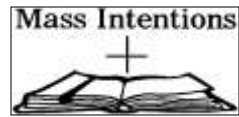




Recognizable Offering..... \$6,131.00  
Loose Cash ..... \$735.27  
Total Weekly Offering..... \$6,866.27  
Mass Attendance Feb 14/15 323



Feb 23 - Mar 1  
Monday .....Alexis Anderson(liv)  
Tuesday .....Pat & Betsy Traynor(liv)  
Wednesday .....Caroll Hicks(liv)  
Thursday .....Dcn. Charles Sukud(liv)  
Friday .....Kay Kelly(liv)  
Saturday .....Sherwood Fowler(+)  
Sunday .....St. Peter Parishioners(8:00 a.m.)  
.....Anthony Miceli(+)(10:30 a.m.)

Weekly Calendar of Events

- 2/22 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.
- 2/23 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/24 EPIC - 9:30 a.m.
- 2/25 Legion of Mary - 8:30 a.m.  
EPIC - 6:30 p.m.
- 2/26 Adoration - 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Women's Study Group** - 9:30 a.m.
- 3/1 Faith Formation - 9:15 a.m.  
EPIC - 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
M.S. & H.S. Youth Meetings - 6:00 p.m.

*There is only one person who can return to God the love that He has given to me. That person is me.*



Lenten Holy Hour

Holy Hours aren't just for Lent. But if it's something you don't usually find the time for then it's a great way to draw near to Jesus during these forty days. Take the extra time to make a Lenten Holy Hour. Our lives are so very busy

that it's sometimes difficult to slow down and find time for prayer. It's nice to just be in His presence and be still. Adoration begins every Thursday following the 8 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 8 p.m. There is a binder in the vestibule of the church with a sign-in sheet and a small table filled with wonderful books and resources for reflections while at Adoration.



Pray, Fast, and Vigil for Life

February 18th – March 29th!  
St. Peter Parish needs people to stand vigil peacefully from 7 AM to 7 PM on Friday, 2/27. Schedule your time now

by signing up at the Hospitality Cart or contacting John Fay, 420-1869!  
Please take an hour or more of your time to pray in the public right-of-way in front of the American Family Planning abortion facility. This is a ministry of hope, healing, love and mercy.



Hungering for a Better Life...

Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Tanzania, where a simple soybean is changing lives! What actions can you take this Lent to change lives—at home and around the world?



"In Imitation of Mary" a retreat for women presented by Fr. John Licari on March 7-8 at The Visitation Monastery in Mobile. Sponsored by the Women's Study Groups of the diocese. For more information, contact Nanette Bell, 850-664-0361.



Save the Date  
March 6, 2015

We will have a Fish Fry and our parish Lenten Penance Service. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. and Reconciliation will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a meatless dish to share (dessert, salad, side)



Calling the Men of the Diocese to come together on Saturday March 14th for prayer, fellowship and study on the call to live as Christian Men in our world today.  
Location: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Pensacola, FL  
Time: 8:00 a.m.—12 noon  
Contact Tom Pileggi at 850-450-9695

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**Monday**  
FEBRUARY 23  
Lenten Weekday  
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday**  
FEBRUARY 24  
Lenten Weekday  
Is 55:10-11  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**  
FEBRUARY 25  
Lenten Weekday  
Jon 3:1-10  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday**  
FEBRUARY 26  
Lenten Weekday  
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
Mt 7:7-12

**Friday**  
FEBRUARY 27  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 18:21-28  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**  
FEBRUARY 28  
Lenten Weekday  
Dt 26:16-19  
Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday**  
MARCH 1  
Second Sunday of Lent  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
Rom 8:31b-34  
Mk 9:2-10



# Who decided that fish isn't meat?

**Q** Who decided that fish doesn't constitute meat for Catholics? I really hate fish, and it bugs me when my friends eat lobster for dinner on Fridays in the name of "sacrifice."



**Latin is the** official language of the Catholic Church. Canon law as written in Latin says we must abstain from *carne* ("meat"), a word that refers to warm-blooded animals that walk on the ground. By that definition, fish is allowed.

You make an excellent point about the lobster dinners and the nature of sacrifice. In its document "Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops says, "While fish, lobster and other shellfish are not considered meat and can be consumed on days of abstinence, indulging in the lavish buffet at your favorite seafood place sort of misses the point. Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer."

As we enter Lent, we must remember that our acts of penance should be more than thinking about just giving something up—like meat. Our fasting needs to lead us to a closer relationship with God instead of merely being a time of sacrifice.

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**First Sunday of Lent B 1**

*Genesis 9:8-15*

**The Rainbow Covenant**

People give things up for Lent, but they also do some things extra. They enter into the renewal that God desires for all creation. Renewal often demands both strategies: giving up and doing extra.

Take God, for example. At the end of the story of Noah, God gave something up. You remember the story. People had behaved so badly that God sent a flood to wipe out creation. But God took pity on Noah, his family, and pairs of animals. As the floods receded, God established a new covenant with Noah and set a rainbow in the sky as its sign.

What did God give up? God gave up global floods. "There shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God gave up giving up on people.

The story of our relationship with God did not end there. We know at the beginning of Lent where that story will end at Easter. God did more than give something up. God did something extra. God sent us a redeemer. By ending destruction and offering redemption, God set a perfect example of renewal.

Lent is like a desert. It is also like a flood. But most of all, it is like the balance of sun, water, and soil that yields a bountiful harvest.

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**First Sunday of Lent B 2**

*1 Peter 3:18-22*

**The Flood of Baptism**

Lent starts with ashes and ends with water. On Ash Wednesday we confessed our sin before God, and on Easter we will witness baptisms and be sprinkled again with the water that recalls our rebirth in Christ.

For those who are already baptized, Lent attempts a thorough scouring. We spend these six weeks mindful of our transgressions, penitent in word and deed, anxious to reform our ways.

For the unbaptized, these six weeks embrace a serious preparation for the mystery of new life. There is a difference between those who are baptized and those who are not, as the First Letter of Peter makes clear.

That letter compares baptism to the story of Noah's ark. The flood waters separated the saved from the sinners. The letter even notes that eight persons were saved in the ark—Noah, his three sons, and all of their wives. This is one reason why some baptismal fonts have eight sides. They remind us that within these waters sin is destroyed and the good are saved.

We begin Lent in the ash of sin, and we end it with the promise of water. As we enter this sacred time, we look forward to the saving grace that God alone gives. God freely gives it to all of us who float in an ark of hope above the waters of temptation, till we reach the shore of eternal life.

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Weekend of Feb 28/Mar 1

5:00 p.m.

Altar Servers: Erin Van Dorn, Kevin Van Dorn  
Extraordinary Ministers: Shareen Ketchem, Elizabeth Baldwin, Ron Berthelette, Dan Brenton, Alice Thompson  
Lectors: Paul Gagnon II, Ruth Sykes  
Ushers: Bob Flanagan, Joni Flanagan, \_\_\_\_\_  
Greeter: Paul Gagnon III  
Sacristan: Jean Jordan  
Elijah Cup: Paul & Carrie Gagnon

8:00 a.m.

Altar Servers: Jared Dunn, Audrey Moore  
Extraordinary Ministers: Joe Davison, Michael Klickovich, Joyce Klickovich, Nancy McCreary, Gene Valentine  
Lectors: Michael Moore, Kathy Moore  
Ushers: Jim Guris, Tina Henderson, Gary Jordan, Cathy McKnight  
Greeter: Deidre Henderson  
Sacristan: Barbara Kirschten  
Elijah Cup: Wilda Mayhew  
Coffee & Donuts: Paul Johansen

10:30 a.m.

Altar Servers: Gannon Casey, Karly Casey, Kadi Casey  
Extraordinary Ministers: Therese Sweeney, Pat Casey, Katherine Colwell, Penny Sweeney, Elaine Tennyson  
Lectors: Dawn Ciccarello, Margie Wadsworth  
Ushers: Donna Fetter, Ron Fetter, Patrick Sweeney, Mike Sweeney  
Greeter: Terry Turnbull  
Sacristan: Stan Griggs  
Elijah Cup: Ron & Donna Fetter  
Coffee & Donuts: Stephanie Allen, Tom Blossman

If you've ever considered praising The Lord by using your God given talent to sing and have not yet done so... NOW is your chance.

Join the Choir for this Easter season. New members of all ages are always welcome and require absolutely no previous experience.

**"Artistic talent is a gift from God and whoever discovers it in himself has a certain obligation: to know that he cannot waste this talent, but must develop it."**

St. John Paul II

For more info, please contact Joey Ferreira at the church office or at [music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org](mailto:music@stpeter.ptdiocese.org)

Saint Peter Parish Prayer Chain: For prayer needs, please contact Susi Evers at [saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:saintpeterparishprayerchain@gmail.com) or call her at 664-9165.

Hospitalized Parishioners: If you or a family member are hospitalized, please call the Parish Office, otherwise we have no way of knowing who in our parish is there.

