

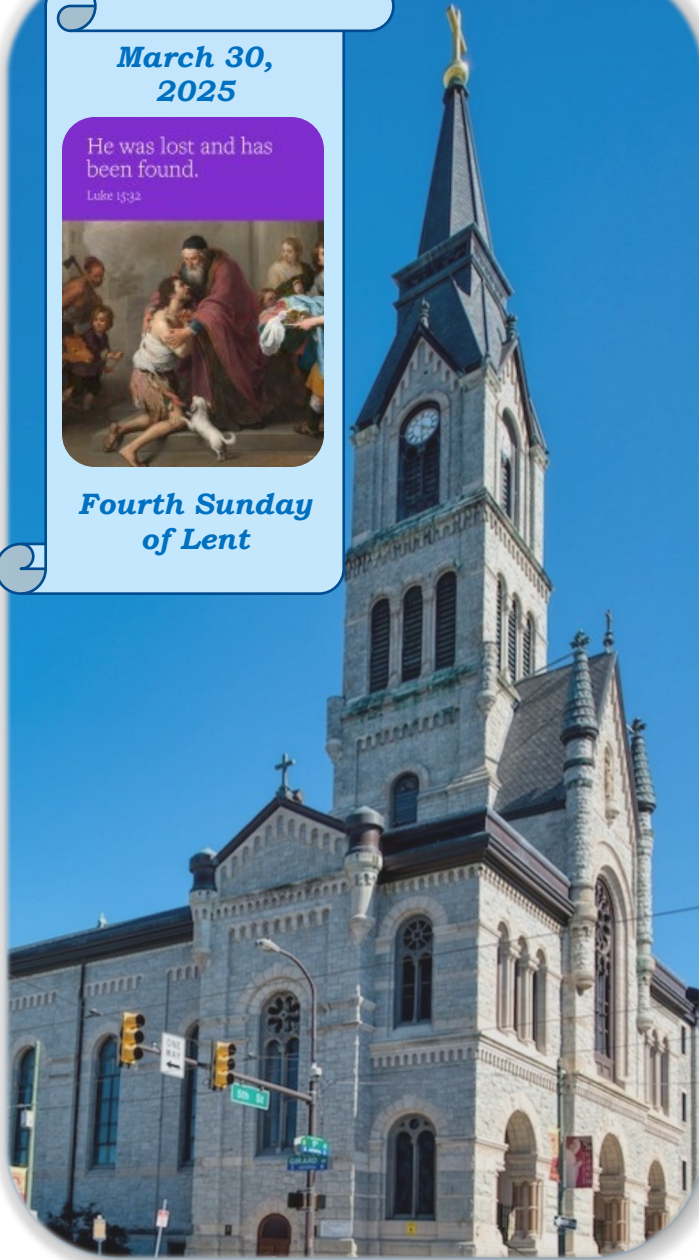
**March 30,  
2025**

He was lost and has  
been found.

Luke 15:32



**Fourth Sunday  
of Lent**



## **St. Peter the Apostle National Shrine of St. John Neumann**

A Redemptorist Parish  
[www.spaphilly.org](http://www.spaphilly.org)  
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Philadelphia, PA 19123

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),  
12:30 pm  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**O.L.P.H. Novena:** 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Mon - Sat:** 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

**Monday - Saturday:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday** 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### **GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Sunday:** 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS:** You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

**SICK CALLS:** Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:30 PM † Maria Magdalena Asencio -rb: Victor Asencio

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM † Mark Bogan - rb: Nancy Mola

11:00 AM † Lucy Betancourt – rb: Nydia Betancourt

12:30 PM Parish Family and Terry Dintino - rb: Anna and Elia DiNardo

### MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Franny & Robert McCloskey – rb: Michael and Elsie McCloskey

5:30 PM † Karl & Patricia Buchert - rb: Karl Buchert

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Dominga Ayala Asencio – rb: Victor M. Asencio

5:30 PM † Christopher Walton - rb: Greg Walton

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM † Dominic & Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Sr. Kathleen White, IHM - rb: Sr. Kathleen White, IHM and Family

5:30 PM Carmen Lopez - rb: Maribel Roman

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Lieu Au 3rd Birhtday - rb: Le Nguyen

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

## REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, and Estela Bugg. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday, we hear the extraordinarily beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son.

