

Ss PETER & PAUL



MARCH 17, 2024 | THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"The Way of the Cross alone leads to the radiant light of Christ's resurrection."

THE 5TH SUNDAY of Lent

JOIN US THIS FRIDAY

On the final Friday before Holy Week, March 22, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed solemnly that evening at 7pm, in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, with musical accompaniment. This will follow Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will occur after the 12:10pm Mass and continue throughout that Day. This Day of Sacred Devotion will end with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after the Stations of the Cross. Please plan to join in these opportunities to continue this sacred and time-honored devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Parish info

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY

8:30 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm

DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday

Mass 12:10 pm

CHURCH OPENING HOURS

(Weather Permitting)

Monday thru Friday	11 am → 1:30 pm
Saturday	3:30 pm → 6 pm
Sunday	8 am → 1 pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday: 10 am - 4 pm

Saturday | Sunday: closed

Call for other urgent arrangements.

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 16

5:00 pm † Alice Maggiano

Sunday, March 17

8:30 am People of the Parish

10:00 am † For the Health & Well Being of Fred Ferris

12:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Maryann O'Grady

Monday, March 18

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Mary Burke Fine

Tuesday, March 19

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Alan Mowbray

Wednesday, March 20

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Anna Chirichella

† Maria & Anastacio Nunez

† John & Katarina Knezic

† Martino & Maria Scrivanich

† For the Health & Well Being of Carlos Alberto Mendoza Oilden

† In Loving Memory of Carmen Zaldivar

† In Loving Memory of Dalia Deleno

† In Loving Memory of Antonia Vista

Thursday, March 21

12:10 pm † In Loving Memory of Don Abbott

Friday, March 22

12:10 pm † Frank Giangolano

Saturday, March 23

5:00 pm † In Loving Memory of Albert LaBook

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am † The Repose of the Souls of the Cappock Family

10:00 am † People of the Parish

12:00 pm † Santo and Maria Giangolano

Baptism Ministry

See Dates & Details on Parish Website

Staff Contact: Stephanie Panzariello

Ministry Assistant:
Nic Vasil

Marriage Ministry

See requirements & details on Parish Website

Staff Contact: Gina Andreano

Ministry Assistant:
Sheila Mulcahy

Confession

Confessions are by appointment.

Contact the Parish Office.

Please consider helping us to defray the expense of these necessary items by donating: Hosts, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle, Altar Wine.

The requested donation for each is \$25.00.

This Week, the Altar Flowers are donated
**For the Health & Well-Being of
Baby Ava Elizabeth**

This Week, the Altar Hosts are donated
**In Thanksgiving for
The Avoletta Family**

This Week, the Sacramental Wine is donated
**In Thanksgiving for
The Roberts Family**

The Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle is donated
**In Loving Memory of
Maria & Anastacio Nunez**

God Bless Your Generosity.





Why Do We Cover Crucifixes and Statues During Lent?

VEILS OVER SACRED IMAGES KEEP OUR MINDS ON THE PROMISE OF EASTER.

It seems strange that during the most sacred time of year we cover everything that is beautiful in our churches, even the crucifix. Shouldn't we be looking at the painful scene at Calvary while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday?

While it may appear counterintuitive to veil statues and images during the final weeks of Lent, the Church recommends this practice to heighten our senses and build within us a longing for Easter Sunday. It is a tradition that should not only be carried out in our local parish, but can also be a fruitful activity for the "domestic church" to practice.

The rubrics can guide us. In the Roman Missal we find the instruction, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

This is the current practice of the Church, but veiling from the Fifth Sunday of Lent onward is minuscule compared to what was once practiced. For example, in Germany there was a tradition to veil the altar from view throughout all of Lent.

Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. It helps us to participate in the liturgical season, especially if we are prevented from going to Mass during the week. Otherwise we only see the veiled images in church once or twice before Easter and it has a minor effect on us. It is also a beautiful tradition to pass down to our children, who will be intrigued by it and it will make this time of year truly special for them. We go through great lengths to decorate our homes for Easter, so why not prepare for the great feast by using veils?

