Our Legacy of Faith
The Holy Catholic Church and our Latin Language Heritage

In past feature pages, Our Legacy of Faith focused on the history of St. Peter’s Parish. Later this year we will continue that heritage. This week we will focus on the Holy Catholic Church. Today we begin with our heritage of the official language of the church: Latin.

Throughout the life of the Church popes have been concerned that church rituals are worthy of praise and glory to God, and that they benefit the faithful. St. Gregory the Great was one of the most fervent of those popes. He worked to be sure the people of Europe received the Catholic faith, worship, and culture that had been developed over centuries by the Romans. And he commanded that the form of sacred liturgy celebrated in Rome be used. Thus the Roman rite deepened the faith and culture of many people.

In response to calls for reform within and outside the church, the Council of Trent was held from 1545 to 1563. Its main objective was to make a definitive determination about the doctrines of the church. In response, Pope St. Pius V renewed the entire liturgy, published liturgical books and incorporated them into the Latin Church. One of those books is the Roman Missal and, even with the passing of centuries, was very similar to what is used in recent times.

Through the 20th Century, popes have continued to clarify rites and liturgical books. In 1962 Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council to renew and adapt our worship to the needs of the times. And in 1970, Pope Paul VI approved reformed liturgical books for the Latin Church to be translated into various languages of the world and accepted by bishops, priests and the faithful.

But in some places people continued to use the Roman liturgy which had deeply marked their worship and culture. So in 1984 Pope John Paul II granted permission to use the 1962 Roman Missal. And in 1988, John Paul II instructed bishops to make generous use of this permission for all the faithful who so desired. In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI expanded the permission.

From many sources in the church, Catholic faithful and clergy are now expected to sing Latin responses at Mass, especially the Gregorian chants. Here are some of the instructions from the Holy Father, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and our pastor.

“Since faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is fitting that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin…” General Instruction of the Roman Missal 41

“Similarly, the better-known prayers of the Church’s tradition should be recited in Latin and, if possible, selections of Gregorian chant should be sung. … I ask that future priests … receive the preparation needed to understand and to celebrate Mass in Latin … nor should we forget that the faithful can be taught to recite the more common prayers in Latin, and also to sing parts of the liturgy to Gregorian chant.” Pope Benedict XVI, Sacramentum Caritatis 62

“The Second Vatican Council directed that the faithful be able to sing parts of the Ordinary of the Mass together in Latin.” US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sing to the Lord 74

“Each worshiping community in the United States, including all age groups and all ethnic groups, should, at a minimum, learn Kyrie XVI, Sanctus XVIII, and Agnus Dei XVIII.” US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Sing to the Lord 75

“To help us learn Latin responses and respond to the call of our Holy Father and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, beginning with the first Sunday of Lent through Easter Sunday, the Sanctus and Agnus Dei will be sung in Latin at all Masses at St. Peter’s Parish. It is my hope and prayer that every member of our parish of all ages and ethnicity will joyfully join me in this celebration of our Latin language heritage.” Msgr. Bill Parent, Pastor, February 8, 2009
Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Ernest Middleton, Jr.
8:00 a.m. George Estevez
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter’s
12:00 noon Mary E. Kerfoot
1:30 p.m. Mario Rolando Mejicanos Estrada

Monday, February 16, President’s Day
10:00 a.m. Mary Ann Wilson

Tuesday, February 17, The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:00 a.m. Elisabeth DiGiovannantonio

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday
8:00 a.m. George Estevez
9:00 a.m. - School Mass -
7:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Peter’s

Thursday, February 19
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Francisco Aquirre

Friday, February 20
8:00 a.m. Victoria Franz

Saturday, February 21
8:00 a.m. George Estevez
5:00 p.m. Vigil Olivia and Gene Swan

Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Canter
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Peter’s
12:00 noon Joe and Jeanne Gruss
1:30 p.m. Intentions of the celebrant

The sanctuary light will burn this week in loving memory of Edward A. Tomasko.

Reminder: Mass on Monday, February 16, President’s Day will be at 10:00 a.m.

