

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



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*Restore • Renew • Rejoice*

## 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*)

The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching,  
for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22



January 31, 2021  
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family:

Throughout His ministry, Jesus astonished people with his teaching. His words were not only brilliant and correct, but they were words of one having authority. His teachings stirred, and he commanded. It was impossible to hear and ignore. As we learn in today's Gospel, even unclean spirits obeyed Jesus instantly. His authority was unlike any man.

In society today, it is disheartening to see that so many have a disregard for respect or obedience. Even those of great character and in authority are ignored and disobeyed. Many people see obedience as a sign of weakness. But, in fact, it's a virtue: obedience is a means to holiness, and its presence is a sign of holiness in an individual, in our nation, and in our Church.

Obedience seems to have gone out of style. It is portrayed as dangerously opposed to human freedom, individual worth, and personal responsibility. But, true freedom, Saint John Paul II taught, is not being able to do whatever you want, whenever you want. True freedom lies in the fact that you are free to do what you ought to do. True freedom carries with it, great responsibility. That's probably what makes it so unpopular. Obedience is a means that leads to holiness. It is a great training tool of all virtues. Saint Gregory the Great once said, "Obedience is the only virtue that implants the other virtues in the heart and preserves them after they have been implanted."

Notice, throughout the Gospels, Jesus Christ not only speaks with authority, but He acts with authority. With authority he expels unclean spirits. In a passage from the Letter to the Hebrews we're told: "Son though He was, he learned obedience through what he suffered." And so, as it was for the Lord, it is for us — authority, holiness comes through obedience, through living that obedience in our lives. Like Christ, our actions, our outward appearance is an indication of our interior spirit. The two need to be in line with each other. That's what gives us credibility. That's what gave the Lord credibility and authority in His teaching. So, even though it's not always easy, it's what we should strive for in our lives. It is possible. I urge to you become obedient to the authority and commands of Christ the Lord.

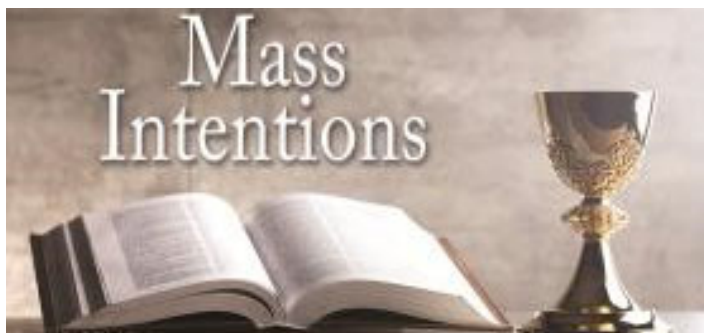
Each year, The Diocese of Joliet conducts its Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. It will officially begin in a few weeks. The mailing for this year's appeal has already gone out or will be soon. Thank you for your past generosity to this important appeal. I pray that we reach and hopefully exceed our \$52,400 target goal! I thank you for a quick response and future generosity. Many people will be receiving the mailing from Bishop Hicks regarding the appeal. I ask you to reflect on God's gifts to you. Simply do what you can and offer your support to the work of the Diocese of Joliet. If everyone does something, we should have no trouble meeting and exceeding our target goal. Together, let us continue to build up the Church and further the work of Jesus Christ in our own lives, in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Joliet. Let us be courageous, faith-filled, and enthusiastic in our witness to the faith of Jesus Christ!

Tuesday, February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. This Feast was, at one time, the feast that closed the Christmas season. Tuesday's feast celebrates Jesus, the light of the world, who dispels the darkness of sin and death. That is why this day traditionally is designated by the Church for the blessing of candles; hence the feast's traditional name, "Candlemas." May the word of God proclaimed on this feast of Candlemas inspire us to bring the light of Christ to a world longing for hope and peace.

