



From the Desk of Father Peter

With Thankful Praise to God

*How many times during the past days and months have we been truly grateful for anything—big or small—that came our way? When people do nice things for us, many times we take them for granted. We often take our families, parish family, homes and valuables for granted. God blesses us with all types of things and we even take God for granted. In our busy lives we often don't take the necessary time to say *thank you*—to show our gratitude to those who make our lives easier; I sometimes fail in that too. In our journey of faith and life we are meant to be one and only after we realize that amazing truth can we find what we need—true peace.*



May we have the wisdom to continue sharing our gifts as Church with others while giving thanks for all that we are and do for each other.

***A Review for receiving Holy Communion.** As we come forward to receive Holy Communion, I encourage all to please alternate between the ministers at the center as well as*

*those at the sides. As one steps in front of the minister, **first make your bow and then extend your hands to the minister. Please respond "AMEN" to the words "Body of Christ" and then receive Holy Communion and consume the Eucharist before returning to your pew. When you get back to your pew, please stay in silence. Pray a prayer of your desire because now you have the Savior in you.***

Remember, it is all about reverence. Simply put: Bow first, extend your hands, respond "AMEN" and then receive Holy Communion.

As we come to Mass we enter the Church with joy and anticipation. Joy because of our gift of faith and anticipation because—with the power of prayer—we will be able to overcome whatever obstacles and challenges come our way. Each of us needs to take the time to pay attention to our spiritual life and today is a good day to start.



Peace and love to all,

Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu