

## **St. Peter's 2010 Lenten Schedule**

### **Ash Wednesday Masses**

Wednesday, February 17; 8:00 AM, 12:15 PM and 6:30 PM

### **Poverty: Its Effects and Our Response as Christians**

Thursday, February 18, 7:00 PM

Archbishop Harry Flynn to speak at St. Peter's Church

### **Adult Faith Formation—On Our Lenten Journey**

Located at St. Richard's Church (7540 Penn Ave S, Richfield)

Saturdays (5 sessions, 9:30-11:00 AM, beginning Feb. 20)

Mondays (5 sessions, 6:30-8:00 PM, beginning Feb. 22)

Tuesdays (5 sessions, 7:00-8:30 PM, beginning Feb. 23)

Wednesdays (5 sessions, 10:30-Noon, beginning Feb. 24)

### **Stations of the Cross**

Fridays—February 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26: 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Friday, April 2, 3:00 PM

### **Living Stations of the Cross for 6-12 Graders**

Friday, March 19, 5:00-10:00 PM, at Church of Saint Paul (meet at south entrance)

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Sunday, February 28, 1:30-4:30 PM

Thursday, March 4, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, March 28, 2:00-5:00 PM

Thursday, April 1, 7:00-10:00 PM

Thursday, April 8, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

8:30 AM & 3:30 PM Saturdays (not Holy Saturday)

7:30 AM Wednesdays

7:30 PM Fridays after Stations (not on Good Friday)

### **St. Peter's Confirmation Students**

Saturday, February 20, 3:30 PM

### **Blessed Trinity Catholic School students, grades 4-8**

Wednesday, March 3, 9:30 AM, Church

### **All-Parish Reconciliation**

Sunday, March 14, 4:00 PM, Church

### **Paschal Triduum**

#### **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Thursday, April 1, 6:00 PM, Soup Supper (Social Hall) following Mass

Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 PM

(8:00 AM morning prayer—no 8:00 AM Mass)

#### **Good Friday, Passion of Our Lord**

Friday, April 2, 3:00 PM, Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 2, 7:00 PM, Service includes Veneration of the Cross

(8:00 AM morning prayer—no 8:00 AM Mass)

#### **Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil**

Saturday, April 3, 8:00 PM, with reception to follow

(8:00 AM morning prayer—no 8:00 AM or 4:30 PM Mass)

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 4—7:30 (Sunrise Mass), 9:00 & 11:00 AM

### **Dear Members of the Parish,**

I look forward to this upcoming Lent with you. Lent is a time of spiritual spring housecleaning. It is a time in which we turn back to the Lord with a spirit of repentance. It is a time of prayer, fasting, works of penance, and interior renewal. It is a time in which that renewal is also made through heeding, in a more concerted way, the call of our Lord Jesus to offer our works of charity, known as almsgiving, especially to those who need it most. As our prayer, almsgiving, and practices of penance including fasting is made more intense, we recognize that Lent is a time not so much of less, but of more. It is a time of finding the interior freedom needed to give more of ourselves to our God and to our neighbor.

Lent is a time in which the Old and New Testaments and the Gospels that we will hear are meant to trouble us. They are meant to help us confront our illusions about ourselves, let go of our pride, and embrace humility. "Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Our prayer, penance, and almsgiving will begin to help bring ourselves to the Lenten resolutions that we make in response to those scriptures. At the same time, even if we fail in those resolutions, they may in a mysterious way be more effective than if we had succeeded in them, since they are not meant to confirm us in our sense of virtue, but to bring home to us our radical need of salvation. May our new understanding of this radical need help us to receive our Lord's sacrifice of Himself on the cross now given in the Holy Eucharist more fervently, with greater awe and devotion. May our greater devotion to Him lead us to climb the holy mountain of Easter and be changed forever at the mountain top of the resurrection.

Again, I look forward to our upcoming Lenten journey together toward a lasting change of heart for each one of us.

**May God bless you all,**



**Father Tony VanderLoop  
Pastor, Church of Saint Peter**

## **Lenten Regulations**

By the law of God and the custom of the Church all the Christian faithful are bound to do penance each in his or her own way throughout the year. However, in order for all to be united by some common observance, the Church prescribes all Fridays of the year and the season of Lent as penitential days. On these days the Christian faithful are to devote themselves in a special way to prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial. This self-denial is to be practiced in a specific way by observing the fasting and abstinence regulations as follows:

### **Abstinence**

All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent, and Good Friday.

### **Fasting**

All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain strength. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary according to one's needs, but together should not equal another meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

This obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected, but Catholics should not excuse themselves lightly from these prescribed minimal practices. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

## **Good Lenten Practices**

### **Attend Daily Mass**

St. Peter's offers Mass at 8:00 AM, Monday through Saturday. Our Sunday Mass schedule is 4:30 PM on Saturday and 9:00 and 11:00 AM on Sunday.

### **Almsgiving**

We share our money/goods with those who have less. Spring cleaning is a way to help ourselves and those who could use clothes we don't need. Give them to the Salvation Army, Arc's Value Village or shelters.

### **Rice Rowl**

Set a place for Jesus at your table. Put the rice bowl at that place. Prepare a light meal and place the money saved in the rice bowl. Money from the rice bowls will go to Catholic Relief Services to feed the hungry and will be collected on Holy Thursday. Rice bowls are available at the doors of St. Peter's church.

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