Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday ...................... 8:30 AM

Saturdays ...................... 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM

Sundays ...................... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM

Holy Days (Vigil on Eve) ............. 7:00 PM
  8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Mission Statement

We are a Catholic Community striving to live the Gospel Message in the spirit of St. Francis by welcoming and serving others. As instruments of peace and love, we will worship together and care for all creation.

We are Assisi at the Shore!

Hosanna

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:9b

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord * March 20, 2016
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Need Help?
All calls are Confidential
732-295-3630 ext. 33

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

AA
Thursday 7:00 PM
Saturday 8:30 PM
SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
A communal celebration of the sacrament of Baptism is held twice a month on Sunday at 1:30 PM. In order for parents to participate in St. Peter’s Baptismal program it is necessary to contact the Parish Office at least one month before the Baptism.

RECONCILIATION
Saturday - 4:00 - 4:45 PM and other times by request. As a pilgrim church for the Holy Year of Mercy, a Friar will be available for Reconciliation on Monday 9:00-9:30 AM, Wednesday 6:45-7:30 PM, and Friday 3:00-3:30 PM. You are always free to make an appointment with a Friar to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

MARRIAGE
Engaged couples should contact our Wedding Coordinator before making other arrangements.

CONVERT AND INQUIRY GROUP
Adult Baptism and Inquiry Group (R.C.I.A) meets Sundays in Kolbe Hall after the 9:00 AM Mass. Please call Kathy Bogan at 732-899-9358 or kathybogan@comcast.net.

MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND
Please call the Parish Office to arrange for communion in the home and for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Call us in the event of any serious illness. Please don’t wait for an emergency to call.

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS
St. Anthony Novena - every Tuesday following the 8:30 AM Mass
St. Joseph Novena - every Thursday following the 8:30 AM Mass
Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration - every Wednesday following the 8:30 AM Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, March 19
5:00 1. Federico Taurozzi
2. Mario Villecca

SUNDAY, March 20
7:30 1. Watkins & Pfister Families
2. Patricia Gray
9:00 1. Carla Alfano
2. Victoria and John Tomro
10:30 1. Anna Setaro
2. Patricia Benko
12:00 1. Secular Franciscans
2. William and Ruth Konovitch

MONDAY, March 21
8:30 1. Bernice Gorrie
2. Patricia Benko

TUESDAY, March 22
8:30 1. Lemke-Hickey Families
2. Mary Lou Dion

WEDNESDAY, March 23
8:30 1. Maryann Cassidy
2. Mary Elaine Smith

THURSDAY, March 24 Holy Thursday
7:00 1. The Church in El Salvador

FRIDAY, March 25 Good Friday
3:00 1. Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, March 26
8:00 1. Easter Vigil
   Priest’s Intention

SUNDAY, March 27
7:30 1. Priest’s Intention
9:00 1. Priest’s Intention
10:30 1. Migrants and Refugees
12:00 1. People suffering with addictions

DEVOTIONALS

The Sanctuary Light is offered in memory of Patricia Benko requested by Grace, George and Marshall.
The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive is offered for the intentions of Dot Frank requested by Don and Marie Wilderrotter.

COMING EVENTS

MONDAY
Glorious Years-L. Kolbe-9:00 AM

TUESDAY
Prayer Group-Lower Kolbe-9:00 AM
Bible Study-Lower Kolbe-7:00 PM

THURSDAY
Morning Prayer-Church-8:30 AM
AA-Lower Kolbe—7:00 PM

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer-Church-8:30 AM
Taize Prayer-Church-7:00 PM

SATURDAY
Morning Prayer-Church-8:30 AM
Food Blessing-Church-10:00 AM
AA-Lower Kolbe-8:00 PM

Daily Mass Readings
   Monday
   John 12:1-11
   Tuesday
   John 13:21-38
   Wednesday
   Matthew 26:14-25
   Thursday
   John 13:1-15
   Friday
   John 18:1—19:42
   Saturday
   Luke 24:1-12

PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
   HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER MONDAY
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 20, 2016

First Reading:
Isaiah 50:4-7
Isaiah describes an individual who had been taught by God to reach out to others. He also describes this individual’s willingness to be beaten and spit upon, secure that, with God’s help, he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading:
Philippians 2:6-11
Paul discusses how Jesus did not declare equality with God, but took on human form. He humbled himself enough to accept dying on the cross. God in turn exalted him and wants us to respect Jesus’ name and worship.

