

Saturday, February 20, 2021

8:15 AM – † Birthday remembrance for Felix Guzman
† Fr. Denis McHugh

5:00 PM – † Charles and Grace DeFeo
† Alfredo Codispoti
† Carmella Caiola

Sunday, February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – † Fr. Matthew Mpampanye
† Msgr. Mark Giordani
† Carmella Caiola
Healing for Rose Waller
Prayers for healing for Joy Sanders

11:00 AM – † Alfredo Codispoti – 1 year Mass
† Antonio Iacono
† Antonietta Trivilini
† Joseph Caiola Sr.
† Enzo DePaola
† Fernando Rossi
† Rodolfo and Carmella Zodda
† Msgr. Mark Giordani
† Giovanni and Antoinetta Pelosi
† Nerida Pelayo
† Carmella Caiola

1:00 PM – † Joulé Castillon
† Carmella Caiola
Prayers of safety for all law enforcement
officers, firefighters and first responders

Monday, February 22, 2021

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:15 AM – † Patricia Sheridan
Guy and Meredith Speier and family

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM – † Sr. Julia Marie Zgurzynski
Hadley Avery and family
Special intentions for Dominico Libertino

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

8:15 AM – † Marie DeFeo
Birthday blessings for Michael Laracuente
Heather Scott and family

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:15 PM † Silvestro Sama
Birthday blessings for Judith Ferriera
Special intentions for Patricia Sheridan-Aranibar
and family

Friday, February 26, 2021- Abstinence

7:30 AM – Stations of the Cross in English
8:15 AM – † Hermann & Emmy Wiegand & family
† Deacon Edward J. Ramirez
7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross in Spanish

Saturday, February 27, 2021

8:15 AM – Jack and Vicki Holland and family
For the unborn

5:00 PM – † Robert Raineri
† Rose Brino
† Julian De la Cruz
† Carmella Caiola

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM – † Margaret Laino
† Carmella Caiola
For the unemployed

11:00 AM – † Rose Emolo – 1 year Mass
† Lauren Raineri
† Keith Caiola
† Rosamma Joseph
† Angelo DePaola
† Rosaria Podimani
† Msgr. Mark Giordani
† Carmella Caiola

1:00 PM – Special intentions for our Spanish prayer
groups
Matrimonio Feliz Mass



“Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience...”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter

We are so familiar with St. Peter – chosen by Jesus, leader of the apostles, sometimes speaking out of turn, human, repentant not unlike ourselves.

Yet, are we familiar with the two letters he wrote, which are part of the bible? Some say they were his teaching for the new Christians, like the homily we hear at mass.

How simply, yet beautifully, he reminds us today that the suffering and death of Jesus was for me, the unrighteous, the unjust person.

HIS WORD TODAY, by Rev. William J. Reilly



Bible Readings

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

2/14/2021-Sunday-Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

2/15/2021-Monday-1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19




2/16/2021-Tuesday-Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

2/17/2021-Wednesday-Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

2/18/2021-Thursday-Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

2/19/2021-Friday-Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

2/20/2021-Saturday-Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sanctuary Lamp	Flowers	The Bread and Wine
		
The <i>Sanctuary Lamp</i> burns in loving memory of Afrina Stampone	<i>Flowers</i> are given in loving memory of Rose Brino	The <i>Bread and Wine</i> is offered in memory of Salvatore Cannata

Deceased Parishioners:

Please keep in your prayers those of our parishioners, family or friends who have entered into eternal rest. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the eternal light shine upon them. **We specially pray for John Amato, Betty Erdmann and Carmella Caiola.**



Thank You



Your gifts, blessings and generous donations to our Parish Community are deeply appreciated. Please use your parishioner envelopes. **Kindly remember to place your offering in the baskets by both entrances inside the Church.** If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail your donations to the Rectory at 501 West Broadway, Paterson, NJ 07522

Stations of the Cross

Fridays

7:30 AM in English

Spanish: 7:00 PM



Confessions

During Lent, confessions will be heard in the church on Mondays from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



If you would like to remember a loved one in a special way, candles with your choice of wording, are available by the following statues in our church: St. Joseph, St. Gerard, the Blessed Mother, Padre Pio and St. Michael. The cost for one year is \$100. Please call June at the Rectory with your request.