This parable comes to mind every time I hear a confession for someone who has been away from the sacrament for decades or for someone who has really wandered far away from God and made a big mess of his or her life. It is the only way I can describe the joy that God has—and that I have as his priest—when one of God’s wayward children returns to him.

Nearly every single one of us can identify with the prodigal son. We know that we struggle to follow God’s will and that we’d generally prefer to do our own thing. We have witnessed things come crashing down before our eyes. It crushes us. If we’re lucky, we remember, like the prodigal son, that we have a God who loves us and will always welcome us back home. Many of us, also, can identify with the other son. Sometimes we see people who fell much further than we did or in ways we find particularly offensive and think, “at least that isn’t me.” Sometimes, we might even think, “Don’t they know what that person did?!? What are they doing letting them into a church?!” But, just like the father in the parable loves both of his sons, so too does our God love us. The response of the father to the elder son, “your brother was dead and has come to life again,” is deeply profound, because in just these words, Christ reveals the entire point of him coming into this world.

Through Adam’s sin, humanity fell victim to the slavery of sin. As St. Paul teaches, “the wages of sin is death.” (Romans 6:23) If we are enslaved to sin through our humanity, and the wages of sin is death, then we are dead to sin and we are subjects to the slavery of Sin and Death. But when Christ came, he conquered Sin’s reign over humanity. That’s the whole point of him coming to this earth! It’s the whole point of His Passion, His Death, His Resurrection, and His Ascension! When Christ allowed Himself to be crucified and to die on the Cross, Death attempted to consume and drag him into Hades (which in English we call hell or the underworld). But Death did not know who it had taken. Death did not realize that it had attempted to consume Life Itself. Christ destroyed the gates of hell and conquered humanity’s mortal enemy. He

destroyed the power of sin to enslave humanity, and in doing so Christ ended the tyrannical reign of Death and Sin. While we still suffer the death of our body as an effect of the original sin, we are not doomed to the death of our spirit: that is, we have been invited to join Christ in his Resurrection.

We are invited, like the prodigal son, to turn away from sin and to return to the Father who loves us. That road to the Father is a narrow road, full of challenges, but we do not travel it alone. We travel with our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. Even more importantly, we travel with the Son who is the way, the truth, and the life. We travel with our older brother, Christ, who unlike the older brother in the parable, has gone out to look for us and bring us home. Imagine how much more joyful the father in the parable would have been if the older son in the parable had gone out after his younger brother and helped him return home. That is the joy of our Father in Heaven when we return home with his Son who has come looking for us.

As brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Church, we are called to follow him to the Father. We are also to be ambassadors for Christ, helping others to reconcile with the Father. We are called not to be the resentful older brother of the parable, but to be a brother or a sister who with the Son goes out looking for the Father's lost children and helping them come home. The practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in Lent should help us to refocus our hearts and eyes on Christ who calls us to follow him to the Father. When we follow him, we will not only return to our Father in Heaven, but we will also bring our brothers and sisters with us on the way.

By Fr. Matthew Siegman Catholic Diocese of Wichita

Blessings,  
Fr Mike



### THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Way of the Cross for peace. Please come and pray with us.



### WEEKEND COLLECTION - 3/23/2025

Masses	\$3,196.00
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$305.00
Electronic Giving -	\$2,163.00
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,664.00</b>
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$1,060.75

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

- Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)**  
*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*
- OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)**  
*Little Family - rb: Nora Little*
- St. John Neumann Altar**  
*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*
- Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)**  
*Departed souls of Villanueva and Creachen Families*  
*- rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva*
- Redemptorist Chapel**  
*Lorraine Kingsbury Miner*

