

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> 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*)

# Peace



December 5, 2021

## Second Sunday of Advent

## From the Pastor

Dear Parish family,

Once again, the Gospel [Luke 3:1-6] refers to John the Baptist as the one whose role is to prepare us for the One who is to come. This great prophet, the greatest of all prophets, called and still calls all people to conversion of heart to receive the Christ. Ask yourself this Advent, how many times in life do you fail to recognize the presence of Christ in your life because you are seeking something other than Christ's promises to his followers? Christ does not offer an easy path of comfort and consolations.

Why did Christ become a helpless baby at Bethlehem? Why did he take on a fragile human body? Precisely so he could suffer for us to redeem us. What does that mean for our lives as Christians? It means nothing less than the fact that suffering is a gift from God. It is the Father's gentle caress, molding us into the image of his Son. The cross is the source of our fruitfulness, not only in our personal spiritual growth but also in the mission to win graces for others, for all the souls God has mysteriously entrusted to our care.

Christ's desire to embrace suffering rose from his loving obedience to his Father's plan, without condition or limit. This loving obedience is what gives suffering its redemptive value. From the moment of his birth at Bethlehem, Christ shows us what it means to obey with love. Bethlehem is a school of obedience. In Bethlehem, Christ teaches us that only loving obedience frees, only loving obedience redeems and sanctifies, only loving obedience enriches. Loving obedience alone saves, loving obedience alone frees us from sin, and loving obedience alone pleases God. Let us embrace the cross of obedience in the challenging circumstances of our daily lives, in the trials brought by the passing of years, in the sorrow that afflicts us when God calls our loved ones back to him. Loving obedience is the path to holiness, the way to the Father's house.

Let us thank the Lord this Advent for giving us a school of loving obedience at Bethlehem, throughout his life and in his death on the cross. May the Lord help us to embrace all truth and even suffering as Jesus did and to be confident in His power to make me holy and win graces for our soul and all souls.

*Fr. Noesen*



## Mass Intentions For The Week



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 5 (Second Sunday of Advent)</b>
8:30 am	†Luigi Alfano
10:00 am	†Rev. Brian Shepley
11:30 am	†Josephine Fiorante Cirrincione
	†Tim Daly
	†Biagio Gariti
	†Bruce Gariti
	†Witold Rabczko
	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 6 (St. Nicholas, Bishop)</b>
8:00 am	†Harriet Maras
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 7 (St. Ambrose, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 7 (Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
6:30 pm	†Martin, Barbara, Matthew and Bererd Hollander
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 8 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
8:00 am	†Cheryl Fisherkeller
5:15 pm	†Valeria D'Andrea
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 9 (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin)</b>
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 10 (Our Lady of Loreto)</b>
8:00 am	†James Hathaway
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 11 (Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent)</b>
5:00 pm	†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 10884
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 12 (Third Sunday of Advent)</b>
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Kazimierz Zaczer, Aric and Monika Aneszko
11:30 am	†Francesco and Giuseppina Fricano
	†Bruce Gariti
	†Rev. Brian Shepley
	Mary Booth - Special Intention
	For an End to Abortion
	People of the Parish

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18





## St. Peter the Apostle Women's Club

Thursday, December 9, 2021  
7:00 pm

Take some time to unwind and enjoy some Christmas spirit. The ever-popular Christmas BINGO is back!! Please bring a REGIFT item for the prize table. Look around and find an item (**NEW—NOT USED**) that you may have purchased or received as a gift, but haven't found a use for; wrap it; and bring it along for a REGIFT prize. This is a great way to REGIFT, without the worries of getting caught!

We are also doing a collection of **baby items** to help mothers in need, as a way to share Christmas spirit. Please bring **UNWRAPPED, NEW clothing, diapers and accessories** to support this outreach project.

**Pizza will be served.** Ladies are invited to bring a side and/or favorite holiday Christmas cookies or dessert.

Coffee, tea and punch will be provided or feel free to bring a beverage of choice.

Feel free to contact Rose Ann Roll to help with hospitality.

### ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Parish Center —  
by phone at 630-773-1272 ext 200  
or by e-mail at [office@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:office@stpeteritasca.com)

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE — *Light-up someone's holiday*

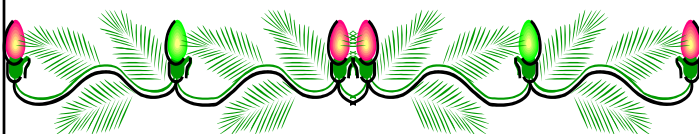
It is time again for St. Peter's parishioners to pick an ornament from the **Giving Tree**. This project benefits Catholic Charities as well as local needy families.



