

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*)

THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS ^{AND} FOLLOWED JESUS.
~ MARK 1:18



January 24, 2021
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

On Sunday, January 31, Catholics will begin their annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. The Church exists primarily to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to make him known through the preaching of His Word and through the sacraments. Every parish exists to offer praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, to celebrate the Eucharist, the source and summit of the true Christian spirit.



Saint Peter the Apostle is certainly front and center in these efforts to educate our children, teens and adults in teachings of the Roman Catholic faith through our Religious Education Program and other formation opportunities. Other parishes in our area however including Saint Philip the Apostle in Addison, Saint Walter in Roselle (both in the Diocese of Joliet) and Queen of the Rosary in Elk Grove Village (in the Archdiocese of Chicago), offer full-time day schools. All of our Catholic schools and religious education programs are to be founded on the teaching of Christ's command to go and teach all nations the Gospel.

I'm sure if you talked with parents who send their children to these schools, they will say that the Catholic schools in our area provide excellent academic and spiritual experiences. All of our parishes, with or without a school, are to provide a strong Catholic identity for their parishioners. I encourage you to consider supporting our Catholic schools. It is so important that we continue to provide support for our schools and send children to them. As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, I encourage you to consider Catholic grade and high schools, as well as colleges and universities in our area and state. Make an appointment today to go and see what they have to offer for your children.

Lastly, thank you for your continued support and generosity to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as we continue to provide for the Catholic education and mission work for our children and teens here in our parish. Let us do what we can to also support and pray for the success of our Catholic schools and our Religious Education programs both in the Diocese of Joliet and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	January 24 (<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Victor Casini
10:00 am	†John Elia
11:30 am	†Robert Battaglia
	†Dorothy Cubellis
	†Filippa Gariti
	†Maryann Koback
	†Frank, Anna, Frank Jr., Koger
	For an End to Abortion
Monday	January 25 (<i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>)
8:00 am	†Glenn Christensen
Tuesday	January 26 (<i>Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops</i>)
8:00 am	Communion Service
Wednesday	January 27 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Toni Lombardo
Thursday	January 28 (<i>Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Dorothy Bochenko
Friday	January 29 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Thomas James
Saturday	January 30 (<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
5:00 pm	John Craver - <i>Special Intention</i>
	†Georgia Orzech
	†Elizabeth Lisak
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	For an End to Abortion
Sunday	January 31 (<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Bielczyk Family - <i>Special Intention</i>
10:00 am	†Robert Battaglia
11:30 am	†Helen and Vincent Babinec
	†Margaret Babinec
	†Ken Kulpa
	†Reverend Jude Randall, OSB
	†Michael Scarpelli
	†Josephine Sweeney
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
 Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
 Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
 Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
 Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
 Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28



The logo for this year's Catholic Schools week is:

"Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

As communities of faith, Catholic schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

The CSW logo emphasizes that the Catholic school, like the Catholic Church, is not a building or an institution, but it is the people. As the people of God, we work together to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth and raise up the next generation to do the same. The image of teachers and students forming the foundation of the school shows that they are active people of faith who serve others and God. May we all strive to live in active service of Jesus and his mission as we nationally join together during Catholic Schools Week and always.

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Until further notice, Tuesday Rosary will take place virtually via Zoom.

Please visit the parish website to sign up or email bulletin@stpeteritasca.com to request a link to join.



Thanks to the acquisition of the necessary equipment, as well as the effort of many volunteers, St. Peter's is now able to offer Livestreaming of the celebration of Mass.

A link to livestream viewing, as well as recently-recorded Masses are available to view on the home page of the parish website: www.stpeteritasca.com.

Those who are unable to attend Mass in person may now join the parish congregation from home.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program (R.C.I.A.)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing formation process for adults and older children who are interested in becoming Catholic and would like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or First Communion.

Call Father Noesen for additional information.

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 28: 01/10/2021	\$ 6,882.00	\$ 253,818.78
Updated Christmas 12/25/2020	\$ 45,837.00	

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).