NECESSITY OF PENCEANCE
“In order that Christ’s Redemption may be applied to us we must do penance. We must not deceive ourselves, for our forefathers have all passed by that way; young and old, small and great; in short, all have washed their feet and their hands in the waters of penance. This is so universal a rule that no one can be exempted from it except the most sacred Virgin who, not having sinned, had no need of expiation; ...But as for the rest of us it is necessary, as I said, to do penance either in this world or in the next. The mortifications which present themselves must be done first; others will follow. Kiss in spirit the crosses Our Lord places on your shoulders, take no notice whether the wood of which they are made be precious or nauseant; for when they are of common and offensive smell they are all the truer crosses.”

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (1567 – 1622)
Our Parish Prayer Requests

For those who are ill, especially:

John David Yamnicky  
Angela Vaira Souder  
Doris Ann Bradburn  
Kelly Schwartz  
Kathy Breckenridge  
Mike Williams  
Dee Savoy  
Warren Hagens

Kathy Carrigan  
Leo Bradburn  
Barbara Lueders  
Carla Jupiter  
Gail Garcia  
William Tiffin  
Greg Landhardt  
Karen Marshall  
Michael Negbenebor  
Tim Reagan  
Paula Curiel  
Adam Sanchez  
Alice Olmstead  
Tijuana Adams  
Marvin Steffensmeier  
John Thomas

• For William “Bill” Matts who died on February 2
• For an increase in vocations, especially in our parish and
• For our parish priests

Ash Wednesday is this week, February 18
Masses are 8:00 a.m., School Mass 9:00 a.m., and Bi-Lingual at 7:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent, our 40-day period of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we spiritually prepare for Easter. It continues until Good Friday, April 3. Easter this year will be celebrated on April 5. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent are days of total abstinence from meat, a law that binds all Catholics age 14 and older. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fast, that is, people are limited to one single full meal on those days. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until and including their 59th birthday.

Our Parish Lenten Observances

Just as we make individual Lenten sacrifices and observances, as a parish family we also mark Lent with special practices. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent these are some of our parish Lenten observances.

• No flowers will be on the altar
• In Sunday Liturgies:
  No Gloria or Alleluia

• The Light is On For You: Confessions and adoration on Wednesdays in Our Lady of the Fields Chapel from 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.
  (On Wednesday, March 11, confessions are in church.)

• Stations of the Cross each Friday at 6:30 pm in Spanish and 7:30 p.m. in English
• March 6 is First Friday Exposition from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
• Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration:
  March 9, 10 and 11
  Holy Hours from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  No parish meetings or events during the entire week of Forty Hours.
**Keeping a Holy Lent**

St. Peter's Office for Christian Formation invites all parishioners to join us Sunday February 22, 2015 for a Parish Intergenerational Session.

**Schedule of Activities:**
- 10:00AM - 11:00 AM Mass at St. Peter's Church
- 11:15AM - 12:30 PM Intergenerational Session in the Sank Auditorium
- 12:30PM - 1:15 PM Lenten Pot-luck Soup Luncheon in the Sank Auditorium

Cost will be $5 per family to cover materials needed for making a Lenten Pretzel.

At least one parent must attend with children/youth (whole family participation is recommended.) This is a regularly scheduled session for those in Family/Youth Ministry programs.

Everyone is asked to bring a favorite simple soup to share (6-8 servings.) Please RSVP number attending to the Office for Christian Formation 301-843-9583 by February 15th.

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**Questions and Answers About Lent and Lenten Practices**

**Q. Why do we say that there are forty days of Lent? When you count all the days from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, there are forty-six.**

A. It might be more accurate to say that there is a “forty-day fast within Lent.” Historically, Lent has varied from a week to three weeks to the present configuration of forty-six days. The forty-day fast, however, has been more stable. The Sundays of Lent are certainly part of the season of Lent, but they are not prescribed days of fast and abstinence.

**Q. So does that mean that when we give something up for Lent, such as candy, we can have it on Sundays?**

A. Apart from the prescribed days of fast and abstinence on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, and the days of abstinence every Friday of Lent, Catholics have traditionally chosen additional penitential practices for the whole season of Lent. These practices are disciplinary in nature and are often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. That being said, such practices are not regulated by the Church but by individual conscience.