### Here is how it works:

The giving tree is up and available for parishioners to select a "tag" with information about a gift for a needy person. Parishioners are asked to purchase a new gift as suggested on the "tag" (please no used items); wrap the gift and affix the "tag" securely to the package; and, return to the boxes in the back of church by **Saturday, December 11**.

Please note that each gift is designated for a specific individual and if you take an "tag" and do not return a gift, someone will be disappointed on Christmas.



## Wood Dale Advantage Healthcare (Abortion Clinic) Closing Prayer Service

After 7 years of prayer from countless prayer warriors and sidewalk counselors, our prayers have been answered and the Wood Dale abortion clinic at 203 E. Irving Park Road is no longer in operation. A Prayer Service will be held to thank and praise God for the closing of the clinic. Let's remember all those babies who never saw the light of day and were defenseless against their parents' wish to end their lives.

### CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE

Wood Dale Advantage Healthcare  
203 E Irving Park Road | Wood Dale, Illinois  
Sunday, Dec. 5 | 2:30-3:30 pm

Father Dan Hoehn, Pastor of St. Michael in Wheaton, will lead us in prayer.

For additional information please contact fellow parishioner, Nancy Magnus, at 630-606-5197.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

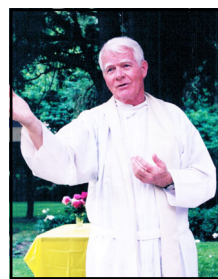
## KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

Continuing this weekend, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets and window clings (*while supplies last*).

A donation \$5.00 is suggested to help support this effort.



## FATHER JOHN PROJECT



The "Father John Project" will take place **Thursday, December 9, at 8:30 am** (*following morning mass*).

The prayer service will include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The focus of the "Father John Project" is to take action through prayer for conversion.

## GRIEF MINISTRY

**NEXT WEEKEND—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 9:30 am**

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people facing similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry. Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room**.

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Deacon Fred (630-773-4412)

## Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life*  
St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 22: 11/28/2021	\$ 8,632.00	\$ 221,551.71
Fiscal Week 21: 11/21/2021	\$ 10,299.00	\$ 212,919.71

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).



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)

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of November 10, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$346,102.14. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

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>Monday</b>	<b>December 6</b>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (Old PC)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 7</b>
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 8</b>
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 9</b>
9:00 am	"Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm	Women's Club (MW Parish Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 11</b>
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 12</b>
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)



## Schedule

Saturday, December 11 | Sunday, December 12

### Communion Ministers

5:00 pm	Bill Kolf
	Deacon Fred
8:30 am	Kathy Frank
	Maryanne Kveck
10:00 am	Ann Fleming
	Frank Vale
11:30 am	Mike Graziano
	Carmela Graziano

### Lectors

5:00 pm	John Los
8:30 am	Lou Casolari
10:00 am	Mel Gerard
11:30 am	Diane Blackburn



## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Like the women and men religious shown here, thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to helping others—ministering in Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Most served for little pay. Today, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Please give at your local parish.

To donate by mail:  
National Religious Retirement Office  
3211 Fourth Street NE  
Washington DC 20017-1194  
Make check payable to  
Retirement Fund for Religious.

[retiredreligious.org](https://retiredreligious.org)

Visit [retiredreligious.org/2021photos](https://retiredreligious.org/2021photos) to meet the religious pictured.  
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Please be generous to next weekend's special collection

## Cross and Offertory Gift Bearers

Thank you to this weekend's cross and gift bearers:

	CROSS	GIFTS
5:00 pm	—	—
8:30 am	—	—
10:00 am	—	Auggie Kostelnick & family
11:30 am	—	—



## 2021 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON

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### *Welcome to the Solemn Celebrations of the Lord!*

#### **+Advent Confessions before Christmas+**

Saturdays | 4:15pm + Wednesdays | 8:30am

First Saturday, December 4 | 8:30am

Saturday, December 18 | 9:00am - 3:00pm

(held at Mary, Queen of Heaven Church, 430 N. West Avenue, Elmhurst)

Deanery priests will be available to hear confessions in English, Spanish, and Polish

#### **+Last Confessions before Christmas+**

Sunday, December 19 | following 11:30am Mass *until all are heard*

Wednesday, December 23 | 8:30am *until all are heard* | 7:00pm *until all are heard*

(Note: These will be the last scheduled Confessions before Christmas; Confessions resume January 1 at 4:15pm)

### **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

First Friday, December 3 | 8:00am - 8:00pm

*Come and worship the Lord and grow closer to Him through prayer!*

### **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Tuesday, December 7 | 6:30pm *Vigil Mass*

Wednesday, December 8 | 8:00am • 5:15pm

### **BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS BAMBINOS**

*Bring the blessing of the Church into your home during the Christmas Season –*

Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 18 and 19

Bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your Nativity set (CLEARLY LABELED) to Mass.

