

March 29th, 2020

29 de Marzo 2020



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

Jesús le dijo: "Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque haya muerto, vivirá". - Jn 11, 25



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ST. PETER MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Week Days: 8:30 am M, T, Th, F

(if a funeral is scheduled, there will be no mass that morning)

Holy Days: 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Morning Prayer: 8:15 am, M-F

Confessions: Sat 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 9 am - 9 pm in the Church.

Holy Hour of Reparation in the church on the 13th of each month at 6 pm except Saturday and Sunday, Otherwise, the Friday before

A Message from Fr. Fabio regarding the St. Peter Parish Staff

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-21, effective March 24, 2020, all non-essential employees of St. Peter are instructed to stay at home except for essential personal activities related to the care of their own health and safety as well as that of their families and the elderly. Click below to read the text of the Governor's order.

Employers are instructed to designate "essential" employees who may be required to work at the place of employment, and other employees are instructed to work from home.

Every staff member at St. Peter is essential to the mission and ministry of our parish. But not every staff member needs to be at the office on a daily basis in order to maintain effectiveness. For purposes of this legal order, I designate myself, as pastor, along with Business Manager Ralph Hensley, and Pastoral Associate Rick Hardy as essential employees who may be required to work at the parish office. Other staff members are instructed to stay at home, to work as needed from there, and to communicate via email, phone, or other electronic means.

Normal pay and benefits will continue for the members of St. Peter parish staff for the duration of this order, and as much as possible, staff members should carry out their normal tasks while working from home.

Staff members who are working at home are allowed to visit the parish office when it is absolutely necessary, but when doing so should observe all precautions regarding sanitizing of hands and surfaces, and social distance of six feet or more between persons.

"Lord, the one You love is sick."

The St. Peter Prayer Line unites parishioners in a spirit of Christian Charity to pray for the needs of our parishioners, especially: **Luella Kerridge, Jackie Diaz, Reese Holmes, Saúl Suárez Jr., Fr. John Flynn, OSA, Dolly Leonard, Madison McAllister, Deacon Tony Nethercott, Dolores Snyder, Br. Larry Sparacino, OSA, Tom Doucette and all the sick on St. Peter's Prayer Line.** The group will continue to pray for your request until they hear differently from you.

Helps Feed the Gap

St. Peter Parish is joining together with other local churches and the school systems of Saugatuck and Fennville to provide meals for children who are in need and are affected by the state-wide school closing.

You can help by assisting with the assembly of food packages (at Community Church of Douglas) and/or by donating money to help cover the cost of this effort. The actual times for assembling food packages are TBD, but someone will contact you as soon as the schedule is complete.

Your financial donation will be used 100% for food for children. Any surplus after schools reopen will be directed to existing local agencies that help provide food security for children in need.

Please sing up in www.stpeter-douglas.org to assemble food packages to donate funds

What St. Peter and Affiliates are doing to

1. **Christian Neighbors** is placing food packages outside for pickup by clients. In case of rain, they will use the porch of the parish office.
2. **Homebound Ministry** is mailing the Bulletin and a Prayer for Spiritual Communion to each individual on their list. They will do this each week.
3. **K of C** will prepare meals for families in need of food assistance. Details pending.
4. **Preparations are underway for live-stream capability from church, so when public Masses are suspended** Mass can be broadcast from Church via Facebook Live or similar means.
5. **A group of local churches, including St. Peter, will step in to fill the gap between school-provided meals and the rest of a child's needs.** For example, the schools will continue to provide breakfast and lunch, and the churches will provide dinner and a snack to each child who needs such help. Restrictions on eligibility are waived during this period, so all children whose families state a need will be served.

Online Giving Support Our Parish and Community

Online giving is available at St Peter, it's easier than ever to contribute to the Lord's work at our parish. Just click the link on the parish web site under the Home category.... Donate or Register on Line tab (www.stpeter-douglas.org) and make a one-time gift, or set up a recurring donation. Online giving is ideal for when you're traveling or sick, or as a convenient giving solution at any time.

