

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)*

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:14



THIRTIETH
Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

October **23** 2022

*From the Administrator...***IN VERITATE ET IN CARITATE**

Since I will be writing regular columns for the bulletin, I thought it should have some sort of title. The title I have chosen is **IN VERITATE ET IN CARITATE** — In Truth and In Love. Each week I will strive to honor that commitment, of writing to you in truth and in love.

The truth of this week's readings is that God hears our prayers. He hears all the prayers we offer throughout the week: the beautiful prayer that is the mass which we celebrate together; the praying of the rosary, whether as part of our Novena to Our Lady of Fatima, our weekly Tuesday evening rosary, or one said in private; offering up the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, the Glory be, or any of the other hundreds of other formal prayers available to us as loving Catholics and Christians.

God also hears our informal prayer; when we turn our hearts and minds to Him in praise, supplication, or thanksgiving. One of my most frequently offered prayers is a simple "Thanks Boss!" for the little things that help me get through my day. To use the oft-misquoted words of Saint Francis: "Pray always. Use words when necessary." By our words and actions, we can give praise and thanksgiving to God, and to ask His help during our struggles.

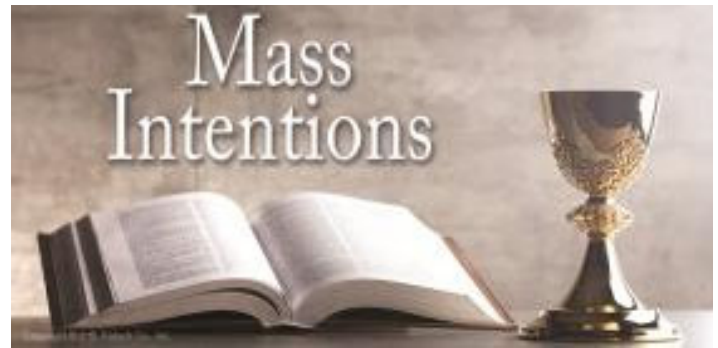
Many of us sometimes wonder if God hears our prayers. If He does, why aren't they answered? God loves us too much to always give us what we want. He would rather give us what we really need and walk with us along the path He has laid out for us. It's not always an easy journey and we need to realize that to walk with God means that we need to pick up our cross in order to walk with Him, trusting that He will never give us more than we can carry. Even Jesus in His humanity, needed help from Simon of Cyrene on the walk to Calvary.

How much more will the God who IS love be ready to help us lift our cross and continue the journey. If our prayers are in accord with His Holy Will, we can trust that they will be answered. Perhaps not in the way we want or expect, but they will be answered. When we pray, we need to be honest with ourselves in what we ask. Are we seeking our own glory or benefit, like the Pharisee, or do we place all our trust in a loving God, like the tax collector? Let us include "...if it be according to Thy Holy Will." in our prayers this week and remember the words from the Our Father: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

In Truth and in Love,

Deacon Fred Maier

Acting Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



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| Sunday | October 23 (<i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>) |
| 8:30 am | †Charles and Loraine Weyer |
| 10:00 am | †Ann Marie Rossi |
| 11:30 am | †Bruce Gariti |
| | †Maria Lombardo |
| | †Filomena Ranallo |
| | †Abele Sciuillo |
| | †Ann Marie Rossi |
| | †Andrzej Szymikowski |
| | People of the Parish |
| Monday | October 24 (<i>Weekday;</i> <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop</i>) |
| 8:00 am | †Philip Poltorak |
| Tuesday | October 25 (<i>Weekday</i>) |
| 8:00 am | †Alvera McDonald |
| Wednesday | October 26 (<i>Weekday</i>) |
| 8:00 am | †George Kveck |
| Thursday | October 27 (<i>Weekday</i>) |
| 8:00 am | †Joan Christ Mandel |
| Friday | October 28 (<i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i>) |
| 8:00 am | †Biagio Conte |
| Saturday | October 29 (<i>Vigil: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>) |
| 5:00 pm | †Edgar Garcia |
| | †Jerry Riordan |
| | †Frank Rossi |
| | For an End to Abortion |
| Sunday | October 30 (<i>Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>) |
| 8:30 am | †Carol Mazzucchi |
| 10:00 am | †Lenore Koda |
| 11:30 am | †Reverend Robert Noesen |
| | †Filomena Ranallo |
| | †Andrzej Szymikowski |
| | Amy George - <i>Special Intention on her birthday</i> |
| | For an End to Abortion |

