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# ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Welcome

This Lent, may our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving deepen our faith and draw us closer to Christ. Let us journey together in renewal and hope.

**MASS TIMES** 

**SATURDAY** 4PM **SUNDAY** 

9AM & 11AM

For Weekday Mass Times see inside.

#### **SACRAMENTS**

Confessions

Saturday 3PM - 3:45PM

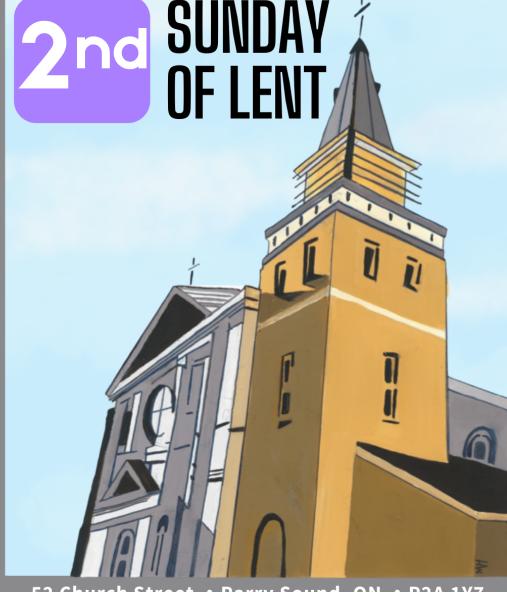
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# **OFFICE HOURS**

Wed: 12 Noon - 5PM Thurs. & Fri.: 10AM - 2PM

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# 2nd Sunday of Lent & March 16th, 2025

# Welcome to St. Peter the Apostle!

If this is your first time at church, or your first time in a long time, we're so glad you're here! We exist to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ; make disciples of all nations. If we can be of any assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call on us.

# **TODAYS READINGS**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4.1 **Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

#### Wednesday, March 19 + Aaron Higgins 6:00PM

Thursday, March 20

**Intentions of Daniel Moquin** 12:10PM

Friday, March 21 12:10PM + Phyllis Ertel

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 22

4:00PM Missa Pro Populo (Mass for the People)

Sunday, March 23

**Intentions of Lisa & Michael Arbour** 9:00AM Intentions of Zachary, Brian and Steph 11:00AM



# **OFFER THE GIFT OF** THE MASS

To arrange for a Mass to be offered, stop by the Welcome Desk on the weekend, contact the Parish Office or fill out one of the Envelopes located in the Church.

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# **Three Pillars of Lent**

**Pray** – Find a quiet, private place to be alone with your thoughts and alone with God.

**Fast** – Think about what you eat and drink, and why. Try to make healthy choices and support local producers. Thoughtful self-denial cleanses both the body and spirit.

Give alms - Share what you have with a generous spirit. Acts of justice and compassion bless both giver and recipient.



# **Q** GROW

WITH US THIS LENT

**JUST FOR LENT: FEARLESS** Thursdays at 6:00PM

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Fridays from 12:30PM until 1:30PM

**SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Fridays Soup 5:15PM; Stations 6PM

Loving and Merciful God, we humbly ask for your grace as we aspire to become a welcoming community seeking to encounter Jesus and share Him with others. Help us to listen attentively for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and lovingly embrace Jesus present in each other, the poor, the alienated, and the spiritually hungry. Amen.

#### AN INVITATION TO COME AND MEET JESUS

There are people in our community who are searching for meaning in their lives. They are literally hungry for God. As Catholics, we have the bread to feed that hunger, but there's a catch. The searchers in our midst wait for an invitation from you and from me. Look around you. Extend the invitation to come and meet Jesus. Bring them to Mass with you. It starts with an invitation!

#### **FRIDAY WITHOUT MEAT**

Meatless Fridays are a timeless tradition in the Catholic Church. The simple act of abstaining from meat joins us to the sacrificial heart of Jesus. We encourage every parishioner to adopt this penitential practice on the Fridays during Lent.

#### **FASTING ISN'T JUST ABOUT FOOD**

Catholics traditionally fast from food during Lent, but perhaps we should look beyond what we eat. Have you ever thought of fasting from the media devices which dominate much of our lives? The silence that follows is an invitation to prayer and meditation. Try it!

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Experience the healing power of unconditional forgiveness. Father is available to hear confessions on Saturdays between 3:00PM-3:45PM in the Confessional and during Adoration on Fridays. If it's been a while or you don't know how to start - don't worry....Father will help you through it. Don't let the sins of the past weigh you down.

#### **LENTEN PASTORAL VISITS**

If you know of anyone, or are yourself, unable to leave your home to attend Mass, please call the parish office and leave your name. During Lent, Fr. Jerry would like to visit our shut-ins to offer anointing of the sick, Holy Communion or just a short visit with a cup of tea in the comfort of their home.

#### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Have you thought about coming to Mass throughout the week? If you're not used to coming to weekday Mass, start by coming just one day a week throughout Lent. Mass is celebrated Wednesday at 6PM, Thursday and Friday at 12:10PM (usually).

#### **SOCIAL SUNDAY**

Join us after Mass this weekend for a St. Patty's day treat.

#### **ORDINATION OF PETER BISSONNETTE**

It is with great joy that we announce that Deacon Peter Bissonnette will be ordained to the priesthood on May 30, at 7PM, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains, Peterborough. All are welcome!

#### **ECUMENICAL LENTEN LUNCHES**

Mar. 19, St. Andrew's Presbyterian - Fr. Jerry Tavares Mar. 26, Trinity Anglican - Ms. Melissa Horkins Apr. 2, St. James United - Mr. Cory Brunatti Apr. 9, Salvation Army - Fr. Robert Mansfield Program starts at 12:10PM. See poster for details.

#### **CWG MEETING**

St. Peter's Catholic Women's Group invites all ladies to a meeting on Thursday, March 20th, in the K of C Hall at 1PM. Come and find out about the upcoming events!

#### **WILD GAME DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 12th Annual Wild Game Dinner in the Hall on March 29th. Tickets are \$45. For tickets call Joe 705-342-1558; Kristen 705-746-5181; Theo 705-773-8081. Table arrangements - round tables of 8 and gluten free menu available. Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses starting this weekend.

#### **LENTEN FISH & CHIPS DINNER**

Join the Knights of Columbus for a Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, April 11th, at 6 PM, following Stations of the Cross at 5:30 PM. Tickets (\$15) will be available after Masses starting next weekend or at the Parish Office. A limited gluten-free option is available—please request when purchasing.

#### JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Join us for a faith-filled journey to Italy during the Jubilee Year of Hope from October 24 to November 3, 2025! Walk in the footsteps of great saints, visit sacred sites, and experience the beauty of Rome, Assisi, and more. Led by Fr. Roy Villas, this pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity for prayer, reflection, and community. Limited spots available! Contact Fr. Roy at 705-645-2294 to reserve your spot.

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