



Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

March 1, 2020 – First Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS
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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
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 NOTES

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It is also a time to enter into the “wilderness” and grapple with the mysteries of life in Christ. It presents us with a challenge to take stock of our lives, to see more clearly what is in our hearts and to discover what might be calling us out of our comfort zones. Today’s liturgy invites us to reflect on Jesus’ forty-day experience in the wilderness. Jesus is “filled with the Holy Spirit” and, like so many humans before and since, is “led by the Spirit” into the wilderness of life to be “tested” there. [“Tested” is a more accurate translation of the Greek than is “tempted”]. Forty is a significant number in Israel’s story: the great flood lasts forty days and forty nights; Moses spends forty days and forty nights on the mountain of God; Israel wanders for forty years in the wilderness; King David reigns for forty years; the prophet Elijah travels forty days and forty nights in the wilderness on his way to the mountain of God.

Explanations of its significance vary: a round number suggesting along period of time; a time of testing or trial; totality or fullness. In Israel’s story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God’s people: “Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness... testing you to know what was in your heart”. In Matthew’s account, the “devil” is the “tester” or “tempter”, the instrument of God’s testing. In each instance, the test is expressed in terms of Jesus’ relationship to God: “If you are the son of God...” The Matthean Jesus passes the tests that the people of Israel have failed in the wilderness of Sinai. He refuses the way of special favor from God, the way of status or self-aggrandizement. He is prepared to suffer whatever it takes to bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. In other words, he chooses the way of God’s empire or the empire “of the heavens” rather than the brutality of the Roman Empire. Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed “of God”. This testing in the wilderness foreshadows later events in the gospel such as Peter’s attempt at Caesarea Philippi to deflect Jesus from his mission and the bystanders’ challenge in 27:40 to prove he is “son of God” by coming down from the cross. Most people of faith would agree that being “of God” right now has more than a little to do with the way we relate to all of Earth’s human and other-than-human inhabitants, the value we ascribe to Earth’s precious resources, and the respect we show for life through our responsible use of those resources. Lent calls us to reject the path of domination or greed or status so that, like Jesus, we may truly be “of God”.

-Veronica Lawson RSM

Parish Office
Geri LaBreck 252 249 3687

❖ **PARISH COUNCIL**
Paula Valinoti 252 249 1655
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

Cemetery
Ed Yodlowski 252 249 1979

Communications/Bulletin
Darian Chasse 252 249 1707

Finance Council
Eileen Miles 252 249 2302

Kitchen Guild
Sheila Dougherty 252 249 0560

Liturgy
Margaret DeWire 252 249 1135

Parish Activities
Darian Chasse 252 249 1707

Social Ministries
Bill Miles 252 249 2302

Planning & Development
Bill Miles 252 249 2302

❖ **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

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP
Follows Sunday Mass. Join
in for a few minutes of
group prayer for those
needing God's intercession.

❖ THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY

Catholic Bishops response to outbreak of the coronavirus.

Joint statement:

"As communities and public health officials respond to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in China and closely monitor its presence and progression in other parts of the world, we join in solidarity and prayer for those impacted or working to treat those infected by the disease. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, and the Catholic Health Association of the United States hope that governments will work together in partnership to improve all nations' capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to this virus. "The Catholic Church in the United States stands in solidarity with those affected by the coronavirus and their families, health workers who are valiantly trying to diagnose and treat patients, and those under quarantine awaiting results of their screening for the virus. We offer our prayers for healing and support those organizations, both domestic and international, working to provide medical supplies and assistance to address this serious risk to public health.

THERE IS A NEED FOR
Sacristans (prepare the altar
before Mass), Ushers, 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 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.

Paul Banks
Bette Brown
Elizabeth Brown
Mary Cancel
Sheila Flaherty
Dru Foster
Susan Fromm
Karen Halloway
Dot & Peter Hagerman
Juan Hisada
Tony Innocenti
Betty Mesaros
John Moran
Nancy Norris

George Pawlikowski
Janine Peterson
Larry Richardson
Peggy Richards
Pamela & Robert Ross
Michael Sharkey
Buddy Street
Alice Sontag
Shirley Staab
John Valassis
Sigrid Walker
Nicholas Ward
Georgia Mae Webb
Lorraine Weeks

Prayer list. *If you wish to have your name or the name of a family member added to the list, please e-mail or call 249-3687, Geri in the parish office. Names removed from the bulletin list, it will be placed on the prayer list located in the Chapel.*

Low Gluten Hosts are available.

Please let an usher or the sacristan know before mass.

Altar Flowers

We invite you to donate flower arrangements in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, baptism, or any special occasion or church feast. Donations and the occasion will be noted in the bulletin and posted in lobby. Contact the office 249-3687.

**17th Annual St. Patrick
Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner**

Saturday **March 14th** at 6 pm

Cost will be \$20 per person
and \$15 for take out.

Please sign up in the lobby,
we will need your help.



Our new Cemetery Shed

Lenten Prayer books are in the lobby

We collect aluminum cans to recycle.
This money goes to the upkeep of our
cemetery. Leave cans in the kitchen in
the can marked "Aluminum Cans"
Thank you for your continued support of
our cemetery.

Sunday Rosary

9:55 before Mass in the chapel.
Come join us, everyone is welcome.

Memorial Service

for

Donna Mannion

Saturday March 7th at 10 am
Oriental United Methodist Church

Next Sunday is the beginning of
Daylight Saving Time.
Change your clocks 1 hour ahead

*"It's Tax Time- If you would like to
have an "official church" computer
summary of your 2019 St Peter
contributions, please contact the
church office and ask them to put your
name on the list. Indicate whether you
wish to pick it up or would rather have
it mailed and then confirm your mailing
address. Thank you!"*

**Next Session of
Advanced Care Planning Series
St. Peter the Fisherman WEDNESDAY
at 2:00 pm March 11th.**

*Being a Health Care Power of Attorney
WHAT does THAT mean?*

A free series

For REGISTRATION:

Call - Geri LaBreck - (252) 249-3687

Collections Last Sunday
Offertory \$ 1,073

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

Our sacred place of Remembrance, Comfort and Hope for all members of our Parish Community. For information please contact the Parish Office at 252 249 3687.



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Changes to your address, email or phone # please call Geri at the Church Office at 252-249-3687 or email: stpeteronc@embarqmail.com

Readings for March 1
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 (22A)
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19 or 5: 12, 17-19
Matthew 4:1-11

MASS CARDS

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❖ ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

WELCOME! Our parish is a living entity where God interacts with His people. We welcome you to register with Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church, where you will find warmth and hospitality in a spiritually nourishing environment. As a registered parishioner, you will be kept abreast of current information, opportunities and receive a free monthly subscription to NC Catholic, the Diocese of Raleigh magazine. Registration forms can be found on the table in the lobby. If you have any questions, please call the church office (252-249-3687) during office hours. If you are visiting us today, please introduce yourself after Mass!