Our parish continues to rely on our parishioners' generosity, and we may have additional financial need if more people seek assistance. If you will not be able to give in person, **please give online.** Thank you!



*From Rick Hardy,
Pastoral Associate*

Live Streaming

As you know, last Sunday our parish, along with many others, "live-streamed" Sunday Mass. Ours was at 9:30 in the morning, to split the difference between our two regular Mass times.

Live-streaming is remarkably easy to do, and in our case the "stream" goes to our parish Facebook page. About 100 "devices" were connected at any given time, which could mean one person per smartphone, tablet, or computer, or perhaps 2 or more...

Anyone can watch the live stream by clicking on the link we provided. (We'll send it to everyone each week in advance.). But Facebook members can also comment and "like" or "love" or send other "emojis" during the stream.

For a first-time effort, the stream went pretty well. The sound was just barely ok, and we have fixed that for this week, but it looked just fine. People watched from Indiana, Florida, and Arizona, plus all around our part of Michigan. Remarkable!

All of this has me thinking about the Liturgy, about how we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. No one could have imagined the events of the last few weeks, or the next several. No one would have believed that Easter Masses would be cancelled, ever, not in a million years....

The Liturgy — the name means 'the work of the people' — is something we DO, together. It's not meant to be watched without participation. My entire adult life has been spent with that principle in mind... yet here we are, with two choices: either people watch without being present, or there is no connection among us at all, until this is over.

Yet in spite of how truly abnormal this situation is, I found the live stream experience somewhat comforting and uplifting. While the camera (which is my iPhone) is rolling, comments appear from people who are watching. Many of these were actually the Mass responses, including greetings of peace, and some thank-you's for the live stream.

As a liturgist and liturgical musician, I've been thinking about how this experience might shape us as a worshipping community in the future — what will it be like when we gather once again in our church and celebrate the Eucharist together...? Will our in-person greetings be as tender and heartfelt as those sent in the comments to the video...? Will we say, aloud, "it's so good to be here?" Will we delight in the opportunity to be together, and in every other person who gathers here? That will be the lemonade we might make from the lemons that this virus has given us...

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CONFESSIONS AT SAINT PETER

"Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by *votum confessionis*, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones..." (cf. CCC, no. 1452)

Like a good mother, the Church implores the Lord that humanity may be freed from such a scourge, invoking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy and Health of the Sick, and of her Spouse Saint Joseph, under whose patronage the Church has always walked the world.

May Mary, Most Holy and Saint Joseph obtain for us abundant graces of reconciliation and salvation, in attentive listening to the Word of the Lord, which he repeats to humanity today:

"Be still and know that I am God" (Ps 46: 10),
"I am with you always" (Mt 28 :20).

Note from the Apostolic Penitentiary on the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the current pandemic, 20.03.2020

TEMPORARY CONFESSION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 4:00 - 6:00 pm
 THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 10:00 am – NOON
 FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 10:00 am – NOON
 SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2:30 – 4.30 pm

From the Guidelines of Bishop Bradley:

Confessional screens should be used, both to protect the penitent's right to anonymity and as a barrier of the spread of germs.

The article form Rick Hardy Continued

Next week, we look ahead to the celebration of Holy Week without actually being together. For many, this could be a first-time experience of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or the Easter Vigil. I hope we will grow as a result of this sacrifice, and that this will be an unexpected source of special graces and blessings from the God we strive to honor with our praise. Be well!



A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic



O Mary,
 You always brighten our path
 As a sign of salvation and of hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
 Who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
 While remaining steadfast in faith.
 O loving Mother,
 You know what we need,
 And we are confident you will provide for us
 as at Cana in Galilee.
 Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
 The Divine Physician,
 For those who have fallen ill,
 For those who are vulnerable,
 And for those who have died.
 Intercede also for those charged with
 Protecting the health and safety of others
 And for those who are tending to the sick
 And seeking a cure.
 Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
 To conform to the will of the Father
 And to do as we are told by Jesus,
 Who took upon himself our
 Sufferings and carried our sorrows,
 So as to lead us, through the Cross,
 To the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.
 Under thy protection we seek refuge,
 O Holy Mother of God.
 In our needs, despise not our petitions,
 But deliver us always from all dangers,
 O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

Important Information

The Parish office remains closed through April 13.

