Saint Peter the Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm
Wednesdays | 8:30 am *(following 8:00 am Mass)*
First Saturdays | 8:30 am *(following 8:00 am Mass)*

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. We have begun a new Liturgical Year, the cycle of Feasts and Seasons that draw us ever closer to the mystery of the Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. With the four weeks of Advent the Church invites us to prepare for the Lord's coming. We prepare for His coming not only at Christmas, but also at the end of our own lives, when He will call us [hopefully] home to Heaven.
And so, while Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ at Christmas, it is also a time to prepare for Lord's final coming in glory. The early Church had a much greater sense of urgency and anticipation of the Lord's return. Advent is a time for us to renew that sense of urgency and longing for the Lord's return.

An important way we can all prepare for His coming is through a good confession of our sins in preparation for the coming of Christmas. Especially if you have been away from the Sacrament of Penance for a while, I invite you to come and meet the forgiving Christ in this wonderful Sacrament. Christmas, the holidays, are time to "come home." Why not spiritually "come home to the Lord"... He's waiting for you with great love and mercy in the Sacrament of Penance. Make a good Confession this Advent Season.

During this Season of Advent, during this beautiful Holiday Season, a time when we think of family, of home, and of what really matters in our lives and to our families, I would also encourage all of you to invite someone home for Christmas. Perhaps a neighbor, a friend, or even a family member who has been away from the practice of our Catholic Faith is just waiting to be asked home. The warmth and closeness of the Holidays provides a perfect opportunity for you to give witness and live your Catholic Faith. What better way to celebrate the Season than to bring someone back to the Lord? Invite someone to Mass with you. Encourage family and friends to make a good Confession in preparation for Christmas. Prepare your heart and your home for the coming of Jesus.

Have a beautiful Advent!

Fr. Noesen

Mass Intentions

Sunday **November 29** *(First Sunday of Advent)*
8:30 am †Carol Keegan
10:00 am †Robert Battaglia
11:30 am †Andrzej Bednarek
†Josephine Fiorante Cirrincione
†Ted and Betty Hemstreet
†Claudina Pensa
For an End to Abortion

Monday **November 30** *(St. Andrew, Apostle)*
8:00 am †Jennifer Ruffing

Tuesday **December 1** *(Advent Weekday)*
8:00 am †Biagio Gariti

Wednesday **December 2** *(Advent Weekday)*
8:00 am †Jack A. Ryan

Thursday **December 3** *(St. Francis Xavier, Priest)*
8:00 am †Cheryl Fisherkeller

Friday **December 4** *(Advent Weekday)*
8:00 am †John and Marie Spiezio

Saturday **December 5** *(Advent Weekday)*
8:00 am †Harriet Maras

Saturday **December 5** *(Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent)*
5:00 pm †Tim Daly
†Jean and Levyn DeMild
†Harriet Maras
†Joan Stube
†Andrzej Szymikowski
People of the Parish

Sunday **December 6** *(Second Sunday of Advent)*
8:30 am †Luigi Alfano
10:00 am †Richard Grabher
11:30 am †Gina DeLuca
†Biagio Gariti
†V. Michael Pellegrino
†Claudina Pensa

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE —

Light-up someone's holiday

It is time again for St. Peter's parishioners to pick an ornament from the **Giving Tree**. This project benefits Catholic Charities as well as local needy families.

Here is how it works:

Beginning this weekend, the giving tree is up and available for parishioners to select a "tag" with information about a gift for a needy person. Parishioners are asked to purchase a new gift as suggested on the "tag" (please no used items); wrap the gift and affix the "tag" securely to the package; and, return to the boxes in the back of church by **Sunday, December 6**.

Please note that each gift is designated for a specific individual and if you take an "tag" and do not return a gift, someone will be disappointed on Christmas.

St. Peter's is again providing the Christmas Giving Tree to help the less fortunate fulfill some holidays wishes.

In past years, Catholic Charities has provided a list of needy individuals and families for the Giving Tree program. This year, in addition to the Catholic Charities list, we would also like to ensure that those struggling within our own parish community are assisted.

