

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## 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*)

## Fifth Sunday of LENT April 3, 2022



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"Let the one among you  
who is without sin  
be the first to throw  
a stone at her."

John 8:7

2022



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

## From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family ,

Traditionally, on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we enter what was called **Passiontide**. The penance and discipline of Lent change focus a bit. The prayers and readings of the Mass now focus our attention on the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus — The Paschal Mystery — and the events leading up to this central mystery and belief of our faith as Catholic Christians.

More and more the Lenten purple is replaced by the red of the Passion: A reminder of the Blood of Jesus. A red veil is placed on the crucifix (or cross) to remind us that the true meaning, the real beauty of the Cross is (for a time) hidden or veiled from our eyes. The Glory of the Cross is stained and covered by the Blood of Christ's suffering. The practice of veiling the cross goes back many centuries and is meant to make us take a second look, it is meant to get us thinking, it is meant to let us know that something is profoundly different. The statues of saints also remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday. All this is done to help us concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of redemption through the shedding of His Blood.

Our Lenten journey of repentance brings us to the story of the woman caught in adultery. An intense scene is before us today [*Gospel of John 8:1-11*]. It relates one of the most striking portrayals of Jesus' mercy. We have the woman, the crowd with the Scribes and the Pharisees, and Jesus. The challenge to have Jesus make a verdict is before him. What follows is a dramatic silence. Jesus does not do a thing but scribble on the ground which may indicate his lack of interest. He does not say a word. He lets the situation speak for itself.

The woman is frightened and humiliated. She feels shame and is unprepared for a gruesome and painful death. A death by stoning.

The crowd was in full righteous, but hypocritical, agitation. Yet, one can see that the attack was not so much against the woman as it was toward Jesus. The scribes and the Pharisees wanted to prove that Jesus' words of compassion conflicted with the Law of Moses. So, they set up this situation to discredit Jesus so they could judge and kill him. The last thing they had on their minds and the last thing they expected was to be questioned about the morality of their own lives. Jesus knew their plan. So, he said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." They were stunned and soon all of them walked away. The Lord does not condemn her. Instead, he asks her to go and sin no more.

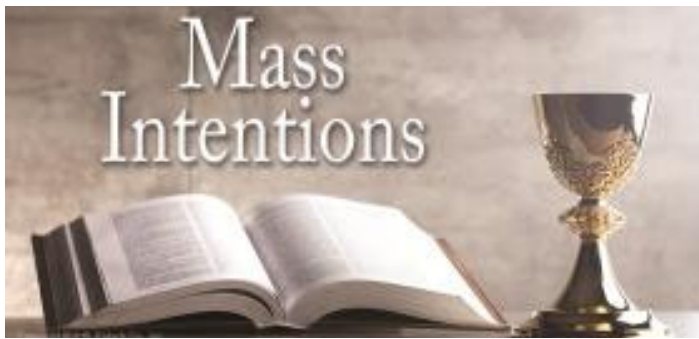
Like the crowd, we can easily become indignant by the sins of others. Like the crowd, we can easily use the sin of others to hide our own sins. Like the crowd, we can arrogantly use others to draw attention away from ourselves. We each know our sins and Lent offers us repentance and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This great sacrament is a celebration of forgiveness of our sins. Within it we are told, like the woman, to amend our lives and go and sin no more. No matter the sin.

Let us resolve to receive this great gift of God's mercy and forgiveness and thus ready ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery and the new light and life of Jesus Christ this Easter.

Let us all examine our own hearts before self-righteously judging others.