*In Your Daily Prayers, Please Remember our parishioners who are deployed and:*

Monday Johanna Adam\*, Charles Cummings\*, Gene Bauchwitz\*, Peter Cleary, Ashley Matyac, Rein Podrang, Fay Stockbridge, Pam Duncan

Tuesday Carl Shaw, Lynn Graham\*, Charlie Cospelisch, Martha Marshall, Anthony Michael Merriquer, Marie Haug\*, Faye Clark, Bobby Stockbridge\*

Wednesday Gordon Pritchard\*, James & Laura Smith\*, Steve Powell\*, Ken and Bette Dellner\*, Caroline Frederick, Mario Donato\*, Rene Morago-Barton, Pam Holt

Thursday Gene and Pam Bauchwitz\*, Robert Welniak, Frank Crowder\*, Phil Pendergrass, Jennifer Cruz, Harrison Bowie\*, Connie Jordan

Friday Lloyd Biehl\*, Doug Babiak\*, Sharon Lewis, Shannon Anderson, John Paul Wilson, Betty Keever, Vera Thornburg\*

Saturday Peter Adams\*, Mary Anyel\*, Michael Hebert, Joel Grieves\*, Ronald Smith Jr., Dan Brenton\*, Carlene Parker

Sunday Maureen O'Neil\*, Michael Adam\*, Theresa Fowler\*, Brian Prescott\*, Mary Beth Downer, Greg Babiak, Tony Kelly

\*Indicates our parishioners.

Please call the church office if you or a family member can be removed from this prayer list.

**Easter Choir Practice Schedule**

Sunday, March 1	12:15 p.m.	Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 8	12:15 p.m.	Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 15	12:15 p.m.	Practice in the Church
Sunday, March 22	12:15 p.m.	Practice in the Church
Tuesday, March 24	6:00 p.m.	Practice in the Church

Sunday, March 29 12:30 p.m. \*\*\*Mandatory Practice in the Church\*\*\*

Thursday, April 2 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday  
(Optional – show up by 6:15 p.m.)

Sunday, April 5	5:45 a.m.	Practice in Church
	7:15 a.m.	Break
	7:40 a.m.	Prelude Music
	8:00 a.m.	Mass

	10:10 a.m.	Prelude Music
	10:30 a.m.	Mass



It is no surprise that water literally runs through all the readings on this First Sunday of Lent — from the flood waters experienced by Noah in Genesis, to St. Peter comparing Baptism to this flood, to Jesus venturing into the desert for 40 days immediately after His Baptism, as reported by St. Mark.

There are more than 700 references to water in Holy Scripture, but as we begin our Lenten journeys, our concentration needs to be on our own Baptism and our personal Baptismal call. Stewardship has been defined as our response to that Baptismal call through discipleship and service. Just as Jesus entered the desert for 40 days, we are doing the same during Lent.

Defining our Baptismal call is part of what we should be striving to do at this time. Baptism calls us to a sense of mission. Another key word in today's scripture is "covenant." The reading from Genesis speaks to God's covenant with us, His people. A covenant, nevertheless, is a two-way street. God has blessed us with the Holy Spirit and the Lord has promised us everlasting life if we fulfill His desires. It is time for us to discover how we are going to live out our covenant with God.



### Living Stewardship Now

**"Here is the fast you must keep for God: do not commit any wicked deed in your life and serve the Lord with a pure heart; keep his commandments by walking according to his directions and do not let any evil desire enter your heart; have faith in God."**

— *The anonymous author of The Shepherd of Hermas, 2nd century A.D.*

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Tony Melendez  
February 13, 2015



### Today's Readings

Gn 9:8-15  
1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15

The opportunity to change is the gift Christ gave us in his passion and resurrection. It's a sign of God's "wondrous love."

When our youngest daughter was three, we traveled to Hawaii to see her grandparents. It wasn't her first trip, but it was the first she would remember.

One day her grandfather took us to the pineapple fields. We got out of the car and started into the field. Suddenly, she stopped to stare at the sky. She was looking at the largest and most vibrant rainbow I had ever seen, its end planted firmly in the very field in which we stood.

"What is *that*?" she asked in a hushed voice. "It's a rainbow," I said. She'd seen pictures of them, and we had drawn them with crayons, but nothing prepared her for the grandeur of this one, which arced up and away into the clouds. Everything else paled in comparison.

I can understand why the writer of the Noah story looks at the rainbow as a sign of both God's gracious covenant and peace. The sheer beauty of the reality reflects the glory of the Lord of Creation.

But today, on this first Sunday of Lent, our real attention goes to the beauty of the new covenant unfolding with the preaching of Jesus. The call to repent is the call to change our lives in response to the love of God, whose kingdom is one of peace and joy.

The opportunity to change is the gift Christ gave us in his passion and resurrection. It's a sign of God's "wondrous love."

When we understand that with all our hearts, we too will stare with awe and ask, "What is *that*?"

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