

Entrance Hymn: BB # 620 Lead Me, Lord
Responsorial Psalm: Lord, heal my soul for I have sinned.

Offertory Hymn: BB # 450 O God, You Search Me

Recessional Hymn: BB # 624 For the Beauty of the Earth

We encourage everyone to join in the singing of all hymns at Mass and to remain in your seats until the final hymn is completed

Anyone needing music for a weekday Intention Mass may call our organist / pianist Carl Petit at 508-833-0687.



Saturday, February 21

4:00 PM Robert F. Scannell

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM John Patrick Droeg

10:30 AM James Moran

12:00 PM Dorothy & Mario Zoccolante & Norma Wylie

Monday, February 23

9:00 AM Jeffrey M. Curran

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 AM Joseph Warren Perrault

Wednesday, February 25

9:00 AM Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM Ash Wednesday

Friday, February 27

9:00 PM Margaret P. Sellier

Sunday, March 1

12:00 PM Daniel Santos

6:00 PM Confirmation Mass

This week we also celebrate the following Saints

Monday

Memorial of St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr

Tuesday

Memorial of St. Montanus

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

Thursday

Memorial of St. Alexander

Friday

Memorial of St. Gabriel Possenti

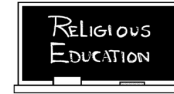
Saturday,

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Your Prayers are requested for all the deceased of our parish who now sleep in Christ.

Please remember all those who have no one to pray for them and for all the intentions listed in the Prayer Intentions Book. Our prayers are also requested for all of our loved ones who are ill, especially, **Stacey Ferris, Wesley Nowack, Peter Kelly, Ann Flaherty, Cindy Gaudreau, James Casey, Marcella Mosher, Mary Enos, James Blackmore, Barbara Kadish, "Little Eddie"**.

Last week's offertory collection was \$5,679.29.



CCD Class for Monday and Tuesday will resume this week.

There will be no classes on Ash Wednesday. All students are expected to go to the 7:00 pm Mass and receive their ashes.

The next Confirmation Mass will be held on Sunday, March 1st, at 6:00 pm. Grade 10 students are required to attend. The Mass is also open to other parishioners as well.

Lent

Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday as a traditional time of repentance. It is a way for Christians to publicly mark their sorrow for sin and to open themselves to God.

Catholics are required to fast and abstain on certain days, in imitation of Jesus' fast in the desert.

Fasting is eating one regular sized meal and two small meals with only liquid in between meals and should be done on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Catholics age 18 to 60 are bound to the obligation of fasting.

Abstaining is refraining from eating meat which is done on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. Catholics over the age of 14 years are bound to the obligations of abstinence.

Besides fasting Catholics should participate in other prayer services and charitable programs.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 AM AND 7:00 PM. ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DURING MASS.

Soup and Stations

Stations will be held at 12:10 pm on Tuesdays of Lent, starting March 3rd. Soup will follow at the Parish Center.

Operation Rice Bowl.

As part of our Faith Community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the U. S. A. to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. Please pick up a rice bowl kit at the back of the Church.

Lenten Rosary Service

The Rosary with the three mysteries will be said starting March 2nd and continuing every Monday of Lent from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. at St. Peter's Church.

Fr. Ken's Korner



Greetings and blessings of the week,

I hope that the week was a good one for you. February vacation week is over as the children head back to class. We are in the final week of February. Hopefully we are able to see the finish line of this

winter coming into sight as the month of March will be upon us in a matter of days.

I spoke with Fr. Bob this past week. He is coming along as he begins the comeback process. He has been discharged from the Milton Hospital and is now at a rehabilitation center where they are working on his knee with the needed therapy. He is presently at the Radius-Alliance nursing and rehab in Braintree. He is from Braintree. Consequently, it is ideally situated for him. Once he has sufficiently completed the therapy at that facility, he will move on to the next stage of recovery. He will not go home for this phase, nor will he return here to St. Peter's. He will be staying at the rectory in his home parish in Braintree.

There are other priests there, as well as a cook (which we do not have here at St. Peter's). It will be a good situation for him. He will not have to worry about making meals, nor any of the other issues that are part of trying to recuperate at the same place where you work.. This way he can recover without having to be concerned about the day to day expectations and business of trying to get better while "living at the shop."

Speaking of surgery, Bob Glynn, one of our ushers underwent surgery. Last Sunday, at the 10:30 AM Mass, he came to church using a pair of crutches that help him to get around. Also, while on the subject of health, we have been asked to pray for a child who is seriously ill and is being treated at Children's Hospital. Likewise, we ask your prayers for a long time parishioner to whom I administered the Sacrament of the Sick prior to her surgery last Tuesday on her carotid artery. Fr. Serena, who also is retired and helps out here at St. Peter's, is away for the next two weeks, as is Fr. Cormier who is also away until early March. I am sure that they are both enjoying the warm climate.

Belated Happy Anniversary to Bob and Carol Houston on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary on

Monday, February 16th. Sharing the same anniversary date, Donald and Jane Mullen celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary.

We extend Happy forty-second wedding anniversary to Phil and Sheila Boucher whose anniversary was Wednesday, February 18th. Today, February 22nd, Thomas Wedge celebrates his twelfth birthday. This coming Tuesday, the 24th, is Heidie Hogan's birthday. Following her, the next day, Wednesday, the 25th, we say "bonne anniversaire" to Krissy Noyes as she celebrates her fifteenth birthday. We likewise extend happy birthday wishes to Judy Brisbois as she celebrates her birthday on February 27th.

Save the date: June 27th. Saturday, June 27th, is the date for our fifth annual parish golf tournament. It will take place on a Saturday morning, with a shotgun tee time of 8:00 AM.