If you are struggling with finances this holiday season or know of someone who is, please contact Fr. Noesen to make arrangements to participate in the Giving Tree program.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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First Friday 24-hour Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Peter's Church on December 4. Devotion will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus in thanksgiving before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone wanting and able to commit to a one-hour time slot is asked to sign up using the link available on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com

RESERVE A MASS TIME NOW...

In an effort to prepare for the coming holidays during this unprecedented time, Father Noesen has added additional Mass times for Christmas.

The online Mass Sign-ups for Christmas is NOW OPEN to allow ample time for advance sign up. Please see Mass times below and visit the website at stpeteritasca.com for links to the sign-up page.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24
3:00 pm | 5:00 pm | 9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Friday, December 25
8:00 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Join the Rosary group as they gather in the church to pray the Rosary on Tuesday evening beginning at 7:15pm.

Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and called to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

Invite friends and be a part of this beautiful and powerful gift of prayer.

Please visit the parish website to SIGN UP in advance and to review guidelines to be observed. Assistance with cleaning will also be needed once concluded.

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessing upon the family than the daily recitation of the Rosary."

(Pope Pius XII)

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Due to an early publication deadline, figures were not available in time for this bulletin printing. Weekly collection information will appear in next week's bulletin.

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 204)

As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace.
(Peter 4:10)

This Week at St. Peter's...

Tuesday **December 1**
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary *(Church)*

Wednesday **December 2**
8:30 am Confessions *(Church)*
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes *(Virtual)*

Thursday **December 3**
7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class *(PC Conference Room)*

Friday **December 4**
8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass

Saturday **December 5**
8:30 am Confessions *(Church)*
9:00 am Religious Education Classes *(Virtual)*
4:15 pm Confessions *(Church)*

Schedule

Saturday, December 5 | Sunday, December 6

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Pat Barbee
Nancy Riley

8:30 am Nancy Ferenzi
Maryann Kvech

10:00 am Bill Kolf
Deacon Fred Maier

11:30 am Carmela Graziano
Michael Graziano

Lectors

5:00 pm Chris Kunze

8:30 am Chris Aument

10:00 am Mel Gerard

11:30 am Paul Gennuso

Dear Fellow Parishioners,
My name is Anthony George. My family has been living in Itasca and we have been parishioners at this wonderful parish for the past seventeen years. With the grace of God, and blessings of Fr. Noesen and Deacons Fred, Bob and Ron, I am continuing my diaconate studies at the Diocese of Joliet.

Our family is actively involved in our parish. I teach Religious Education. This year I am teaching 4th graders on Wednesday, and I am a floating teacher on Saturdays, filling in when needed.

My wife, Reetha, is a communion minister serving at the Saturday evening liturgy. Reetha is involved in many Catholic ministries, especially promoting a monthly magazine for teens and young adults called Kingdom Revelator. Please try out this magazine; it is a wonderful, Catholic magazine for kids that has spiritually-related articles and teaches about God's love and compassion in a unique and fun way.

We have four children, ages 23, 20, 17 and 16, all of whom were altar servers at various times at our parish. St. Peter the Apostle Church for us feels like home. We come here a lot — daily Mass, Religious Ed, Adoration, etc., and we feel very much at home at our church. The parishioners we meet at mass and at other religious or social functions have become our extended family. We love the warmth of our clergy and fellow parishioners and look forward to coming here often.

As a deacon, I want to reach out and give back to the community what God in heaven has been so generous in providing my family. As I heard said once on *K-Love*, the Christian music station (97.9 FM), I will be cheating myself out of a blessing if I do not serve or help others. The call to serve the community and in so doing, to be in service of God, is the reason I decided to become a deacon. I am also extremely passionate about attending daily mass and receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

It will take me another two years to complete my diaconate studies. I am about to receive the ***Rite of Lector,*** next month (in December—COVID issues permitting). The Rite of Lector would confer on me *the privilege to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel.*

Please keep me and my family in your prayers as we negotiate this wonderful, yet challenging, vocation. I am very thrilled I will be working with Fr. Noesen and the deacons to serve you, fellow parishioners, and our amazing little community.