When you arrive to Mass, place Baby Jesus in the Christmas stable in church.

Father will bless the figures during Mass – the blessing will take place at all Masses this weekend.

### **+SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS+**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES**

Friday, December 24 | 3:00pm • 5:00pm • 9:00pm (*Carols begin at 8:45pm*)

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Saturday, December 25 | 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

*Join us for the Octaves of Christmas Weekday Masses ~*

December 27-31 | 8:00am

### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD / NEW YEAR**

Friday, December 31 | 4:00pm *Vigil Mass*

Saturday, January 1 | 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am

*The Christmas Season extends from Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord ~  
December 25th through January 9th*

# Skip the Madness of the Mall...

 SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO 

## St Peter's School Hall

### SAVE THE DATE—

Wednesday, December 15 | 6:30 pm

for

DINNER and...

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS...oh my!

Bring the kids to enjoy a pasta dinner, followed by cookies, cocoa and time with Santa Claus

Don't forget a camera to capture your visit with Santa!

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with this event, please contact Toni Pietrowski (630-773-1272 ext. 216 / [religioused@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:religioused@stpeteritasca.com))

In order to help the planning team prepare for the event, please complete and submit a reservation form along with \$10.00 per family to help offset the cost. Registration is also available on the parish website.

Deadline: December 12

## COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

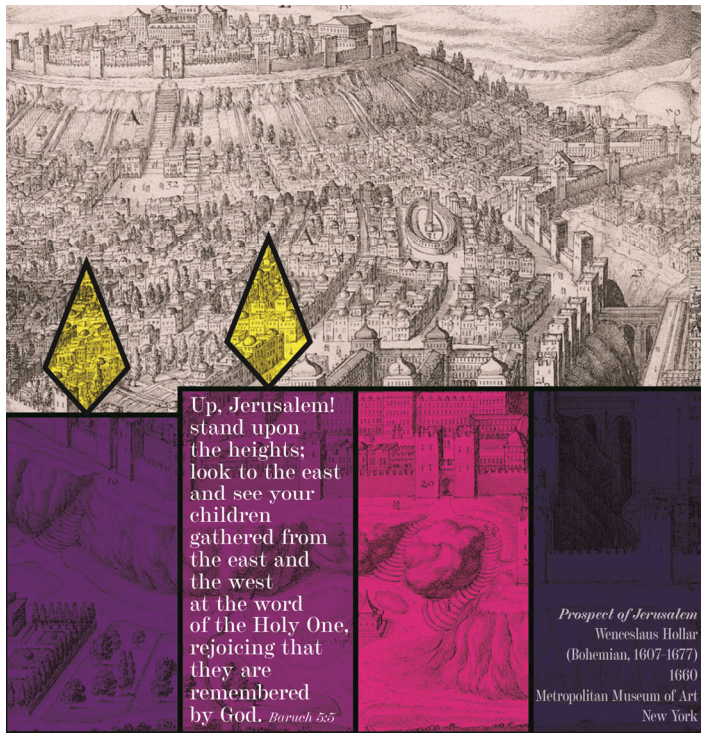
Number of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check ☐ Cash

*Please return via collection basket, Parish Center or have your child submit to Religious Ed class.*

Deadline: December 12





## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk. 3:1-6)*

Behold the Lord will come... John [the Baptist] knows that God is preparing something very great, something for which he is to be the instrument; and he himself points in the direction that the Holy Spirit shows him. We know much more now about what it was that God had in mind for humanity. We know Christ and His Church, we have the sacraments. The doctrine of salvation has been perfectly marked out for us... We know that the world needs Christ to reign, we know that the happiness and salvation of all mankind depend on Him. We have Christ Himself; the same Christ whom John the Baptist knew and announced. We are witnesses and precursors. We have to bear witness and at the same time we have to show others the way. Our responsibility is great, because to be Christ's witnesses implies first and foremost that we should try to live our lives according to his doctrine, that we should struggle to make our actions remind others of Jesus and His most loveable personality.

— *In Conversation with God, Daily Meditations, Volume One: Advent and Christmastide*

## Reflection on St. John the Baptist

*Bishop Robert Barron*

Friends, today's Gospel presents John the Baptist as a revolutionary.

Advent is best understood as a preparation for a revolution. The liturgical readings for this time of the year—focusing on Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary, and Jesus—positively crackle with energy and electricity. When we seek to understand them on their own terms and in the context of the time in which they were written, we discover their revolutionary power.