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**Designated Charity:**
**Angel Watch Women’s Shelter**
This week the Designated Charity is the Angel Watch Women’s Shelter. They will receive at least 1% of the regular Sunday offering. You may use the envelopes available at the entrances to Church. Please put your envelope in the regular collection basket. The Designated Charity next week will be Health Partners.

**AL-ANON**
for families & friends of alcoholics

**Support Group at St. Peter's**
St. Peter's is a local host site for Al-Anon meetings on Thursdays in St. Peter’s School from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Please call the Office for Christian Formation at 301-843-9583 if you have any questions.

**2015 Annual Jubilarian Mass**
Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 21, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the parish office to register. Names of the jubilarians need to be turned in to the parish office by Monday, April 13.

**Mini-Retreat**
The Restorers of Mount Carmel are sponsoring a mini-retreat on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at Mount Carmel, 5678 Mount Carmel Road, LaPlata, MD 20646. The retreat will begin with Mass at 8:00 am. and will end by 3:00 pm. Cost is $30 per person and includes Mass, several talks, quiet time, confessions, rosary, benediction/exposition, continental breakfast snacks, beverages, boxed lunch, and some handouts. Father Savatore Sciruba, OCD, is the retreat master and the theme will be The Carmelite Approach to Spirituality. For more information, please call Peggy Goldsmith at 301-645-5564.

**ATTENTION PARISH MINISTRY LEADERS**
**COMMISSION DAY IS FEBRUARY 28**
Every parish organization and ministry is expected to send a representative to Commission Day. To provide maximum parish discussion and opinions, each participant may only represent one organization or ministry. Be sure your ministry or organization is represented! Commission Day will begin with Mass at 8:00 and continue in the Sank Auditorium until noon.

*Parish news and information in our weekly bulletin can also be found in color on the Parish website at [wwwstpeterswaldorf.org](http://wwwstpeterswaldorf.org).*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2015
Are You Registered in the Parish?
If you aren’t receiving envelopes, then you are not registered or your registration address is out-of-date. This may seem like a technicality, but being a registered parishioner has significant benefits.

Registration allows us to demonstrate objectively that we are participating members of St. Peter’s. By using envelopes each Sunday, regardless of the amount we contribute, we build a record that we are not just names on a registration list but that we actually participate in the life of our parish family. When is this record important?

• When we need letters to serve as a godparent or confirmation sponsor.
• When we’re seeking to have baptisms or weddings here.
• When we’re buying a cemetery plot here.
• When we want a child to receive the “Living Our Catholic Faith” scholarship at St. Peter’s School.

We are a large parish, and our clergy and staff depend on our records of attendance to verify our participation in these types of situations.

In addition, registration makes planning easier at both the parish and archdiocesan level. For example, associate pastors are no longer assigned to smaller parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington. Parish registration and participation are among the most important measures in making these assignments.

So take a minute, call 301-843-8916 or email the parish office at parishsecretary@stpeterswaldorf.org and request information to register. Registering is easy! Fill out the census form, return it and you are registered!

English Cathedrals
Discover the historic beauty and rich faith of our Catholic heritage this Fall with a tour of English cathedrals. Enjoy an unforgettable exploration of pre-Reformation Catholic England in Canterbury and Wells, Oxford and London and other scenic cities. Travel with Capuchin Fr. Francis Russo in the FALL, Sept. 29-Oct. 8, 2015. $4699 per person. For more information, contact: 202-529-2188. Email: francisxrusso@gmail.com

Items for the Bulletin
We’re always happy to receive notices and news for our weekly bulletin. If you wish to have information appear in a particular week, please be sure to send your item at least ten days before the date of the bulletin to parishsecretary@stpeterswaldorf.org. Questions? Call Alicia Moore on 301-843-8916, especially if you have a tight deadline for your event.
February 17, 2015
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Last chance for a “bacon binge” before our Lenten journey!

Menu: Pancakes, Bacon, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee

RESERVATIONS NEEDED!