On Wednesday, February 3, the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Blase. Because of pandemic restrictions, we are required to follow, a general blessing of throats will be given at the 8:00 am Mass. No individual blessings will be given this year. For many centuries, Saint Blase has been the patron saint of those with ailments of the throat, and likewise, he has been the saint to ask for his prayers to protect you from throat ailments and every other illness. Saint Blase is seen as one example of the power given to those who have given themselves entirely to Jesus. With faith, we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for St. Blase's protection. As we receive the sacramental grace of this blessing from the Church, let us ask for the intercession of Saint Blase and for the healing touch of the Lord in our lives. Also, let us pray on this day that the pandemic will no longer plague us and the world. Pray for everyone to have good health, for a quick end to the pandemic and for God's continued blessings upon our lives and on our parish!

*Blessings in the Lord Jesus through His Holy Mother, Mary and Saint Joseph,*

*Fr. Noesen*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 31</b> ( <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 †Josephine Sweeney People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 1</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Mary Lou Dubois
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 2</b> ( <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple</i> )
8:00 am	†Biagio Gariti
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 3</b> ( <i>Saint Blasé, Bishop/Martyr; Blessing of Throats at Mass</i> )
8:00 am	†Jose Razon
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 4</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Michael Pellegrino
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 5</b> ( <i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i> )
8:00 am	†Beverly Balke
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6</b> ( <i>St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i> )
8:00 am	†Derek Williams - <i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6</b> ( <i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
5:00 pm	†Owen Bolger †Michael Calendo †Robert Hoffman †Irene Jaros †Elizabeth Lisak †Andrzej Szymikowski
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 7</b> ( <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
8:30 am	†Richard Grabher
10:00 am	For an End to Abortion
11:30 am	†Susan Dial †John Elia †Giuseppe Fricano †Jean Matthies People of the Parish

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



## Crochet for a Cause!

A MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP  
DEDICATED TO MAKING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Tuesday, February 2 | 10:00 am  
(Margaret Woods Hall)

The crochet group makes plastic sleeping mats for the homeless using grocery store type plastic bags. The mats help insulate from the cold and damp, but also making laying on cement a bit more comfortable.

If you are an experienced crochet hobbyist, bring a P or Q hook, and bags will be provided. If crocheting isn't your thing, but would like to help, then come with a pair of sharp scissors to cut plastic bags and roll into balls.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. Work spaces will be set up for safe distancing of 6' apart.

Please contact the Parish Center if you have any questions.

The crochet group is also in need of grocery store type plastic bags to continue creating plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. Please drop off at the Parish Center.

## Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Beginning Tuesday, February 2, The Rosary group will resume **GATHERING IN THE CHURCH** to pray the Rosary beginning at 7:15pm.

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

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

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

Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed. Assistance with cleaning will be needed once concluded.



## Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Peter's Church on February 5. Devotion will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

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

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

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 30: 01/24/2021	\$ 11,576.00	\$ 265,394.78

*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](http://givecentral.org/location/1251)

## This Week at St. Peter's...

<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 1</b>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (Virtual - Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 2</b>
10:00 am	Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
8:30 am	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 3</b>
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 4</b>
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 5</b>
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 6</b>
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)



## Schedule

Saturday, February 6 | Sunday, February 7

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Beth McKenna	5:00 pm Chris Kunze
Frank McKenna	8:30 am Lou Casolari
8:30 am Kathy Frank	10:00 am Jean Grote
Rose Ann Roll	11:30 am Paul Gennuso
10:00 am Mel Gerard	
Deacon Fred	
11:30 am Carmela Graziano	
Mike Graziano	

## Pandemic and Winter Weather Woes

The pandemic and winter weather provides a double challenge for our parish. When Covid 19, ice, snow, severe cold or winter illness prevents parishioners from attending weekend Masses our Offertory suffers. This has a direct impact on the funds we have available each week to pay our bills and meet our payroll. The problem becomes even more complicated when we are faced with increased heating and utility and other weekly and monthly bills.

Any extra help that you can give is greatly appreciated. If you do have to miss Mass for reasons of Covid 19, illness or weather, please know how very grateful we are when you drop your Offertory gift off later in the week or go on-line and use our new online giving program through "Give Central". This is a very safe and convenient way to give.

