

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:

THE CONFESSION OF
SAINT PETER

17 JANUARY 2016



THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I
8:00 AM

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THE FEAST OF THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER

In human life, names are important. Names not only identify us within a larger community, but they also remind us of our personal and family histories. They connect us to the past as we live out our lives, creating new histories and traditions for the people who follow us.

Today, in the life of our church family, we celebrate the patronal Feast of the Confession of St. Peter. The practice of commemorating a saint and having their name associated with church buildings and organizations is a custom that has been practiced for many centuries. Since its inception, this Christian worshipping community in Bay Shore, has assumed the name of St. Peter as it became a church, in the Episcopal/Anglican tradition, within the Diocese of Long Island.

St. Peter was one of Jesus' first disciples and is remembered as one of the pioneers of the Christian Church. Jesus, in Matthew 16:18, proclaims: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Originally, a fisherman, Peter was from the village of Bethsaida, in the province of Galilee. He, along with his brother Andrew, was one of twelve persons who were chosen by Jesus to become his disciples. As a faithful disciple of Jesus, he is also remembered to have denied Jesus thrice, but repented, and is known to have become a powerful and outspoken advocate of Jesus' life, witness, and ministry.

We give thanks to God today for St. Peter; for his faithfulness and dedication to Jesus, and the foundation upon which we gather together as a Church, both local and universal.

May the strength of St. Peter's witness, and those of all of the apostles, martyrs, and saints of God continue to inspire us to accomplish great things for the kingdom of God, in this portion of the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Peace of Christ, abide with you always.

Bishop Itty

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THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, P. 323

THE WORD OF GOD

The Voluntary—Concerto No. 4 in C Major J. S. Bach

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323*

The Song of Praise: Glory be to God on high *p. 324*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, who didst inspire Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep thy Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The First Lesson: Acts 4:8-13

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is
`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (*Said by all*)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;*
I shall not be in want.
 - 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures*
and leads me beside still waters.
 - 3 He revives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
 - 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;*
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
 - 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me,*
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
 - 6 Surely your goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,*
and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*
world without end. Amen.

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5:1-4

As an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it-- not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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The Peace	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn at the Offering	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #645</i>
The King of love my shepherd is	<i>St. Columba</i>
The Great Thanksgiving	p. 340
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The Prayer of St. Richard	
Lord Jesus Christ, Most Merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,	
help us this day and everyday to see Thee more clearly,	
to follow Thee more nearly, to love Thee more dearly,	
for Thy Name's sake. Amen.	
The Blessing & Dismissal	
The Voluntary: <i>Suite Gothique "Toccata"</i>	Léon Böellmann

— PARISH NOTICES —

We extend a warm welcome to everyone, and especially any visitors who may be worshipping with us today. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are invited to the table to receive Holy Communion.

The parents of Killian Thomas Quinn and Troop 43 invite you to attend the Presentation of the Eagle Scout Award Sunday, January 24, 2016 at 2:00 pm. The ceremony will be at St. Peter's, and a Reception will follow.

Sunday, February 7 will be Scout Sunday. Our Boy Scout Troop 43 and Cub Scouts Pack 153 will be in attendance and taking leadership roles in the Choral Eucharist at 10:15 a.m. A Scoutmaster Retirement for Phil Jacobs and Installation Ceremony for Ray Polk will take place in the Parish Hall, followed by Brunch. All are invited!

The Prayer List will be updated February 1. Please let Mark Engelhardt know if any names you have asked to be placed on the list should REMAIN. All others will be removed.

St. Peter's Church will be hosting the Deanery Lenten Program this year. Please join us on Tuesdays, beginning February 16 and continuing through March 15. The evenings begin with Eucharist at 6 pm, followed by a light supper of soup and salad and the program.

Lifeline Health Screenings will be available in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 15. For detailed information and registration information, please pick up a flyer available in the narthex and in the hallway opposite St. Edmund's Chapel.

— COMING EVENTS —

- Sunday, 1/17—Patronal Festival
- Monday, 1/18—Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
- Thursday, 1/21—ECW Meeting (11:30 am)
- Sunday, 1/24—Eagle Scout Ceremony (2 pm)
- Sunday, 1/31—Annual Parish Meeting (9 am)
- Tuesday, 2/2—Feast of the Presentation, Holy Eucharist (10 am)
- Sunday, 2/7—Boy Scout Sunday
- Wednesday, 2/10—Ash Wednesday (9am and 7:30 pm)

- Sunday, 2/14—First Sunday in Lent
- Tuesday, 2/16—Deanery Lenten Series begins (6 pm)
- Tuesday, 3/15—Lifeline Health Screenings (8 am)

PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF SUNDAY 1/17/16

We pray for those seeking healing: Alice, Ann, Ann, Beryl, Bradley, Bruce, Bryan, Chris, Daniel, David, Debbie, Deron, Diane, Donald, Ellen, Ellie, Ezra, Gary, Hugh, Irene, Jack, James, Jim, Joy, Karen, Kelly, LaJune, Leo, Linda, Lisa, Lon, Louie, Manuel, Mike, Natalie, Nicole, Patrick, Paul, Roger, Ryan, Samantha, Sandra, Sarah Grace, Theo, Tom, Tom, Trey, and the Reverend Robert J. McCloskey, Jr.;

We pray for those in military service, and especially for Eileen, John, Kyle, Robert, and Stephen;

We pray for those with special needs: the unemployed; for all who suffer from addictions; for all who have AIDS and those who care for them;

We pray for lasting peace in the world, for refugees and the victims of the violence of war, and for those separated from their loved ones;

We pray for our companion dioceses of Torit & Ecuador-Central.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for **St. Cuthbert's, Selden**; The Diocesan Episcopal Church Women; **Caroline Church, Setauket**; **St. Mary's, Shelter Island**; **St. Anselm's, Shoreham**; **St. Thomas of Canterbury, Smithtown**; Hispanic Ministry Commission;

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Bangladesh; and for the Dioceses of Akoko (Nigeria); Akot (Sudan); Akure (Nigeria); Alabama (USA); Alaska (USA); Algoma (Canada).