*Fr. Noesen*





<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 3 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)</b>
8:30 am	†Jimmy Hoey
10:00 am	†Mary Varygiannes
11:30 am	†Sandra L. Burzynski
	†Gloria Colella
	†Joann Kusinski
	†Patty Kusinski Smith
	The People of Ukraine - Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 4 (Lenten Weekday;</b>
	<i>St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)</i>
8:00 am	†Jennifer Ruffing
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 5 (Lenten Weekday, St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest)</b>
8:00 am	†Edward Filipek
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 6 (Lenten Weekday;</b>
	<i>St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest)</i>
8:00 am	†Mr. Keawiec
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 7 (Lenten Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Mason Saucedo
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 8 (Lenten Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†George Kveck
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 9 (Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)</b>
5:00 pm	†Judy Boeckeler
	†Tim Ford
	†Florence Zumerling
	†James Mulcahy
	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 10 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)</b>
8:30 am	†Bruce Gariti
10:00 am	†George Kveck
11:30 am	†Eric A. Brown
	†Josephine Catizone
	†Nino DiTusa
	†Francesco Fricano
	For an End to Abortion

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20 (or Jn 8:1-11 if Year A readings are used on Sunday)
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

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## LATE LENTEN SCHEDULE

### + MASS SCHEDULE +

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00pm

Sunday – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

Weekdays (Monday-Friday) | 8:00am

### + STATIONS OF THE CROSS +

Stations of the Cross

(presented by the Knights of Columbus)

Friday, April 8 | 6:30pm

### + SACRAMENT OF PENANCE +

Saturdays during Lent | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Wednesdays during Lent | 8:30am (until all are heard)

### Last Confessions before Easter

Thursday, April 7

following Parish Mission (until all are heard)

Palm Sunday, April 10

following 11:30am Mass (until all are heard)

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 13

8:30am (until all are heard)

### + PARISH MISSION WITH FR. STEVE BORELLO +

April 7 | 7:00pm  
(Church)

### Lenten Evening of Reflection

Father Steven Borello, Vocation Director for the Diocese of Joliet, will lead a Lenten Evening of Reflection on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00pm in Church.

This evening will include Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Father Borello's reflections on Healing through the Sacred Triduum, individual Confessions and then Benediction. Join us as we continue to grow in holiness in this Season of Lent.



## Easter Egg Hunt

Parish families are invited to come out  
for a morning of fun at a parish Easter Egg Hunt –

**Saturday, April 16**

**10:30 - 11:00 am**

(following Blessing of Easter Baskets)

Visit the parish website for a link to online Sign-up.

Please sign up by age group.

Contact Toni Pietrowski with any questions -

toni@stpeteritasca.com



**Stewardship of Treasure**

**A Way of Life**  
**St. Peter the Apostle**

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 39 (03/27/2022): \$ 7,052.00

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



**Electronic Giving is available  
using 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](https://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...**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 3</b>
9:30 am	Bethlehem Arts Sale (after all Masses) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Class (PC Conference Room)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 4</b>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (PC/Lower Level)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 5</b>
10:00 am	Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 6</b>
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
7:00 pm	"Chosen" - Watch & Discuss (MW Parish Hall)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 7</b>
9:00 am	"Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm	Lenten Mission + Confessions (Church)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 8</b>
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross + Benediction (Church)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 9</b>
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 10</b>
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)
12:30 pm	Late Lent Confessions (Church) (until all are heard)
12:30 pm	Baptisms (Church)

**Schedule**

<b>Saturday, April 9</b>	<b>Sunday, April 10</b>
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
5:00 pm Beth McKenna Frank McKenna	5:00 pm Diane Blackburn
8:30 am Kathy Frank Deacon Fred	8:30 am Chris Nagle
10:00 am Edgar Garcia Mel Gerard	10:00 am Kevin Grisamore
11:30 am Anthony George Deacon Bob	11:30 am Paul Gennuso



Thank you to all who attended, as well as those who helped at the parish **Saint Joseph's Table**. Special thanks to the planning committee, Knights of Columbus, and many parishioners who donated food and sweets, helped organize, set up and clean up, as well as those who offered financial support. Special recognition to the generous businesses that contributed to make this special event successful.

We are also grateful for the monetary gifts, food, flowers, decorations, and services offered by many businesses.

