

# St. Peter Catholic Church

The Third Sunday in Lent  
March 15th, 2020



## Mass & Confession Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	5 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	7, 8:30, & 11 a.m.
<b>Mon., Wed., Fri., &amp; Sat.</b>	8:30 a.m.
First Saturdays (TLM)	8:30 a.m.
<b>Mon., Wed., &amp; Fri.</b>	11:15 a.m.
Traditional Latin Mass (TLM)	
<b>Tuesday (TLM)</b>	6:45 a.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	7 p.m.
<b>Holy Hour (Thursday)</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	8:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. (TLM), & 7 p.m.

### Confessions

Mon, Wed., Fri., Sat.	10 minutes after morning Masses
Thursday	7:30–8:30 p.m.
Saturday	4–4:45 p.m.

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### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday  
8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

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## Mass Intentions and Feasts

**The Second Sunday in Lent** (Readings: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
Jn 4:5-42 Pss III)

**Mar. 14** 5 p.m. Vigil Mass Alexander Knight  
**Mar. 15** 7 a.m. TLM Clifford Tuttle +  
8:30 a.m. Bob Mello +  
11 a.m. For all parishioners

**Monday— Lenten Weekday**

**Mar. 16** 8:30 a.m. Jacob Alger  
11:15 a.m. TLM Sandy O’Gorman

**Tuesday— St. Patrick, Bishop**

**Mar. 17** 6:45 a.m. TLM Patrick Henry Wingate

**Wednesday— St. Cyril of Jerusalem,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Mar. 18** 8:30 a.m. Lily and Jean Froissard +  
11:15 a.m. TLM In Thanksgiving to St Joseph

**Thursday— St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Mar. 19** 7:00 p.m. Freda McShane +

**Friday— Lenten Weekday**

**Mar. 20** 8:30 a.m. Henry Wingate  
11:15 a.m. Isabella Hickson

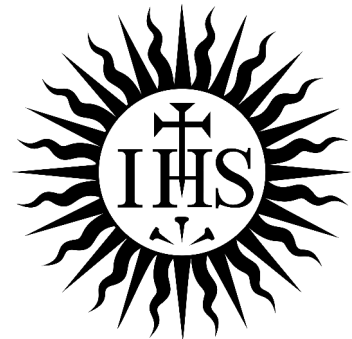
**Saturday— Lenten Weekday**

**Mar. 21** 8:30 a.m. (TLM) Zarac Felter  
4 p.m. Confessions  
5 p.m. Vigil Mass Felicity Polley

## Prayers for the Sick

Please pray for the following  
parishioners and their relatives:

**Gerald Hoffman**  
**Elaine Viguerie**  
**Nicholas Hovey**  
**Walt Cybrowski**  
**Joan Gannon**  
**Michael and Eileen Hawkins**  
**Bob Ward**  
**Theresa Carney**  
**Edna Albanese**  
**Joseph Miller**  
**Charlie Coble**  
**Felix Hernandez**



**Attention Legion of Mary Auxiliaries** (prayer warriors): On March 21st you are invited to join legionaries from several parishes in the area who will be gathering at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton at noon for the Acies. This is the annual renewal of legionary Consecration to our Blessed Mother, and there will be Benediction, Legion prayers, and the rosary. A social reception will take place in Mercy Hall (in back of St. John's Church).

### Lenten Fridays: Supper, Stations, Talk

Please join us Fridays of Lent at 6 p.m. for a meatless potluck supper in the parish hall; 7 p.m. for Stations of the Cross; and immediately following for a talk. This Lent Fr. Beres will be covering the Gospel of Saint John.

*March 20* – John 13:1 – 17:26

*March 27* – John 18:1 – 19:42

*April 3* – John 20:1 – 21:23

**The largest 40 Days for Life campaign (507 cities around the world) runs from Feb 26 - April 5.**

**Sign up to pray in this vigil at [40daysforlife.com/location](http://40daysforlife.com/location).**

### Collection: Sunday, Mar. 8

Basket: \$1489

Building Fund: \$578

Online: \$2100

### Legion of Mary

The spiritual adoption program at St. Peter's has already started. It means that in praying a short prayer (composed by Bishop Fulton Sheen) every day for nine months, you can help save the life of an unborn baby, and aid also his/her mother. The blue and pink prayer cards can be found on the side shelves in church or on the table as you exit the church.

## More Announcements

-Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30 am at the Falls Church abortion facility. The next First Saturday is on April 4, 2020. The facility is located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 For inquiries, contact Amy McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

-Are you willing to make a sacrifice for Lent from February 26th to April 12th? Take the Pioneer Pledge to abstain from all alcohol beverages and pray a short prayer twice a day during Lent for the end of Alcoholism. Sign-ups will be after all Masses on February 22-23, 2020. If you have any questions, please see the Legion of Mary in your parish.

-SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION BY SHROUD TALKS: Shroud Talks presents a dynamic account of the history, science, Passion and Resurrection evidence as seen in the **Shroud of Turin**. The goal is to draw people into the heart of Jesus Christ. Each person can decide for themselves whether the Shroud of Turin is the actual burial cloth of Christ.

You can find the presentation at **St. Bridget Catholic Church**, in Berryville, VA, on **April 5 at 7:00 p.m.**, and at **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**, in Gainesville, VA, on **April 8 at 7:00 p.m.**

-Help the Knights Help Kovar and Special Olympics: During Lent, the donations in the **Parish Poor Box** will be used to provide funds to support **KOVAR and the Special Olympics**. Since 1971, the Virginia Knights of Columbus have raised over \$14.5 million dollars for citizens with intellectual disabilities. An anonymous donor has pledged to match up to \$250 for Kovar and the Special Olympics. Instead of giving up something for Lent, consider a weekly act of charity by placing an offering in the poor box to support these worthy causes.

## Pastor's Piece

**Dear Folks,**

I have received several questions about whether or not we have been instructed to take Holy Communion in the hand rather than receive on the tongue because of the coronavirus. The current Church legislation on this comes from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in a document named *Redemptionis Sacramentum* issued March 25, 2004. There it states plainly "each of the faithful always has the right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue." In terms of preventing the spread of disease, I offer the following thoughts. The mouth is not necessarily a worse cause of contamination than the hand. The food we eat is cooked so as to kill disease. We have health inspectors to examine restaurants and at home, we wash our dishes and clean the countertops to try to prevent diseases from getting into our food. I will spare you a gross list of the things that we touch with our hands on a daily basis but there is definitely a long list of possible contagions and that is why we are encouraged to wash our hands regularly with soap and water and not to touch our faces to prevent getting sick. It would seem that both tongue and hand can be a source of contamination. As a skilled distributor of Holy Communion, it is very rare that I touch a person's tongue when they receive the Host. With the same frequency, if not more often, do I touch a person's hand when they take Holy Communion in the hand. I would suggest that receiving on the tongue is actually less likely to spread disease than taking in the hand as the tongue method means only I am touching the Host with two fingers whereas taking on the hand means the Host is also touching the communicant's hand and fingers as well. Just things to ponder. I will always respect the rights of the faithful to receive as Church law allows. May the Lord protect us from all illness and disease!

God bless!

**-Fr. Beres**