St. Peter’s Families: Use Sign-Up Genius
St. Peter’s Parish Families: Call Alicia Moore (301-843-8916)

There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are encouraged and appreciated!
Nuestro Legado de Fe
La Santa Iglesia Católica y Nuestra Herencia de la Lengua Latina


A lo largo de la vida de la Iglesia, los papas se han preocupado de que iglesias rituales son dignos de alabanza y gloria a Dios, y que benefician a los fieles. San Gregorio Magno fue uno de los más fervientes de los papas. Trabajó para asegurarse de que los pueblos de Europa recibieron la fe Católica, el culto y la cultura que se había desarrollado durante siglos por los Romanos. Y mandó que se utilizara la forma de la sagrada liturgia celebrada en Roma. Por lo tanto el Rito Romano profundizó la fe y la cultura de muchas personas.

En respuesta a las solicitudes de reforma dentro y fuera de la iglesia, se celebró el Concilio de Trento de 1545 a 1563. Su principal objetivo fue hacer una determinación definitiva sobre las doctrinas de la iglesia. En respuesta, el Papa San Pío V renovó toda la liturgia, había publicado libros litúrgicos y los incorporados a la Iglesia Latina. Uno de esos libros es el Misal Romano y, aún con el paso de los siglos, fue muy similar a lo que se utiliza en los últimos tiempos.

A través del siglo XX, los papas han continuado aclarar los ritos y libros litúrgicos. En 1962 el Papa John XXIII llamado el Concilio Vaticano II para renovar y adaptar nuestra adoración a las necesidades de los tiempos. Y en 1970, Papa Paul VI aprobó reformados libros litúrgicos de la Iglesia Latina a ser traducido a varios idiomas del mundo y aceptada por los obispos, los sacerdotes y los fieles.

Pero en algunos lugares la gente seguía usando la liturgia Romana que marcó profundamente su culto y su cultura. Así que en 1984 el Papa John Paul II concedió permiso para usar el Misal Romano de 1962. Y en 1988, John Paul II mandó a los obispos a hacer un uso generoso de este permiso para todos los fieles que así lo desean. En 2007, el Papa Benedicto XVI amplió el permiso.

Como se encuentra en muchas fuentes en la iglesia, fieles Católicos y clero ahora se espera a cantar las respuestas Latín en la Misa, especialmente los cants Gregorianos. Aquí están algunas de las instrucciones del Santo Padre, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, y nuestro pastor.

“Puesto que los fieles de diferentes países se juntan cada vez más frecuentemente, es apropiado que saben cantar juntos al menos algunas partes del Ordinario de la Misa en Latín...” Instrucciones Generales del Misal Romano 41

“Del mismo modo, puede recitarse en Latín las oraciones más conocidas de la tradición de la Iglesia y, si es posible, deben ser cantadas selecciones del canto Gregoriano. ... les pido que futuros sacerdotes ... reciban la preparación necesaria para comprender y celebrar la Misa en Latín ... tampoco debemos olvidar que a los fieles se les pueden enseñar a recitar las oraciones más comunes en Latín y también para cantar las partes de la liturgia para el canto Gregoriano.” El Papa Benedicto XVI, Sacramentum Caritatis 62

“El Concilio Vaticano II indica que los fieles sean capaces de cantar las partes del Ordinario de la Misa en Latín.” Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos, Cantar al Señor 74

“Cada comunidad adorando en Estados Unidos, incluyendo todas las edades y todos los grupos étnicos, deben, como mínimo, aprender Kyrie XVI, XVIII Sanctus y Agnus Dei XVIII.” Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos, Cantar al Señor 75

“Para ayudarnos a aprender Latín respuestas y responder a la llamada de nuestro Santo Padre y de la Conferencia Estadounidense de Obispos Católicos, comenzando con el primer domingo de Cuaresma a través de Domingo de Pascua, que el Sanctus y Agnus Dei serán cantado en Latín en Misa en la Parroquia de San Pedro. Es mi esperanza y oración que todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia de todas las edades y etnías con alegría conmigo en esta celebración de nuestra herencia de la lengua Latina.” Mons. Bill Parent, Pastor, 08 de febrero de 2009

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