



**Sts. Peter and Paul Ecumenical Catholic Church+USA**  
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**February 2019 Parish Bulletin**

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### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

**All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted**

February 3, 2019, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: +Fr. Carl\*

**Mass Intention: Mark R. Vetrone**

February 10, 2019, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Fr. Bill

**Mass Time: 2:00 PM**

February 17, 2019, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Fr. Tom

February 24, 2019, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: +Fr. Bob

**\*Blessing of Throats at this Mass**

#### **Pastoral Staff:**

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#### **Prayer Intentions**

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

## ***Sunday Scripture Reflections***

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

**February 3, 2019 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In today's Gospel, the audience of Jesus refused to believe. Faith is a decision, not the by-product of favorable circumstances. (Luke 4: 21-30)

**February 10, 2019 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The focus on 'leaving everything' is a special emphasis characteristic of Luke. Possessions often symbolize power in Luke's writings. Giving up power and the quest for it are required to be a follower of Jesus. (Luke 5: 1-11)

**February 17, 2019 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** There is an eternal consequence of our choices. The right choices do not always make sense to human calculation. Today's readings remind us that all choices are not the same. Some bring blessings, some bring woes. (Luke 6: 17, 20-26)

**February 24, 2019 – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Jesus says, "Love your enemy. Do good to those who curse you or mistreat you." We are required by our attachment to Jesus, to strive for unconditional, unlimited love. (Luke 6: 27-38)

### ***From the Founding Bishop's Desk***

+Fr. Carl Swaringim, Ed.D., Founding Bishop



Saint Thomas Aquinas was once asked what God does all day. The answer of the greatest theologian in the Catholic Faith Tradition was simple and beautiful: "He enjoys himself!"

To put it more technically, God rests in the perfection and goodness of his own existence and, in that act, finds unsurpassable joy.

That same Thomas Aquinas also taught that "the good is diffusive of itself", meaning that goodness tends to overflow, effervesce, give itself away.

This is why God's sheer joy in himself bubbles over into creation, the creator sharing that goodness he has. Joy is the flag that flies over the castle of our heart, announcing that the King is in residence today.

*Is our joy bubbling over creating good this new year?*

**From: Bishop Robert Barron** (*founder* Word on Fire).

***From the Pastor's Desk***  
+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

**Annual Donation Statements:** Parishioner donation statements for 2018 were mailed out the first week of January. If you did not receive yours, please contact me.

**Blessing of Throats:** Our Annual St. Blase Blessing of Throats will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019. Everyone is welcome to receive this blessing. *"Saint Blase was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century, he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat."* (From *The Book of Blessings*.)

**Sympathies:** The parish extends its sympathies to the family and friends of Mark R. Vetrone who passed away on January 3, 2019. Bishop Carl will offer mass on Sunday, February 3, 2019, for the repose of his soul and the consolation of his family and friends.

**Mass Time Change:** On Sunday, February 10, 2019, mass will be celebrated at 2:00 PM due to a scheduling conflict at St. Timothy's.

**Remember in your prayers:** Please remember our parishioners who are unable to join us due to recent illness or being homebound:

John Howard – recuperating from surgery from a brain bleed before Christmas  
Becky Kaley – recuperating at her home  
Rita Kreutz – recuperating at Delmar Gardens of Meramec Valley in Fenton

**Like us on Facebook!** Bishop Carl has been working on our parish Facebook page. If you are on Facebook, look for "Peter and Paul Chapel Creve Coeur" and "Like" our page. Also, invite your friends, Facebook and otherwise, to "Like" us as well!

**Parishioner Birthdays:** None this month!

**Parishioner Anniversaries:** None this month!