

St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

February 23, 2020: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Dear Parishioners,

Today with enthusiasm and joy we sing for the last time the *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* in Mass as we prepare for the hibernation of these two hymns for the 40 days of Lent. The season of Lent (and Advent) is what's called a "penitential season." This means that it is a season during which we engage in acts of penance for our sins. It is a time when we as Catholics trade our joyful participation at Mass for a penitential *mea culpa* as I consider, Lord, that I have sinned "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault." The *Gloria* and the *Alleluia* are joyful acclamations of praise that we set aside as we take the time to contemplate why our Lord and Savior Jesus had to come to us in the first place. As we gain a deeper understanding of our sinfulness through the 40 days of Lent, we not only prepare our hearts for the Kingdom that is to come, but we also prepare our hearts to be thankful for the gift of our salvation that happened with the Resurrection of Jesus. For it is on that day just over 40 days from now that we will again sing with joyful praise, "Alleluia!, Glory to God in the highest", our Lord has set us free. Until then, however, let us remain humbly and quietly at the foot of the Cross being sorry for our sins and anticipating that joyful day of Resurrection.

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

Mass Intentions for 7th Week in Ordinary Time / Lent

Sat	Feb 22, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	7th Sunday — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Feb 22, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	7th Sunday — Eleanor McKeary
Sun	Feb 23, 2020	8:30 am	HN	7th Sunday — Jerry Walsh
Sun	Feb 23, 2020	10:30 am	SM	7th Sunday — Paul, Carol, & Altemus Clark
Wed	Feb 26, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Ash Wednesday — Catholic Exchange
Wed	Feb 26, 2020	9:00 am	SM	Ash Wednesday — Catholic Exchange
Wed	Feb 26, 2020	12:10pm	HN	Ash Wednesday— Catholic Exchange
Wed	Feb 26, 2020	6:00 pm	SH	Ash Wednesday— Catholic Exchange
Thurs	Feb 27, 2020	8:30 am	SH	Thu after Ash Wed — Thanksgiving, prayer answ.
Fri	Feb 28, 2020	8:30 am	SM	Fri after Ash Wed — Special Intention
Sat	Feb 29, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	1st Sunday, Lent — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Feb 29, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	1st Sunday, Lent — Joseph Cote
Sun	Mar01, 2020	8:30 am	HN	1st Sunday, Lent — Adrian Wright
Sun	Mar01, 2020	10:30 am	SM	1st Sunday, Lent — Roesch Family

thank
you!

COLLECTION

February 16, 2020

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For Your Generosity

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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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Catholic Lent Trivia ...

What is the last week of Lent called?

- A. Shrove Week B. Holy Week C. Week of the Living

What is the Fourth Sunday of Lent Called (the priest wears rose colored vestments on this Sunday)?

- A. Gaudete Sunday B. Memorial Sunday C. Laetare Sunday



SPF Capital Improvement Campaign

The Capital Improvement Campaign Committee is happy to report that to date we have received pledges totaling \$209,918. This means that we have already received enough pledges to meet our "Maintenance Goal" of \$153,350 and are in need of only \$20,082 in pledges to meet our "Sustainability Goal" of \$230,025. We are so very grateful to everyone who has made a pledge.



Our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice *prayer, fasting* and *almsgiving*—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty and put them on a path toward resilience, prosperity and stability. That's the **CRS Rice Bowl** effect. Through this tradition, we have helped families around the world and in our own backyard by raising our voices and our prayers, and by making sacrificial gifts.

Take your Rice Bowl home today. **THANK YOU!**



Join us for Stations of the Cross and Adoration every Friday of Lent from **6:00-7:30pm** at Holy Name Church in Machias. Let us enter a contemplative preparation for Easter.



Shrove Tuesday Potluck

The word "Shrove" comes from the Old English word "Shriven" which means having gone to confession. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, when many prepare for Lent by going to confession. We will celebrate this Shrove Tuesday (also Mardi Gras) with a potluck dinner at **HOLY NAME HALL** in **MACHIAS**. The gathering will begin at 4:30 and last until 7pm. Please come and bring a favorite dish as we feast before the fast. Fr. Philip promises a scrumptious Jambalaya!

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Next Week

Support of the Church in
Central and Eastern Europe



Marks the beginning of the season of Lent, and this year it falls on Wednesday, February 26th. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation but is a holy day.

Mass & Distribution of Ashes

If you would like to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we will have Masses at the following times and churches.

8:30am — Holy Name

9:00am — St. Michael

12:10pm — Holy Name

6:00pm — Sacred Heart

OFFICE HOURS

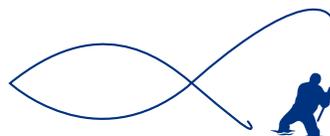


Fr. Philip's day off is Monday. Office hours are Wednesdays from 10am — 4pm by appointment only. If you need to see Fr. Philip for any reason, please call the office, or email Fr. Philip directly to make an appointment. Appointments are held at Holy Name Church in Machias.

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Matt. 4:19



ST PETER THE FISHERMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. MICHAEL - HOLY NAME OF JESUS - SACRED HEART - ST. TIMOTHY
CHERRYFIELD MACHIAS LUBEC CAMPOBELLO ISLAND

Dear Parishioners,

As pastor of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish, my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to equip you to go and make disciples of others. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute called the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey.

The DMI allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. This process is intended to help more Catholics to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ and become more highly engaged in their parish. The survey seeks to provide parishioners with an opportunity to reflect on their individual spiritual growth as well as provide me with invaluable insight regarding our parish's strengths and opportunities. Your meaningful input will help us set priorities and allocate resources so that our parish is moving parishioners forward on their journey of faith as effectively as possible.

The web-based survey will be accessible online, and in paper form, from February 29, 2020 until March 23, 2020. At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. This results offer us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to your family in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship, and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth.

Once the survey becomes available on February 29th, please take 10-15 minutes to complete it, either online or by filling out a paper form. The paper forms will be available in each church. The results will be invaluable to me as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Philip Clement

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