Readings for the Week

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| Monday: | Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17 |
| Tuesday: | Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21 |
| Wednesday: | Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30 |
| Thursday: | Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 13:31-35 |
| Friday: | Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16 |
| Saturday: | Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef; Lk 14:1, 7-11 |
| Sunday: | Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2; Lk 19:1-10 |



Thursday, October 27 | 10am
BIBLE STORYTIME
 Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun —
 exploring God’s Good News
 through stories, songs, and crafts.

*Geared toward children ages 0-6
 and their caregivers,
 but ALL ARE WELCOME!
 No registration required.*

Storytime is held at St. Peter’s School
 (across the parking lot from the Church)
 524 N. Cherry Street | Itasca
 Questions?
 Please contact Rachel Scheck at 219-308-3007.



Transitional Housing Ministry

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners, the St. Peter’s Transitional Housing Ministry (THM) now has enough funding to cover six-months of rent for a Bridge Communities apartment! **THANK YOU** to all those that donated.

Bridge Communities has also now paired St. Peter the Apostle parish with a client family — this is a family that would otherwise be homeless but will now be provided with housing and mentoring assistance while working to secure permanent housing on their own. Bridge Communities provides professional case workers and advisors to assist the family, but St. Peter’s THM provides volunteer mentors who further guide the family through the process.


The **next step** for THM is to secure volunteers to aid in mentoring the family.

Volunteers will meet with the family, help them budget their finances, and provide other guidance based on their specific needs. Bridge mentor training is provided and necessary to prepare mentors for this role; however, personal life experiences are also helpful to share with families as a means to guide them through the process.

Mentor teams including at least 2 members will work together when meeting with the family to provide support and assistance to one another.

Mentoring offers the reward of knowing that you have improved the life of a struggling family and kept them from facing homelessness. It is a truly rewarding experience.

If interested in volunteering to mentor or you would like more information, please contact Adam Stephan at adam.stephan@gmail.com or 847-715-8326.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.


The Knights of Columbus will be selling **Vocation Raffle Tickets** after all Masses **NEXT weekend** (Oct. 29-30).

Proceeds from this raffle are used to support seminarians and novices throughout the state of Illinois during their time of study and preparation for their vocation.


Your support will help secure these integral roles for the well-being and future our Catholic Church.

Please consider purchasing —
 Tickets are \$1.00 a piece or \$10 for a book of 15.

Tickets are also available at the Parish Center for anyone wishing to make a purchase during the week.



VOCATIONS



OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA/formerly RCIA) is currently underway. The OCIA program welcomes adults into the Catholic faith through study, discussion, and prayer.

Both baptized and non-baptized individuals interested in becoming Catholic, along with those who wish to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation, are invited to enroll in the program. Classroom sessions meet every Tuesday from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. At-home studies are also required along with classroom participation.

To register for the RCIA program, use the link on the parish website. Anyone who is interested or has questions can also contact Deacon Bob at 630-217-0851 or deaconbob@stpeteritasca.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 16 - Sunday Collection (10/16/2022) \$ 9,393.00

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).



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 using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251



Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning. Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

This Week at St. Peter's...

- Sunday October 23**
Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
12:30 pm Baptisms (Church)
- Tuesday October 25**
7:00 pm OCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday October 26**
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
- Thursday October 27**
10:00 am Bible Story Time (School)
- Saturday October 29**
9:00 am K of C Vocation Raffle Ticket Sale (after all masses)
4:15 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
Confessions (Church)
- Sunday October 30**
Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
K of C Vocation Raffle Ticket Sale (after all masses)



WORLD MISSION OFFERING
Empowering your gifts to transform the world.
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

The annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration for the Missions and missionaries of the world, is celebrated on October 23 this year. All Catholic Parishes have special collections to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, hope, and peace. Please be generous for all our brothers and sisters in true need.