With prayers,
Anthony George

2020 Advent and Christmas Season

Saint Peter the Apostle Roman Catholic Church

Welcome to the Solemn Celebrations of the Lord!

+Advent Confessions before Christmas+

Saturdays – 4:15pm | Wednesdays – 8:30am
First Saturday, December 5 – 8:30am

+Last Confessions before Christmas+

Sunday, December 20, following 11:30am Mass until all are heard.
Tuesday, December 22 | 7:00pm until all are heard.
Wednesday, December 23 | 8:30am until all are heard.
(Note: These will be the last scheduled Confessions before Christmas. Confessions resume January 2 at 4:15pm)

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday, December 4 | 8:00am - 8:00pm
Come and worship the Lord and grow closer to Him through prayer!

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00 pm | Sunday – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, December 7 | 6:30pm – Vigil Mass
Tuesday, December 8 | 8:00am • 12:05pm • 7:00pm Mass

+CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY MASS+

Everyone must sign up in advance on-line for Mass.
If capacity is reached for your first choice and the sign-up is closed, please sign up for another Mass time.
No overcrowding is allowed. In keeping with pandemic safety protocols, masks and social distancing must be observed.
Please visit stpeteritasca.com to sign up on line or call the parish office.
Additional Masses will only be considered if all pews are reserved for these scheduled times.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24
3:00pm • 5:00pm • 9:00pm – Vigil Masses
9:00pm – Blessing of Christmas Crib

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 25
8:00am • 10:00am • 11:30am Masses

Join us for the Octaves of Christmas Weekday Masses ~
December 26, 28, 29, 30, 31 | 8:00am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, December 31 | 3:00pm • 5:00pm Vigil Masses
Friday, January 1 | 8:30am • 11:00am Masses

The Christmas Season extends from Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord ~
December 25th through January 10th.

Join us each Sunday as we celebrate the entire Paschal Mystery of Christ.

The Rite of Peace within Mass

"What happened with the Sign of Peace?"

To live and love our Catholic Faith, we have to know it!

The EXCHANGE OF PEACE by the congregation was done away with because of the pandemic as a matter of health and safety. However, a careful look at the liturgy shows that the familiar Sign of Peace is still there. The absence of the congregational "exchange of peace" actually provides the opportunity to grow in our knowledge of the liturgy, helping us understand the liturgy a bit better.

The ACTUAL "Sign of Peace" happens when the priest says, "the peace of the Lord be with you always" and the people respond, "and with your spirit." *THAT* is the Sign of Peace. Then the rubric says that the priest/deacon MAY - not MUST - MAY add "let us offer each other the sign of peace." And, because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Bishops of the U.S. have rightly decided that, since the "exchange of peace" is optional, it is best to dispense with it for the time being. Although, with or without the pandemic, the "exchange of peace" is — and has always been — optional in the liturgy, left to the discretion of the celebrant. The fact is, the SIGN OF PEACE is given in every mass with the priest's invitation, "the peace of the Lord be with you always," and the people's response. The exchange is a different matter; and, right now because of the pandemic, for everyone's health and safety, it may not be shared among the congregants.

In July 2014, the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome issued a directive regarding the Sign of Peace at Mass—
The congregation for worship noted that there are several abuses of the rite which are to be stopped: [1] The introduction of a "song of peace," which does not exist in the Roman Rite; [2] the faithful moving from their place to exchange the sign and waving across the church, turning around and creating a disturbance — thus taking attention away from the Altar; [3] the priest leaving the altar to exchange the sign with the faithful; especially when, [4] at occasions such as weddings or funerals, it becomes an occasion for congratulations or condolences, or "social moments."

