



# Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

*July 19, 2020 – Solemnity of Body and Blood of Christ*

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## PASTOR

Rev. Thomas S. Tully

## 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 NOTES

Experienced gardeners or farmers or bakers might take issue with Jesus' choice of images for God's empire or kingdom of the heavens. They may be singularly unimpressed by the methods of the farmer-gardener-God presented in today's gospel reading. An "enemy" planting weeds "all through the crop" is no surprise to readers familiar with the earlier part of this parable chapter, although the land-owner's decision to leave the weeds to endanger the wheat crop seems none too smart. Mustard, known for its propensity to grow wild and threaten the life of every other plant in the garden, makes for an equally strange kingdom analogy. God's empire imaged as a baker woman taking yeast, a substance considered a corrupting influence in the first century Jewish world, and mixing it into twenty kilos of wheat flour, stretches the imagination in other directions. These images cut across the readers' expectations quite dramatically. In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, there is a movement from small to great that communicates something about the power of God to bring abundance of life from the most in auspicious beginnings. They do not seem to fit with the parable of the wheat and the weeds until we look a little more closely. The element of danger to the life of the whole is common to all three parables. Maybe Matthew's Jesus is telling us that God is a God of risk who does not intervene but allows the weeds and endangering herbs to "infect" God's field. Harvest season will be time enough to divide the wheat from the weeds, the life-giving from the infectious. In the meantime, the good seed must take hold. The goodwill finally outweigh the evil. That is small comfort, of course, to those who suffer at the hands of evil doers. In the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven, Jesus may be telling his hearers that their idea of infection or danger is different from his. At one level, he engages the more-than-human and talks about respect for the complexity of eco-systems. At another, he is talking about societal inclusion: the people that many consider unclean or sinful or demon-possessed dare not to be displaced from God's field or God's table. On the contrary, they may be the very ones who season the life of the whole. Life is messy after all and God is in the mess. It is worth noting that the leaven parable offers one of the few occasions in the gospel where God is imaged as female. While we know that God is neither male nor female, most of us have been conditioned to use only male images for God. The parable of the woman kneading dough validates the potential of female experience to reflect the life and activity of God in our world.

-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

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**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](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)

**Low Gluten Hosts  
are available.**

Please let an usher or the  
sacristan know before  
mass.

❖ **THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY**  
**Thea Bowman: religious  
sister, civil rights**



Sister Thea Bowman was the granddaughter of a slave, an advocate for racial justice. Two years ago, her sainthood cause was opened. "She was an outstanding teacher, and she was an outstanding speaker. And she had a voice like an opera star, and she could sing really beautifully, and people loved to be with her," said Sister Charlene Smith, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA). "I often say she was a whole lot like Jesus. People love to be around her, and I was one of those people that was lucky enough to be around her." At age 51, wheelchair-bound and fighting cancer, she delivered a memorable address about race and Catholicism before inviting the bishops to join her in singing and swaying to a Negro Spiritual. Sister Thea was born Bertha Bowman in Yazoo City, Mississippi, in 1937, she was raised Protestant, she decided to become a Catholic at the age of nine. Visiting a variety of Christian denominations, she was moved by the kindness and generosity of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, whose school she subsequently attended. When she turned 15, she entered the order's novitiate. She entered the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. She was the first and only black sister of the community in La Crosse. Bowman became a noted public speaker and traveled around the country, talking about race and the Catholic faith. She continued to travel and teach even after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1984. In 1989, Bowman delivered what would become a famous speech at the spring meeting of the U.S. bishops' conference. When over, they wheeled her off the podium and out into a hall. And one by one, the bishops came to her and knelt before her, in her wheelchair, and asked for her blessing. That's how much they thought about her. Bowman died March 30, 1990. Her canonization cause was opened in 2018.



## 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	James Richardson
Bette Brown	Larry Richardson
Elizabeth Brown	Peggy Richards
Mary Cancel	Pamela & Robert Ross
Madalene Delgado	Michael Sharkey
Sheila Flaherty	Buddy Street
Dru Foster	Alice Sontag
Karen Holloway	Shirley Staab
Dot & Peter Hagerman	John Valassis
Juan Hisada	Dennis Vagnone
Tony Innocenti	Sigrid Walker
Nancy Norris	Nicholas Ward
George Pawlikowski	Georgia Mae Webb
Janine Peterson	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.*

**Mass on Sunday & Tuesday  
at 10:30 am**

Please **wear a mask** and remember to **sit 6 feet apart**. Communion will be brought to you.



Meet our new parishioners  
Jim and Beth Burch.



Loved to see  
Alice walk into  
church

*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.

**Bishops Annual Appeal 2020**

There is still time to donate to this year's appeal. If you have not done so please consider supporting this annual appeal.

Donations/Pledges can be made on line at: <https://dioceseofraleigh.org/parish-stewardship/bishops-annual-appeal>

***For those who want to start  
Sunday Rosary  
9:55 before Mass in the chapel.  
Come join us, everyone is welcome.***

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"

**MASS CARDS**

Mass Cards are available in the Church vestibule on the literature rack and the Church Office. Please follow the instructions found with the cards.

Offertory Baskets will be placed in back of the church for our **regular collection**

Offerings for last week \$ 1,099.  
Second collection \$ 208

**BULLETIN**

*Announcements for the bulletin are due by Friday, one week prior to the publication date.  
Email:darianchasse@gmail.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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### BRYANT FUNERAL HOME and CREMATIONS

52 Bryant Street  
Post Office Box 99  
Alliance, NC 28509

Patrick K. Bryant  
President

(252) 745-4966



### HANDYMAN SERVICES RESIDENTIAL REPAIRS and UPGRADES

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P.O. BOX 489 - ORIENTAL NC 28571  
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### Readings for July 19

Isaiah 10:5-7, 13B-16  
Psalms 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15  
Matthew 11:25  
Matthew 11:25-27



### Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory

2201 Neuse Blvd.  
New Bern, NC 28560  
252 637 3181

### Landing Nursery

1800 Lee Landing Road  
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252 745 5093  
cell 252 617-7705



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a parishioner

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