



# LENT

## ***Sts. Peter and Paul Chapel***

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### ***March 2021 Parish Bulletin***

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### **CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE**

#### ***In-Person Worship Services to Resume March 28 at 2 PM!***

March 7, 2021: Third Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2021: Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

March 21, 2021: Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 28, 2021: Palm Sunday (**In-Person Services Resume**) +Fr. Bob

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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. Bob Catlett, M.Div., Pastor

**March 7, 2021 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent:** The commandments are a concrete expression of what God expects of his people. Some, however, look for signs and wonders. St. Paul explains that God's greatest sign was his Son, Jesus Christ, but for some his death and resurrection are unconvincing. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of faith that enables us to live with you in hope of eternal life. (Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:22-25, John 2:13-25)

**March 14, 2021 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday):** Human history demonstrates how *infidelity has been added to infidelity*. However, "God so love the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." St. Paul presents this to us as God's plan *because he is rich in mercy*. Are we always faithful? (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:14-21)

**March 21, 2021 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:** God has written his law *upon the human heart*. The author of Hebrews states that by his own earnest prayers and obedience, Christ became the *source of eternal salvation for all who obey him*. Lent is the time to examine our hearts to see if it reflects the obedience of Christ. Being with Christ means doing the Father's will. (Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33)

**March 28, 2021 – Palm Sunday:** Mark shows the patience and strength of Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who came to regain the favor of God for sinful humankind yet was mocked and beaten in response. He was humbled "to the point of death, even death on a cross." He willingly "emptied himself" that we might be filled with the joy of salvation. (Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Mark 14:1-15:47)



**To ponder: "Fast From, Feast On".  
During these Four remaining weeks in Lent.**

**Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.**

**Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.**

**Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.**

**Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.**

**Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.**

**Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.**

**Fast from anger; Feast on patience.**

**Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.**

**Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.**

**Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.**

**Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.**

**Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.**

**Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.**

**Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.**

**Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.**

**Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.**

**Fast from discouragements; Feast on hope.**

**Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.**

**Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.**

**Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.**

**Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.**

**Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.**

**Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.**

*~ Lent is always about ~*

**Prayer for the good of the soul ~ Fasting for the good of the body**

**Almsgiving for the good of our neighbor**

*Selected from William Arthur Ward (+1994) an American author, teacher and pastor.*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

**In-Person Services Resume on Palm Sunday!** Praise be to God! After a year of not being able to worship in-person, we have been given permission to resume worship services on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021, at 2:00 PM! We are limited to a capacity of 20 people inside the church, must wear masks and practice social distancing. Hand sanitizer will also be available. It will be so good to see and worship with all of you once again! +Fr. Carl and I are looking forward to celebrating the liturgy with you.

**Mass Intentions:** +Fr. Carl, Fr. Bill and I are available to say mass for your particular intentions while we celebrate mass from home. Please feel free to contact us with your intentions.

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***Special blessings to our parishioners who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this month:***

### **Birthdays:**

Dwight Jacobi: March 6

### **Anniversaries:**

Bishop Carl: March 30: Ordination to the Priesthood (58 years!)