LENTEN OBSERVANCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of FAST (ONLY 1 FULL MEAL THAT DAY) and ABSTINENCE (NO MEAT THAT DAY)
All Fridays during Lent are days of ABSTINENCE.

All persons who have completed their 14th year are bound by the **LAW OF ABSTINENCE**; All Adults are bound by the **LAW OF FAST** from the age of 18 to the **BEGINNING OF THEIR 60TH YEAR.**

**THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER,
THE APOSTLE
February 22, 2021**



The Chair of Saint Peter, also known as the Throne of Saint Peter, is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the sovereign enclave of the Pope inside Rome, Italy. The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims the Apostle Saint Peter, the leader of the Early Christians in Rome and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome. The relic is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini and executed between 1647 and 1653. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."



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PARISHIONERS PLEASE NOTE: To be considered a registered parishioner you must be receiving and using your weekly envelopes. If you would like to register, please call the Rectory at 973-595-8446. **Godparents (Sponsors)** must be baptized, have received first communion and confirmation; were married in the Catholic church and come to church regularly, **using their weekly envelopes. A sponsorship letter must be obtained from the church that the sponsor is a member of.**



The Mass book for 2021 is open. Please call the Rectory with your requests. Mass intentions should be called in 2 weeks prior to the requested date. Rectory hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm. 973-595-8446



**SPECIAL
INTENTIONS**



In addition to daily masses, the Sanctuary Lamp, Bread and Wine and Flowers are also available in memory of a loved one. The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the entire week in the individual's name. The donation is \$15.00.



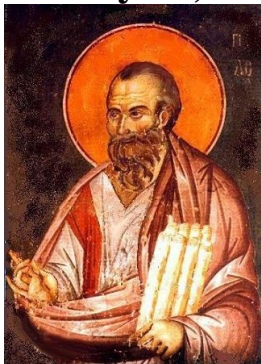
Pray for Healing and Hope

During this Coronavirus pandemic, many are tempted to fear, anxiety and perhaps even despair. Some have lost their precious lives, some have lost those whom they love, some have suffered through the debilitating effects of this illness, some have lost their jobs, their income, and most have encountered much disruption to the normal flow of their daily lives.

Every crisis in life is also an opportunity to turn to our beloved Savior in trust and complete abandonment so as to rest in His merciful hands. To rest in the hands of God means we are secure, despite the uncertainty of life. It means we are free to love God and others, despite the challenges we face. It means we raise our eyes to Heaven, rather than look down in fear.



St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr February 23, 2021



Polycarp was a Christian bishop of Smyrna. According to the Martyrdom of Polycarp, he died a martyr, bound and burned at the stake, then stabbed when the fire failed to consume his body. His name means "much fruit" in Greek. Both Irenaeus and Tertullian record that Polycarp had been a disciple of John the Apostle, one of Jesus' disciples. Polycarp is regarded as one of three chief Apostolic Fathers, along with Clement of Rome and Ignatius of Antioch.

Lent



Lent (also called the "Lenten Season") is a 40-day period of fasting and repentance in preparation for Easter, the Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Although there are differences in practice and expression of recognizing Lent, all major Christian denominations observe the season.

The last day before Lent is called Mardi Gras, which today is associated mostly with partying, yet originally it had important spiritual significance (follow link for more information). The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday, which many remember for the practice of observers getting a cross marked on their forehead with ash.

Lent has been observed since apostolic times as a period of reflection and penitence for those who would undergo baptism on Easter, and a time for all sinners to repent.

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Closed Weekends