Please prayerfully consider your donation to **THIS weekend's World Mission Sunday** special collection.

Donations can be made using envelopes provided or by visiting the parish's secure online giving portal at givecentral.org/location/1251

JOIN THE DIOCESAN MISSION TRIP TO SUCRE, BOLIVIA April 2023

The Diocese of Joliet will make a two-week mission trip to Sucre, Bolivia, April 15 through April 29. Located in the southern highlands, Sucre is the constitutional capital of Bolivia, serving as the home of the country's supreme court.

The trip will focus on medical needs and construction projects. A variety of medical personnel are in need, as well as operating room, recovery room and staff nurses.

Individuals willing and able to help with construction work and needed structural repairs are also encouraged to volunteer.


An Informational meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on October 25 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, e-mail bcarslon@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.



Saturday, October 29 | Sunday, October 30

| <i>Communion Ministers</i> | <i>Lectors</i> |
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| 5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi Reetha George | 5:00 pm Lou Casolari |
| 8:30 am Phyllis Cimagli Deacon Anthony | 8:30 am Kevin Grisamore |
| 10:00 am Mary Booth Ann Fleming | 10:00 am Franco Cascella |
| 11:30 am Bill Kolf Mary McNamara | 11:30 am Paul Gennuso |

ALL SOULS



ALL SOULS DAY
Mass of Remembrance
November 2 | 7:00 pm
Holy Mass and Luminaria

All are invited to attend the **Mass of Remembrance** (The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) on Wednesday, November 2, at the 7:00 pm Mass. This service is in memory of those buried from St. Peter the Apostle during the past year.

Additionally, parishioners are invited to enter names of deceased loved ones in the **"Book of the Deceased,"** to also be remembered on All Souls Day. The book is available in back of church through the end of October.

Preceding the Mass, **luminaria** will be lit for all requests made to remember individuals on this All Souls Day. Each luminaria will have the individual's name on it and will be placed in formation outside. You need not be present to participate. If you cannot attend the Mass, you may wish to come to the church later and enjoy this beautiful candlelight memorial.

If you would like to participate, enter the name of each person you wish to remember with a luminaria on the following form and submit with payment — \$2.00 per each luminaria requested. You may return the form and payment to the Sunday collection basket (please use a separate envelope marked "Luminaria") OR you may bring the form and payment to the Parish Center. Make checks payable to St. Peter the Apostle and return by Sunday, October 23.

Bags are available in advance for anyone wishing to decorate and add names on their respective luminaria. Please indicate below if you would like to be contacted to pick up your bag(s) for decorating.



LUMINARIA REQUEST

Please **PRINT CLEARLY** the names of individuals to be remembered with a Luminaria:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

PRINT CLEARLY

Your Name:

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

- I would like to decorate my own bag(s); please contact when available for pick up
- I would like to volunteer to help set-up bags on Wednesday, November 2 (following 8am Mass)
- I own a vehicle suitable for transporting sand and would like to volunteer to help with this job



Bishop Hicks' Column

October 2022

Pruning our diocesan tree so that we may thrive and grow



For anyone who lives in the Midwest or northern regions of the United States, news of consolidations, mergers and closings of Catholic parishes and schools has become a frequent reality. Across the country, Catholic dioceses and archdioceses are implementing or have completed restructuring processes, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Boston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.

Closer to home, our neighbors on our diocesan borders also have begun or have been attending to these same issues. Specifically, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been engaged in a seven-year, proactive process of structural and spiritual renewal known as "Renew My Church." Also, just recently, the Diocese of Peoria announced its two-year process of pastoral planning called "Growing Disciples."

When I was installed as the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet two years ago, I was immediately inundated with statistics of too few pastors to cover too many parishes, especially as we project the numbers into the near future. I was also confronted with declining Mass attendance and budgetary issues, all exacerbated by the pandemic.