But why go through such lengths to cover up images that are designed to raise our hearts and minds toward heaven?

First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Third, the Church uses veils to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. This is further actualized when you attend daily Mass and see the veils each day. You don't want them to be there because they are hiding some very beautiful images.

And therein lies the whole point: the veils are not meant to be there forever. The images need to be unveiled; it is unnatural for them to be covered. The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives.



SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Vigil Mass

5 pm

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Masses at

*8 am, 10 am, 12 Noon

*Note: Time is different from usual Sunday Mass!

***Note: The usual 12:10pm Mass will continue on Monday (3/25), Tuesday (3/26), and Wednesday (3/27), but NOT on Holy Thursday & Good Friday.

HOLY THURSDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7 pm

Adoration

8 pm until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Passion of the Lord Service

3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil

7:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Masses at

*8 am, 10 am, 12 Noon

*Note: Time is different from usual Sunday Mass!

FEAST DAY: MARCH 17

About St. Patrick



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorius, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftain of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! 

2024 MASS BOOK

**The requested Donation
for intentions is as follows:**

Hosts: **\$25**

Sacramental Wine: **\$25**

Flowers: **\$25**

Sanctuary Candle: **\$25**

Mass: **\$10**

**Check or Money Order made
payable to Ss Peter and Paul.**

In order to give everyone a chance at their requested Mass(es), please have your list prepared in advance - 10 per request. We will do our best to honor your request or provide you with the closest available date.

Additional Collection THIS MONTH

March 17 Easter Flowers



Funds the beautifying our church with flowers in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord.



March 31 Easter Gift For The Parish

A gift to the parish that honors Christ's Resurrection and supports funding for various charitable activities and operational needs of the parish throughout the year.

Reminder, that next Sunday is PALM SUNDAY!

*Please note, that our Sunday Mass schedule on March 24th is different from the usual Sunday Mass times.

8 am* | 10 am | 12 pm



WAYS TO HONOR ST. JOSEPH

this March

For Catholics, March is the month devoted to St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, families, homes, and a happy death. In the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "Some saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking."

FEAST DAY: MARCH 19

Here are 10 ways you can align your family to St. Joseph this March:

1. FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS, PRAY THIS POWERFUL PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

*Oh, St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.
Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.
Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.
Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me and
Ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.
St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls - pray for me.*

2. HONOR YOUR FATHER(S) In Italy and Spain, Fathers Day is celebrated annually on St. Joseph's Day. Indeed, what better day to do something nice for the St. Josephs in our lives? Whatever older man in your life has guided you, deepened your faith, or helped you—whether it's a biological father, adoptive father, foster father, grandfather, father-in-law, spiritual father, beloved uncle, or good priest ... St. Joseph's Day is a perfect day to honor them! But any time in March affords a great opportunity to celebrate these men. Send a card describing your gratitude, call them up, make them dinner, offer a Mass in their honor!

3. RESOLVE TO WORK SMARTER THIS MONTH This month, work in a way befitting the patron saint of work. Offer up your labor out of love and gratitude for St. Joseph. Remember that keeping holy the Sabbath and abstaining from labor on Sunday honors St. Joseph, too!

4. PLACE AN ICON, STATUE, OR IMAGE OF ST. JOSEPH ON YOUR TABLE Put a treasured picture of your own family beside it, as a way of seeking blessing and intercession for your family from St. Joseph, Pillar of Families.

5. MAKE WEDNESDAYS SPECIAL In the Catholic tradition, Wednesday is the day of the week devoted to St. Joseph. Wednesday can be thought of as a linchpin in the week; on either side of it is a grouping of days, clustered together like an outstretched arm on either end. What a perfect day to honor St. Joseph, whose arms were outstretched in life to comfort and protect Jesus and Mary. Make your Wednesdays in March extra special by going to Mass or asking for St. Joseph to pray for your intentions. What better month to begin the Nine First Wednesdays tradition in honor of St. Joseph?