Thank you in advance for helping your parish! God Bless You!

## Thank You!!!

Dear Members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish.

Words cannot express my appreciation for your generosity in "adopting" 16 families from the Itasca Food Pantry Christmas Wish Program.

There were so many words of thanks from the parents when they picked up the gifts for their children. The holiday meals were new this year and were well-received by the clients.

Thank you again for giving 16 families a MERRY and BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Sincerely,

*Linda Aiani*



Saint John Henry Newman really pinpoints how simple and yet how difficult it is to be holy. Newman says in his Meditations and Devotions, "He, then, is perfect, who does the work of the day perfectly, and we need not go beyond this to seek for perfection. You need not go out of the round of the day. I insist on this because I think it will simplify our views, and fix our exertions on a definite aim. If you ask me what you are to do in order to be perfect, I say, first—

*Do not lie in bed beyond the due time of rising;  
 give your first thoughts to God;  
 make a good visit to the Blessed Sacrament;  
 say the Angelus devoutly;  
 eat and drink to God's glory;  
 say the Rosary well;  
 be recollected; keep out bad thoughts;  
 make your evening meditation well;  
 examine yourself daily;  
 go to bed in good time.*



**Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord —  
Candlemas Day  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, we read in the Gospel of Saint Luke that Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow, Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. When Simeon sees the Lord Jesus, he breaks into song, and calls Him A Light to the Nations, and the glory of His people.

In the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the Feast of the Presentation its popular name: Candlemas. In the days before the reform of the liturgy [prior to 1963] all of the candles to be used in church for the coming year would be blessed on this day. Also on this day we bless the candles used for the Feast of Saint Blaise, on which we give the traditional blessing of throats, using blessed candles. It's easy to see why on such a day when candles are so much a part of the day's celebration that the popular name for the Mass celebrated on this feast day is called "candle-Mass" ~ hence the name, Candlemas Day.

Christ himself says, I am the light of the world. And we are the light, we ourselves, if we receive it from Him... But how do we receive it, how do we make it shine?... The candle tells us: *"by burning, and being consumed in the burning. A spark of fire, a ray of love, and inevitable immolation are celebrated over that pure, straight candle, as, pouring forth its gift of light, it exhausts itself in silent sacrifice."* [Pope Paul VI]



**The Feast of Saint Blaise —  
Bishop and Martyr of the early Church  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

For many centuries, Saint Blaise has been the patron Saint of those with ailments of the throat, and likewise, he has been the Saint to ask for his prayers to protect you from throat ailments and every other illness. We know that the Bishop, Blaise, was martyred in Armenia in the year 316. Blaise was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Eventually, he was arrested for his Christian beliefs, and when in prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. At Blaise's command the child was able to cough up the bone.

By the year 800 the custom of blessing throats, using the "blessed candles" from the previous day's feast (Candlemas Day on February 2) was spreading across Europe. Saint Blaise is seen as one example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blaise's protection.

A general Blessing of the Throats will be held at the 8:00 am Mass on Wednesday, the Feast of Saint Blaise.

Sign up for Mass today.



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## February is the Month of The Holy Family

*Catholic Culture*

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. It started almost simultaneously in Canada and France: The Association of the Holy Family was founded in Montreal in 1663, and by the Daughters of the Holy Family in Paris in 1674. This devotion soon spread and in 1893 Leo XIII expressed his approval of a feast under this title and himself composed part of the Office. On account of the flight into Egypt this feast has been observed by the Copts from early times. The feast was welcomed by succeeding Pontiffs as an efficacious means for bringing home to the Christian people the example of the Holy Family at Nazareth, and by the restoration of the true spirit of family life, stemming, in some measure, the evils of present-day society.