This effort has proven to be both a successful fun-raiser and fundraiser for our parish. It doesn't seem possible that this is the fifth year! This could never have happened without a dedicated core of individuals who

comprise the golf committee. The time, effort and dedication of this wonderful group of people have made all the difference in terms of "getting the ball off the tee". There is a lot of legwork and behind the scenes work that goes into something of this nature. We urge and invite as many people as possible to become involved, in one way or another, in this effort. These past four years we have raised just under \$70,000.00. All of the funds realized through the tournament have helped with the on going, and necessary repair work that has taken place on the church during the last four years. These fund have helped to pay the following: 1) the repairs on the roof and steeple - 2) Repair work on the heating system - 3) the new steps on the church - 4) the entire expense of sandblasting the old paint, repairing, pointing the brick where necessary, and sealing the brick with a water repelling coating. The next effort that has been determined, after much discussion about the pros and cons, is to work towards the air conditioning of the church. We have been doing some groundwork in this area as to what this entails.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Lamond for whom we had a funeral mass on Thursday, February 19th, as well as Richard J. Kilroy who was buried on Friday. May they rest in God's peace and mercy, and may their families find strength and hope in their memories, faith, and friends.

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is already upon us. This Wednesday, February 25th, is Ash Wednesday! The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive on Holy Thursday. As in the past, there will be Lenten devotions to help us focus in on the Lenten themes of repentance, reconciliation and renewal.

The calendar of saints for this coming week finds only one saint. He is one of the early saints who actually had a connection with one of the twelve apostles. Monday, February 23rd, we celebrate the feast of St. Polycarp. He suffered a martyr's death around the year 155 A.D. He was a disciple of St. John and was the bishop of Smyrna. The *Martyrdom of Polycarp* records his being burned at the stake. He is one of the first martyrs to be venerated. He was eighty-six years old when he suffered martyrdom.

The message running throughout the Lenten weekday readings speaks of the call to a life of Gospel conversion. They speak of beginning anew, of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Also we hear of conversion, of mutual forgiveness, of hardness of heart, of love of enemies, of the call to holiness. "...The readings for the second half of Lent are presentation of the mystery of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, of whom John says that all who believe in him will have eternal life. Christ is presented as the healer and life-giver, as the one who gives life through his confrontation with death and gathers into one the scattered children of God..." Lent calls us to look at the quality of our lives in terms of how we are living as followers of Jesus and to renew our efforts in striving to remain faithful to that call - as well as to place our trust in God's grace and providence as we strive to make our lives conform more closely to that of Jesus Christ.

May The Lord's blessings smile kindly upon you and your loved ones in the coming week. Your brother in faith, Fr. Ken.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – CYCLE B

(2009 by Ken LeBlanc)

Ago – Announce – Anointed – Astounded – Broken – Burdened – Consider – Crimes – Crowd – Desert – Events – Faithful – Forgiven – Formed – Hearts – Installment – Mat – Offenses – Opened – Paralytic – Perceive – Promises – Remember – Rivers – Roof – Sake – Scribes – Seal – Security – Silvanus – Sins – Springs – Timothy – Walk – Wasteland – Weary – Wipe.

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Thoughts for the Week

“Life is short and we have never too much time for
gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark
journey with us.

Oh, be swift to love, make haste to be kind.”

(Henri Amiel: 1821-1881)



“The breeze of God’s grace is blowing continually.
You have to set your sail to catch that breeze.”

(Swami Prabhavananda: 1893-1976)



“The length of our life is less important than its depth.”

(Mary David Fisher)



FEBRUARY 22, 2009

Please remember our service men and women serving in the armed forces.

Lance Corp. Ryan Coady USMC
Thomas Conley 3rd 2nd Lt. Air Force
Capt. Jeremy Delbos USMC
First Lt. U.S.M.C. Adam Drexler
Corporal Michael V. Farina USMC
Lt. Troy Perry Glendye USCG
Pvt. Kyle Hellpap
Spec. William Kirby
Sgt. James Lansmore
Sgt. Amy Liddell National Guard
Lt. David Maccaferri Helicopter Pilot USCG
AST3 Steven Maccaferri Rescue Swimmer USCG
Corporal William Mueller USMC
Lt. Peter Curtis McGrath USMC
Airman First Class Trevor Nadile
Spec. Christopher Vigliotte, 101st Airborne, Spec. Ops
PFC David Wylie US Army
SFC Joseph Wylie Spec. Forces
Capt. Michelle Wylie 101st Airborne
CPL Jonathan F. Yule, USMC



St. Vincent De Paul

The food pantry needs peanut butter, jelly, beef stew, macaroni and cheese, and canned fruit.

Volunteers Needed

There is a serious need for Eucharistic Ministers to visit the home bound. If you are currently a Eucharistic Minister please consider during this season of Lent this important ministry. Any time which is convenient for you will be considered. Call the Parish Office to let us know what you will be able to do.

Summer Camp

The Marist Brothers founded some of the best Catholic Schools in the world. Along with an experienced staff they have also established a great summer camp for boys and girls on Ossipee Lake in Effingham, New Hampshire. Contact us at Camp Marist 603-539-4552 or visit www.campmarist.org.

Fatima, Lisbon, Spain & Lourdes Pilgrimage

Join Fr. Edward Serena on a Blessed Pilgrimage to Fatima, Lisbon, Spain & Lourdes on May 24th to June 2^d. From Boston \$3,669 based on double Occupancy. Single rooms will have an additional charge. For info visit Paul@206tours.com or call 1_800-206-8687 xt 111.

Save the Date

Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 8:00 am
Shotgun start St. Peter's Parish will hold the 5th Annual Golf Tournament at Southers Marsh. Have a lot of fun



while contributing to the Building Fund repairs and expenses for St. Peter's Church.