6. MAKE A ST. JOSEPH'S DAY ALTAR This is an Italian tradition, but anyone can practice it! (Just as everyone is encouraged to celebrate on St. Patrick's day even if they're not Irish!) The St. Joseph's altar is a fun and meaningful tradition that kids will enjoy helping with. You can make it as elaborate or simple as you want. One idea is to give the altar three levels—one for each person of the Trinity or for each member of the Holy Family. You can place a statue or picture of St. Joseph on the top tier, often with candles. Then you lavish the altar itself with traditional foods that you can serve at a St. Joseph's Day gathering, so it becomes a blessed buffet in praise of and gratitude for St. Joseph. It is said the tradition stems from a famine in Sicily when peasants invoked the help of St. Joseph and were delivered from hunger. Meals made with fava beans are traditionally served on St. Joseph's Day, as it is thought it was a crop of fava beans that saved the people from starvation. Meat is traditionally not served to remain mindful of Lent. Traditional St. Joseph's day foods include breads shaped in cross and staff form, figs, olives and dates, artichokes, fruits, and salads. Sweets of all kinds are a big part of the altar, especially donuts, cream puffs, biscotti and Italian cookies. For the main meal you can serve traditional feast day dinners such as fish and "St. Joseph's Sawdust": toasted bread crumbs over pasta, representing sawdust from St. Joseph's workshop.

7. ADORN YOUR HOME WITH FLOWERS On your St. Joseph's Day altar, or anywhere in your home, place a St. Joseph's Lily (a kind of amaryllis), or something that looks similar such as Easter lilies or a peace plant.

8. FIND WAYS TO GIVE Since St. Joseph is the patron saint of families, find ways to give to families in need through local (or national) Catholic organizations, such as your food pantries, in St. Joseph's honor and following his loving example.

9. PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING, SICK AND DYING Since St. Joseph is the "Comfort to the Afflicted, Hope of the Sick and the Patron of the Dying," add those people to your daily prayers this month.

10. AT THE END OF THE DAY, GIVE YOUR WORRIES TO THE SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH It is said that St. Joseph, the "Terror of Demons," even frightens demons in his sleep; such is his power and strength. Ask St. Joseph, who communicates with God even in his dreams, to pray for your intentions and take your worries so you can get some rest! You can even do as Pope Francis advises, and place a note with your special intentions under a statue of the sleeping St. Joseph.



WELCOME TO OUR POLICE & FIRE DEPTS!

We are pleased to host the Public Safety Department's Annual Communion Mass, for the members of the Hoboken Police and Fire Departments, here at Saints Peter & Paul this Sunday at the 12pm Mass!

We are proud to honor our City's Police and Firefighters, as we give God thanks for their Service to the Community, and pray for their continued safety.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL THE PATRON SAINT OF POLICE OFFICERS

Among the saints, St Michael The Archangel is one of the most revered. Tough and dedicated the service of God and protection of those whom God cherishes, he is the patron saint for a number of causes and groups. In particular, he is the patron saint of police officers; those sworn to serve and protect.

St. Michael is honored as the angel who fought for God against Satan in the battle described in the book of Revelation (20:1-3). A Saint Michael necklace is often worn by police officers or their spouse as a prayer for protection and safety. Derived from the same history as the Archangel who opposed Satan, St. Michael is also the patron saint of those in the military. Michael the Archangel is perhaps the most popular patron saint of all, patron for over 50 causes and places. Most prominent patronages include; patron of military, patron of soldiers, patron of holy death, patron of police officers, patron of sailors, patron of paramedics and many other vocations.



ST. FLORIAN THE PATRON SAINT OF FIREFIGHTERS

St. Florian—an officer in the Roman army who died protecting his faith—is without a doubt reaping his reward in heaven as promised by God. Put to death for refusing to kill Christians as ordered by Emperor Diocletian, St. Florian is the man who has been given the title of patron saint of firefighters and floods. There are several reasons why it's believed Saint Florian earned the title of patron saint of fire and firefighters: legend says that during his life, St. Florian put out a massive fire with only one bucket of water, saving a village from ruin. St. Florian is often depicted in artwork pouring water from a bucket or small vessel. Many years after St. Florian's death, a man said he was saved from a deadly fire when he called on St. Florian, begging for his intercession.

