

Saint Peter the Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 25, 2011

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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630-936-2652 (Rita Bratta, President)

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

(closed daily from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm for lunch)

**TRAVELING?**

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

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS 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 announcements for Saturday, January 7, and Sunday, January 8, must be received by Tuesday morning, January 3.

Requests for pulpit announcements are to be submitted to the Parish Center, by phone 630-773-1272 (ext. 201) or by e-mail to liturgy@stpeteritasca.com.

Bulletin submissions for publication in the **Sunday, January 8th** issue must be received by **Friday, December 30**. 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.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 6:25 am (Communion Service)

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 6:15 am and 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

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 (ext. 201) for more information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation meeting prior to the Baptism date. Meetings 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.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

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.

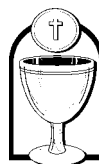
IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) 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.

Today with great love and joy we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our messiah has been born who is the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. The question is "Can you see Him and the difference he makes in your life and the world?"

Jesus Christ was born for us because we need him. He is always with us and is present in all aspects of our lives; in good times and especially in difficulties when we need him the most. He is present wherever there is love. Every moment of our lives the decision is whether we bring love into the world or not. It truly is a conscious decision. Jesus Christ is present in the offer of a smile and kind word to someone having a terrible day, just as he is present in the gratitude to someone who has performed a well done service for us. He is in the mother up during the night with her sick child and with the father who goes off to work to provide for his family. Jesus Christ is present in the ill and infirmed who offer up their limitations for the good of another. He is also truly present; body, blood, soul and divinity in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, is all around us. We need to take the time to notice, love, honor and give him thanks for the everyday miracles of life.

On behalf of the parish staff and myself, especially at Christmas, I would like to offer a blessing in addition to acknowledging and thanking all of the wonderful parishioners of St. Peter's. The genuine and sincere care for each other is just one of the beautiful ways that Jesus Christ is manifested in our troubled world. He is present in the parishioners' generous response whenever there is a need and the sharing of talents. Truly the presence of the Lord is at St. Peter's.

To all who are visiting us for Christmas, I would like to welcome you to our parish family and wish you all a very blessed Christmas. The parishioners of St. Peter's and I hope you will come back soon to join or visit us again. If there are any who have been away for an exceptionally long time, we are especially happy you are with us once again

To one and all may the Lord, Jesus Christ reign in our hearts and in our lives throughout this Christmas season and coming year.

Have a very merry and blessed Christmas and week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek

From the Pastor



Christmas Schedule...

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday beginning Friday, December 23 through Friday, December 30, 2011.

Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 2, 2012.

Saturday, December 24, 2011

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm | Family Mass

(There will be NO 5:00 pm Mass)

12:00 midnight | Midnight Mass

(Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm)

Sunday, December 25, 2011

CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

(There will be NO 5:00 pm Mass)

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle*

Due to an early bulletin publication deadline, figures were not available for this 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. 200)



This Week at St. Peter's

Tuesday December 27
6:45 pm Children's Choir Practice (Church)
7:30 pm Cantors' Meeting (Church)

Wednesday December 28
7:30 pm Adult Choir (Church)

Saturday December 31
4:00 pm Confessions (Church)



Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)
8:00 am People of the Parish
9:30 am †David Gasinski
11:15 am †Hillard Bieschke
†Soledad Lule

Monday December 26 (St. Stephen, 1st martyr)
8:00 am †Fr. Casimir Kozien

Tuesday December 27 (St. John, apostle)
8:00 am †Fr. Casimir Kozien

Wednesday December 28 (The Holy Innocents, martyrs)
8:00 am †Fr. Casimir Kozien

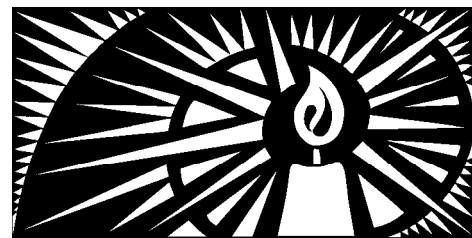
Thursday December 29 (St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr)
8:00 am †Fr. Casimir Kozien

Friday December 30 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)
8:00 am †Fr. Casimir Kozien

Saturday December 31 (Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)
5:00 pm †People of the Parish

Sunday January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)
8:00 am †Octavio Carrillo, Jr.
9:30 am †Peter Vaglica
11:15 am †Theresa McNamara

If you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass, please see one of the ushers before Mass begins.