The Sign of Peace, and the exchange of peace, it should be remembered are ritualized moments in the Mass. Being minor ritual actions, they should not detract from the worship of God. The letter reminded us that "the exchange of peace is optional and there certainly are times and places where it is not fitting. It is important that we moderate excesses, which create confusion in the liturgical assembly just prior to Communion and destroy the spirit of peace and reverence which should prevail throughout the liturgy, especially before the reception of Holy Communion."

A Reflection on the Incarnation

By Saint Gregory Nazianzen of the 4th Century

The very Son of God, older than the ages, the invisible, the incomprehensible, the incorporeal, the beginning of beginning, the light of light, the fountain of life and immortality, the image of the archetype, the immovable seal, the perfect likeness, the definition and word of the Father: He it is who comes to His own image and takes our nature for the good of our nature, and unites himself to an intelligent soul for the good of my soul, to purify like by like. He takes to himself all that is human, except for sin. He was conceived by the Virgin Mary, who had been first prepared in soul and body by the Spirit; His coming to birth had to be treated with honor, virginity had to receive new honor. He comes forth as God, in the human nature He has taken, one being, made of two contrary elements, flesh and spirit. Spirit gave divinity, flesh received it.

He who makes rich is made poor; He takes on the poverty of my flesh, that I may gain the riches of His divinity. He who is full is made empty; He is emptied for a brief space of His glory, that I may share in His fullness. What is this wealth of goodness? What is this mystery that surrounds me? I received the likeness of God, but failed to keep it. He takes on my flesh, to bring salvation to the image, immortality to the flesh. He enters into a second union with us, a union far more wonderful than the first.

Holiness had to be brought to man by the humanity assumed by one who was God, so that God might overcome the tyrant by force and so deliver us and lead us back to himself through the mediation of His Son. The Son arranged this for the honor of the Father, to whom the Son is clearly obedient in all things.

The Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for the sheep, came in search of the straying sheep to the mountains and hills on which you used to offer sacrifice. When He found it, He took it on the shoulders that bore the wood of the cross, and led it back to the life of heaven.

Christ, the light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before Him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; the bridegroom follows the bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit.

We need God to take our flesh and die, that we might live. We have died with Him, that we may be purified. We have risen again with Him, because we have died with Him. We have been glorified with Him, because we have risen again with Him.

PRAYER TO MARY
MOTHER OF GOD

Mary, Mother of God my mother, Queen of Peace, ask your Son Jesus to give me the gift of peace. Pray for me for peace; peace in my heart, peace of mind and of soul, peace in my family, peace with all whom I meet, the peace of Jesus.

I put all my hopes in thee, all my salvation. Receive me as thy servant and cover me with the mantle of thy protection, thou the Mother of mercy!

Amen.

The Reason for the Season

The month of December is filled with expectation and celebration. Preparation is the key word for the first 24 days of December. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas — shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. Too often, however, we are so busy with the material preparations that we lose sight of the real reason for our activity.

Christmas is a Christian feast — and we must reclaim it as such! In the same way that a family eagerly prepares for a baby, so in Advent should we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We should keep Advent as a season of waiting and longing, of conversion and of hope and keep our thoughts on the incredible love and humility of our God in taking on the flesh of the Virgin Mary. Let us not forget to prepare a peaceful place in our hearts wherein our Savior may come to dwell.

The best person we can turn to for help during Advent is Mary, Christ's and our Mother. She awaited the day of His birth with more eagerness than any other human being. Her preparation was complete in every respect. Let's crown our preparation and borrow something of Mary's prayerfulness, her purity and whole-hearted submission to God's will.

Catholic Culture

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Reflection by Tess Shore
Catholic 365

With the beginning of Advent coming and the start of the new liturgical year, we get lost in making the Christmas season perfect. We are looking for that perfect gift. We are looking for making sure none of our family members will start world war III by talking politics during the holidays. Then, there is the whole situation of bringing up the family feud from twenty years ago. There may be some crankiness from the children for Santa not bringing them what they want.