**Please show your support and thanks to the following sponsors:**

<b>Cucina Casale</b>	<b>Kwik Print</b>
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<b>Jarosch Bakery</b>	<b>The Oaks Funeral Home</b>
<b>Jay's Beef</b>	<b>Tree Guys Pizza</b>
<b>Jewel Osco</b>	<b>Your Home Group</b>
<b>Kean's Bakery</b>	<b>at Baird &amp; Warner</b>
<b>Krystyna's Flowers</b>	<b>3D Desktop Design by Diane</b>

Through your almsgiving, we collected **\$4,435 .00** for our Parish Poor Fund. These monies will be used throughout the year to help those who are truly in need of assistance and charity.

Our volunteers are a valuable and integral part of the parish — you are always welcome here. We encourage others to join in and volunteer for future parish events and gatherings!

The celebration was a wonderful way to welcome back parishioners, neighbors, and friends who have been away since the pandemic shutdown. We hope to see all of you at Mass each Sunday as we praise the Lord and seek to grow in holiness and devotedness.

**BETHLEHEM ARTS****THIS WEEKEND — April 2-3**

Representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land are at St. Peter's **THIS WEEKEND** selling handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. Due to the political conflict and covid19 results in the reduction of tourism, the Catholic Community has come to depend more on these sales abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. The handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles will be available for purchase **after all Masses this weekend.**

*You are cordially invited to***"Sing with the Angels"****THEME: THE LORD'S PASSION****date:** Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022**time:** 6:00 pm-8:00 pm**place:** St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church  
551 N. Rush Street, Itasca**Don't forget to bring your rosary.****RSVP:** Maria Greico at 630-373-4710**Please arrive on time.***The program will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.*

The prayers, sacred music and movie clips used in this program were selected to help you meditate on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. You will be moved in a profound way when you experience the perfect example of His sacrificial love.

**Stations of the Cross of Jesus Christ****Fridays during Lent at 6:30 pm**

Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Fridays at 6:30 pm. Please see the schedule on the parish website. The Stations of the Cross is a devotional service which traces Jesus' journey from the trial before Pilate to His death on Calvary.

Tradition tells us that the places of visitation, the "stations," were those visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary after the resurrection of Jesus. Through the ages, people would walk from station to station trying to mirror the physical pilgrimage of going from place to place in Jerusalem. The form of the Stations of the Cross has changed over the centuries, but the devotion still carries the same meaning and is a traditional part of Lent.

Consider making this prayerful reflection part of your Lenten Journey.

*You are cordially invited to***"Sing with the Angels"****THEME: DIVINE MERCY***"Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy"**—Pope Francis***date:** Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24, 2022**time:** 6:00 pm-8:00 pm**place:** St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church  
551 N. Rush Street, Itasca**Don't forget to bring your rosary.****RSVP:** Maria Greico at 630-373-4710**Please arrive on time.***The program will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.*

*Jesus told St. Faustina — Before I come as a Just Judge,  
I am coming first as the King of Mercy...  
My heart overflows with great mercy for souls...  
Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy.*



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## HOLY WEEK



### + PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD +

Saturday Vigil Mass, April 9 – 5:00pm | Sunday, April 10 – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

Sing With The Angels: Meditate on Christ's Sorrowful Passion

Sunday, April 10 | 6:00pm

All are invited to prepare for Holy Week through Sacred Music and excerpts of the movie, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week - Holy Mass

April 11, 12, 13 | 8:00am

### + THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM +

Thursday of Holy Week - April 14

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00pm

*(Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30pm - concludes with Night Prayer)*

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - April 15

*(Day of Fast and Abstinence)*

Stations of the Cross | 12:00noon

The Passion of Our Lord with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion | 3:00pm

Traditional Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the Cross | 6:30pm

Holy Saturday - April 16

Blessing of Easter Food | 9:00am *(in Polish)* • 9:45am *(in English)*

Easter Egg Hunt for children | 10:30am

Private Prayers in Church | 9:00am - 1:00pm

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on His Passion and Death and on His Descent into Hell, and awaiting His Resurrection.