All parish meetings and events are suspended through April 13.

The Church remains open during the day

from about 8:00am to 5:00pm,
for personal prayer.

Persons entering the church should observe all precautions, including the use of hand sanitizer and maintaining a social distance of at least six feet between persons.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration on Friday mornings

will continue through April 3, 2020.

Exposition does not take place on Good Friday.

The Live Stream Sunday Mass

will continue at 9:30 am as presented last week.



The sound quality will be significantly improved with a direct audio feed. Only persons who are essential to provide the live stream Mass may be in the church at that time.

The Liturgies of the Triduum

will be live-streamed from St. Peter and will not be open to the public.



Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm

Good Friday

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Easter Vigil

9:00pm

Easter Sunday

Mass at 9:30am

PASTORAL MESSAGE FROM FR. FABIO

We are in a lent week, called to rejoice in God's people and creation. As I was celebrating Mass today, I couldn't help but think more deeply about the words of the prophet Isaiah, where God rejoices in what He has created and finds His "people to be a delight."

"Lo, I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; The things of the past shall not be remembered or come to mind. Instead, there shall always be rejoicing and happiness in what I create; For I create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight; I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult in my people." (Is. 65:17-21).

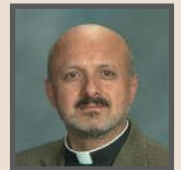
At Mass, I was remembering all of you, and the same feeling entered my heart, since it is the way I feel about every parishioner of Saint Peter. In the spirit of obedience to the Holy Spirit, I want to invite you to accept yesterday's executive order from the Governor, and the instructions from our Bishop, implementing these measures as extra precautions needed to help bring about a faster recovery from this pandemic.

There are signs of new life around us, pointing us to the "new heavens and a new earth." Just look around. People are coming together to help others, especially those greatly challenged by age or health.

Remember, this is Laetare week. And the Lord rejoices in us. He is with us. Let us join the Blessed Mother, who, "at the foot of the cross", keeps praying for her children in need, "now and in the hour of our death".

In God's merciful heart,
Fr. Fabio

And don't worry! God has our backs.



On-line Mass

Here is a suggestion of the web pages that you can use to listen to Mass.

- <https://www.facebook.com/stpeterdouglas>
- <http://cathedralofsaintandrew.org/>
(The Cathedral of Saint Andrew, Grand Rapids MI)
- ♦ <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
(with Bishop Barron or Fr. Steve Grunow)

Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de marzo de 2020

Domingo: 5º Domingo de Cuaresma

Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 130, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/Rom 8, 8-11/
Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

Lunes: Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62/
Sal 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Jn 8, 1-11

Martes: Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 102, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/
Jn 8, 21-30

Miércoles: Día de los Santos Inocentes

Dn 3, 14-20. 91-92. 95/Dn 3, 52. 53. 54. 55. 56/
Jn 8, 31-42

Jueves: San Francisco de Paula, ermitaño

Gn 17, 3-9/Sal 105, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 8, 51-59

Viernes: Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 18, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7/
Jn 10, 31-42

Sábado: San Isidoro, obispo y doctor de la iglesia

Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Jn 11, 45-56

Domingo siguiente: Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo

Mt 21, 1-11/Is 50, 4-7/Sal 22, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14—27, 66 o 27, 11-54

El Censo de 2020

Censo de 2020: Es Decisivo, Conveniente y Confidencial

Desde marzo hasta julio los habitantes de Michigan participarán en el Censo de 2020. El censo es decisivo para Michigan, ya que determinará los fondos federales para las comunidades locales y la representación del estado en el gobierno. Responder a las preguntas es más conveniente que nunca ya que las personas pueden responder de tres maneras, por correo, teléfono o en línea, y toda la información recopilada se mantendrá confidencial y segura. Una invitación para registrar tus respuestas debe llegarte del gobierno federal antes del 1ro de abril. Conoce más en www.micatholic.org/2020Census y www.2020census.gov/es.