As the holiday season approaches, it always amazes me how cranky people really can be. Advent is sometimes called the little "Lent." Other Christians fast and give up things for Advent. Other people give things up for New Year's resolutions. It is a way for us to prepare for Christmas. Since I like to overthink everything, why can't humans give up crankiness for Advent? It became clear to me that I need to give up crankiness this Advent. If I can stop complaining and being cranky, then maybe I will see the true joy of the holiday season.

Advent means preparing our hearts for Jesus. Yet, it is easy to prepare my house for Christmas. It is easy to put up decorations. It is easy to send Christmas cards. It is easy to prepare dinners for people who have no one. It is easy to make cookies. It is easy to buy presents. However, it is so easy to be cranky. It is easy to lose the temper because the woman in front of you takes forever paying. It is easy to cut off someone driving because we are late due to travel. It is easy to not say please and thank you. It is easy to say that someone else will do it.

This Advent, as I am preparing my environment for Christmas, why not prepare my heart for the birth of Jesus. In preparing my heart for Jesus, maybe if I lose my crankiness, then I will see the season in a better light. Just maybe my heart will be able to see Jesus in everyone else during the season. Maybe I will have more patience to sit in traffic. Maybe I will have more patience for the person who is taking forever to pay. If I decide not to be cranky, then maybe it will wear off on someone else.
My patience may just be what another person needs.
By allowing others to see Christ in me, I just may be showing others that Christ is still alive in the secular world.

I pray that we all prepare our own hearts for Advent.
I pray that we all see the excitement of Advent in the same love of a child. I pray that we all have more patience to see Christ in each person that we meet as we prepare our hearts for this wonderful Christmas season.

Welcome to Saint Peter The Apostle Parish

DISCOVER A BEAUTIFUL FAITH IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

G.K. Chesterton once wrote, “The difficulty in explaining 'why I am a Catholic' is that there are ten thousand reasons all amounting to one reason: that Catholicism is true.” Nearly 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ founded the Catholic Church to preserve the truth He gave us and hand it down through the centuries, helping people all around the world encounter the love of God in every age and in every corner of the earth.

Over the years, there have been an untold number of questions and objections raised about the Catholic Church’s teachings and practices. The answers are there, and it’s worth your time to find them. As the Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said, “There are not even 100 people in this country who hate the Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they think the Catholic Church to be.”

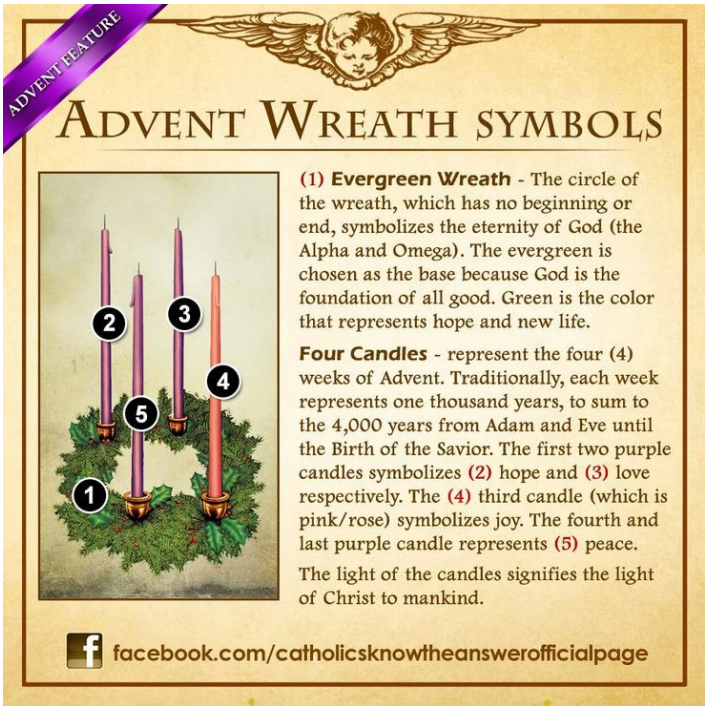
The Lord wants us all to know and understand His truth, so we can embrace it wholeheartedly and live by it. Christ reminds us, “The truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