INTRODUCING...
Electronic Giving with GiveCentral.

Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.
You can also connect directly by visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

This Week at St. Peter's...

Tuesday	January 26
8:30 am	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Virtual - Zoom)
Wednesday	January 27
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes
Saturday	January 30
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, January 30 | Sunday, January 31

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm	John North Kay North
8:30 am	Nancy Riley Jim Ruffing
10:00 am	Nancy Ferenzi Greg Papuga
11:30 am	Mary McNamara Deacon Fred

Lectors

5:00 pm	Pat Powers
8:30 am	Chris Aument
10:00 am	Jean Grote
11:30 am	Nancy Magnus

Today's Special Collection...

**Combined Collection for
the Church in Latin America and Africa**

On January 23-24, 2021, the Diocese of Joliet parishes will take up an important collection, funding relief efforts in two parts of the world in great need.



Support the Church in
Latin America
usccb.org/latin-america

Collection for the Church in Latin America

For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers makes it difficult for people to practice the faith.

Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation so people can grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The Church in Africa is joyous and faith-filled, but it also has unique pastoral challenges due to poverty, high rates of disease, food shortages, and migration. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for us to stand with the people of Africa.

Our contributions support Catholic education, family life programs, and child protection initiatives that help strengthen and build the growing African Church. The Church in Africa needs your help to ensure that all the faithful have access to resources to help them grow in the faith. To learn more about the collection and whom it supports, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

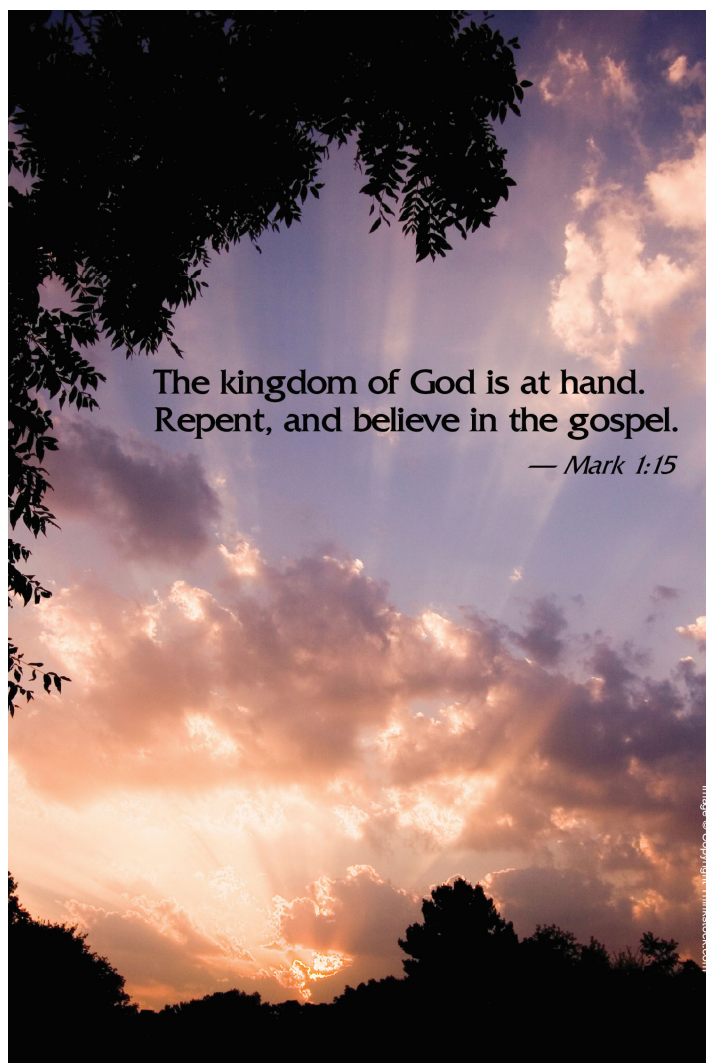
PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION, DIOCESE OF JOLIET

In response to the Gospel's call, Partnership in Mission seeks to form servants for the work of missions and justice as we reach out in service, relief and friendship to our brothers and sisters around the globe. We presently send medical, construction, outreach, and university teams to Bolivia, the Philippines, Uganda, and the Navajo Nation, as well as responding to national disasters here in the U.S.