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LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA

Las 6 características de una corresponsabilidad diaria para la Cuaresma: El Compromiso

Recuerdo a Jim Valvano, Jimmy V para muchos, diciendo las palabras icónicas: "No te rindas; nunca puedes rendirte." El ex entrenador del equipo de baloncesto masculino de NC State se estaba muriendo de cáncer, pero se negó a tirar la toalla y ceder a su enfermedad. Sus palabras ejemplificaron lo mejor del espíritu humano que todos compartimos. A veces, vivir esas palabras parece mucho más difícil que decirlas.

Estas palabras también son importantes para nuestra vida de fe. La vida a la que Jesús nos llama no es fácil. Cuando trabajamos hacia una vida de mayor generosidad y entrega de todo a Dios, estamos propensos a caer de cara al suelo muchas veces. No estamos llamados a esta vida solo cuando somos fuertes. Es cómo respondemos cuando los tiempos son lo más difíciles lo que realmente nos define como discípulos y corresponsables. Puede que el mundo piense que estamos abajo, pero volver a subir da testimonio de que en Cristo somos más fuertes.

El compromiso requiere la voluntad de hacer las cosas necesarias para fortalecernos y desarrollar nuestros músculos espirituales. No podemos esperar encontrar el éxito en la vida espiritual a menos que continuemos trabajando en nuestra determinación y creciendo en nuestro conocimiento de la fe. Un corredor de maratón nunca podría llegar a la línea de meta a menos que haya entrenado y preparado con anticipación. Debemos

Un vistazo a San Felipe esta semana...

La Santa Misa en Facebook

Cada domingo que no hay misa pública, Padre Fabio va a celebrar la Misa en español a las 11 a.m. que pueden ver en vivo en nuestra pagina de Facebook.

No tienen que tener una cuenta de Facebook para ver la misa. Pueden acceder la página Facebook a través de nuestra página web. Hagan un clic en el vinculo que dice **"Para Ver la Misa Haz Clic Aquí"**.

FORMED

Pueden tener acceso a muchas películas católicas, y charlas en español e inglés a través de FORMED.

Pueden abrir una cuenta gratis poniendo a St. Peter, Douglas como su parroquia. La suscripción ya está pagada y no hay costo. Vayan a **www.formed.org** para abrir una cuenta y aprovechen de este tiempo para usar estos recursos.

Las Cancelaciones y Actividades Postergadas

Pueden ver los nuevos anuncios acerca de las Misas, actividades y clases en San Felipe accediendo a nuestra pagina web **www.sanfelipe-fennville.org**. Además en nuestro Facebook que pueden entrar a través del sitio web de San Felipe. También la contestadora tendrán información también. Este boletín se puede leer cada semana en la pagina web de San Felipe.

El Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

En la lectura del evangelio de este domingo Jesús resucita a su amigo, Lázaro. Lázaro quedó yaciendo en la tumba por cuatro días. Ya estaba completamente muerto. Jesús tiene el poder para llegar a los que están muertos adentro y puede darles una nueva vida. No hay ningún pecado o problema que puede impedirle a Jesús. Él quiere sacarnos de nuestras tumbas y desatarnos de lo que nos ata. Busque a Jesús y comience de nuevo.



EL NUEVO PISO

Un grupo de hombres dedicados trabajaron en el nuevo piso. Cuando volvemos a tener la sagrada liturgia otra vez en San Felipe, vamos a celebrar en un templo más digno y bonito por este trabajo de la comunidad. Hay mucha gente que han ayudado desde el principio con los eventos para juntar dinero hasta los que han puesto el nuevo piso. Cuando ponemos nuestro talento, trabajo y tesoro al servicio de nuestra comunidad parroquial podemos hacer cosas grandes. Muchos han recibido muchas bendiciones en su vida y la de su familia por su participación en la vida de esta comunidad de San Felipe.

A Dios demos la gloria.