Many people have continued to ask me, "Bishop, are you planning on running a 'Renew My Church' in our diocese?" My answer has been consistent and constant: "Our parishes and schools will need to be looked at. However, before that, I need to get my own house in order." "My own house" refers to the diocesan offices and the Catholic Schools Office, which are housed in the Blanchette Catholic Center (BCC.)

To do so, I hired consultants known as The Reid Group. They are practicing Catholics who know and love the Church. They are also excellent at intensive listening, identifying issues and making recommendations to help dioceses change in order to thrive. Following their recommendations, we have streamlined the BCC's staffing from 99 to 70 employees and updated our organizational chart to reflect an approach that is outward-focused, effective and efficient. While this change has been successful in reducing our operating deficit and achieving a balanced budget, I am also keenly aware of the real-life impact of this process. Severance packages and an extremely healthy job market may have eased the transition for the affected individuals, yet this type of change is never easy. Please join me in my continuing prayers for the individuals impacted by the changes.

The Reid Group also recommended that after getting "my house in order," we should embark on a second phase to review diocesan parishes and schools. They emphasized that if we are going to ensure continued vitality in our diocese, then we would need to consider possible mergers, consolidations, or closures.

To begin this process, since July, I have gathered my senior staff at the BCC with the eight pastors who serve as deans – or leaders – of the eight deaneries – geographic regions – of the diocese.

So far, we have met to listen to facts and trends, and have had discussions about potential parishes and schools that may need to merge, consolidate or close. At these initial meetings, I have been clear that I will NOT ask all our parishes and schools to participate in this process. Instead, we will focus on specific areas in the Diocese of Joliet to address specific situations. To reiterate, phase two will NOT be a diocesan-wide process. Instead, it will occur over the next two to three years in what I am calling a targeted restructuring.

Some people have already asked me – some jokingly and some seriously – if I already have a secret list in a vault in my office containing the names of the parishes and schools that will be affected. The answer to that question is an emphatic "No!" My senior staff and the deans will discern and collaborate to create a list of parishes and schools whose futures will need to be addressed in three stages: urgent; in the next year; and, in two to three years. When we have reached consensus on what parishes and schools will be affected by this targeted restructuring process, we will continue to share and publish the information through various channels, including our diocesan website.

Once specific parishes and schools are informed they will be engaged in targeted restructuring, they will begin a process of preparation, assessment and discernment before final decisions are made or changes implemented. Please know we are committed to actively listening to the voices of the pastors, principals, parishioners, parish employees and volunteers.

During these past two years, you have often heard me praise the Diocese of Joliet. We are a great diocese filled with amazing laity, religious and priests. We are experiencing so much success implementing my vision of catechesis, evangelization and faith into action. Why, then, am I leading us into this targeted restructuring? It is because most of us want to see a Church that is focused on the mission of Jesus Christ and not on the preservation of our buildings. As missionary disciples, we should all desire a Church that is thriving, growing and following the Gospel. In other words, everything we do as a Church needs to be about the salvation of souls.

At the end of the day, I do not want us to be viewed as a diocese that buried its head in the sand or kicked the can down the road. Instead, with deep faith in God, we need to prune some of the structural branches, so that our Church can continue to produce great fruit.

Soon, we will announce which parishes and schools in our diocese will participate in the urgent phase of the targeted restructuring process. We ask that you receive this news with an open, collaborative heart focused on the common good of our diocese. Please join me in praying for this process so that we all may seek and hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin this journey together.



Advent Calendars
 (filled with chocolates and daily scripture verses)

St. Peter the Apostle Religious Education is offering an opportunity to purchase Advent Calendars filled with chocolates and a daily scripture verse for just \$5.00 each. Orders can be paid for with cash or check. Shipping is included, and all orders will be filled in time for Advent.

The deadline for ordering is October 30.

Orders will be available for pick-up after Masses, through Religious Education classes and at the Parish Center. Notification for pick-up will be made via email or phone call.