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# EASTER

## • EGG HUNT •



SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 9:30 AM AND 11 AM MASS

CHILDREN WILL PROCESS TO THE RECTORY LAWN  
FROM THE UPPER CHURCH FRONT ENTRANCE  
1019 N. 5TH STREET

### LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Lucy Betancourt – sp: Nydia Betancourt

### CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

### DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

### VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)*

*Familia Nguyen*

*- sp: Le Nguyen*

*Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Familia Little*

*- sp: Nora Little*

*Altar de San Juan Neumann*

*Familia Nguyen*

*- sp: Le Nguyen*

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Almas difuntas de las familias Villanueva y Creachen*

*- sp: Patricia y Raymond Villanueva*

*Capilla de los Redentoristas*

*Lorraine Kingsbury Miner*

### RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Y Estela Bugg. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Este domingo, escuchamos la extraordinariamente hermosa parábola del Hijo Pródigo. Esta parábola me viene a la mente cada vez que escuchó la confesión de alguien que ha estado alejado del sacramento durante décadas o de alguien que se ha alejado mucho de Dios y ha arruinado su vida. Es la única manera en que puedo describir la alegría que Dios siente —y la que siento yo como su sacerdote— cuando uno de sus hijos descarriados regresa a él.

Casi todos nos identificamos con el hijo pródigo. Sabemos que nos cuesta seguir la voluntad de Dios y que, por lo general, preferimos hacer las cosas a nuestra manera. Hemos visto cómo las cosas se derrumban ante nuestros ojos. Nos destroza. Si tenemos suerte, recordamos, como el hijo pródigo, que tenemos un Dios que nos ama y siempre nos recibirá de vuelta en casa. Muchos también nos identificamos con el otro hijo. A veces vemos a personas que cayeron mucho más profundamente que nosotros o de maneras que nos resultan particularmente ofensivas y pensamos: «Al menos ese no soy yo». A veces, incluso podríamos pensar: "¿Es que no saben lo que hizo esa persona?!?! ¿Qué hacen dejándolos entrar a una iglesia?!" Pero, así como el padre de la parábola ama a sus dos hijos, también nuestro Dios nos ama. La respuesta del padre al hijo mayor, "tu hermano estaba muerto y ha vuelto a la vida", es profundamente profunda, porque con estas palabras, Cristo revela el propósito de su venida a este mundo.

Por el pecado de Adán, la humanidad cayó víctima de la esclavitud del pecado. Como enseña San Pablo, "la paga del pecado es muerte" (Romanos 6:23). Si estamos esclavizados al pecado por nuestra humanidad, y la paga del pecado es la muerte, entonces estamos muertos al pecado y sujetos a la esclavitud del pecado y la muerte. Pero cuando Cristo vino, conquistó el reino del pecado sobre la humanidad. ¡Ese es el propósito de su venida a esta tierra! ¡Es el propósito de su Pasión, su Muerte, su

Resurrección y Ascensión! Cuando Cristo se dejó crucificar y morir en la cruz, la Muerte intentó consumirlo y arrastrarlo al Hades (que en español llamamos infierno o inframundo). Pero la Muerte no sabía a quién se había llevado. No se dio cuenta de que había intentado consumir a la Vida misma. Cristo destruyó las puertas del infierno y conquistó al enemigo mortal de la humanidad. Destruyó el poder del pecado para esclavizar a la humanidad, y al hacerlo, Cristo puso fin al reinado tiránico de la Muerte y el Pecado. Si bien aún sufrimos la muerte de nuestro cuerpo como efecto del pecado original, no estamos condenados a la muerte de nuestro espíritu: es decir, hemos sido invitados a unírnos a Cristo en su Resurrección.