During this time of pandemic, the need is great and it is as difficult as ever to raise the necessary funds to support this work. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean on January 23 and 24, or by giving online.

Funds received for the combined Latin America/Africa collection in the Diocese of Joliet will be disbursed to the USCCB Office of National Collections, for the benefit of the Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, as well as the Diocese of Joliet Missions Office for support of their missionary efforts in Africa and Latin America.

If you are not ready this Sunday to give to this second collection, please donate with an envelope this month or contribute on-line through our parish's "Give Central" Electronic Giving program or make a donation next week.



Thank You to All!

Many of you were asking about my new assignment. I am happy to inform you that last Friday I received official word from Bishop Hicks that my request was granted to serve in Kenya with the Missionaries, who I have visited three times before. I am very grateful for this opportunity, even though I know it will be challenging. The simplicity of life with the religious brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor, who serve an orphanage as well as the poor in their community, is really what has drawn me to make this request of the Bishop.

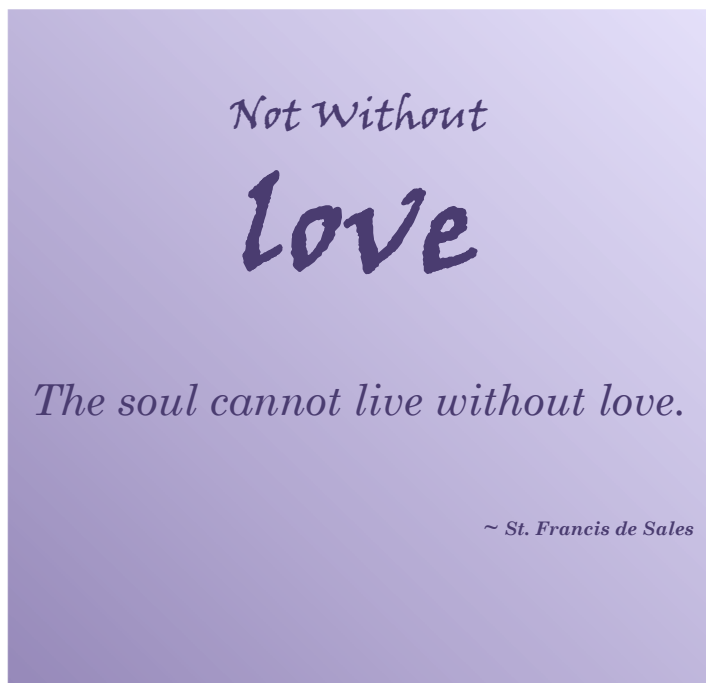
I want to thank all of you for your support with this Mission. I have embraced both for your prayers and donations to the Missionaries of the Poor, as well as the Comboni Missionaries who I was able to visit in the remote villages of Kenya this past fall during my sabbatical. Many of you purchased handmade rosaries, and for that I thank you along with the people of West Pokot, Kenya. I want to give special thanks to the Kolf family, the Mietla family, and the saleswoman of the year, Ms. Marie Lilly, who was even able to sell rosaries to the workers of a religious goods store she visited!

I will be leaving on February 13th to serve for two years with an option of adding a third year. I am planning to return occasionally when I am able.

May God bless you all for supporting the missions along with St. Peter's and Fr. Noesen.

Sincerely,

Fr. Sławek





Pope Francis Announces Year of Saint Joseph for 2021

On December 8, 2020, the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron saint of the universal Church, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* as an extended reflection of the holy foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. According to the Holy Father, Saint Joseph was a father in varied ways: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and “in the shadows.” He concluded his letter with a short prayer to Saint Joseph as a synthesis of his teachings.

