

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

## St. Michael the Archangel

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### **M A S S S C H E D U L E**

#### **Sunday**

Low Mass: 8:00am

High Mass: 10:15am

#### **Weekdays**

Mon - Thu: 7:45am

Friday: 6:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am

### **M A S S I N T E N T I O N S**

SUNDAY 8:00AM	1ST	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT, I <i>Joseph Meyers</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		<i>Pro Populo</i>
MONDAY 7:45AM	2ND	FERIA OF LENT, III <i>+ Thomas Bennett –Karen Cullen</i>
TUESDAY 7:45AM	3RD	FERIA OF LENT, III <i>+ William Schneider –His family</i>
WEDNESDAY 7:45AM	4TH	EMBER WEDNESDAY, II <i>Holy Souls—Hanisch Family</i>
THURSDAY 7:45AM	5TH	FERIA OF LENT, III <i>All members of the clergy –John Pheasant</i>
FRIDAY 6:00PM	6TH	EMBER FRIDAY, II <i>John Cordora –Joe Ranieli</i>
SATURDAY 9:00AM	7TH	EMBER SATURDAY, II <i>Special Intention –Sue Gillenkirk</i>
SUNDAY 8:00AM	8TH	2ND SUNDAY OF LENT, I <i>Alice Toman –Ammie Maravelli</i>
SUNDAY 10:15AM		<i>Pro Populo</i>

### **D E V O T I O N S**

#### **Confession**

45mins before

Weekend Masses

#### **Benediction**

Fridays: 5:00pm

Saturday: 8:00am

#### **Daily Rosary**

Mon-Thu: After Mass

Fri -Sun: Before Mass

Office Hours: Monday by appointment, Friday 9am -3pm.



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**Stations of the Cross:** As we enter the penitential season of Lent the devotion of the parish shifts from Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist to Christ Crucified. Therefore, for the season of Lent the Friday public devotion of Eucharist Adoration is replaced by Stations of Cross at 5pm followed by Rosary and Confessions.

As we begin our annual Lenten observance with its solemn call to conversion...it is more than ever my pastoral duty to nourish your minds with the word of God when you are about to mortify your bodies by fasting.

We are soon to celebrate the Passion of our crucified Lord. It is therefore in keeping with our commitment to him that we should crucify ourselves by restraining the desires of the flesh. As St Paul says: *You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all your self-indulgent passions and desires.* Such is the Cross upon which we Christians must continually hang, since our whole lives are beset by trials and temptations. Not for us, as long as we live, to be rid of those nails we read of in the psalm: *Pierce my flesh with the nails of your fear.* Flesh means the desires of our lower nature; nails, the demands of God's justice and holiness.

With these the fear of the Lord pierces our flesh and fastens us to the Cross as an acceptable sacrifice to him. In a similar passage the apostle Paul appeals to us by the mercy of God to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. To hang on such a Cross brings no shame to the servants of God; it is something in which they glory, as Saint Paul does when he says:

*Far be it from me to glory in anything except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

This crucifixion, I repeat, is something that must continue throughout our life, not for forty days only. It is true that Moses, Elijah, and our Lord himself fasted for forty days; but in Moses, Elijah, and Christ we are meant to see the Law, the Prophets, and the Gospel, and to learn from them not to cling to this present world or imitate its ways, but to nail our unregenerate selves to the Cross.

Christians must always live in this way, without any wish to come down from their Cross, otherwise they will sink beneath the world's mire. But if we have to do so all our lives, we must make an even greater effort during these days of Lent. It is not a simple matter of living through forty days; Lent is the epitome of our whole life.