For additional details, contact Toni Pietrowski at religiouse@stpeteritasca.com or 630-773-1272 (ext. 216)

All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit St. Peter the Apostle's Transitional Housing Ministry.

Advent Calendars - \$5.00 each

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

BABY IN A MANGER Quantity _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____
PEACE ON EARTH Quantity _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____
SHINING LIGHT Quantity _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____
TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Payment enclosed: cash check (make checks payable to St. Peter the Apostle)

*Orders can be submitted to Religious Ed,
 or place in an envelope and drop in the collection basket
 or drop off at the Parish Center*

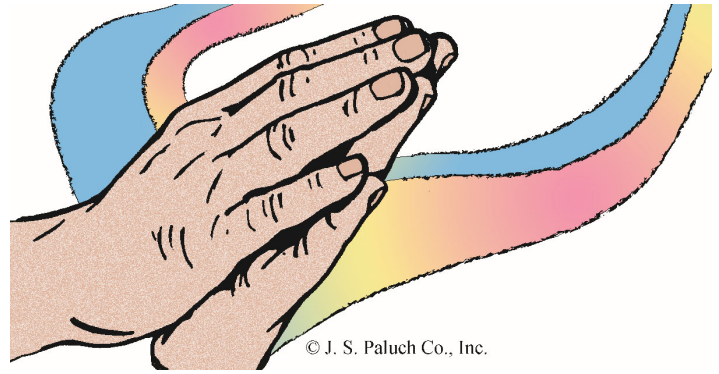
The deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 30.



OCTOBER 2022

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 life month
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:
Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

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If you would like information on Pro-life ministry opportunities or you or someone you know needs assistants, please visit the parish website for information and resources.

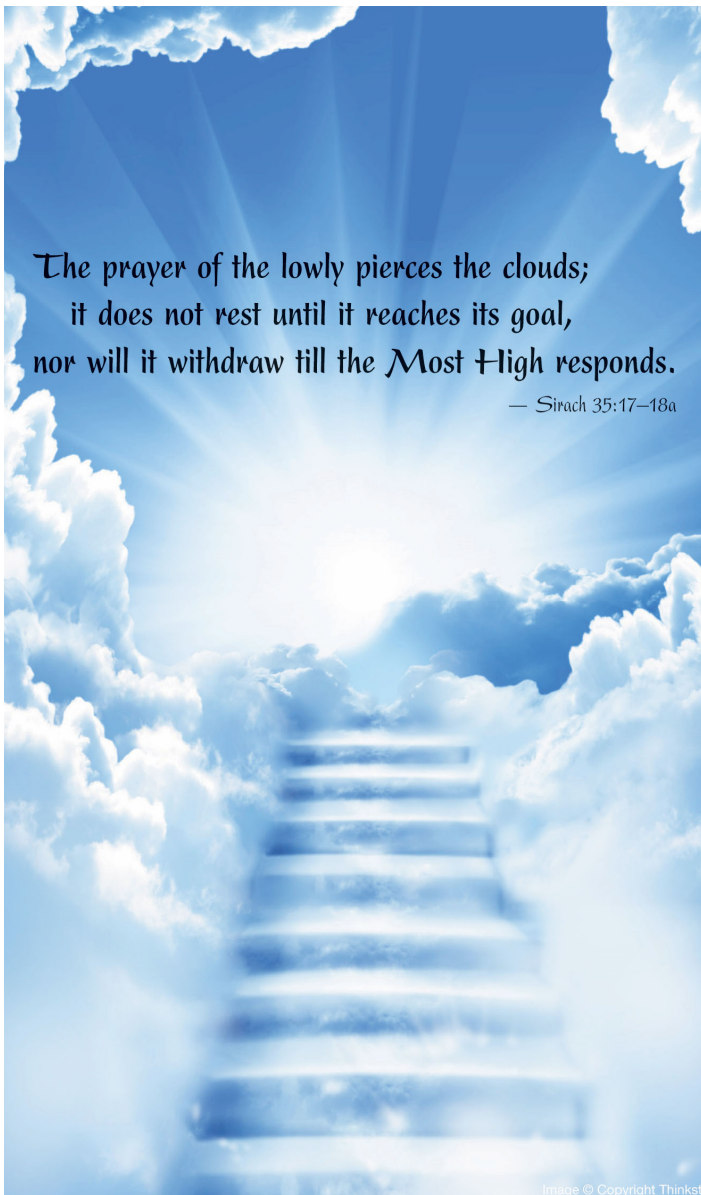
CELEBRATING OUR BLESSED MOTHER IN OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. Additionally, we recognize Our Lady of Fatima for her Miracle of the Sun. To celebrate and honor this special month, the Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima statue is at St. Peter's through the end of October. Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary with the parish community.