Protect a Firefighter The feast of St. Florian is celebrated May 4, coinciding with International Firefighter's Day. If you have a loved one who is a firefighter, consider giving them the gift of St. Florian's protection. Medals, pendants, visor clips, and prayer cards with the image of St. Florian on it can be worn or kept nearby as a reminder to pray to the saint for his protection in the most dangerous situations.

A PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR FIREFIGHTERS & POLICE OFFICERS

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son
gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another.
Send down your blessings on these your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others.
Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions,
strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work.
When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger,
let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

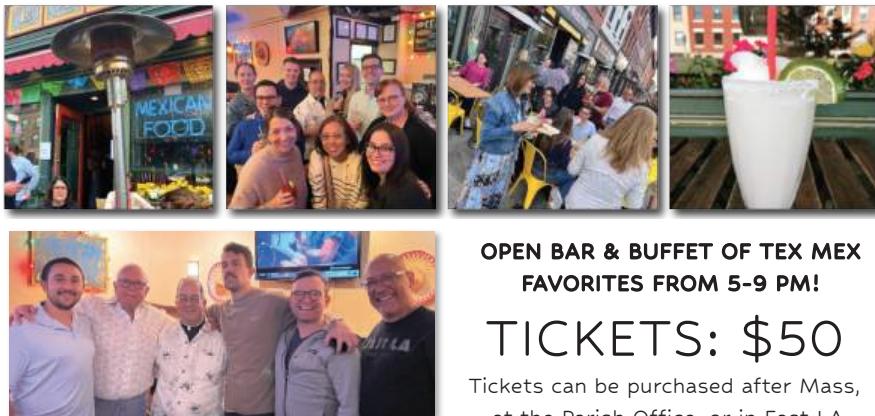
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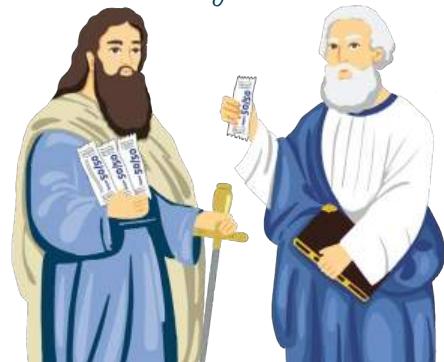
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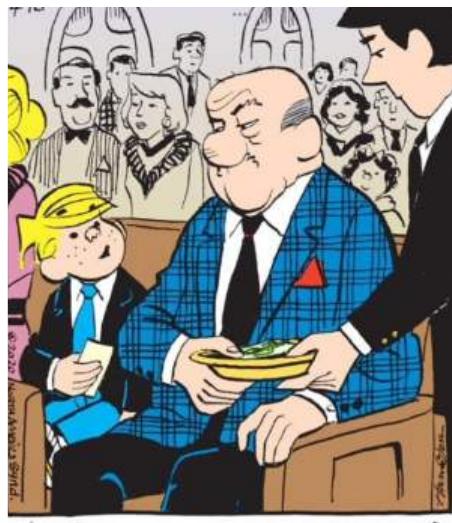
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Questions? Contact
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a little church humor...



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

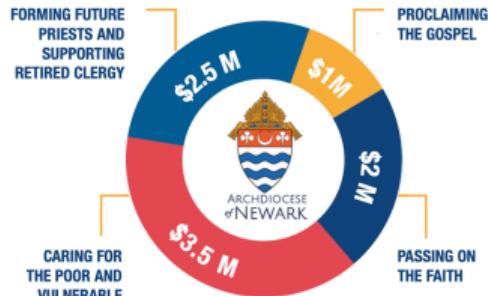
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WOMEN'S RETREAT:

Women of Ss Peter & Paul are invited to attend the Women's Retreat of St. Francis on Saturday, April 6. The theme is Divine Mercy: Finding the Gift of God through Forgiveness & Healing. The day begins at 10 AM with optional confession, followed by Mass, testimonials, lunch and ends at 4 PM.

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