

YEAR OF SACRAMENTS

ONE WORD AT A TIME

Repair

In the Sacrament of Penance, the priest offers what is called a "penance," usually a prayer or action. It is nothing severe or difficult to do. But don't think that it is of little importance. In fact, it's very important.

The penance is a small way to begin to **repair** the damage of sin. We confess our sins, and we receive absolution, the forgiveness of those sins. Still, the residue or consequences of sin remain. If we have been unjust or unkind, we need to repair the damage. If we have succumbed to habits that diminish us, we need to repair the damage. If we have ignored the needs of others, we need to repair the damage. The penance reminds us that a converted and forgiven heart will claim responsibility and then move forward. The penance may be a short prayer or a small action, but do not underestimate its value.

[Pope Francis's Vision of Healing and Communion](#)

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Jesus remained in the desert for forty days

First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2015



Reforming Our Lives and Conquering Temptations

We are given another opportunity in this holy season of Lent to reform our lives. Lent is a moment of grace which gives us an opportunity to renew our baptismal promises. During this holy season we are invited to make a personal reflection on where we stand as Christians, how we have been faithful in fulfilling what we promised when we were baptized and confirmed, and how well we are accepting the Gospel challenges in thought, word and deed. It is also a time for us to assess our relationships with our family, friends, working colleagues and the other people we encounter, especially in our parish. We should examine what positive contributions we are able to make to other people's lives and what more can we do in order to help the growth and prosperity of our community.

What do we have to do during Lent? We are invited to change our hearts. In order to change the outer aspects of our lives, we must first change the inner attitude of our minds. Change requires the substituting of new habits for old ones. The change of heart can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer. Some of the things we can do during lent include: setting aside some part of my day for personal prayer; setting aside some money that I might spend on myself for meals, entertainment or clothes and giving it to the poor or to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; abstaining from evil addictions; receiving the sacrament of reconciliation in Lent, visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness and mercy every day during Lent.

We are also invited to follow the example of Jesus in conquering temptations. Jesus was tempted as we are but he was able to resist temptations. Jesus identified himself with us; He was like us in all things, except sin. Because He Himself has been through temptations, Jesus understands us and is able to help us. Hence, we can approach Him with confidence, knowing that we can draw from the fountain of His love and mercy all the graces we need. As we struggle with different kinds of temptations in our lives, let us ask Jesus to give us the strength and the graces to conquer them as He did.

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Lector's Schedule

Feb 21 @ 4:00 pm – R. Sikora

Feb 22 @ 8:30 am – B. Randall/N. Bell

Feb 22 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ c. Juarez

Feb 28 @ 4:00 pm – L. Rummage

Mar 1 @ 8:30 pm – Lavioris Howard/ J. Maslanka/ J. Jamison

Mar 1 @ 5:00 pm - Y. Lejeune/ C. Juarez

Mar 7 @ 4:00 pm – M. Talaski

Mar 8 @ 8:30 am – J. Maslanka/B. Taylor/N. Bell

Mar 8 @ 5: 00 pm - Y. Lejeune/C. Juarez



Welcome to everyone who worships with us, whether visitor, long-time resident or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered at SS. Peter & Paul Parish, or are registered and need to make changes, please fill out the form on the table at the back of the church. Include your name address and phone number.

YOUTH MINISTER NEEDED

Interested in working with the future of the parish? To enrich and grow our youth ministry, SS. Peter and Paul is searching for leaders to help direct our youth program. The youth ministers will have the support of both the Liturgical Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. Interested candidates should contact the rectory at 773.785.1200 or Sandra Spaulding at 773.896.6888. SS. Peter and Paul is currently hosting training for Vicariate VI parishes getting started in Youth Ministry. These sessions will be every other Tuesday starting February 24, at the Social Center between 6:30pm and 8:30pm.

PARISH NEWS

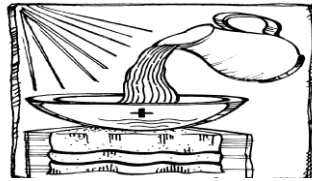
UPDATE ON TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS: To Teach who Christ Is Campaign is well under way. This campaign aims to help parishes with integral needs, as well as provide a strong foundation for Catholic education and faith formation across the Archdiocese. It is exciting to know that 60% of all funds raised will stay right here at Saints Peter and Paul. We will use this portion to make necessary repairs and improvements at the parish, including renovating the bathrooms to make them handicap-accessible, replacing the gutters, and painting the interior and exterior of the church. In the coming weeks, the following members of the Campaign Executive Committee who are volunteers from the parish, Larry Campbell (Chairperson), Eva Sturgies, Betty Taylor, Dr. Donald A. Pettis, Beulah Reed, Sandra E.S. Spaulding, Barnetta Pointer and Karl Goss will speak to you on my behalf about the campaign needs and ask for your support. In case you have not received a letter from Fr. Honoratus which requests you to support this campaign please call the rectory. The good news is that we have already received 92% of the pledges toward our goal. Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this campaign.