Notice of Annual Meeting and Elections



OFFICIAL NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 127TH ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BAY SHORE, NEW YORK, WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.

The Agenda for this Meeting is:

I. ELECTIONS

- **ONE** Warden for a term of two years
- **THREE** Vestry Persons for a term of three years each
- **ONE** Delegate and **ONE** Alternate to Diocesan Convention

II. REPORTS of the Wardens and Treasurer, and receipt of the Reports of Departments (by title).

To be eligible to vote in this election, you must be a member in good standing and fulfill the following criteria:

- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age by January 31, 2016.
- You have received Holy Communion in this church at least three times in the past twelve months; and
- You are a contributor of record to the financial support of the parish. This is normally taken to mean a pledging member of the parish whose pledge for the year 2015 has been fulfilled.

In order to serve on the vestry, a person must be a member in good standing, and fulfill the same requirements as that of a voting member of the parish. A bio will be made available to parishioners. The additional requirement to be eligible for election as a warden is that a warden must be a confirmed communicant in good standing.

Nominations may also be made from the floor of the meeting, provided that the person to be so nominated is present, signifies the intention to stand for election and has fulfilled all requisite requirements. There are no provisions for ballots by proxy or absentee ballots at the Annual Meeting.

**there will be only one service that day,
beginning at 9:00 am.**



*Boy Scout Troop 43
Cordially Invites You to
Scout Sunday Service*

*Sunday, February 7, 2016 at 10:00 am
St. Peter's by the Sea Episcopal Church
500 South Country Road, Bay Shore*

*Immediately Following Services in the Parish Hall
Scoutmaster Retirement and Installation Ceremony
Honoring Phil Jacobs and Ray Polk
Brunch will follow*



Please RSVP by January 31, 2016

Heidi Siciliano (516) 551-6891 or nurseheidi@verizon.net

*All Scouts and Adult Leaders attending please wear your Class A Uniform
All Scouts attending are welcome to participate in the Scout Sunday Service.*

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JANUARY 17, 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (C)
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY WEEKEND

Martin Luther King, Jr., one of the greatest American civil rights leaders, was born on January 15, 1929 and was assassinated on April 4, 1968. Since 1986, the United States has celebrated King's birthday as a national holiday on the third Monday of January. The Episcopal Church also commemorates the day of his death on the liturgical calendar each year.

Holy Women, Holy Men (Church Publishing, 2010) explains that "King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. Alone in his kitchen he wept and prayed. He relates that he heard the Lord speaking to him and saying, 'Martin Luther, stand up for righteousness, stand up for justice,' and promising never to leave him alone – 'No, never alone.' King refers to his vision as his 'Mountain-top Experience.'"



*Martin Luther King, Jr., at a freedom rally, Washington
Temple Church, 1962,
World Telegram & Sun photo by O. Fernandez*

On April 3, 1968, the day before he was murdered, King delivered a speech in Memphis, Tennessee, popularly referred to as “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop.” The following are excerpts from that speech:

“We’ve got to stay together and maintain unity. You know, whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, he had a favorite, favorite formula for doing it. What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh’s court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that’s the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity. ...

“We’re going to march again, and we’ve got to march again, in order to put the issue where it is supposed to be – and force everybody to see that there are thirteen hundred of God’s children here suffering, sometimes going hungry, going through dark and dreary nights wondering how this thing is going to come out. That’s the issue. And we’ve got to say to the nation: We know how it’s coming out. For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory. ...

“We’ve got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn’t really matter with me now. Because I’ve been to the mountaintop. I don’t mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life; longevity has its place. But I’m not concerned about that now. I just want to do God’s will. And He’s allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I’ve looked over. And I’ve seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the Promised Land. So I’m happy, tonight. I’m not worried about anything. I’m not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.”

— **St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church** —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Lawrence C. Provenzano, DD	<i>Diocesan Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Geralyn Wolf	<i>Assisting Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Johncy Itty, DD	<i>Bishop-in-Residence</i>
Mark Engelhardt	<i>Associate for Administration, Liturgy, and Music</i>
Sara Merrigan	<i>Preschool Director</i>
Linda Ruggieri	<i>Financial Administrator</i>

The Wardens and Vestry of the Parish

Salvatore Basile, Senior Warden
Brian Clark, Junior Warden
Kathleen Malloy, Clerk of the Vestry
Roger Burmeister
William Crawford
Debbie Crawford
Joseph Goncalves
George Justice
Clyde Payne
Carl M. Siciliano



Praising God, Serving Neighbor

*We seek to worship the Lord as one loving family
by serving our parish and community
through prayer, music, education, and outreach*