia Francis Norma Moretti Donald Gagnon Carol Nellessen Gail Gagnon Kelan James Nicholson Mikey Galloway Jim Nowicki Glenn Geske Jeanette Padien Lvnn Geske John Paleka Ann Marie Gillespie Donna Polanek Anthony Hodnik Betty Rygiel Patricia Hodnik Debbie Schaff **Brian Hoskins** Jacob Shapiro Patti Jindra Nicole Spatz David Thomas Edward Johnson Richard Yager Lee Jones, Sr. Ann Kattner Jodi Zaremba

If you know someone who is sick and asking for prayer, but they are not registered members of our parish family, please allow us to solicit support for them by adding their names to our Prayer Chain Ministry. Just visit StPeterCatholicChurch.org and after clicking where it reads CONTACT US, simply follow the directions under PRAYER REQUEST.

- 1. What is the difference between a hippo and a Zippo?
- 2. What is the angriest nut?
- 3. If rubber comes from a rubber tree, and sugar comes from sugarcanes, where do eggs come from?

(answers found on page 6)



FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 3/11 - 3/19/2023

For

The Mass	
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CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat	4 pm	†	Betty Bendiola		
Sun	7 am	†	Ann Kretchmer		
	9 am	†	Juan Beltrandy		
	11 am	†	John P. Rygiel		
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.					
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Tues	8 am	†	Richard Seil	
Wed	8 am	†	Rita Chinni	
Thur	8 am	†	Conrad Otsuka	
Fri	8 am	†	Dana Brandstetter	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.

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Sat	4 pm	†	Colton Lazzeroni
Sun	7 am	†	Robert Zalazinski
	9 am		Four Intentions (SVdP)
	11 am	†	Stanley J. Stack & Christine C. Wiedemann



"Jesus, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?" The answer is really so simple. Love God and love people. Start there and finish there! But I realize that can make people stressed and anxious. In fact, there was a prophet in the Old Testament named Micah and he was stressed. He was

like, "God, I want to do whatever You ask me to do, but what exactly do You want? Gold and silver? Should I give You thousands of rams or bulls in sacrifice? Do you want my firstborn? And God said something like, "Whoa, whoa, whoa. Calm down! You've been told what is good and what is required of you! Three things only: Do what is right. Love justice and walk humbly with your God.""

It really is so simple. Love God and love others. Start there and finish there. We don't need to complicate it. We just need to do it.

~ Fr. Mike Schmitz ~

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers	
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT				
Saturday 3/11 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Heather Justen	Chad Franckowiak Denise Wahls	
Sunday 3/12 7:00 am	Eleanor Murphy	Cyndee Wehrheim	Shaun Gosselin Scott Hastings	
9:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Jeff Miller	
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Deacon Mark	Tom Fanella John Ellicson	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (REJOICE)

Saturday 3/18 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Deacon Mark	Phil Webb George Gemberling
Sunday 3/19 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Eddie Wells	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Jean Hlavin	Chad Franckowiak Larry Hauser
11:00 am	Joanne Prato	Marge Ladner	Zach Rygiel Rich Yager

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

March 12th - Third Sunday of Lent

Thomas Gough, Jacqui Wold, Steve Besetzny & Maria Sullivan

March 19th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Nancy Piggot, Don Piggot, Kathleen Van Ella & Mary Seil

How to Dispose of Blessed Objects

In today's society, many things are disposable. However, we Catholics must remember that religious objects, blessed for sacred use, need to be treated with special care if they break or become worn and are no longer useable. The basic rule for disposing such items is to burn or bury them. As far back as the 1800's, the Vatican issued

various determinations concerning this issue. Here are a few examples: A chalice which becomes

"unserviceable" is not to be sold, but must be used for some other sacred purpose or melted. Vestments, altar



cloths and linens must be destroyed. Polluted or excess holy water must be poured into the ground. Palms are to be burned and the ashes then used for distribution of Ash Wednesday or returned to the ground. A broken rosary or religious statue needs to be buried. In all, the underlying idea is that what has been dedicated to God should be returned to God. Remember to never "throw out" what has been dedicated to the Lord, but always cherish and venerated blessed objects with piety and when necessary, dispose of them properly.

CATHOLIC

The Messiah Before You

If you would have asked me on the morning of my confirmation what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you they were about the same as getting water from a stone.

My faith was fragile at this time in my life, primarily because I viewed it as exactly that — my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. And I hadn't done the things I thought I needed to do in order to be the kind of Christian who knows the truth and lives it. I was waiting to be made stronger. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation.

Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, standing around talking about the coming of the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unawares that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell what she had seen.

When I was anointed with the oil it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that I was convinced encased my heart — God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian — and never will, in this life — I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's probably best not to second-guess Him.

"We boast in the glory of God... and hope does not disappoint." Romans 5:2-5

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT

As parishioners of St. Peter's Catholic Church, we strive to imitate Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship, love and service.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 12th

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- SPWM Diaper Drive Collection
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

Monday, March 13th

- Faith Formation Class Grades 1, 3 &4 5:00 pm
- Faith Formation Class Grade 5 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 14th

• K of C Business Meeting - Parish Hall - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm

Thursday, March 16th

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 17th - St. Patrick's Day

- Soup & Salad Supper Parish Hall 6:00 pm
- Stations of the Cross with Confessions offered 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 18th

- Church Cleaning 9:00 am
- Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am
- Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner/Bingo After 4:00 Mass

Sunday, March 19th

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

A man took his young son to a baseball game. While they were sitting there, he asked the boy what he was going to give up for Lent. The boy



replied, "I don't know, Dad. What are you going to give up?" His father said, "I've thought about this a lot and decided to give up liquor."

Later in the game, the beer man came by and the man ordered a beer. His son objected, "Hey, I thought you were giving up liquor!" His dad answered, "Hard liquor, son. I'm giving up hard liquor. This is just a beer." To which the boy replied, "Well then, I'm giving up hard candy."

Last week, Deacon Mark dropped a tub of margarine on his foot and it still hurts! He can't believe it's not butter.

A Pirate walks into a bar with a piece of paper towel under his hat. The bartender asks, "What's that all about? And the pirate says, "Argh. There be a bounty on me head!"

Answers

- 1. One is a little lighter.
- 2. Pissed achio
- 3. Poul trees





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MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling (815) 675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

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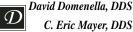


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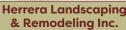
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