In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

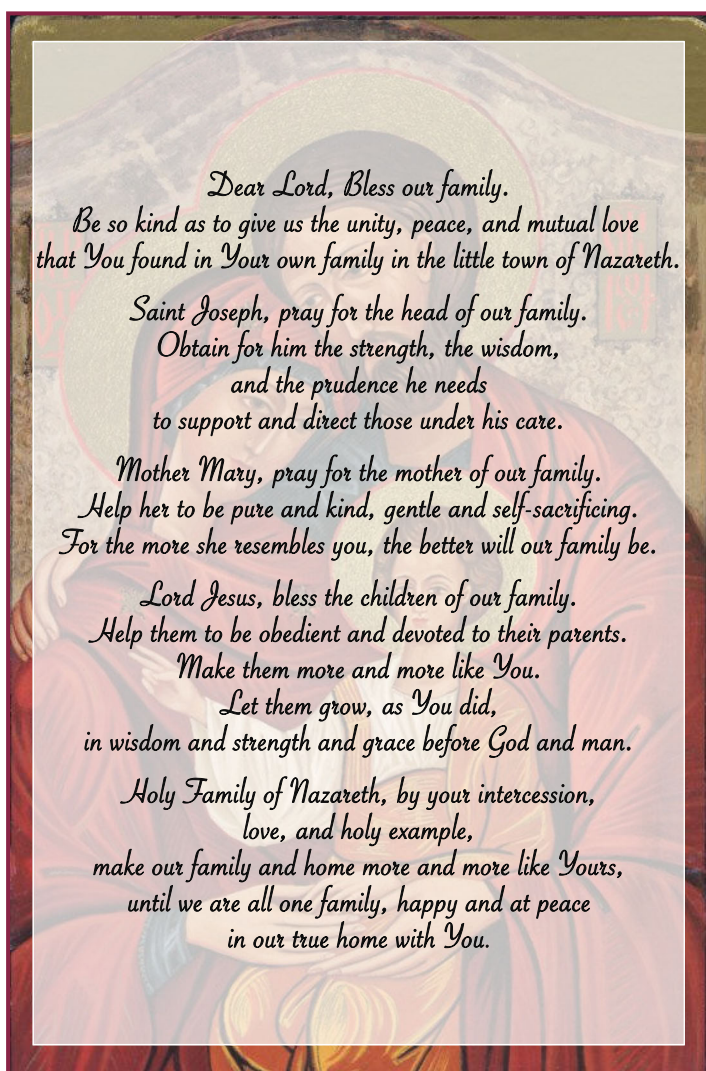
The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. *Saint Pope John Paul II* once said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self" (Nov. 27, 2002).

We should ask ourselves if our own family's model that of the Holy Family. We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. Recognizing this, children should trust their parents and never forget that parents want only what is best for them.

Which leads us to what may be the most important family virtue — forgiveness. Living so intimately within the family nucleus naturally gives rise to unpleasant situations where someone is apt to be offended. St. Paul knew this when he told us to "bear with and forgive one another." The health of our family may depend on how quickly we learn to forgive without harboring feelings of resentment.

No family can thrive and grow without constant work. Even the material details that take time and effort are essential to keeping the family strong. Everyone has to pull together for the good of the family — even to the point of putting ahead of our own needs and ambitions the happiness of other family members, setting aside our own selfish desires.

It is also important to pray as a family, especially the holy rosary. Prayer will help us to intensify our closeness with each other and to learn to forgive.



## The Catholic Answer to Vaccines

January 2021

What is the Catholic teaching on vaccination? Are some vaccines related to abortion? What about the coronavirus/COVID vaccine? This article summarizes official Roman Catholic teaching on vaccination with links to the original documents. Please see below for an updated summary of the different Coronavirus vaccines and their association with cell lines derived from aborted fetal tissue. This document does not discuss the medical risks and benefits of each vaccine.

In an effort to assist the faithful in their discernment regarding vaccination, the Catholic Church has given specific teaching on the use of vaccines, including vaccines derived from aborted fetal tissue. Some of the Coronavirus vaccines that are under development are grown in cell lines that were developed from aborted fetal tissue. These vaccines are also known as “fetal cell line vaccines” or “human diploid cell line vaccines.” The Pontifical Academy for Life teaches that we have a duty to request and use those vaccines which are produced in a morally acceptable way. In the United States, we can make specific vaccine brand choices to avoid vaccines derived from aborted fetal tissue. We are called to make ethical vaccine brand choices for COVID-19 vaccines as well as other types of vaccines (see next column for specific examples).