## EASTER

### + THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT +

April 16 | 8:00pm

On this night's Vigil, which is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities, there is to be only one celebration in Church – it is the Paschal Mass of the Sunday of the Resurrection.

### + EASTER SUNDAY - MASSES OF THE RESURRECTION +

April 17 | 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

### + WEEKDAY MASSES WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER +

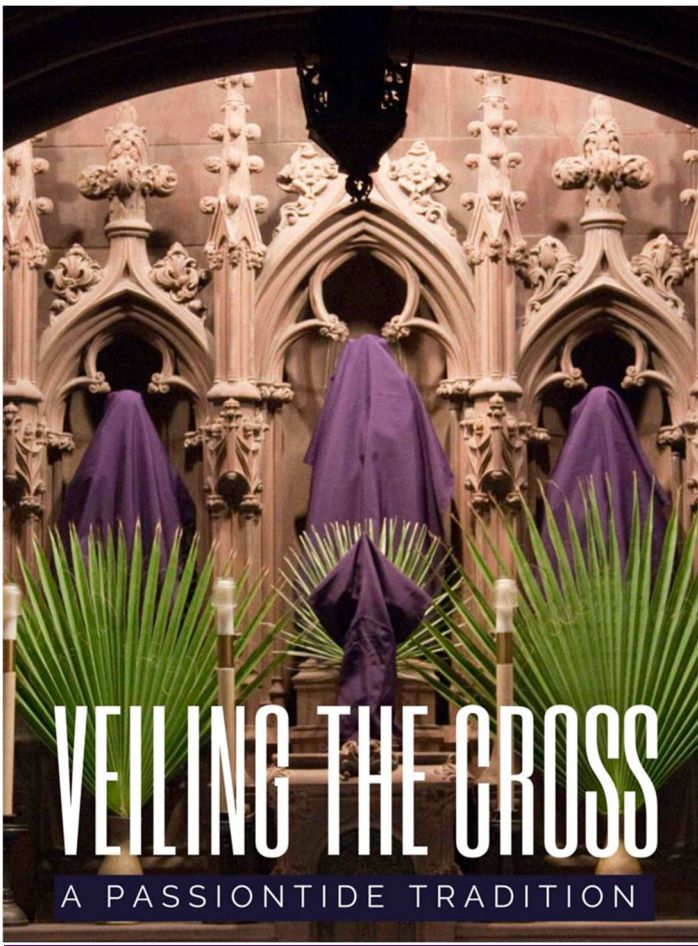
Easter, our most important liturgical observance, is celebrated for fifty days, longer than any other feast in the calendar.

The Great Fifty Days, as it is sometimes called, is observed as a single feast from Easter Sunday (April 17) to Pentecost Sunday (June 5).

### + DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY +

Saturday Vigil Mass (April 23) – 5:00pm | Sunday (April 24) – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

A Divine Mercy Prayer service will follow the 11:30am Mass.



## The Veiling of Images and Crosses

*from the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship*

**Does the new Missale Romanum allow for the veiling of statues and crosses?** The Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia, provides a rubric at the beginning of the texts for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, which allows that: “the practice of covering crosses and images in the Church from the Fifth Sunday of Lent is permitted, according to the judgment of the Conferences of Bishops. Crosses remain veiled until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday; images remain veiled until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”<sup>1</sup>

**Have the Bishops of the United States expressed the judgment on this practice?** Yes. On June 14, 2001, the Latin Church members of the USCCB approved an adaptation to number 318 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal which would allow for the veiling of crosses and images in this manner. On April 17, 2002, Cardinal Jorge Medina Estevez, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments wrote to Bishop Wilton D. Gregory, USCCB President (Prot. no. 1381/01/L), noting that this matter belonged more properly to the rubrics of the Fifth Sunday of Lent. While the decision of the USCCB will be included with this rubric when the Roman Missal is eventually published, the veiling of crosses and images may now take place at the discretion of the local pastor.

