



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Lent is a Better Time for Life*

*After The things that concern us and keep our minds preoccupied are not superficial matters, they are integral parts of our lives and we need to tend to them. We can use some help to keep us focused and guide our decisions. While we know there are no easy and quick solutions to the important issues we face, we do want to keep our heads about us. The Lenten season is a time to do it.*



*When we enter church, something is visually different. The cross is draped in purple, a visual reminder that we are drawing closer to the Holy Season of Easter. We live by sign and symbol, and this is meant to help us focus our attention on the great mysteries that will be celebrated in a few weeks.*

*This Lent, make an extra effort to attend daily Mass, spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Stations of the Cross, make little acts of sacrifice and do not forget your donations to the "mite box."*

*This Lent, let us avoid telling ourselves there is no time for prayer. Be inventive and find a few moments for prayer each day. Let us resolve to offer something to God's glory. Fasting has been called "the prayer of the body." When we deny ourselves some small pleasure, we almost automatically become attentive to things that really matter, like our relationship with God. Lent is also a time of repentance. After all, as we try to draw closer to the Lord, we will inevitably uncover areas in our lives that need forgiveness. This is the reason why the Sacrament of Reconciliation is central to the*

*season.*



*Have a peaceful season of Lent,*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*