



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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 7, 2010**

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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.

**PARISH ADDRESS:** 1640 Heatherington Road  
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**SCHOOL:** Prince of Peace School (613) 731-4733  
(Elementary School – Kindergarten to Grade 6)



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**Liturgy Committee**

Fr. Joe Vayalil

Deacon Bob Birch

Richard Sutton – Liturgy

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**Lectors' Leaders**

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**

Mike and Lisa Birch

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. CONFIRMATIONS ON TRINITY SUNDAY FOR GRADES 6-8:

Archbishop Prendergast invites children in grades 6, 7, and 8 to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Notre Dame Cathedral on Trinity Sunday, May 30, at the noon Mass. All candidates will have registered at their respective parish and have received the appropriate preparation there. Parishes are to send the names and all necessary info for the preparation of the register to Annmarie at Pastoral Services (613-738-5025, ext. 217; [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)) no later than Friday, April 23. A form for parish use is available on our website <http://www.archottawa.ca> under Pastoral Services.

### 2. CONFIRMATIONS ON PENTECOST SUNDAY FOR GRADE 9-ADULTS:

Archbishop Prendergast invites interested adult and secondary school age candidates to receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Notre Dame Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, at the noon Mass. All candidates will have registered at their respective parish and have received the appropriate preparation there. Parishes are to send names and all necessary info for the preparation of the register to Annmarie at Pastoral Services (613-738-5025, ext. 217; [abrown@ArchOttawa.ca](mailto:abrown@ArchOttawa.ca)) no later than Friday, April 16.

**3. PARISH CONFESSIONS (Sacrament of Reconciliation):** Confessions every Saturday 20 minutes before Mass, and on Sunday 20 minutes before Mass.

**4. 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.

## MASS INTENTIONS & CHURCH SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 6

**5:00 p.m. Mass**

- For Gaetano Stagnitta + (by the Romano Family)

Sunday, March 7

**9:30 a.m. Mass**

**11:30 a.m. Mass**

Monday, March 8

**No Mass**

Tuesday, March 9

**9:30 a.m. Children's Mass**

Wednesday, March 10

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Thursday, March 11

**8:30 a.m. Mass**

Friday, March 12

**8:30 a.m.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Monday, March 29 - St. Peter's Church**

7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Two priests available for individual Confessions

**Tuesday, March 30 - Notre Dame Cathedral**

7:30 p.m. Archdiocese of Ottawa Chrism Mass

All are invited to attend

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 1 - St. Peter's Church**

7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until 9:30 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, April 2 - St. Peter's Church**

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Word Service

**EASTER VIGIL, April 3 - St. Peter's Church**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 4 - St. Peter's Church**

10:30 a.m. Mass *only*

### Collections

**February 28**

Total Haiti Relief: \$1776.16

Dio-missionary Work: \$404.25

Parish Offering: \$1330.00

**Please pray for the following:**

Father Gerald Gahagan, 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

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**VATICAN CARDINAL TO SPEAK AT CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH 2ND ANNUAL 'MEET THE MOVEMENT' GALA:** *The Catholic Faith: Why is it worth passing on?* With His Eminence William Joseph Cardinal Levada, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Monday, March 8. Mass with Cardinal Levada, Notre Dame Cathedral, at 4:30 p.m. (All are invited to the Mass). Dinner at Westin Hotel, 6:45 p.m. Tickets: \$125/person; \$60 tax receipt. Info: (613-736-1999); (ottawamtm@cco.ca).

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Hosted by Holy Cross Parish (685 Walkley Rd.) on Friday, March 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The Republic of Cameroon will be highlighted. All are welcome.

**SAINT PATRICK BASILICA'S ADULT FAITH SERIES:** Fr. Martin Hilbert, a priest of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, will preach 3 days of Lenten exercises on Sunday March 7 (9:30 & 11:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. – Latin – Masses); 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8 and Tuesday, March 9. Info: 613-233-1125.

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**SUNDAY REFLECTION**

***Third Sunday of Lent***

**First Reading:** Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

God speaks to Moses from the burning bush and sends him to the Israelites.

**Psalm 103**

A prayer in praise of God's mercy

**Second Reading:** 1Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12

Paul teaches that the Scriptures were written to set an example for us.

**Gospel:** Luke 13: 1-9

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable. We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us? This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us. He chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an even clearer picture of the kind of mercy that God shows to us. How long do I wait before responding to the call of God, the call of conscience? What consolation can a Christian offer in the face of innocent suffering? We pray for openness to learn from the words of Christ. We pray for generosity in living out the gospel.



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**BEQUESTS AND WILLS:**

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.