Estamos invitados, como el hijo pródigo, a alejarnos del pecado y regresar al Padre que nos ama. Ese camino hacia el Padre es angosto, lleno de desafíos, pero no lo recorremos solos. Viajamos con nuestros hermanos y hermanas en el Cuerpo de Cristo. Aún más importante, viajamos con el Hijo, que es el camino, la verdad y la vida. Viajamos con nuestro hermano mayor, Cristo, quien, a diferencia del hermano mayor de la parábola, salió a buscarnos y nos trajo a casa. Imaginen cuánto más gozoso habría sido el padre de la parábola si el hijo mayor hubiera ido tras su hermano menor y lo hubiera ayudado a regresar a casa. Esa es la alegría de nuestro Padre Celestial cuando regresamos a casa con su Hijo que vino a buscarnos.

Como hermanos y hermanas de Cristo y miembros de su Iglesia, estamos llamados a seguirlo hasta el Padre. También estamos llamados a ser embajadores de Cristo, ayudando a otros a reconciliarse con el Padre. Estamos llamados no a ser el hermano mayor resentido de la parábola, sino a ser un hermano o hermana que, con el Hijo, sale a buscar a los hijos perdidos del Padre y los ayuda a regresar a casa. Las prácticas de oración, ayuno y limosna en la Cuaresma deberían ayudarnos a enfocar nuestro corazón y nuestra mirada en Cristo, quien nos llama a seguirlo hasta el Padre. Cuando lo seguimos, no sólo regresamos a nuestro Padre Celestial, sino que también llevaremos a nuestros hermanos y hermanas con nosotros en el camino.

Por el P. Matthew Siegman, Diócesis Católica de Wichita

Bendiciones,  
Padre Mike

### DONACION ELECTRONICA

Ingresa a la página [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org) y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



### COLECTAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA 3/23/2025

Misas	\$3,136.10
Sobres por Correo - Ofrendas	\$257.00
Donaciones Electrónicas -	\$1,352.50
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4,745.60</b>
<i>Total 2a colecta.....</i>	<i>\$1,081.00</i>

### EL VIACRUCIS

Durante la Cuaresma, les invitamos a unirse a nosotros cada día a las 11:55 a.m. en el Santuario para rezar el Camino a la Cruz por la paz. Por favor vengan a rezar con nosotros



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## Leaders & Achievers AWARDS

AN EVENT BENEFITING SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

### The 2025 Leaders & Achievers Awards

is a semi-formal event with an award presentation followed by a cocktail reception with music, a silent auction and open seating.



**Thursday, April 10, 2025**  
**6-9 PM**

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**DEPAUL**  
Homelessness has no place

We are partnering again with Depaul USA, an organization that operates 5 different programs in Philadelphia providing services to people experiencing homelessness. As Lent approaches, we plan to offer more support to those programs by addressing some of the physical needs of the residents. As we enter the season of sacrifice and hope, we will collect specific items needed by the residents every Sunday in Lent. We also will need volunteers to deliver the goods to Depaul.

Contact the Rectory at 215.627.2386 with questions, and thanks for your support!

- MARCH 9: toilet paper, paper towels and disinfectant wipes
- MARCH 16: toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant
- MARCH 23: cereal bars and breakfast items that don't require milk, spoons, forks and mugs. Utensils don't need to be new but should be in good condition
- MARCH 30: laundry detergent

**DROP OFF TO THE RECTORY  
OR BIN LOCATED IN THE UPPER CHURCH VESTIBULE  
EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT**

# HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE 2025

AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

#### Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE  
7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

#### Good Friday, April 18

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE  
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Confessions - SHRINE  
1:00 pm El Vía Crucis/ Siete Últimas Palabras (Spanish) - SHRINE  
1:00 pm The Stations of the Cross/ Seven Last Words (English) - UPPER CHURCH  
3:00 pm Passion Liturgy with Adoration of the Cross (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

#### Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE  
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Confessions - SHRINE  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

#### Easter Sunday, April 20

9:30 am Mass (English) - UPPER CHURCH  
11:00 am Mass (Spanish) - UPPER CHURCH  
12:30 pm Mass (English) - UPPER CHURCH

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the 9:30 am and 11:00 am masses on the rectory lawn.

Please note: No confessions or 7:30 am services on Easter Sunday