The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

~ John 1:5

For the week beginning
Saturday, December 17th, and Sunday, December 18th



Thank you to
Melvin and Geri Gerard
for the beautiful flowers
in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel
in memory of
Alvin Gerard



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21]

**Extraordinary Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, December 31st and Sunday, January 1st

Extraordinary Ministers

5:00 pm Linda Aiani
Nancy Riley
Debbie Thude
Marie Messuck

8:00 am Sharon Hower
Marty Hower
Mary Harrison
Rose Ann Roll

9:30 am Rene Catalano
Ruth Kryger
Ed Kryger
Sue Presslak

11:15 am Mike Graziano
Carmela Graziano
Karl Schmidt
John Carello

Lectors

5:00 pm Sr. M. Catherine Rice

8:00 am Chris Aument
Don Mago

9:30 am Fred Maier
Kevin Grisamore

11:15 am Karen Hepperle

Servers

5:00 pm Rachel George
Amy George

8:00 am Michael Piatek

9:30 am Marion Madaras
Erin Mack

11:15 am Sean Carey
Elliott Blackburn



**Please Pray for the
Sick of our Parish Family**

Richard Abbinante
Ronald Abbinante
Shirley Abbinante
Don Angell
Joseph Barroco
Lee Bauman
Cathy Blair
Ted Brokema
Pam Caspary
Regina Conti
Thomas Cummins
Rose Diener
Marion Doyle
Teresa Dunhac
Kasey Dworzycycki
Diane Fejdasz
Sally Franz
Alyce Friedl
Dan Galuszek
Mardelle Gerard
Kevin Hayes
Jeannette Hemmelgarn
Brian Josephus
James Kaminski
Daniel Koutsis
Loretta Kruszowski
Jean Kryczka
Joe Kryger

Dan McDonald
Dave Michalak
Wanda Mikulecky
Adeline Milostan
Peter Morrissey
Richard Mrugacz
Eugene O'Neill
Mary Ellen O'Hara
Barbara Pierce
Michael Poremba
Michael Quinn
Valerie Sabedra & Family
Hernan Saldana
Tom Scanlon
Shirley Schiller
Angie Scianna
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Mary Schubert
Belinda Sobucki
Sharon Sowers
Lorraine Thielberg
Curtis Thomas
James Thompson
Linda Ticsay
Jennifer Weil
Emilia Yurcheshen
Philip Zerante

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 request to remain another six weeks.

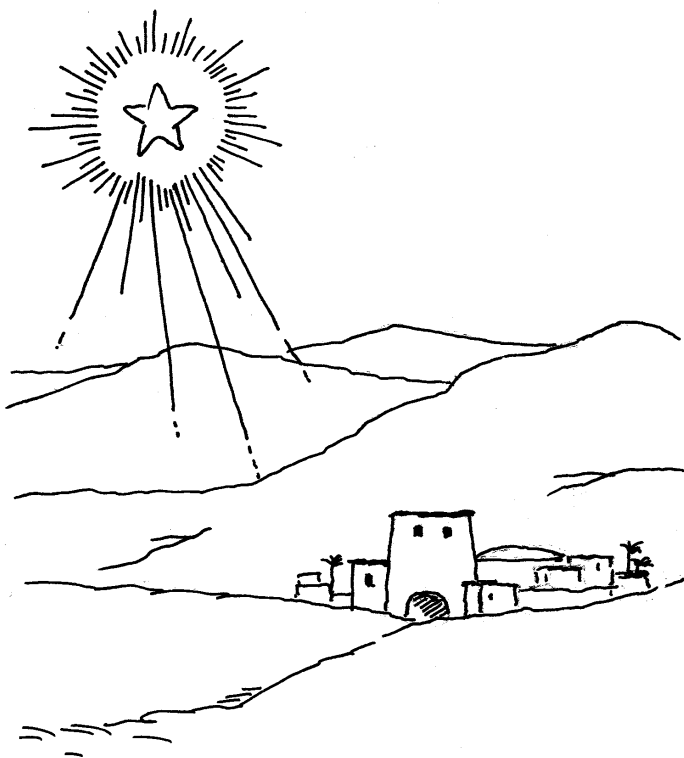


LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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