The Holy See announced separately that day the Pope’s decision to celebrate a special “Year of Saint Joseph,” which takes place from December 8, 2020 to the same date in 2021. Unlike a formal Jubilee – also called a Holy Year – the Pope’s initiative is similar to other years that are given a focus for the Church’s prayers and activities. Recent special years include Marian Years (1954, 1987), the Year of the Eucharist (2005), the Year of Saint Paul (2008-09), the Year for Priests (2009-10), and the Year of Faith (1967-68, 2012-13). Nations and individual dioceses are also able to dedicate special years as the need arises.

As the universal Church embraces with renewed strength the spirituality of its patron, Saint Joseph, in the coming year, she prays for his intercession and to follow his example, along with the tenderness of his beloved Spouse, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the merciful love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Plenary Indulgences Available for the Year of Saint Joseph

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree on December 8, 2020, formally announcing the decision of Pope Francis to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph through December 8, 2021. Special opportunities to receive a plenary indulgence were also included, subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Pope, and total detachment to all sin, including venial sin.

Due to the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Holy See made provision in its decree that persons who are currently unable to go to Mass or confession because of public health restrictions may defer reception of those two sacraments until they are able to do so. Those who are sick, suffering, or homebound may also receive the plenary indulgence by fulfilling as much as they are able and by offering their sorrows and sufferings to God through Saint Joseph, consoler of the sick and patron saint for receiving a good death.

The following prayers and activities have been enriched with a plenary indulgence:

- meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer (“Our Father”) or participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph;
- perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, inspired by the life and example of Saint Joseph;
- pray the Rosary together as a family or a couple, modeling the virtues of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph;
- dedicate with confidence their daily work to the protection of Saint Joseph the Worker, including the efforts of those who are unemployed, underemployed, or seeking more dignified work;
- devoutly recite the Litany of Saint Joseph (from the Latin Church; available at USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/litanies/litany-of-saint-joseph), some or all of the Akathistos hymn to Saint Joseph (from the Byzantine Churches), or another suitable prayer in each liturgical tradition, especially for the intentions of persecuted Catholics in the Church and around the world, and for the relief of all Christians who suffer persecution; or
- devoutly recite another approved prayer to Saint Joseph, for example the “To you, O blessed Joseph” (available at USCCB.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayer-to-st-joseph-after-rosary), especially on various feasts of Saint Joseph: March 19 (his solemnity), May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker), the Sunday after Christmas (Holy Family), St. Joseph’s Sunday (Byzantine Catholics), or on the 19th day of each month, or each Wednesday, traditionally dedicated to honor his memory with pious devotions.

To assist the faithful, [attached to this e-mail are] several prayers for Saint Joseph drawn from approved sources, including the recent Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* by Pope Francis, and the Roman Missal.



Selected Prayers in Honor of Saint Joseph

FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THE APOSTOLIC LETTER PATRIS CORDE

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by Saint Joseph's intercession
your Church may constantly watch over
the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

VOTIVE MASS OF SAINT JOSEPH

O God, who in your inexpressible providence
were pleased to choose Saint Joseph
as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son,
grant, we pray,
that we, who revere him as our protector on earth,
may be worthy of his heavenly intercession.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

O God, Creator of all things,
who laid down for the human race the law of work,
graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph
and under his patronage
we may complete the works you set us to do
and attain the rewards you promise.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR VARIOUS NEEDS: FOR THE FAMILY

O God, in whose eternal design
family life has its firm foundation,
look with compassion on the prayers of your servants
and grant that, following the example
of the Holy Family of your Only Begotten Son
in practicing the virtues of family life
and in the bonds of charity, we may,
in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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9 DAYS FOR LIFE

**PRAY TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!**

JANUARY 21-29, 2021

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



4 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

Knights of Columbus Council 10884 and St Peter's Right to Life Ministry are joining with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to promote the 9 Day Novena for Life and to observe the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision which legalized abortion 48 years ago this month.

A nightly Rosary and Reflection will take place virtually via Zoom January 21-29 at 7pm. Please visit the parish website to sign up or email bulletin@stpeteritasca.com to request a link to join.