Gospel:
Luke gives a detailed account of Jesus’ last supper with the apostles, where Jesus tells them He will soon suffer in fulfillment of God’s will. Then Jesus prayed that He might be spared if it suited God’s will. After Judas betrayed Jesus, He was arrested. Although Pilate did not think Jesus was guilty of a crime, he gave in to the will of the people and sentenced Jesus to death on a cross. Then Jesus was crucified and His body laid in a tomb.

OFFERTORY
March 13, 2016 $8,562.00
Maintenance  $2,230.00

Email “Constant Contact”
The parish office is now making better use of our Constant Contact tool to inform parishioners of various events here in the parish. If you are not receiving these contacts and would like to do so, please send your full name and email address to Sandy Conaghan in the parish office at sconaghan@SAINTPETERSONLINE.ORG.
Also, we will have a new parish Facebook page very soon. We will keep you posted on that project as it develops.
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

2016 Book Club
The Purpose Driven Life
What Am I Here For?
by Rick Warren
Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM
Starting April 6 for 8 weeks
Have you ever wanted to know why you here and what is your purpose? The upcoming spring book club at St. Peters is the perfect program for you to start to get answers to these questions. Rick Warren’s The Purpose Driven Life says the starting place to answering the aforementioned questions must be with God and His eternal purposes for each life. Real meaning and significance comes from understanding and fulfilling God’s purposes for putting us on earth. This book has sold over 32 million copies and has been a favorite for book clubs and reading groups around the world. The Purpose-Driven Life is a proclamation for Christian living in the 21st century...a lifestyle based on eternal purposes, not cultural values. Using biblical stories and letting the Bible speak for itself, the book clearly explains God’s five purposes for each of us:
We were planned for God’s pleasure
We were formed for God’s family
We were created to become like Christ
We were shaped for serving God
We were made for a mission
To register call Sister Jeanne at 732-892-0049 or srjeanne@saintpetersonline.org
Book $11.00 on Amazon

FLEA MARKET

Your Rosary Altar Society is making plans for our "Fifth Annual Indoor Spring Flea Market". We are looking forward to converting lower Kolbe Hall into a Bakery and Shopping experience but we can’t do that without your help. Please start cleaning out your closets and getting together your unused items.
We are not accepting clothing or shoes for this event. Please contact Mel at 732-779-7246 for pickup of items or you may bring them to Kolbe Hall on Friday, April 1, 2016. after 1:00 PM.
Shopping begins on Saturday, April 2 at 9:00AM.
Please come and search for treasures. Remember proceeds go to promoting the altar care.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
St. Martha’s and St. Peter’s
Joining Together
This lay organization is inspired by Gospel values. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Monday in St. Martha’s all purpose room. Attend meetings to see if you might be called to this vocation of helping our neighbors in need. We offer the opportunity to grow spiritually, cultivate friendships and provide person-to-person service to those who call on us for assistance.

Annual Valentine House
March Birthday Celebration
This Tuesday, March 22, at 6:00 PM Debbie Kogan will again run our Valentine House Birthday celebration. Volunteers will gather at the Valentine House at Bay Avenue to celebrate with the residents that have a March birthday. Donations of chips, pretzels, soda, ice cream and cookies are needed. Please call Debbie at 732-552-7537 if you would like to make a donation or come celebrate with our friends at the Valentine House. Thanks for always making this a special time and thanks to Debbie for her help.

The Glorious Years Group
sponsors a bus trip to Atlantic City the second Wednesday of every month. Next date is April 13, 2016. Please call Bernice Engel at 732-295-1785 to register. Change in schedule: Bus will leave St. Peters at 10:00 AM
Taize Prayer
Our parish community will gather together in the church on Good Friday evening, March 25, to pray the Taize Prayer around the Cross with Fr. Michael preaching on a theme of Mercy and the Cross.

Our Annual Lenten Almsgiving Project
This year our Lenten donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul society. Thank you for your generous donations so far. Please place any donations in the box in the vestibule of the church. Any donations made from our "Holy Door" visits will also be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be generous, this is a way for all of us to help members of our local community.

The Fraternity of St. Maximilian Kolbe
of the Order of Franciscan Seculars {OFS} meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We attend the 12 Noon Mass and afterwards we gather in the lower Kolbe Hall for prayers, On Going Formation and socialization. If you are interested in learning about St. Francis and his Spiritual ideals and meeting Secular Franciscans, please join us today, Sunday March 20, 2016. For more information, call Minister Angel at 732-295-1131 or Formation Director Rose at 732-408-6653.