Amen

- Lt. Kassy Cinatl, US Coast Guard
- Sgt. Felicia Cinatl, US Marine
- Sgt. Matt Cinatl, US Army
- Pvt. Jacob E. Cleveland, US Army Reserves
- Lcpl. Brandon Helm, US Marines
- Cpt. Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
- Lcpl. Marcin Platek, US Marines
- Sgt. Megan Putze-Crum, Army National Guard
- Ens. Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot Training
- HM3 (FMF) Bryan C. Thude, US Navy
- Cpl. Lauren Twarog-Rocha, US Marines



New Year's Resolutions to consider...

1. Attend Mass every week (or every day, if possible)
2. Share your "Time and Talent" through a Parish ministry—there's something for everyone.
3. Support St. Peter's without spending an extra cent—continue to purchase Manna "Everyday Spending" certificates for both your everyday and gift shopping needs.



NOTE: Out of courtesy to the choir, please DO NOT use either of the side doors to exit church until Mass is over and the recessional song is finished.



Thank you!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

WELL BUILT FAITH: A CATHOLIC'S GUIDE TO KNOWING AND SHARING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Location: Parish Center
 Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Dates: Thursdays—January 5, 12, 26; February 8, 16, 23; March 1, 8
 Facilitators: Deacon Bob Ziomek and Carol Schubert
 Cost: \$5.00

When it comes to talking about our faith, these four pillars provide us with all of the **H.E.L.P.** that we need:

- H = HOLDING** on to our faith, which is revealed to us through scripture and tradition and is summarized in the Creed.
- E = EXPRESSING** our faith in the liturgy and sacraments of the Church.
- L = LIVING** our faith according to Catholic morality.
- P = PRAYING** our faith by maintaining a healthy prayer life.

If you have any questions, please call Carol Schubert at the Parish Center, by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 201) or e-mail: liturgy@stpeteritasca.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.

The following items are needed:

- coffee
- cereal
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- toothpaste
- laundry detergent

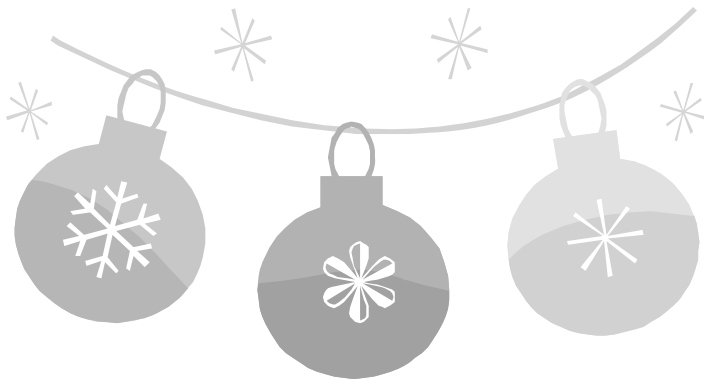


If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

Do You Need Help with Food?

Catholic Charities has resources available to help those who are in need of food. Even if you may not have qualified for assistance in the past, Catholic Charities can help.

Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at www.cc-doj.org



He will save his people from their sins

“Who can be afraid of a Baby?”

Fr. Rich Simon ponders this in his brief audio reflection for Christmas — and we’d like you to have a **free copy**.

Go to www.relevantradio.com and type keyword “baby” to listen or download.

May your Holy Seasons be truly bright!
Joliet (Chicago West) **930AM**, Chicago **950AM**,
or NW Indiana **1270AM**

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THANK YOU to all who so generously filled wishes from our Giving Trees. The gifts of our Giving Tree were given to:

- Families serviced by Catholic Charities,
- Families in need in the Itasca community,
- Families with special needs from our own parish.

A special note of appreciation to those who sorted the gifts and made sure that all wishes were filled. Your feeling blessed by being able to share your gifts is a blessing and model for us all.



Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful flowers
adorning our Church this Christmas season...

Berardi, Mr. & Mrs. James
Bobka, Family
Booth, Mr. & Mrs. William
Borre, Mr. Earl
Camblin, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin
Collins, Ms. Joan
Cruz, Mr. & Mrs. Warner
Dexl, Ms. Diane
Digilio, Ms. Millie
Finsterwalder, Mr. & Mrs. Paul
Fleisner, Mrs. Lorraine
Fricano, Mr. & Mrs. Giuseppe
Gagni, Mr. & Mrs. Florencio
Gajewski, Mr. & Mrs. Richard
Gariti, Mr. & Mrs. Loreto
Goffron, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence C.
Graziano, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Guagliardo, Mr. & Mrs. Salvatore

Halac, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph
Hatke, Mr. & Mrs. Philip
Hoffman, Mrs. Arlene
Jacoby, Mr. & Mrs. John
Kager, Mr. & Mrs. Frank
Lachowicz, Mr. & Mrs. John
Litwin, Mr. Robert
Mack, Mrs. & Mr. Michael
Madrzyk, Mr. & Mrs. Piotr
Mandel, Sophie
Mastropolo, Mr. Paul
McDonald, Mr. & Mrs. Gregory
McGarr, Mr. & Mrs. William
Mendyk, Mr. & Mrs. George
Metoyer, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond
North, Mr. & Mrs. John
Palumbo, Ms. Camille
Peters, Mrs. Brigid P.

Piatek, Mr. & Mrs. Marek
Ranallo, Mr. & Mrs. Benny
Reyes, Mr. & Mrs. Feodula
Ridgeway, Mr. & Mrs. James
Robertson, Mr. & Mrs. Ronald
Santoro, Anna
Schrautemyer, Mr. & Mrs. Albert
Schwartz, Mr. & Mrs. William
Słowiak, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne
Swenson, Mr. Timothy
Termini, Mrs. Mary Ann
Turi, Mr. & Mrs. Michael
Urbanczyk, Mr. & Mrs. Rafal
Walter, Mr. Frederick
Westell, Mrs. Monica
Wilczynski, Mr. & Mrs. Eugeniusz
Woods, Mr. Richard

Donations made in honor or memory of...

Adinolfi, Rose
Affarano, Family
Alfano, Luigi & Giulietta
Alfano, Nicola & Carolina
Arnold, Elsie
Arribito, Family
Aument, Harry
Aument, Charles & Stella
Bael, Solovro
Banderowicz, Anthony Sr., & Katherine
Banderowicz, Anthony Jr., & Edwin
Begley, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence
Bendix, Family
Bertone, Gerald
Bertone, Family
Bieschke, Hillard & Tillie
Bobka, Family
Bono, Family
Bochenko, Adolph & Ursula
Broekma, Irene
Brown, Erica A.
Brown, Frank & Alice
Bygg, John & Arthur

Busato, Romano & Cloinda
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Calip, Antonio, Ledhisa & Rolando
Carandang, Gavino & Ana
Carello, Alex & Louise
Carter, Sharon & Mary
Cascella, Nicola & Pasqua
Cascio, Family
Catalano, Marie & Carmen
Chaidez, Marciana
Cierpial, Rodina
Cimarusti, Family
Circolone, Rosario
Ciucci, Family
Coffey, Anthony & Katherine
Compratt, Dominick & Pia
Cummins, Family
De Guzman, Maximo & Pacita
DeLeon, Everth
Demetrio, Giuseppe & Angela
Derha, Donald E.
Derks, Mr. & Mrs. John
Dippner, Kelly

Ditusa, Maria & Antonio
Dolph, Grace
Doman, Patricia
Domanski, Joseph & Cecelia
Drehobl, John & Adeline
Drwal, Chester
Dul, Edmund & Michael
Durante, John & Frances
Durante, Antonio & Speranza
Durante, Fredda
Episcopo, Paul & Loretta
Esposito, Family
Federighi, Silvia N. & Jody Lyn
Fields, Robert
Filipek, Edward
Formella, Frank & Jean
Fricano, Francesco & Giuseppina
Fricano, Giuseppe & Giuseppina
Fricano, Giovanni
Fricke, Henry Jr.
Galindo, Family of Lucas
Gallichio, John & Irene
Ganzler, Edward, Sr. & Grace