> **Tuesday Evening Rosary - Weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7:15pm (Held in Church)**

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer.





*The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,
nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds.*
— Sirach 35:17–18a

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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| Dave Bigott | Virginia Halac | Frank Nunez |
| Sue Bobka | Martha Hayes | June Pautsch |
| Rosaleen Bradley | Cambria Helle | Bonnie Pollock |
| Grace Brown | Ken Hemstreet | Brendan Reidy |
| <i>Elio Campanella</i> | Michael Jasiak | Wayne Slowiak |
| Danny Clements | Sylvia Kleinedler | Belinda Sobucki |
| Regina Conti | Rickie Kruzal | Dan Sobucki |
| Mary Cummins | Patrick Linsner | Randy Szweda, USMC |
| Mike Cummins | Sue McNamara | Dennis Torii |
| Paul Cummins | Maria Mizera | Marlene Torii |
| Geri Gerard | Carmine Molfese | Fr. Mirosław Stepien |
| Mel Gerard | Richard Mrugacz | Linda Wuerffel |
| Gary Grote | Loretta Nicolini | Carol Zell |
| Joe Halac | John North | |

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 October prayers for the Church and for the world:

A Church Open to Everyone

We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

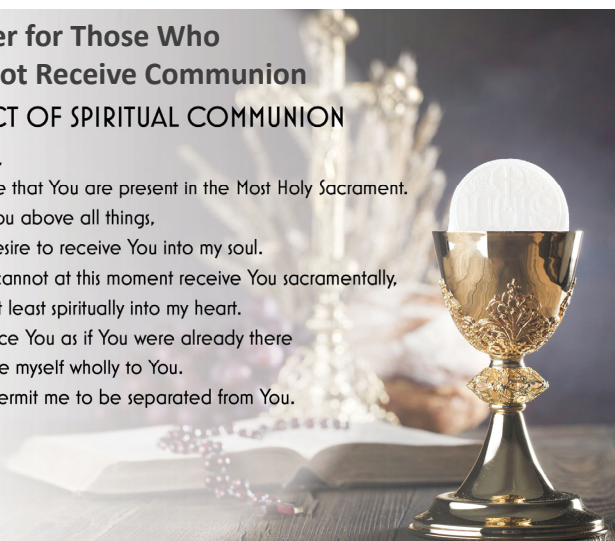
*Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen*

- PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne**
- Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines**
- SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army**
- MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army**
- PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines**
- CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard**
- SGT Michael Helle, US Army**
- Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines**
- PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard**
- SA Chris Kaszubowski, US Navy**
- CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy**
- ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy**
- SGT Jacob Los, US Army**
- MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army**
- 1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines**
- Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard**
- MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard**
- GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines**
- 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard**
- SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army**
- LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)**
- SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines**
- LTJG Robert P. Woods, US Navy**
- Thomas Zablocki, US Marines**

Prayer for Those Who Cannot Receive Communion
AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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Italian Catholic Federation (Branch 418)
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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 12:30 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 a priest 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 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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If you attend Saint Peter the Apostle Church on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your "spiritual home," we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our Parish Family.

Please fill out the form below and someone from the Parish Office will contact you to complete your registration. Return this form either through the mail or drop it in the Sunday collection.

You can also register by calling the parish office or by visiting the parish website.

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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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