In 2005, the Pontifical Academy for Life issued a document: “Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses.” The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith also approved this document.

In 2017, The Pontifical Academy for Life released a short document called “Clarifications on the medical and scientific nature of vaccination.” This clarification was written in collaboration with the Italian Bishops’ Conference and the “Ufficio per la Pastorale della Salute” (“Association of Italian Catholic Doctors.”) The 2017 document notes declining vaccination rates in Italy, encourages vaccination, and concludes, “While the commitment to ensuring that every vaccine has no connection in its preparation to any material of originating from an abortion, the moral responsibility to vaccinate is reiterated in order to avoid serious health risks for children and the general population.”

On December 21, 2020, the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith released a “Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-COVID-19 Vaccines.” In this document they reiterate the concepts from the prior documents, stating that it is licit to use COVID-19 vaccines that are associated with aborted fetal tissue if no reasonable alternatives exist, and that “the licit use of such vaccines does not and should not in any way imply that there is a moral endorsement of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses. Both pharmaceutical companies and governmental health agencies are therefore encouraged to produce, approve, distribute and offer ethically acceptable vaccines that do not create problems of conscience for either health care providers or the people to be vaccinated.”

On December 29th, 2020, the Vatican COVID-19 Commission and the Pontifical Academy for Life issued a joint 20-point statement on COVID-19 vaccines entitled, “Vaccine for All: 20 Points for a Fairer and Healthier World.” This paper addresses broad issues related to vaccines, from research and development to patents and commercial exploitation, including approval, distribution and administration.

In the United States, the National Catholic Bioethics center also states that we should choose ethical vaccines when they are available. The NCBC’s “FAQ on the Use of Vaccines” was most recently updated in May, 2020, and is frequently cited by U.S. bishops. Hence, Catholics are called to make ethical vaccine brand choices. Below, we outline the ethics of the different COVID-19 vaccines as well as other common childhood and adult vaccines.

### ***Some, but not all of the Coronavirus/COVID vaccines under development are derived from aborted fetal tissue.***

**Pfizer:** Pfizer/BioNTech’s coronavirus/COVID vaccine known as “BNT162b2” was developed using genetic sequencing on computers without using fetal cells. The HEK-293 abortion-related cell line was used in the testing of this vaccine. This cell line originated from kidney cells from a fetus that was aborted in 1973. No cell line, fetal or otherwise, is required for the ongoing production of this vaccine. This vaccine is currently in use. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine requires “ultra-cold” storage, making distribution difficult. Currently, only hospitals and other large facilities are being considered as distribution locations for this vaccine.

**Moderna:** Moderna’s “mRNA-1273” vaccine does not require aborted fetal cell lines for production but aborted fetal cell lines were used in the development and testing of this vaccine. This vaccine is currently in use. This vaccine does not require ultra-cold freezers, and hence is more available in primary care offices and community clinics.

**AstroZenica:** The AstroZenica/University of Oxford vaccine “AZD1222” does use the HEK-293 cell line for production. This cell line was also used in the development and testing of the vaccine. The AstroZenica vaccine is currently approved for use in the UK, India, and other countries but not the United States. The US probably will not approve this vaccine until April. It does not require ultra-cool storage and is also predicted to be less expensive than other COVID vaccines, two features that may make this vaccine more widely available.

**Johnson & Johnson:** The J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine, “JNJ-78436735” does use the PER.c6 cell line for production. PER.c6 is a proprietary cell line owned by Janssen, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, developed from retinal cells from an 18-week-old fetus aborted in 1985. This vaccine will likely become available to the public in Summer, 2021. This is a single-dose vaccine, unlike other COVID vaccines which require 2 doses.

**Sanofi/GlaxoSmithKline:** The Sanofi/GSK “COVAX” vaccine does not require aborted fetal cell lines for production. GSK produces their vaccine using a modified virus cultivated on insect cells. This vaccine will likely become available to the public in Summer, 2021. The HEK-293 abortion-related cell line was used in the research and development of this vaccine.