Everyone is invited to participate and join in prayer for the protection of all life. If you cannot participate via Zoom any or all of the nine evenings of prayer, then you are encouraged to pray on your own during the nine days of the novena.

Additional information about the novena can be found at www.9daysforlife.com. If you have any questions, please contact parishioner Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.



MARCH FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON (CNS) — For the first time since 1974, when it first began, the message of the national March for Life to participants is: Stay home.

Like the satellite events connected to the annual National Mall rally and march to the Supreme Court, including the Rose Dinner, a youth conference and the Mass for Life, the rest of it will be online only January 29.

March organizers had already hired a production company to make a livestreamed event possible in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, and to enforce mask wearing and social distancing.

But the plan was still to have as large a live rally as could be arranged. Many of the bus caravans from the Midwest, long a staple of the event, were canceled last fall as a result of the pandemic, and the assault on the U.S. Capitol January 6 and threats of subsequent violence by domestic terrorist groups, as reported by the FBI, made security impossible.

"The protection of all of those who participate in the annual March, as well as the many law enforcement personnel and others who work tirelessly each year to ensure a safe and peaceful event, is a top priority of the March for Life," Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Defense and Education Fund, said in a statement issued late January 15.

"In light of the fact that we are in the midst of a pandemic which may be peaking, and in view of the heightened pressures that law enforcement officers and others are currently facing in and around the Capitol ... the annual rally will take place virtually and we are asking all participants to stay home and to join the march virtually."

There will still be a small in-person presence. "We will invite a small group of pro-life leaders from across the country to march this year," Mancini said.

"These leaders will represent pro-life Americans everywhere who, each in their own unique ways, work to make abortion unthinkable and build a culture where every human life is valued and protected," she added.

Marches in recent years had drawn at least 100,000 participants, and last year's event, when President Donald Trump spoke at the rally, was believed to have had the largest attendance in its history. The smallest March for Life previous to this was in 1987 during a snowstorm, and drew an estimated 5,000.

The march is held on or near the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion on demand.

The National Park Service closed "core areas" of the National Mall January 15. They will remain closed at least through January 21.

Most marches and prayer vigils affiliated with the March for Life at state capitols are still planned, and some have already been held. State marches have been postponed in Arkansas and Oregon, and an online alternative has been announced in Oregon. For more information, visit the website www.marchforlife.org.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you,
the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Brian Beers
Sue Bobka
Mike Carey
Eunice Cleveland
Robert Cleveland
Regina Conti
Michael Cummins
Scott Erickson
Mel Gerard
Mike Graziano
Gary Grote
Ken Hemstreet
Mary Hosters
Rickie Kruzel
JoLynn Lash
Lilly Lima

Gene Mikulecky
Christopher Mizera
Harriett Pinkowski
Bonnie Pollock
Margaret Dell Preto
Nikki Recchia
Brendan Reidy
Jerry Riordan
Ann Marie Rossi
John Rossi
Angela Scanlon
Wayne Slowiak
Maria Terracciano
Linda Wuerffel
Deacon Bob Ziomek

Published 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.



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

HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with
our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one
another, open to all.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Rosalie Ligas

May she rest in the peace of Christ.

*The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.*

— Mark 1:15



**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
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
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)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

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 office@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.

CONFESSIONS

Weekly on Wednesday at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

Weekly on Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm

First Saturdays at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

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 12:45 pm (immediately following 11:30 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.

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Parish Center when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from Fr. Noesen or a deacon. Likewise, please call if you would like a visit while convalescing at home or at a facility.

Additionally, before being admitted to a hospital for surgery, it is advisable to call Fr. Noesen to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Please contact the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to arrange for communion visits to the homebound.

FUNERALS

It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead. The funeral director will contact the Parish Center regarding arrangements. Funerals are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 am. For more information, please read guidelines for Funeral Planning on the parish website.



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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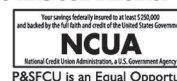
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