LENTEN FASTING REGULATIONS: 1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. 2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's need, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 7

Joanne Slowik

February 16

Don DalSanto

February 20

David Donohue

February 23

Phil Laskey

February 28

Matthew Donohue

Happy Anniversary

February 21

Don and Diane DalSanto

The Catholic Community of SS. Peter and Paul Church is dedicated to nurturing Christ's love among God's people. Our Mission is the mission of Jesus Christ as stewards of God's Gifts, we strive to fulfill His plan by exercising our rights and responsibilities.



We are committed to:

Living God's Word in our lives providing for education in faith to our members sharing our faith with others, and serving our sisters and brothers. Through our participation in prayer, the Eucharist and the Sacraments, we express our unity in Christ.



Patricia Baylock, Jean Bosak, Thomas Burkhart, Gayle Campbell, Larry Campbell, June Carlson, Jim Carter, Debra Coursey, Arlene Cuprisin, Frank Dabrowski, Robert Davis, Kathe Dulinskas, Bettie Edwards, Wally and Kathy Eggert, Greg Fusco, Mary Granberry, Fr. John Harvey, Margaret Hillyard, Jozefa, Kathryn Kalloway, Andrew Knoell, Robert Koppers, Adeline Korsak, Pam Miller, Edmund Mitchell, Opis Murray, Chuck Napoli, Jim Paul, Tanis Pedretti, Jeanne Peredna, Rick Riley, Louise Rummage, Elizabeth Sanders, Julia Schade, Dolores Scott, Deborah Sharbak, Barbara Talaski, Steve Tolnai, Herman Vallo, Dan and Susan Vicario, Gloria Violante, Madeline Wellard

Please contact the rectory when you need to add/remove a loved one from the Prayer List.

Remember to pray for the deceased especially Paul Goss, Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/ Ps 19:8-10, 15/ Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/ Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/ Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/ Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/ Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/ Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/ Ps 130:1-8/ Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/ Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/ Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 116:10, 15-19/ Rom 8:31b-34/ Mk 9:2-10



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, February 22, 2015 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am – +Jasper and Florence Garritano - Linda

5:00 pm – Deceased Members of SS Peter and Paul– People of the Parish

Monday, February 23, 2015 - St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

6:45am –Religious Men and Women – People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 24, 2015

6:45 am- For the Victims of Violence – People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

6:45 am – For the Homebound – People of the Parish

Thursday, February 26, 2015

6:45 am – For the Terminally Ill – People of the Parish

Friday, February 27, 2015

6:45 am – Special intentions – The People of the Parish

Saturday, Vigil, February 28, 2015

4:00 pm – For the Intentions of Pope Francis - People of the Parish

Sunday, March 1, 2015 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am- +Charles Jensen - The Napoli Family

5:00 pm – +Frank and Dolores Hlinka - Bob Koppers and Family

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the Living and Deceased Members of SSPP

There are still many available dates for Mass intentions in 2015. Please call the rectory if you need to request for Mass intentions.

**First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2015**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— *Psalm 25:4*



- **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions):** 30 minutes before every weekend Mass and other times by appointment
- **MARRIAGES:** **MUST** contact the Parish at least four months in advance and **MUST** participate in the (Pre-Cana)
- **BAPTISMS:** Arranged in advance. Please contact the Parish for additional information
- **SICK CALLS/COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND:** Contact the Parish immediately **773-785-1200**
- **FUNERALS:** Please contact the Rectory prior to making any arrangements
- **MOVING:** Please notify the Rectory as soon as possible so Parish records can be updated

Weekly Collections

STEWARDING GOD'S GIFTS

We are always grateful to the trust given through the weekly offerings may God continue to bless us with prosperity.

Offerings - \$2,429.00

Weekly Budget - \$2,771.78

If you are unable to attend Mass, we remind you to either mail in your offering or drop your envelope in the basket next time you are present at Mass. Thank you.

UPCOMING SECOND OFFERINGS

March 1 - Monthly Sacrifice

March 15 - Aid for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your many gifts. "The gifts build the church and the builder provides the gifts." (Eph 4:7) It is never too early to plan for the future. Please remember Sts. Peter and Paul Church in your will.