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday Morning Prayer

Every Sunday, we gather as a parish community for the celebration of Sunday Eucharist — the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This liturgy is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. In the life of the Church, we also have the Liturgy of the Hours, including Morning and Evening Prayer. Since the only Mass celebrated on Holy Thursday is the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening, there is no Morning Mass on Holy Thursday morning at 8:30 AM. There is also no morning Mass on Good Friday morning or the morning of Holy Saturday. Consequently, we will pray the Liturgy of Morning Prayer at those times on these sacred days. On the mornings of Thursday, March 24; Friday, March 25; and Saturday, March 26 we will celebrate Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM. After Morning Prayer on Saturday, we will have the blessing of food for Easter. We will also have a blessing of food for Easter again at 10:00 AM that morning.

Holy Thursday
March 24, 2016
No Morning Mass
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
7:00 PM
Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday
March 25, 2016
No Morning Mass
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
3:00 PM
Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death
7:00 PM
Taize Prayer Around the Cross

Holy Saturday
March 26, 2016
No Morning Mass
8:30 AM Morning Prayer
10:00 AM Blessing of Food
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule
March 27, 2016
7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM and Noon

Palm Sunday Bake Sale
The Student Council of Saint Peter School will be holding a bake sale after all masses this weekend. This sale is to help the students reach their goal of $5,000.00. The students have been raising money to support the Sisters of St. Joseph’s program ‘Change for Global Change’. It takes $5000.00 to have a well dug in a third-world country to supply clean drinking water for the people there. The students are getting closer to their goal. They are hoping the parishioners would help support this worthy cause.
Entering the Liturgy of the Triduum – Roger Pisani

We are about to enter the most important liturgy of our lives --- the liturgy of the Triduum --- the center of our liturgical year and our life in Christ. As we prepare spiritually, let us take a look at the gift that is before us:

The Triduum is ONE liturgy that last 3 liturgical days. The first day runs from sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday; the second from sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday; the third from sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday. People often treat each movement of the Triduum as a separate liturgy, but it is actually one ritual experience that plunges us into the reality of our death and resurrection with Christ.

The dominant symbol is the CROSS:
Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper shows us that embracing the cross means living in service for others --- the scandal of washing feet.

Good Friday is NOT a depressing liturgy. On the contrary, the Vatican has urged parishes not to celebrate the liturgy of Good Friday as if it was Jesus’ funeral. This is the liturgy that celebrates Christ’s victory over death --- in the cross. John’s account of the Passion shows us that Jesus was master over the cross, not its victim.

The Easter Vigil of the Resurrection is where we share the stories of our salvation (beginning with the story of creation), embrace our call to enter into the tomb of baptismal waters to be reborn in Christ, and celebrate the meal that connects us to Christ and one another more closely than our blood ties to our family. This is not the same as a Saturday evening Mass before Sunday. It is the principal celebration of salvation history which leads us to the joy of Easter.

Celebrate the Triduum fully and actively and you will lose track of time, as is supposed to happen in liturgy. Recall the events of your life when time had no meaning: your first kiss, the birth of your children, your favorite vacation, etc. Enter this celebration of your citizenship in the kingdom where time has no meaning. Experience the hope and joy as you are drawn ever closer to Christ and one another.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND MARCH 26 AND 27

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April Altar Linens: Dorothy O’Reilly and Betty Habegger
“New Jersey Needs Catholic Schools”

“Why does New Jersey need Catholic Schools?” was the theme of this year’s contest sponsored by the Network of Catholic School Families and the Catholic Schools Marketing Council, in partnership with the New Jersey Catholic Conference. Students in Grades 6-8 who attend Catholic Schools throughout New Jersey were asked to design a poster with this year’s theme in mind. One of the winners this year is Elizabeth Piatkowski, an 8th grade student from Saint Peter School. On February 4th, Elizabeth and her parents along with Miss Berlino toured the State House in Trenton and observed a legislative session. After the tour, everyone enjoyed lunch, listened to a reading of the governor’s proclamation and the winners received certificates. We are so proud of Elizabeth Piatkowski for sharing her God-given artistic talent and for promoting Catholic education.
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Gospel Today


The Passion narrative ends Jesus’ earthly public ministry. Creating the Eucharist at the Last Supper and continuing until His death, He is always faithful and obedient to the will of God, His Father.

Jesus prays,

“Not my will but yours be done.”

LUKE 22:42

This last week in Lent, walk in Jesus’ footsteps through Holy Week and be obedient to God as we:

“Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.”

LUKE 23:42

Follow Jesus through Jerusalem as He is welcomed with palm branches.
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