



**ST. PETER'S PARISH
ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

1st Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2010

Pastor: Father Joe Vayalil
Deacon: Bob Birch
Sacristan: Richard Sutton
Secretary: Josephene Kealey

Welcome to everyone, parishioners, newcomers and visitors to St. Peter's Parish. We encourage the *active* participation of all in the prayer and song of our community worship.

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

To promote the love and compassion that Jesus Christ showed to all people, of every creed, with a special emphasis on the needs of the poor and the underprivileged.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. --- fulfills Sunday Obligation
Sundays at 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of every month: Mass at 10:30 a.m. only

REGULAR WEEKDAY MASSES:

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

No Mass on Mondays.

No Mass on a Tuesday after a long weekend holiday.

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER MEETING:

MONDAYS at 7:00 p.m.

CENACLE PRAYER:

THURSDAYS from 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

ADORATION:

FIRST FRIDAYS from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: 20 minutes before weekend Masses.

No appointment necessary.

BAPTISMS: 4:15 p.m. on Saturdays

10:30 a.m. on Sundays

No Baptisms on last weekend of the month as it is our parish monthly socials: **October to June.**

For more information kindly call our office at 613-733-1553.

MARRIAGES: Kindly give us at least 6 months notice.

A Marriage Preparation Course is required after the Pastor's approval.

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5:00 p.m. Mass – George Assing

9:30 a.m. Mass – Jay Hunt

11:30 a.m. Mass – Michael Murray

Ministry of Communion Coordinators

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday, February 28, Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. only. During the month of February and March during Lent, our monthly parish social will NOT be held until Sunday, April 25th, 2010.

2. COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN AND MISSIONARY WORK: On February 20-21, 2010, the First Sunday of Lent, a special collection will be taken up for Diocesan and Missionary Works. This collection enables the Archdiocese of Ottawa to respond to requests for assistance from various groups.

3. MASS WITH RITE OF WELCOMING for students attending Prince of Peace School for the Enrolment Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation will be held Sunday, February 28 at 10:30 a.m. Mass and Sunday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. Mass.

4. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: A pyx is a small container which is used to bring the Eucharist to those who are sick. Individuals can, after discussion with the pastor, be given a pyx to bring Communion to a sick relative or friend who cannot join us for Mass. Therefore, the Archdiocese has asked for stricter guidelines in the distribution of pyxs. We are asking that all those with pyxs please meet with Father Joe prior to receiving the Eucharist at Mass. All pyxs in our parish will be marked with a special identification and will be signed out. As well, anyone who has permission to receive the Eucharist in a pyx from another parish can no longer receive the Eucharist in a pyx at our parish. You must receive only in the parish where you have obtained permission. We thank you for your understanding!

7. EASTER VIGIL: The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil is the greatest celebration of the Church year. The celebration takes place at night. Please note that Archbishop Prendergast has asked that all parishes begin the Easter Vigil NO earlier than 8:00 p.m.

8. HOLY WEEK AT ST. PETER'S PARISH:
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Service: 3:00 p.m.

Saturday Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. only

MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 20

5:00 p.m. Mass

- No intention requested

Sunday, February 21

9:30 a.m. Mass

- In honour of Padre Pio (by Carmela Filice)

11:30 a.m. Mass

- Thanksgiving Mass in honour of St. Jude, Mary Mother of God & God the Father, for blessings & graces received the past year (by a Parishioner & Family)

- For Peter Wilson + (by the Wilson Family)

Tuesday, February 23

9:30 a.m. Children's Mass

Wednesday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Mass

Thursday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Mass

Friday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass

- In honour of St. Jude
(by a Parishioner & Family)

PARISH CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation)

Confessions every Saturday 20 minutes before Mass, and on Sunday 20 minutes before Mass.
Everyone is welcome, no appointments necessary.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Parents who attend Mass here at St. Peter's and whose children attend school elsewhere need to approach the priest to prepare for their children's 1st Eucharist. Children in grades two or who are seven years old are admitted to the 1st Eucharist. These children will celebrate their first Holy Communion during Easter time. They need to prepare for it beginning next month; the priest will supply guidelines.

Collections

February 14: \$1335.50

Please pray for God's healing:

Rachelle Carroll, Lise Martin, Tim Dooling, Anna Karolewicz, Louise Jarvis, Fr. Bob Bedard.

Please send an e-mail to our office if you know of someone who is sick and needs to be prayed for:

stpeters@inbox.com

Archbishop's Lenten Letter 2010

"THE WORD IS NEAR ON YOUR LIPS, IN YOUR HEART"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Lent is about each Christian's call to renew the death to sin and rising to newness of life with Christ that took place when he or she was baptized.

We do this as we accompany, in prayer and with other gestures of support the "Elect", who will celebrate the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The first Lenten preface describes well this season of grace, praising God for personal transformation: "As we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ, you bring the image of your Son to perfection within us".

This Lent consider ways to develop a spiritual union with Jesus. Of course, we do have some practices in common. The Church asks us to fast on Ash Wednesday, to mark the beginning of our pilgrimage with Christ, and again on Good Friday, in gratitude for Jesus' death on the Cross out of love for us and to take away our sins. To remind us of this, Fridays throughout the year are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety. This Lent, I recommend we make an effort to practice again abstinence from meat on Fridays in memory of the Lord's Passion.

We are encouraged to make sacrifices—of our own choosing—on the weekdays of Lent. When we cut back on food or other legitimate pleasures, we are encouraged to give the money saved to benefit the poor. We should always remember this and, whenever we good we do for the poor, this principle should underlie our efforts to alleviate poverty and suffering. Through its special oversight committee the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops intends that every activity of Development and Peace be informed by this vision.

A traditional act of Lenten piety is that of a making good confession. This is a grace that our priests wish to share with you in this "Year of the Priest", which recalls the confessional ministry of St. Jean-Marie Vianney, a most extraordinary physician of souls.

Finally, I recommend to you the practice of Lectio divina, a process of prayerful reading and reflection. Your prayerful reading may focus on the Lenten Mass readings of each Sunday or of each day's Mass. Meditating on Scripture offers a rich spiritual discipline for personal growth. Blessed Lent!

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Terrence Prendergast, S.J.
Archbishop of Ottawa

SUNDAY REFLECTION

First Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 --- Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Psalms: 91 --- A prayer for God's protection

Romans 10: 8-13 --- Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

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. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision and having reached the point of us, Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty. There is a prayer that we say in which we ask for God's help to resist temptations in our lives. We say "Lead us not into temptation." What is the prayer in which we say this? The Lord's Prayer. As we begin our Lenten journey together, can we at Saint Peter's ask ourselves what this means for us? How can we make this Lent an opportunity for us to grow closer to God and to each other?



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In your kindness,
please remember St. Peter's Parish
in your bequests and wills. If anyone
wishes to make such a bequest in their
Will, the following clause may be included
or added to a will or added by codicil:

*"I give devise and bequeath the sum
of \$..... to St. Peter's Parish,
Ottawa, to be used for the benefit of
the Parish and its pastoral works."*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

AN INVITATION: If you are visiting our church today,
know that we are honored by your presence.
Our parish serves the needs of the community in many
different ways. We offer preparation for sacraments,
children's liturgy, social activities, assistance to those in
difficulty, and comfort to the sick and those who mourn a
loss. If we can be of service to you, do not hesitate to call
on us.