

# St. Peter the Fisherman Parish

## March 1, 2020: 1st Sunday of Lent

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

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Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a time of reflection, introspection, repentance, and conversion. It is a time for us to consider our mortal frailty and how sin affects our relationship with God. Becoming more aware of this should move us to a deeper desire to turn away from sin and follow the Gospel. In the Gospels Jesus tells us that the two greatest commandments is to love God above all things, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. These two commandments are reflected in the three tenets of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer helps us to put God first in all things. Fasting teaches us self-denial and helps us learn to say "no" to ourselves in order to put others first. Finally, almsgiving not only helps us put others first, but it teaches us how to give of ourselves to others by contributing to another's lack or need. If we build our Lenten experience on these three principles, we are sure to have a very fruitful journey to the Cross as we travel the path to conversion. Later in the season of Lent we will have an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation as a parish. If you haven't yet been to confession this year, or if it's been a long time since you've made a good confession, please consider making this year a year of change and renewal and come to the throne of God's mercy, confess your sins, and receive His absolution.

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

thank  
you!

**COLLECTION**

February 16, 2020

Report to follow next week

Thank You  
For Your Generosity

### Mass Intentions for First Week of Lent

Sat	Feb 29, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	1st Sunday — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Feb 29, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	1st Sunday — Joseph Cote
Sun	Mar 01, 2020	8:30 am	HN	1st Sunday — Adrian Wright
Sun	Mar 01, 2020	10:30 am	SM	1st Sunday — Roesch Family
Wed	Mar 04, 2020	8:30 am	HN	Week 1 — Catholic Exchange Intentions
Wed	Mar 04, 2020	9:00 am	SM	Week 1 — Edward Gallagher
Thurs	Mar 05, 2020	8:30 am	SH	Week 1 — Catholic Exchange Intentions
Fri	Mar 06, 2020	8:30 am	SM	Week 1 — Catholic Exchange Intentions
Sat	Mar 07, 2020	4:00 pm (ATL)	ST	2nd Sunday — People of SPF Parish
Sat	Mar 07, 2020	4:30 pm (EST)	SH	2nd Sunday — Catholic Exchange Intentions
Sun	Mar 08, 2020	8:30 am	HN	2nd Sunday — Madelaine Mitchell
Sun	Mar 08, 2020	10:30 am	SM	2nd Sunday — John Fairfield

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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 Good Friday?

A. The day Jesus rose from the dead B. The day Jesus died on the Cross

Which of these days is not part of Lent?

A. Friday B. Sunday C. Wednesday



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.



Disciple Maker Index  
**SURVEY**



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## Easter Flowers

This year instead of collecting money for Easter Flowers, Fr. Philip is asking everyone to donate a flower instead.

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to find acceptable flowers in a large number at one time for all three churches. It is also difficult to travel and transport the number of flowers needed. Therefore, if you would like to donate a flower and put the name of a loved one in whose memory you'd like to make your donation, use the collection envelope for the Easter Flower Collection on which to write the name. Then, on Palm Sunday, bring your Easter flower to church, and we will store them in the church until Easter Sunday. If everyone participates, this should provide each church with more flowers and flowers of a higher quality. Flower donation memorials will still be published the Sunday following Easter. If you see a good flower/plant, grab it, and nurse it in your home until Palm Sunday.

Our parish has been chosen to participate in the Catholic Leadership Institute's *Disciple Maker Index 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. The survey seeks to provide parishioners with an opportunity to reflect on their individual spiritual growth as well as provide their pastor with invaluable insight regarding the 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 survey is now available online from our website, as well as in paper form obtained from each church. Please consider taking 15 minutes to complete the survey. We need as many parishioners participating as possible to gain the most benefit from the survey. The collected results will serve to benefit you and future parishioners as we use the results to help guide the future direction of the parish.



## 2ND COLLECTION

Next Week

Black & Indian Missions  
Fuel Fund

\*Last week the second collection for this week was reported incorrectly

If you would like to have your voice heard, please fill out a survey today. If you do not use the internet, please pick up a paper copy in church. If you do use the internet, visit our website to take the survey. Thank you for your time and valuable participation.

## 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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