### **When may crosses and images be veiled?**

Crosses and images may be veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Crosses are unveiled following the Good Friday Liturgy, while images are unveiled before the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

### **Is the veiling of crosses and statues required?**

No. The veiling is offered as an option, at the discretion of the local pastor.

### **What is the reason for the veiling of crosses and images?**

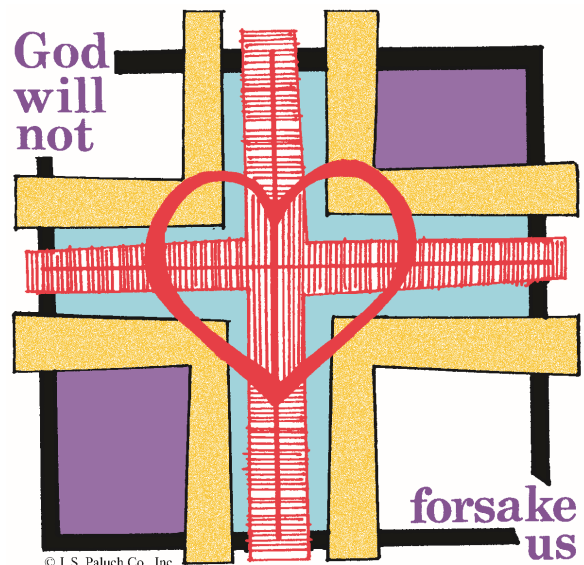
The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of “fasting” from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

### **Why are crosses unveiled after the Good Friday Liturgy?**

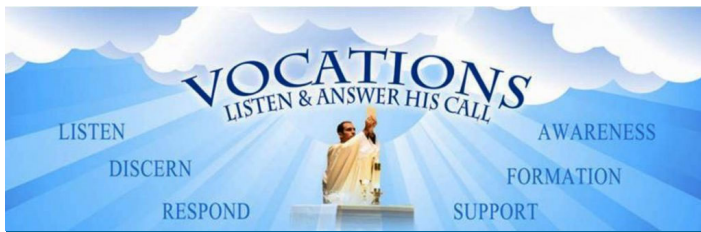
An important part of the Good Friday Liturgy is the veneration of the cross, which may include its unveiling. Once the cross to be venerated has been unveiled, it seems logical that all crosses would remain unveiled for the veneration of the faithful.

**What do the veils look like?** While liturgical law does not prescribe the form or color of such veils, they have traditionally been made of simple, lightweight purple cloth, without ornament.

**Is it permissible to veil the crosses after the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday?** Yes. The concluding rubrics which follow the text for the Mass of the Lord’s Supper (no. 41) indicate that “at an opportune time the altar is stripped and, if it is possible, crosses are removed from the church. It is fitting that crosses which remain in the Church be veiled.”<sup>2</sup>







## Is God Calling Me To Be A Priest? How Do I Know If God Is Calling Me?

There are several things that help us to discern God's call in our lives:

- **Prayer.** Spend time daily in quiet prayer, especially in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Also pray the rosary. Mary's total surrender to God is a model for all of us to follow. Read the Scriptures, especially the Gospels.
- **Sacraments.** Frequent reception of the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist open our hearts to hearing the voice of God.
- **Counsel.** Seek counsel from people you trust (your parents, a priest). Get spiritual direction from someone trained to do so.
- **Silence.** Being with God in silence allows us to hear His voice, away from all of the distractions of the world.
- **Visit.** Visit a seminary. You do not know what you are saying yes or no to unless you go and see.
- **Participate.** Join a discernment group in order to be with others who are trying to discern God's will in their lives.
- **Trust.** Above all, trust that doing the will of God will bring us joy and peace.

If you are thinking about priesthood, please consider taking part in some of the events offer in the Diocese of Joliet. You are not alone in this search to do God's will.