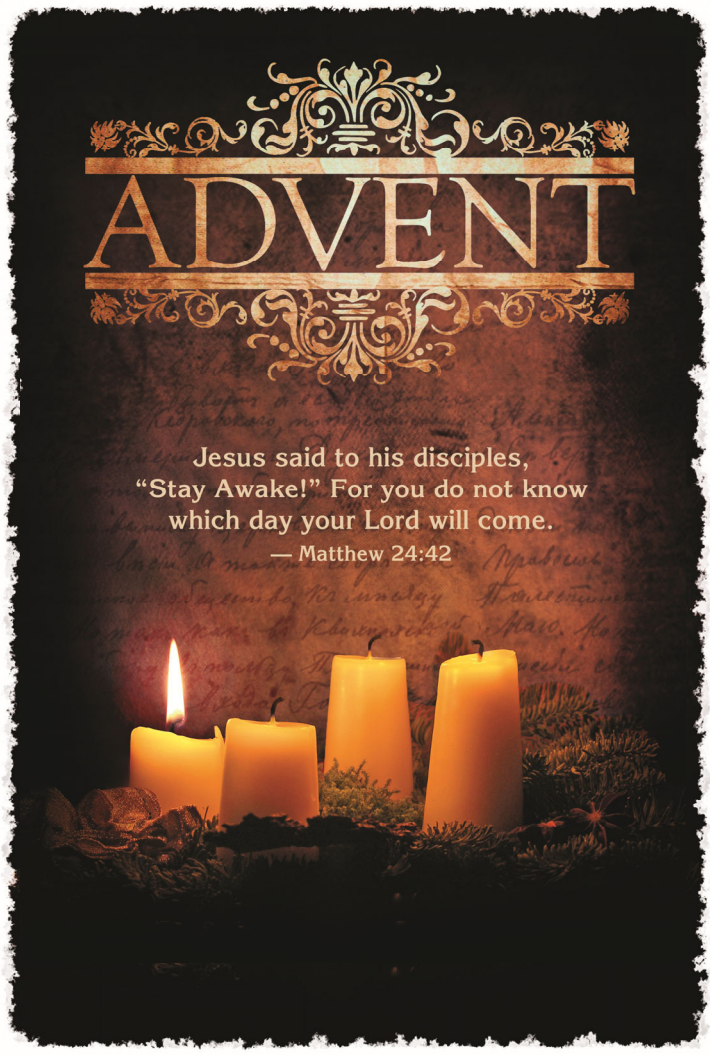
If you would like to inquire about the Roman Catholic Church and the Faith, please call the parish office.

“The Catholic Church will survive in spite of men and women, not necessarily because of them. And yet, we still have our part to do. We must pray for and cultivate unselfishness, self-denial, faithfulness, Sacramental devotion and a life centered on Christ.”

—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

If you would like information on Pro-life ministry opportunities or you or someone you know needs assistance, please visit the parish website for information and resources. You may also contact Nancy Magnus, St. Peter’s Pro-life Coordinator, at 630-606-5197.





Prayer Request

Dear St. Peter's Family,

I am once again asking for your prayers. I recently found out that I need to have cervical/spine and neck surgery which is scheduled for December 3. I will be out and away from the parish and work for a period of 2+ months. There are several major risk involved and I am entrusting myself into our Lord's care.

Please keep Judy in prayer also, as she will be my caregiver and I am not a very good patient. (I guess I have to pay her well.)

Be assured that all of you will be in my prayers, and I will miss seeing you while I am away.

