



# Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent

## MASS INTENTIONS

Edward Harmon

## FLOWERS

*Cathy Mason from the Bessette & Gody Families*

## ❖ PARISH NOTES

I wonder if Luke had tongue in cheek when he wrote the conclusion to his description of John the Baptist. Luke recounts John's less than diplomatic practice of calling his audience a bunch of snakes and his allegation that they were no more pious than a pile of rocks. He tells us that John demanded that people empty their closets for the poor and quit their most lucrative and self-aggrandizing practices. He went on to tell them that the world was about to be judged by its maker. Luke closes that extraordinary scene saying that all this was typical of how John preached the "good news." John is describing what metanoia entails. Metanoia is repentance or conversion. It is an attitude that turns the world's values inside out. Metanoia is an approach to life that both hopes and works for the time when things will be as God created them to be. John was pointing out what that looks like in action. This brings us to the message of this Sunday's combination of readings. Where John pointed to the sort of behavior that prepares the way for God's coming, Zephaniah proclaims that God is overjoyed to be in our midst. Zephaniah goes so far as to paint a picture of God partying with the people who have been saved. Paul picks up on the theme by telling the Philippians that their life should be one of constant rejoicing. And why? Because the Lord is near, and there is nothing to fear. This, of course, is a self-fulfilling prophecy. If we believe that we are standing on the threshold of the reign of God, we will put on our party clothes and realize that we have no reason to hold back on sharing or strive for personal gain or exert our petty power.

If we believe that the reign of God is real and as near as our own hearts, we will become freer than we could ever have imagined. We will understand that we have nothing to lose in any relationship of love or solidarity. Then John's predictions of baptism by fire and the Lord's winnowing fan evoke images of a shared passion for justice and the clean-up in preparation for a feast of plenty, shared among all who want it. It is exciting rather than frightening. On the Third Sunday of Advent, we as a church focus on our reasons for joy. The readings offer us multiple reasons to rejoice, all of which come down to two basic themes: God loves and saves us, and we are capable of loving one another with the freedom God's love engenders in us. Let us meet John down by the river today. As we go there, we had better prepare ourselves. We need to arrive ready to ask what we should do now to prepare for God's presence among us. John, or whoever speaks for him, will not mince words. But the prophets will also point to examples of people from whom we can learn. When we see the joy in their lives, we just might get the courage to follow their example.

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## PASTOR

Rev. Thomas S. Tully

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays 10:30 am

Tuesdays 10:30 am

The third Tuesday of the month  
Mass is at the Grantsboro  
Nursing home.

Visit [spccnb.org](http://spccnb.org)

for Masses at St. Paul

Reconciliation before or after  
Tuesday's Mass.

Mass for Holy Days 10:30 am

The Parish Office is open  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Please contact the office for  
Baptisms, Marriages (at least six  
months notice), Funerals and  
Cemetery information.

**Parish Office**  
Geri LaBreck 252 249 3687

❖ **PARISH COUNCIL**  
Ray Ruppert 252 249 1162  
Council meets the 3rd Wed.  
of the month at 7:00 pm.  
Parish members are welcome.

❖ **PARISH COMMITTEES**  
**Advance Care Planning  
& Bereavement**  
Mary Lou Infinito 252 638 4980

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Ed Yodlowski 252 249 1979

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Laura Mitchell 252 745 2062

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Bill Miles 252 249 2302

**Planning & Development**  
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❖ **Pamlico County Fishes &  
Loaves Outreach**  
Bill Miles 717 887 0157  
Eileen Miles 717 309 3959  
Food Truck - 1st Wednesday  
of the month. Volunteers

❖ **DIOCESAN NEWS**  
Visit our Raleigh Diocese's  
website for current news at  
[www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)

❖ **THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY**

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL  
COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You  
are present in the most  
Blessed Sacrament. I love You  
above all things and I desire to  
receive You into my soul. Since  
I cannot now receive You  
sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart. I  
embrace You as if You have  
already come, and unite  
myself wholly to You. Never  
permit me to be separated  
from You. Amen. I am not  
worthy that You should enter  
under my roof, but only say  
the word and my soul shall be  
healed.



Baby  
it's cold  
inside.

**THERE IS A NEED FOR  
Sacristans** (prepare the altar  
before Mass), Greeters,  
Lector/Readers, and Altar  
Servers.

Please call Carol Glorioso at  
**252-249-2404**



**Prayer Requests**

Please keep all of the men  
and women in the armed  
forces and our allies who work daily to  
keep us free and for those who have  
returned either broken of mind or body in  
your weekly prayers.

❖ **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**  
Please keep the following parishioners,  
relatives and friends in your prayers  
throughout this week.

Hank Albee	Jason LeBrun
John Barrie	Harry Levin
Hugh Donohue	Scott Lovendahl
Andrea Eriksen	Richard Mastriano
Baldera	Randy McCuller
Janice Eckloff	Denyse McGovern
Teri Ferris	Mike McGovern
Sheila Flaherty	Enrique Paula
Susan Fromm	Peggy Richards
Karen Holloway	Robert Ross
Eddie Harmon	Eleanor Taylor
Peter Hagerman	Charles Toler
Juan Hisada	Velma Toler
Nancy Huff	Nicholas Ward
Tony Innocenti	Georgia Mae Webb
Gert Klingmann	Lorraine Weeks

**Parish Council Meeting** for December  
will be held this Sunday after Mass.  
Item for discussion will be church  
security. All are welcome to attend.

Our new Parrish Council Members -  
Natasha Jones, Paula Valinoti,  
Ed Kress, Joe Glorioso,  
Dennis Humenik

**Low Gluten Hosts are available.**  
Please let an usher or the sacristan  
know before mass.

## Christmas Eve Mass Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.



### Christmas Schedule at St Paul

**Masses begin on Christmas Eve at 4 pm for Children**

**Also, Masses are offered at 6 pm and 10 pm in English.**

**(Ofrecemos tambien una Misa en espanol a las 8 pm)**

**Christmas Morning Mass is at 10 am "Hark, the herald Angels sing, Glory to the New Born King!"**

***\*\*Please take note\*\****

**Confessions** will be heard in the chapel, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, after Mass at 11:45

## "GREAT ADVENT JOURNEY"

**Time has changed to 10 am.**

Deacon Jim will be your "tour guide" for this journey and will continue every Saturday during Advent ending December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each session will **last 90 minutes.**

During the "Great Advent Journey" we will have the opportunity to reflect on the Gospels of the four Sundays of Advent, including commentary and reflections by Bishop Robert Barron.



Mary Cancel, Bill Michne and Lynn O'Neill celebrated Birthdays

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Please pray for those who are sick, shut-in, or recovering from surgery, and their caregivers this Christmas season

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Offertory last Sunday - \$ 1,327  
Capital Improvement - \$ 499

### BULLETIN

*Announcements for the bulletin are due by Friday, one week prior to the publication date.  
Email: darianchasse@ymail.com*

## Saint Peter the Fisherman Cemetery

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Any changes to your email, address, telephone please send the change to Laura Mitchell at [bklynx2@gmail.com](mailto:bklynx2@gmail.com).

**Readings for December 16, 2018**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:10-18

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