For more information, visit the Vocations office at [dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations](http://dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations).

## The Little Sisters of the Poor Helping those who are hands of Jesus!



Consider making a gift, and being part of the beautiful work of the Little Sisters of the Poor... *help them, help others!* The Sisters have served the elderly poor of the greater Chicago area and beyond for over 130 years. They encourage independence, preserve dignity and respect for life, respect individuality, nurture the human spirit and involve family and friends. The care they provide the elderly poor is unparalleled. They strive to see Jesus in everyone they serve, and it is a privilege for our parish to be given the opportunity to be included in their beautiful work.

The homes for the elderly poor, which they sponsor in Chicago and in Palatine, are icons of mercy where Christ is welcomed and served in the elderly poor with the utmost respect for their dignity. The Little Sisters of the Poor welcome the needy elderly into their homes, and the care of the elderly, especially the dying, has always been the summit of the sisters' apostolate and it is an ever more powerful witness of the culture of life.

For more information about the Little Sisters of the Poor, check out their website:  
[littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org](http://littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org)

Consider making a donation, directly to the Little Sisters.

They are also in great need of hiring  
registered **NURSES, NURSES AIDS, and**  
**OFFICE HELP**  
for employment at their home in Palatine.  
Help spread the word!

Mother Mercy, LSP  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
St. Joseph Home for the Aged  
80 West Northwest Highway  
Palatine, Illinois 60067-3582

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**CHAIN-FOR-LIFE**  
ecumenical + prayerful + silent

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
10:15-11:30AM

520 E. Roosevelt Rd., Wheaton  
(Compass Church Parking Lot)

Registration options:  
Scan this QR code with your phone:

Dr Register Here  
by March 31

<https://sites.google.com/view/chain-for-life-wheaton/home>

QUESTIONS?  
Contact Vince Heaton  
[vheaton2@gmail.com](mailto:vheaton2@gmail.com)





We joyfully welcome into our St. Peter's family —

**James John**

*child of John and Elizabeth (Capone) Montalbano*


who was baptized during the month of March 2022

**NOTE:** The sick list has been reviewed and long-standing names removed if renewal was not recently received. If prayers are still needed, please call to renew. Thank you.

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

Sue Bobka	Gene Mikulecky	Harriett Pinkowski
Ken Buffo	Christopher Mizera	Bonnie Pollock
Regina Conti	Richard Mrugacz	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	Loretta Nicolini	Marlene Torii
Paul Cummins	John North	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Virginia Halac	Don Olenek	Randy Szveda, USMC
Martha Hayes	Rich Olenek	Linda Wuerffel
Ken Hemstreet	Janina Piotrowski	Carol Zell
Rickie Kruzel		

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.



Mother of God and our Mother,  
to your Immaculate Heart  
we solemnly entrust and  
consecrate ourselves,  
the Church and all humanity,  
especially Russia and Ukraine.  
Accept this act that we carry out  
with confidence and love.  
Grant that war may end and peace spread  
throughout the world. The "Fiat" that arose from your heart  
opened the doors of history to the Prince of Peace.  
We trust that, through your heart, peace will dawn once more.  
To you we consecrate the future of the whole human family,  
the needs and expectations of every people, the anxieties and  
hopes of the world.

*Francis*

#PRAYTOGETHER #PEACE



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

### Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

**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  
PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines  
CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard  
CPT Steven Gregor, US Army  
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  
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  
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

I consider everything as a loss  
because of the supreme good of knowing  
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Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)**TRAVELING?**Call 410-676-6000 or log onto [www.masstimes.org](http://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 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.





### MAKE SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

#### Welcome, New Parishioners — Register Today

Week after week, many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their “spiritual home.” Part of the Catholic life and our Catholic identity is that we as Catholic people identify ourselves not only with the Universal Church - with over one billion other members, but we are also part of a “local Church.”

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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