God Bless,

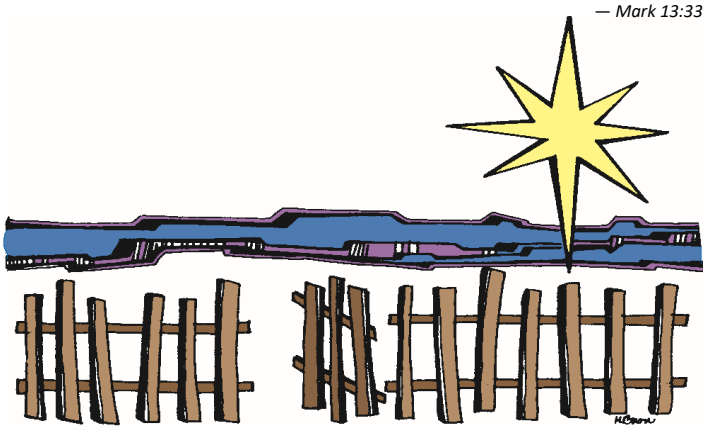
Deacon Bob

Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his November prayers for the Church and for the world:

Artificial Intelligence.
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33



NOTE: In the coming weeks, the sick list will be reviewed and long-standing names will be removed if not recently renewed. Please contact the Parish Center to add someone to the list.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Brian Beers
Sue Bobka
John Booth
Janet Both
Ken Buffo
Theodora Calip
Mike Carey
Jacqueline Castellano
Eunice Cleveland
Regina Conti
Joseph Crocilla
Collin Cummins
Mary Cummins
Michael Cummins
Paul Cummins
Margaret Del Preto
Angeline DiFranco
Charles DiFranco Jr.
Teresa Dunhac
John Elia
Scott Erickson
Tracy Fink
Stephanie Fortino
Sally Franz
Dan Galuszek
Joe Galuszek
Geri Gerard
Mel Gerard
Mike Graziano
Gary Grote
Joseph Halec
Carole Hatke
Phil Hatke
Jack Hayes
Ken Hemstreet
Mary Hosters
Shirley Janik
Brian Josephus
Anne Keeton
Debra Kelly
Joe Kryger
Ruth Kryger
Tom Kryger
Rickie Kruzel
Celeste Kucharczyk
JoLynn Lash
Sharon Laughlin
Pasquale Lopardo
Eileen Marino
Jean Mathies
Patricia McMahon
Ann McNally
Jack McNally
Gene Mikulecky
Christopher Mizera
Rich Mrugacz
Robert Neumann
Barbara Neumann
Jean Nowobielski
Don Olenek
Vince Orazietti
Fred Oslager
Anne Marie Pagni
Harriett Pinkowski
Bonnie Pollock
Megan Putzke
Brendan Reidy
Jerry Riordan
Terry Rode
Ann Marie Rossi
John Rossi
Savannah Rose Russo
Roxanne Ruiz
Alana Ruiz
Janina Sabat
Angela Scanlon
Mark Sgarbossa
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Wayne Slowiak
Dan Sobucki
Belinda Sobucki
Sharon Sowers
Karen Stewart
Linda Szweda
Pat Tardi
James Thompson
Patricia Vitale
Jennifer Weil
Helen Wilczko
Agnieszka Wisniewska
Grzegorz Wisniewski
Ray Young
Carol Zell
Deacon Bob Ziomek

Published and/or announced prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
LCpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
Maj Joseph DeHaven, US Army
CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
PFC Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
Cpl MacLane Read, US Army
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
Robert P. Woods Lt. JG. US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

TRAVELING?
Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.

Pulpit announcement requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.**

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center for information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Required paperwork MUST be submitted to the parish office **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the baptismal date or your date will be rescheduled.** This includes all necessary information regarding family records and godparents. Please read the **baptism planning information** provided before selecting a godparent. A sponsor certificate must be provided **by each godparent**. The proper **sponsor certificate** for St. Peter the Apostle is included with the baptism packet. Christian witnesses are most welcome to celebrate with the family and community, but please note they are not recorded as sponsors on the Baptismal Certificate or in the Baptismal Register.

WEDDINGS

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 201) for information.

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FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls are made every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to health issues.

Please call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to make arrangements.

If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.

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If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

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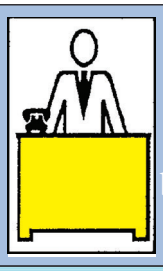

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