

 **St. Peter Parish** 
St. Andrew the Apostle Mission
"Many people, One family in Christ"

February 21, 2021
21 de febrero de 2021
First Sunday of Lent



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Deacon Robert Dio
Deacon Peter Nguyen
Amie Neville, Administrative Assistant
Ruby Aponte, Catechetical Leader

African Ministry

Rev. Fr. Enoch Kyeremateng- 774-253-4660 (cell #)
African Mass, Sunday 11:30 a.m. - St. Andrew's
Office @ Chancery 508-929-4329 Mon-Fri. 10-4 p.m.

Food Bank Coordinator – Nancy Prostack

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass: 4:00 p.m. at St. Andrew
Sunday Masses at St. Peter: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
(children), 10:00 a.m. (Spanish), 11:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
at St. Andrew – 11:30 a.m. (African Mass)
Weekday Masses at St. Peter 7:00 a.m., Tuesday
through Friday - 5:15 p.m. Mondays; 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Spanish)
Confessions: 2:00 p.m. Saturdays at St. Peter
Novena: at St. Peters, Our Lady of the Miraculous

St. Peter Central Catholic

Principal- Mrs. Meg Kursonis 508-791-6496
stpetercentralcatholic.com Pre-K through 8th Grade

Safe Environment Coordinator

Nancy Prostack – 508-752-4674

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Saint Peters – 508-752-4674

Letter from the Bishop

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This year's Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter will again be different. But COVID notwithstanding, the reasons for, and the fruits of, this annual holy season of prayer, penance and almsgiving remain the same. Strive as we do, we sin. Strive as we may, sanctity, the goal of us all, can always be more fully embodied. In both our striving and our shortcomings we should never be discouraged. God's grace abounds.

We should always welcome this penitential but joy-filled season to narrow our focus on what is most important. For when, through deepened prayer, greater penances and more generous alms-giving, we turn from sin to grow in holiness, our greater awareness and receptivity to God's mercy, love and grace prepare us to share in and celebrate ever more joyfully Christ's Easter triumphs.

In these COVID times our personal circumstances may not allow us to gather in great crowds at church for Masses, weekly Stations, Bible classes or even the liturgies of Holy Week. We might worry that this may lead to a diminished Lent. But God will not be denied. He will not deny us an abundance of graces for a good Lent if we do not deny Him or forego a vigorous season of repentance as our circumstances allow.

On the way to the first Holy Week much of what the Apostles thought necessary seemed lacking and events did not play out as they hoped. Peter sought to deter Christ from the Cross. James and John wanted to call down fire from heaven to consume those who did not receive Jesus. Andrew wondered aloud what good five loaves and two fish were among so many. On Good Friday all seemed lost. But Christ rose and triumphed over all for all.

This Lent, our parishes and diocese will again be creative so that the Word will be preached, the Sacraments celebrated and the good works carried on. Together with those public liturgical gatherings that your prudent decisions allow you to attend, your deep private prayer and penances, pondering of Scripture, examination of conscience, and acts of charity will give glory to God and draw you closer to Him.

Let us then, like Christ led into the desert by the Holy Spirit for forty days of prayer and fasting, embark upon this Holy Season to repent of our sin, grow in holiness and draw closer to Christ. For it is only in Him, by the way of the Cross, that we will find and forever share in the deepest longing of our hearts, the love of the Trinity which triumphed at Easter.

With every prayerful best wish for a fruitful Lent, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus

Bishop of Worcester



Letter from the Pastor

Ash Wednesday got off to a good beginning. A good number of people showed up, obviously half of other years but that's the "new abnormal"

Lent is a time of becoming a Christian in deeper and deeper ways.

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday at St. Andrew's at 6:00 p.m.

This coming Saturday we will have first penance for our children.

Our sympathy goes out the Adams family and their tragic loss.

Woody is the director of our basketball league and Stephanie teaches at St. Peter's School. Their loss for us is most personal.

I attended the vigil on Jaques Ave on Sunday night. It was so affirming. It was Worcester. It was the Black Community at its best. Our civic leaders were present. It was a sign of the way life should be.

Let's support the Adams family in this sad time.

Let's continue to support one another as sisters and brothers always.

The readings remind us to form a new Covenant with God before all is lost.

As in the time of Noah humanity and creation are in the process of destroying ourselves. We have to take action.

We have to come to life in the Spirit.

Christ can lead us to life. We have to allow Him.

Jesus prepared for His public ministry by forty days in the desert. Lent is our forty days of preparation as well.

We have to face the power of evil and in the Spirit overcome.

Pope Francis states that "we shall embrace evermore the grace of God who wishes to transform the world into a kingdom of justice, peace and fraternity."

In order to do this we need to have courage to reject all that take us off course.

Lent is here – don't miss it.

In Christ
Monsignor Francis Scollen



Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions at St. Peter's

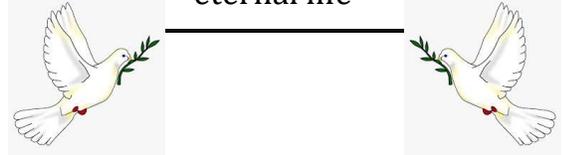
Sun. 2/21	7:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	Jacqueline Ptak Gemme
	10:00 a.m.	Jorge Acero from Family
	11:30 a.m.	Jerry Jenkins 10 th Anniversary from his Family
	5:15 p.m.	George Borababy from Victoria Fontana
Mon. 2/22	5:15 p.m.	Lucien Nguyen from Family
Tue. 2/23	7:00 a.m.	Mass
Wed. 2/24	7:00 a.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Mass
Thur. 2/25	7:00 a.m.	Mass
Fri. 2/26	7:00 a.m.	Mass
Sun. 2/28	7:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Maria Enida Orellana
	11:30 a.m.	Mass
	5:15 p.m.	Paul Goodrich 10 th Anniv. From Family



Mass Intentions at St. Andrew the Apostle Mission

Sat. 2/20	4:00 p.m.	Maureen "Rana" Potash 8 th Anniv. From Husband and Family
Sun. 2/21	11:30 a.m.	African Mass
Sat. 2/27	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Griffin & Nelson & Beland Families
Sun. 2/28	11:30 a.m.	African Mass

Our Parish Community offers our prayers and condolences to the family of
**Edna Mae Williams,
 Gerald "Jerry" Prince &
 Woodrow Adams, Sr.**
 Who have been born into eternal life



LENT

Weekly Collection

February 15, 2020

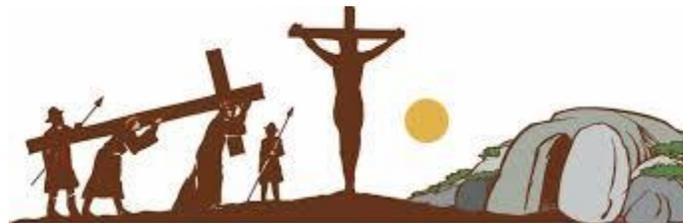
St. Andrews

Weekly	\$365
Snow Removal	\$170
Total	\$535

February 15, 2020

St. Peters

Weekly	\$5505
Monthly	\$77
Build Restoration	\$70
African Ministry	\$1495
Verizon	\$646.29
Home Mission	\$100
Total	\$7893.29



STATIONS of the CROSS

Stations of the Cross
 Fridays @ 6:00 p.m.
 At St. Andrew's Church

Daily Mass is back

Free Clinic

Is on a temporary pause while the city faces this current surge of cases. Our generous medical professional volunteers are working on the front lines and we pray for them all! We will keep you updated on our return date! We will be back soon!

