

Lent 2026

Dear Parishioners,

A former colleague describes Lent as a time when we try to give things up but instead, we end up taking on more in an effort to become more than who we truly are. Instead of trying to be who we aren't, he writes, maybe we should use Lent to become who we are. It will mean walking the spiritual stairs in a new direction. Instead of ascending the stairs and trying to become who we've always thought we were, it will require descending and discerning who we truly are (Chip Bristol). This Lent, I invite you to be part of what we have planned at St. Peter's. As you walk the spiritual stairs of this holy season, I hope that whatever you choose to do will deepen your awareness of God's presence and help you know more about the person God created you to be.

Lenten blessings,



The Rev. David Hodges



Ash Wednesday
Services

February 18, 2026

7:30 am, 12:00 pm, & 6:00 pm

ENTER INTO A
HOLY LENT WITH A
SERVICE OF HOLY
EUCCHARIST AND
THE IMPOSITION OF
ASHES

OUTREACH

TRINITY HOT LUNCH

MARCH 1, MARCH 22

Serve our neighbors this Lent at one or both Trinity Hot Lunch events on Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 22. Prepare and serve meals with a team of parishioners. Please contact Jim Gilbert at hockeygolf@live.com for more information.

MONTHLY FOOD DRIVES

FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 29

Join us as we collect needed items each month for Trinity Food Ministry. As you leave church on the last Sunday of the month, an usher will hand you a grocery bag with a list of needed items. Bring the bag back the following Sunday (first Sunday of the month) to be taken to Trinity Food Pantry.

LENTEN SHOE DRIVE

St. Peter's will once again be collecting new men's athletic shoes, socks, and footcare products for our annual Lenten Shoe Drive. The drive supports the foot clinic offered by Trinity Episcopal Church CWE which serves the unhoused population who walk many miles every day.

Lenten Shoe Drive

- New Men's Tennis Shoes
Size 9-12
- Heavy Socks
- Foot Lotion and Powder
- Toenail Clippers

The Stories We Tell

Storytelling is about revealing what we value. The stories we tell — both about ourselves and others — reflect what is important to us, and what we believe to be true about who we are. Our Lenten Speaker Series, "Lent Through the Lens", will include speakers from around St Louis who will share some of their formative experiences. Through their stories, we'll discover more about who we are as individuals, as a community, and as people of God. What common ground do we share? Which values bring us together? Where can there be opportunities for fellowship, discussion, and learning? Join us in the Undercroft on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 6:00 p.m. A light supper will be served.



Dr. Judy Mann

Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Judith W. Mann is the senior curator of European art to 1800 at the St. Louis Art Museum. Since joining the museum in 1988, she has reinstalled the collections of Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, and 18th-century European paintings and sculptures three times and organized two major international exhibitions. She holds a graduate degree and doctorate from Washington University.



Dr. Jeffrey Carter

Wednesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Jeffrey Richard Carter is Professor & Chair of the Department of Music at Webster University. He holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Kansas, and the Master of Arts degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Central Missouri.



Christina Johnson

Wednesday, March 11th at 6:00 p.m.

Christina Johnson is a fine-dining chef whose cuisine reflects both global refinement and heartfelt hospitality. Raised between the United States and her native New Zealand, Christina developed an early appreciation for diverse ingredients, cultures, and the way food connects people across borders. She trained at Le Cordon Bleu, grounding her craft in classical technique and precision, and later earned an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland.



David Brinker

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

David Brinker is Director of the Museum of Contemporary Religious Art (MOCRA) at Saint Louis University, where he fosters interfaith understanding through art. A musician, arranger, and longtime advocate for the arts, David serves as Chair of the Visual Arts Committee for Arts & Faith St. Louis, and his leadership has helped shape a space where contemporary art and sacred meaning meet.

Lenten Offerings



Lectio Divina Series with Susie Skinner

Based in the monastic tradition, Lectio Divina involves a slow contemplative praying of a Bible passage(s). It differs from Bible Study in that it is reading God's word more with the heart than the head. "Lectio divina," (literally "holy reading") begins with cultivating the ability to listen deeply, to hear "with the ear of our hearts" the words of Holy Scripture.

The Rev. Susie Skinner will lead the group in praying the scripture readings for the coming Sunday. The group will meet each Thursday morning through Lent, 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12 and 3/19, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Elliot Room.



Choral Evensong

SUNDAY MARCH 8 | 5:00 P.M.

Maybe you've heard of Evensong before, but perhaps you don't know what it is or why you should attend. At St. Peter's, Evensong is for everyone, and you are warmly invited to attend this monthly service. When you take part in a service of Evensong, you are joining in a pattern of worship that has been developed in the Anglican church over many centuries. First-time attendees are often struck by the beauty of the service itself, the words that are said, and the music that it is sung. Please join us as we continue to reflect during this Lenten season.



Fish Fry Friday

FRIDAY MARCH | 5:30 P.M.

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 27, and come enjoy great fellowship, good food, and a classic church tradition. Fish fries have long been a way for Christian communities to gather during the Lenten season—sharing a meal together as a reminder of unity, simplicity, and the early disciples who themselves were fishermen.

We'd love to see you there as we come together in friendship and faith!



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m.

A service of Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Day

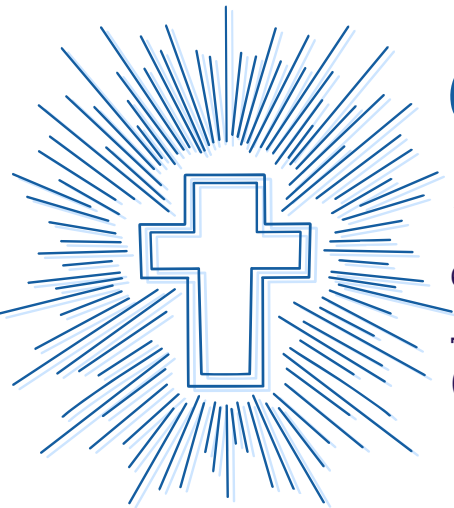
6:00 p.m. Meditations on the Cross



HOLY SATURDAY EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages ten and younger are invited to hop on over to the front lawn of St. Peter's Church on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. Be sure to join us with your Easter basket! Questions? Contact Didi Noelker at dnoelker@specstl.org.



Easter Day

April 5, 2026

6:00 a.m. (Laird Garden)

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. (Nave)

Nursery care available at the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services for ages 0-4. Come enjoy a special parish breakfast 8:45-10:30 a.m.