Brand choices for common adult vaccines:

Adults need to make a brand choice regarding the shingles vaccine. For adults, the GSK company makes an ethical shingles vaccine called Shingrix. Merck’s vaccine against shingles, Zostavax, is derived from aborted fetal cells.

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*This article was written by Kathleen Berchelmann, MD, a pediatrician and the co-founder of MyCatholicDoctor.*

# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

**PRAY TO PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE!**

## Resources/Articles referenced during each day of the 9 Days for Life Novena

Day 1

*Another Look at Abortion*

([respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion](http://respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion))

Day 2

L.O.V.E Approach ([respectlife.org/l-o-v-e](http://respectlife.org/l-o-v-e))

Day 3

*10 Ways to Support Her When She Is Unexpectedly Expecting*

([respectlife.org/support-her](http://respectlife.org/support-her))

Day 4

*Poverty and Abortion: A Vicious Cycle*

([respectlife.org/poverty-and-abortion](http://respectlife.org/poverty-and-abortion))

Day 5

*How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion*

([uscgb.org/friend-had-abortion](http://uscgb.org/friend-had-abortion))

Day 6

*Accompanying Expectant Mothers Considering Adoption*

([respectlife.org/mothers-considering-adoption](http://respectlife.org/mothers-considering-adoption))

Day 7

*Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life)*

([respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary](http://respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary))

Day 8

*Priorities at the Polls*

([respectlife.org/priorities-at-the-polls](http://respectlife.org/priorities-at-the-polls))

Day 9

*How to Build a Culture of Life*

([respectlife.org/culture-of-life](http://respectlife.org/culture-of-life))



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. You may also contact Nancy Magnus, St. Peter's Pro-life Coordinator, at 630-606-5197.

*Care more than others think necessary.  
Trust more than others think wise.  
Serve more than others think practical.*

~ Anonymous



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

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| Brian Beers      | Gene Mikulecky      |
| Sue Bobka        | Christopher Mizera  |
| Mike Carey       | Harriett Pinkowski  |
| Eunice Cleveland | Bonnie Pollock      |
| Robert Cleveland | Margaret Dell Preto |
| Regina Conti     | Nikki Recchia       |
| Michael Cummins  | Brendan Reidy       |
| Scott Erickson   | Jerry Riordan       |
| Mel Gerard       | Ann Marie Rossi     |
| Mike Graziano    | John Rossi          |
| Gary Grote       | Angela Scanlon      |
| Ken Hemstreet    | Wayne Slowiak       |
| Mary Hosters     | Maria Terracciano   |
| Rickie Kruzel    | Linda Wuerffel      |
| JoLynn Lash      | Deacon Bob Ziomek   |
| Lilly Lima       |                     |

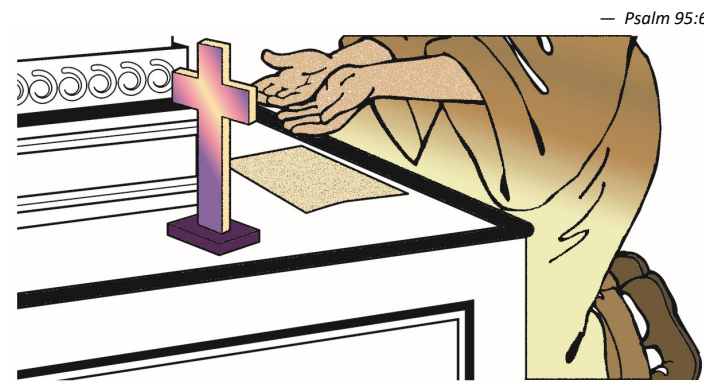
*Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.*

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  
**Tom Pignotti**  
 May he rest in the peace of Christ.

*Come, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.*



**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
- 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](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](mailto: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](mailto: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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If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at [stpeteritasca.com](http://stpeteritasca.com) to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com).

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