Garza, Luis L.
 Gerard, Family
 Gerwase, John A. Sr.
 Giannelli, Stella & Mary
 Gierth, Edwin & Helene
 Giles, Helle
 Gloms, Mildred
 Gorr, Ramona
 Gorsha, Family
 Gosanko, Mr. & Mrs. Nick
 Graff, Richard
 Graventi, Family
 Greco, Joseph & Josephine
 Greshkoviak, Lillian
 Grimaldi, Donna
 Grote, Henry & Elfriede
 Guzy, John & Caroline
 Hanneman, John & Lorraine
 Helle, Pauline P. & Erna
 Helle, Anna & August
 Hemstreet, Ted & Betty
 Hepperle, William & Corinne
 Hoppe, Family
 Jett, Lawrence
 Jirousek, Miles
 Joos, Family
 Kara, Stanley Sr., & Family
 Karson, Mary Jane
 Kelly, Russell
 Koletto, Irene
 Krema, Family
 Kremen, Marie & Joe
 Kron, Kenneth & Anna
 Kruczek, Rodina
 Kryger, Anthony & Annette
 Kubeck, Family
 Kunze, Helen & John
 La Gioia, Joe & Anna
 Lahner, Kim
 Lana & Casey, Barzyk
 Landers, Ralph & June
 Laughlin, Ann & Mick
 Leonard, Irene & Bernard
 LiManni, Family
 Lisak, Leonard
 Little, James
 Locascio, John & Josephine
 Maass, Richard
 Magnus, Josephine & Adeline
 Mandel, Sophie
 Mantucca, Madonna
 Mariani, Franco & Marta

Mastrodonato, Emilia, Julia & Dominic
 Mazzei, Pasquale & Gilda
 McLarney, Louise & Vince
 McNamara, Denny
 Melo, Eva R.
 Melo, Eva Razon
 Mendola, Charles & Minnie
 Merner, Irv
 Miles, Colette
 Mondelli, Family
 Monge, John, Catherine & Lillian
 Montagno, Family
 Morowski, Lewis
 Muscare, Frank
 Muszynski, Mirosława & Bogusław
 Neubauer, Mary Ann
 Niziolek, Family
 Nowicke, Philip & Rose
 Orlando, Tony
 Otte, Friends & Family
 Pakosta, Evelyn & Joe
 Paulik, Anna
 Pensa, Rosa & Vito C.
 Pepemountas, Family
 Peters, Family
 Pignataro, Edward
 Pizzo, Family
 Placido, Jose & Placido
 Pallock, Jack & Kathryn
 Pallock, Chelsea & Ccea
 Pallock, Elda
 Papelka, Helen
 Pavolo, Family
 Pronkowsky, Family
 Pucek, Family
 Pultorak, Thomas W.
 Raimondi, Frank & Angela
 Ranollo, Emidio & Filomene
 Razon, Placido & Jose
 Ritrovato, Frank & Evelyn
 Rizzo, Alphonse
 Robles, Jacinto
 Roll & Spizio Family Deceased Members
 Ronollo, Emido & Fabia
 Rossi, Louis
 Rosy, Remo & Frances
 Russo, Josephine, Frank & Louie
 Russo, Nadean & Sam
 Salvato, Joseph & Rose
 Sanzone, Andrea
 Sanzone, Michele & Giovanna
 Sauve, Tommy, Jr.

