



Saint Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church

July 26, 2020 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

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PASTOR

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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

The three parables and the summary statement in today's gospel conclude Matthew's parable chapter. In the first parable, the Matthean Jesus likens the kingdom of the heavens, not just to "treasure", but rather to treasure hidden in a field that someone, possibly a slave or day laborer, finds and hides before going joyfully to sell everything in order to buy the field and acquire the treasure. The parabolic image here comprises the whole complex of actor, objects and actions (the finder; the finding, selling and buying; the joy; the treasure and the field). The details pose endless questions. Who had right to ownership of the treasure? Is this a case of theft? Whatever the answer to these questions, this parable invites us to pause and consider what constitutes the real "treasure" in our lives and ask to what lengths we would go in order to secure that treasure. The second parable tells of a merchant who seeks fine pearls, finds one of great value, then goes and sells all his possessions in order to acquire that one pearl. Again, that is what the kingdom of the heavens is about. What is of such value to us that we would give up everything else in order to have that one thing, that one relationship? That is the question. Jesus proceeds to liken the kingdom of the heavens, not just to a dragnet, but to a dragnet thrown into the sea that catches fish of every kind and is drawn to shore by fisher-folk who sit down and sort it, putting the good into baskets and throwing away the bad. To what might this parable invite us? As we confine ourselves to essential shopping during the pandemic, many are asking what is good and what is not so good, what sort of future do we really want. Do we want to perpetuate consumerist life-style that appropriates far more than our share of the world's resources and leaves little time or energy for considering either the plight of our endangered planet or the needs and aspirations of those on the edge? There is a new realization that standard of living and quality of life are far from synonymous. The summary statement tells us that, like Matthew's community, we need to be "scribes" educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions "what is new and what is old", wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish. Parables help to subvert our presuppositions. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure, the priceless pearl and the dragnet remind us that gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community.

-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

**Low Gluten Hosts
are available.**

Please let an usher or the
sacristan know before
mass.

❖ THE SPIRIT OF THE LITURGY

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

is the first Native American recognized as a saint in the Catholic Church. Her mother was from an Algonquin tribe, and her father was a Mohawk. She was born in 1656 in a Mohawk village to a Mohawk chief. When she was small, her family died from a small pox outbreak. Because of her own battle with the disease, she was left with scars on her face and was sickly throughout her life. She was raised by her uncle.. Kateri never wanted to marry. Instead, she pledged her life to Christ, and at the age of 19 converted to Catholicism. She continually fasted and prayed for the conversion of the Mohawks. She had the virtues of diligence and patience. However, many of her own people disagreed with her, so she fled to a Christian tribe in Montreal to avoid persecution by her neighbors. There, she was able to openly express her faith and had a steadfast devotion to Christ. Because of her sickly nature, she passed away young, at age 24 on April 17, 1680. She is known as the patron saint of people in exile, ecology, the environment and Native Americans. St. Kateri's tomb is at St. Francis Xavier Mission in the Mohawk Nation at Kahnqake, near Montreal, Quebec. She is honored at the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha in Florida and NY, and at the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs in Auriesville, NY.



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
Madalene Delgado
Sheila Flaherty
Dru Foster
Karen Halloway
Dot & Peter Hagerman
Juan Hisada
Tony Innocenti
Nancy Norris
George Pawlikowski
Janine Peterson

James Richardson
Larry Richardson
Peggy Richards
Pamela & Robert Ross
Michael Sharkey
Buddy Street
Alice Sontag
Shirley Staab
John Valassis
Dennis Vagnone
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.*

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.

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>

Mass on Sunday

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

Tuesday Mass at 10:30 am
Intentions for Lucille MacPhelemy



Welcome to Deacon Dan Doban,
this past Sunday.



You know it is summer by the birds in church.

For those who want to start Sunday Rosary

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

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.

*Due to concerns of Corona Virus, we are making Missals available to our members at St. Peters. If you would like, you may take home **one Missal per family**. Feel free to put your name & information in your Missal, then bring it to Mass with you each week.*

The Liturgy Committee

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"

Offertory Baskets will be placed in back of the church for our collections.

Offerings for last week \$ 1,099.

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.



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

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Readings for July 26

Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Matthew 11:25
Matthew 13:44-52

<p>BRYANT FUNERAL HOME and CREMATIONS 52 Bryant Street Post Office Box 99 Alliance, NC 28509 Patrick K. Bryant President (252) 745-4966</p>	<p>HANDYMAN SERVICES RESIDENTIAL REPAIRS and UPGRADES DAVID BROOKMAN P.O. BOX 489 - ORIENTAL NC 28571 252 670-9647 email: brookmandl@icloud.com</p>
<p>Cotten Funeral Home & Crematory 2201 Neuse Blvd. New Bern, NC 28560 252 637 3181</p> 	<p>Landing Nursery 1800 Lee Landing Road Reelsboro 252 745 5093 cell 252 617-7705</p>
<p>ASE Foreign & Domestic Auto Care (252) 249-1312 DIVERSIFIED AUTO & TIRE Professional Auto Services Discount Tire Center David Drexler ASE Certified Master Tech. 8287 Hwy 306 S. Arapahoe, NC 28510</p>	<p>Francisco Arreola  Lawn Mowing, Yard Cleaning Tree Trimming & Pressure Washing 675-8586 a parishioner</p>

Mass Intentions for August

8/2 Dan O'Neill
8/9 Joseph Cooke
8/16 Barbara Cover
8/23 Dan O'Neill
8/30 Betty Zabroski

Tuesday Mass Intentions

8/4 Arline Olsen
8/11 Art Hackett
8/25 Dan O'Neill

Flowers

8/16 Barbara Cover
from Pat & Bill Kirsch

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!