

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

March 31st: Laetare Sunday

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." – Luke 5:4

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Holy Name—Machias



St. Timothy—Campobello Isle, NB



St. Michael—Cherryfield



Sacred Heart—Lubec

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the fourth Sunday of Lent, otherwise known as *Laetare Sunday* from the first words in Latin of today's entrance antiphon, "*Laetare, O Jerusalem,*" "REJOICE, O Jerusalem." Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, on which special signs of joy were permitted to encourage the faithful to stay the course through the remainder of the season. Later those special signs were transferred to the Sunday following the middle day, and thus we celebrate the fourth Sunday with joyful anticipation of Easter by lightening the penitential spirit of the season for a day. We are able to place flowers on the altar, use the Organ more prolifically, and the priest wears rose colored vestments to illustrate this joyful spirit. Further, we hear the Gospel passage of the Prodigal Son today. Last week we heard about the barren fig tree and began to ask ourselves if we are bearing 'good fruit' for the Lord. In the parable of the Prodigal Son we see him finally realizing that he was not bearing good fruit, and with a sorrowful and repentant heart he returned to his father to find forgiveness and celebration that as he was once lost, he had been found. Let us, too, turn back to our Father in Heaven with sorrowful and repentant hearts, seeking His blessing for once being lost and now being found.

With prayers for your holiness and God's abundant blessings,
Fr. Philip Clement, Pastor

thank
you!

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March 23rd & 24th

\$2,819.00

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Mass Intentions for the 4th Sunday of Lent

Sat	Mar. 30, 2019	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	4TH SUNDAY — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Mar. 30, 2019	4:30 pm (EDT)	SH	4TH SUNDAY — Don Smith
Sun	Mar. 31, 2019	8:30 am	HN	4TH SUNDAY — Catherine Reipe
Sun	Mar. 31, 2019	10:30 am	SM	4TH SUNDAY — Catholic Exchange
Wed	Apr. 3, 2019	8:30 am	HN	4TH WEEKDAY — Jeanette Stuart
Wed	Apr. 3, 2019	9:00 am	SM	4TH WEEK — Don Smith
Thurs	Apr. 4, 2019	8:30 am	SH	4th Week — Don Smith
Fri	Apr. 5, 2019	8:30 am	SM	4TH WEEK — Frances Else

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Baptisms, Weddings, Holy Communion to the homebound, Sacrament of the Sick, Funerals, or any other sacramental or pastoral needs.

Confessions: Sat. 3:00-4:00 ATL @ St. Timothy; Sat. 5:30-6:00 @ Sacred Heart; Sun. 7:30-8:20 @ Holy Name; Sun. 11:30-12:30 @ St. Michael's

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Did you know ...

Pretzels had their origin in early Christian Lenten practice. "Because fat, eggs, and milk were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* (Latin, 'little arms'). Among the Germans the Latin word became 'bretzel.' These pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe and became an all year round snack, in its original shape, only in the 19th century"

LENTEN MISSION

This year for Lent (March 6 — April 20), we will have a parish mission on each Friday evening of the Lenten season. Each session will begin with the Stations of the Cross **AT 6:30PM**, and then we will delve into a discussion of the Holy Mass. The discussions will be guided by the book: *A Devotional Journey Into the Mass—How Mass Can Become A Time of Grace, Nourishment, and Devotion*, by Christopher Carstens. Get a copy from Amazon.com or contact Fr. Philip to help you obtain a copy. You do not need to read the book to attend the sessions. More information to follow.

Thank you



Thank you to all who came out to help clean the newly renovated St. Francis Room, and thank you to all who donated to the renovation. It could not have been done without your help. The St. Francis Room is now available for meetings and parish gatherings. In addition, the SFR now has a small office space for anyone interested in volunteering to help with parish office work. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Philip.



REGISTER ONLINE OR UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Please go to our website www.stpeterthefisherman.me and register as a parishioner or update your registered contact information online now. Click the "About" tab and then "Register Online". Please help us update our records.

Winter operating budget ...

Please support our "Winter Operating Budget" second collections. Please also consider adding one or two dollars to your regular weekly contributions to assist us in being able to meet our operating costs from now through May. **THANK YOU**



2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Parish Fuel Fund

Thank you for responding to the call

Veronica's Veil



Is our new Altar Society where we focus as a group on beautifying the sanctuary and fostering worship of God and devotion to the Holy Mass through the care, embellishment, and making of altar accoutrements. If you are interested in joining the society, please come to our next meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 6 from 9-11 am at the Holy Name Parish Hall located at 42 Broadway in Machias. Specific skills not necessary.

Maine Catholic Women's Conference

Holy Mass • Vendors • Music • Adoration

God will provide!



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OFFICE HOURS



Fr. Philip's day off is Monday. Office hours are Wednesdays from 10am — 4pm by appointment only. If you need to see Fr. Philip for any reason, please call the office, or email Fr. Philip directly to make an appointment. Appointments are held at Holy Name Church in Machias.