

St. Peter Newsletter

Sharing the Good News

Dear Members and Friends of St. Peter,
As we enter the month of March, we are reminded of the powerful season of Lent — a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. During this sacred time, we are invited to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting, and acts of service. Lent is a journey, and we are all called to walk together as a community, reflecting on the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

This month, we also honor Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick's Day (March 17) is more than just a celebration of Irish culture; it is a reminder of the incredible ways God used him to spread the Christian faith in Ireland. Let us reflect on how we can be inspired by Saint Patrick's boldness in faith and his unwavering commitment to share the Gospel with others.

We have several upcoming events this month, including Lenten services, Bible study, and special activities to deepen our spiritual lives together. We invite you to join us in fellowship, prayer, and service as we prepare for Easter and continue growing in our faith.

Weekly Service

Worship Every Sunday
11am

Food Pantry

Last Sunday of Each Month
12pm-1:30pm

Bible Study

First Sunday of Each Month
9:30am

Pastor's Corner

This month is the beginning of Lent, starting with Ash Wednesday and ending with Holy Saturday. It is forty days – a time of reflection as we contemplate the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness resisting Satan.

Traditionally, this has been a time focused on prayer, fasting, abstinence, almsgiving, and repentance. But as we reflect on our Lord's suffering and death, we know the joy of Easter – the celebration of Jesus' conquest of death, sin, and the devil awaits us.

Now here is a fun fact about Easter. Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday are 46 days. However, the six Sundays are exempted as Sundays were always considered Feast days! I learned that as a child from a Catholic friend. He had given up (as often traditional among Catholics) soda for Lent but always delighted in his Sunday sodas! I later confirmed that as an adult as one did not want to put too much confidence in another 10-year-old.



A Note on St. Patrick's Day

"My name is Patrick. I am a sinner..."

Curiously, like most of his legend, St. Patrick is not even truly a saint. He has never been canonized by the Roman Catholic Church. Patrick himself told us he was a sinner, not a saint.

Patrick was a crusader, seeking to convert Ireland from Paganism after being held captive by pirates for nearly 6 years. Patrick brought Christianity to Ireland and planted churches; the first which is where he died.

While there are many legends and traditions surrounding Saint Patrick and March 17, Patrick was a crusader for Christ and that is worth celebrating!

Easter Events

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Saint Peter will host the following
Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 17 @ 7pm

Good Friday, April 18 @ 7pm

Easter Sunday @ 11am

Please check the website for
updates regarding location of
these services



Join us for Saint Peter's
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
on East Sunday, April 20 at 10am
Followed by Easter Service

News & Upcoming Events

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WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR

We want to wish a warm welcome to our new pastor, Dr. Kenneth Doka, Ph. D. Pastor Doka was ordained in 1973 and has a rich, spiritual background. Welcome!



The food pantry is open on the last Sunday of every month from 12pm until 1:30pm. Please consider volunteering your time to help with a wonderful ministry here at St. Peter.



Join us on the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 am for bible study.



Learn how to get involved with the many ministries that Saint Peter engages with.