Schlager, Family
 Schubert, Elizabeth
 Schultz, Victor U.
 Sciullo, Rosa & Obele
 Scola, Pietro & Rosaria
 Sepka, Family
 Serpico, Al & Isabel
 Serzen, Louis, Larry & Harriet
 Sferazo, Robert
 Shaban, Parents
 Siata, Jozef (father)
 Siata, Jozef (son)
 Siata, Joseph & Jozef
 Sikorski, Joey & Artie
 Silchuck, Deceased Family Members
 Sipko, Charles W.
 Skotnicka, Maria
 Slowiak, Mr. & Mrs. Alex
 Slusarczyk, Rolsina
 Smith, Victor & Betsy
 Snarski, Family
 Solberg, Lillian & Wesley
 Spandau, Family
 Stewart, Theresa
 Streich, Leonard
 Strelczyk, Family
 Sularz, Helen & Joseph V.
 Sunden, Bob
 Sweeney, Family
 Tagliola, Family
 Tagliola, Family
 Talalay, Waclaw & Amelia
 Talalej, Amelia & Wally
 Tarasiewicz, Edward
 Thude, Deceased Family Members
 Ticsay, Alfredo & Leonila
 Tiongson, Fluminda
 Uchen, Family
 Vaglica, Peter
 Ward, Family
 Weinmeier, Family
 Weiss, Edward & Violet
 Wilson, Averil & Tommy
 Wodzinski, Harry
 Woods, Margaret
 Yurcheshen, Family
 Zajac, Walter
 Zaremba, Family
 Zersahs, Arthur
 Zersahs, Rose & Arthur
 Ziemba, Family
 Ziomek, Family



A culture of life, not death...

This vision our creator planted in the depth of every human person, as part of our normative law: that life is sacred; that, once God breathes it into us, it lasts forever; that to take innocent life is so inimical to a righteous society that its protection is mandated in the very middle of the ten commandments; that the more innocent and fragile the more it begs protection; that, indeed, to protect life is the most noble of vocations.



~Archbishop Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Oct. 3, 2010

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright Aid for Women	1-800-848-LOVE
National Pregnancy Hotline	630-896-8600
National Adoption Hotline	1-800-535-9947
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	1-202-463-7563
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	630-790-8433 x 266
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-7171
DuPage Catholic Charities Children's Services	1-815-838-1002
The Nurturing Network	630-495-6864
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Women's Choice Services	1-800-67-BABY-6
The Gabriel Project	1-800-NO-ABORT
	630-261-9221
	1-877-734-2444

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC

Please join the Life groups of St. Peter and St. Walter's in praying the rosary for one hour outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, every first Friday and third Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Upcoming dates are December 14 and January 6.

A prayer book is available by contacting Jean Angell at 630-773-0987.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is 215-877-2660. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.

Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office

FAMILY VOCATION NIGHT

Friday, January 6, 2012

The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Office, Bishop Conlon and St. Joseph Parish invite you to an evening entitled "The Family: Seedbed of Vocations" at St. Joseph Parish (4801 Main Street, Downers Grove). All people of all ages are invited to this wonderful event. Bring your entire family for an engaging evening to talk about God's will in our lives.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Conlon at 5:30 pm, followed by light refreshments.

After Mass there will be a panel discussion with seminarians, seminarian parents, and priests, followed by a talk by Fr. Burke Masters on the Holy Priesthood – Spiritual Fatherhood.

We will discuss the following questions:

- Why would I want my son or daughter to be a priest, brother or sister?
- What is it like for a parent to have a son in the seminary?
- How do we hear God's voice in this noisy world?

Please RSVP to Antonia Summers by phone at 630-964-0216 or by e-mail at antoniasummers@gmail.com, so that we have enough refreshments.

There is no cost for the event, but a free-will offering can be made to support the seminarian formation programs.

HOLINESS RETREAT

December 27 (5:00 pm) until December 29 (noon), 2011

The Diocese of Joliet and the Archdiocese of Chicago are co-sponsoring a retreat entitled "Men Seeking Holiness" for men ages 18-35 (single or married) from This is not just a vocation retreat, but for all young men who desire to grow in holiness and their relationship with Jesus Christ. The retreat will be held at the St. Charles Borromeo Pastoral Center in Romeoville at the corner of Route 53 and Airport Road. Men will have the opportunity to hear talks about growing in holiness, prayer and discerning their vocation. There will be plenty of time for personal prayer as well as sharing with other men seeking to grow in holiness. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Burke by e-mail at frburke23@aol.com or by phone at 815-834-4004.

Cost is \$30. Registration deadline is December 26, 2011.



For more information on vocations, visit vocations.com