Religious Education

Confirmation Retreat
Saturday, March 13th
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Retreat will begin in Meeting Room

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you or anyone you know may be interested in receiving any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) Please contact the rectory or go to the meeting room after the 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. mass



Food Pantry

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 Every Wednesday, from
 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Anuncios Parroquiales en Español

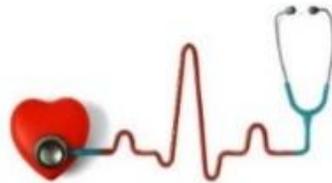
La misa diaria ha vuelto

Habr  confesiones durante treinta minutos antes de la misa los domingos

despensa de alimentos los mi rcoles de 7:00 a.m. a 11:00 a.m.

la cl nica m dica est  temporalmente cerrada

 eres un adulto que necesita hacer un sacramento?
ir al caf  despu s de la misa



Preparaci n para el Matrimonio: La parroquia de San Pedro invitan a todas las personas interesadas en contraer matrimonio en el a o 2019 para que comiencen la registraci n y la preparaci n para el sacramento. La oficina para la liturgia nos invita para contactarnos con la iglesia al menos con un a o de anterioridad para evitar inconvenientes. Si usted desea mayor informaci n por favor acercarse al padre Dario Acevedo.

Intenciones de la Misa Las inscripciones de las intenciones de la Eucarist a para ocasiones especiales como aniversarios de matrimonio, aniversario de muerte, cumplea os, pedir por la salud, o acci n de gracias. Se estar n recibiendo en la oficina parroquial; el horario de la oficina es de lunes a viernes, entre las 9:00am y 4:30pm, el n mero telef nico es 508-752-4674, y el correo electr nico es stpeters_standrewsparishes@verizon.net

Grupo Juan XXIII: Todas las personas que han hecho el retiro de Juan XXIII en el pasado est n invitadas a perseverar en el grupo con la reuni n semanal el d a "Mi rcoles" a las 7:00pm en el sal n del caf .

Bautismo de Infantes: La parroquia de San Pedro celebra el sacramento del Bautismo todos los  ltimos s bados del mes. Una catequesis para los padres y padrinos es requerida, la catequesis se realiza los segundos S bados del mes a las 10:00am en el sal n del caf  que queda situado bajando las escalas desde el templo principal.

pr y over him,  nointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, They will be forgiven him.

James 5:14-15

We Pray for ...

We pray for the sick of St. Peter's and St. Andrew's:

Dylan, Tom Trainor, Elaine Pond, Michael Gormally, John Linde, Sheila Lavalee, Sharon Strom, Adam Moreau, Nicole Reidy, Tom J, Donna McCarthy, James LeCakes, Jonathan Perez, Jackie Risolo, Patrick Early, Peyton Perry, Tyler Dowling, John Carroll, Elery McNamara, Alex Crew, Janet Leroux, Estelle Zelayandia-Mendez, Maxton Nguyen, Margaret Spang, Maureen Armstrong, Jeff K., Kevin Crook, Michael O'Connor, Lynn O'Connor, Charles Birbara, Nancy Chakwas, Darwin Delacruz, John "Spanky" Flynn, Jean LaVoie, Irene Walsh, Kathy Gazard, Elsie Price, Lori Brown, Heather Grant, Evelyn, Jorge Gonzales, Pat Garvey, Nancy Stevens, Maria DeCampo, Ralph Regoe, Phil Dumas, Joyce Riopel, Marie Christina, Ralph Rego, Ann Reidy McLean, Lisa McLean, Jessica Rawlston, Daniel Garcia, Denis Robichaud, Marco Cirillo, Elizabeth Ortiz, Kathy Gabilso, Anne Davis, Josette Nunes, Bob Park, Robert Plant, Yeidie Rivera, Billy Austin, Tom Griffin, Marin Munoz, Luis Alberto Gonzalez, Hope, Joyce Hirtle, Bill Solovieiff, Maria Falcone, Theresa Restrepo, Mia Espaillat, Jack Ryan, Thomas White, Allen Perry, Roy Family, Yolanda Marrero, Tim Earls, Ron O'Rourke, Danielle Michalik, Kay Michalik, Paul Collette, Mary Murphy, Larry Mullaney, Thomas Phelan, Peter Lyford, Robert Szlyk

The troops around the world.

*If you would like to add someone please call Rectory.