Around the year 30, an alarming figure appeared in the Judean desert, wearing animal skins and eating locusts and wild honey; and his theme hearkened back to the prophet Isaiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John the Baptist was telling his listeners to make ready for the arrival of the God of Israel as a conquering King who would, once again, overthrow the oppressors of his people.

And the revolution arrived in the person of a young Galilean rabbi, whose message was simple and unambiguous: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand." Jesus was saying that the new King has arrived and he's begun his work; so change your lives and come under his lordship.

### Reflect:

***How can truly living the Gospel today be as countercultural as John the Baptist was in his time?***





## Mary's Immaculate Conception

On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin:

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church. (*United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, 142-143)

Even before this tenet of the faith was formally declared, a long tradition of faith that held this belief that Mary was conceived without sin:

This feast was celebrated in some monasteries before the beginning of the eighth century and became widespread in the eighteenth century. In the United States, celebration of this observance predates the Declaration of Independence. The bishops commended the nation to the patronage of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception in 1846. It became a nationwide holy day in 1885.

(*Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints*, 120)



### Prayer to The Immaculate Conception Patroness of Our Land

(Written at the behest of Our Lady,  
October 5, 1956 by Sister Mary Ephrem)

Oh Immaculate Mother, Queen of our country, open our hearts, our homes, and our land to the coming of Jesus, your Divine Son. With Him, reign over us, O heavenly Lady, so pure and so bright with the radiance of God's light shining in and about you. Be our leader against the powers of evil set upon wresting the world of souls, redeemed at such a great cost by the sufferings of your Son and of yourself, in union with Him, from that same Savior, Who loves us with infinite charity.

We gather about you, O chaste and holy Mother, Virgin Immaculate, Patroness of our beloved Land, determined to fight under your banner of holy purity against the wickedness that would make all the world an abyss of evil, without God and without your loving maternal care.

We consecrate our hearts, our homes, our Land to your Most Pure Heart, O great Queen, that the kingdom of your Son, our Redeemer and our God, may be firmly established in us.

We ask no special sign of you, sweet Mother, for we believe in your great love for us, and we place in you our entire confidence. We promise to honor you by faith, love, and the purity of our lives according to your desire.

Reign over us, then, O Virgin Immaculate, with your Son, Jesus Christ. May His Divine Heart and your most chaste Heart be ever enthroned and glorified among us. Use us, your children of America, as your instruments of peace among men and nations. Work your miracles of grace in us, so that we may be a glory to the Blessed Trinity, Who created, redeemed, and sanctifies us. May your valiant spouse, St. Joseph, with the holy Angels and Saints, assist you and us in "renewing the face of the earth." Then when our work is over, come, Holy Immaculate Mother, and as our Victorious Queen, lead us to the eternal kingdom, where your Son reigns forever as King.

*Amen.*







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

**Milani Rose**

*child of Frank and Nicole (Gallucci) Pope*

**Elena Lee**

*child of Edward and Erika (Hamby) Kryger*

**Milo Vincent**

*child of Kevin and Monica (Piotrowski) Moore*

**Emma Lill**

*child of Erik and Mary (Sheffer) Maros*

who were baptized during the month of November 2021



**Benjamin Reiff and Emily Koss**

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony  
on Saturday, November 6, 2021*



**Matthew Eder and Rosangela Colella**

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony  
on Friday, November 26, 2021*



**Matthew Eder and Rosangela Colella**

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony  
on Saturday, November 27, 2021*

**O Lord, bless these couples,  
keep them holy and pure in their lives,  
deepen their spirit of prayer  
and love for you and each other.**

### In Memoriam

*Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of*

**Father Thomas Botheroyd**

**JoAnn Fiore**

*and*

**James Moylan**

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*



*God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.*  
— Jeremiah 33:15

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

Joann Anderson	Mel Gerard	John North
Michelle Anderson	Mike Graziano	Raffaela Olenek
Sue Bobka	Gary Grote	Holly Vana
Elio Campanella	Virginia Halac	Tom Vana
Mike Carey	Martha Hayes	Janina Piotrowski
Gerri Ciucci	Ken Hemstreet	Harriett Pinkowski
Eunice Cleveland	Mary Hosters	Bonnie Pollock
Robert Cleveland	Anne Keeton	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Rickie Kruzel	Ann Marie Rossi
Marie Costable	JoLynn Lash	John Rossi
Colin Cummins	Lilly Lima	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	Anthony Mazzucchi	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Michael Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Linda Wuerffel
Paul Cummins	Christopher Mizera	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Jeanne Finn	Richard Mrugacz	Carol Zell
Gerri Gerard	Julie Mulcahey	

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 December prayers for the  
Church and for the world:

### CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the  
Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and  
creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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  
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

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phone: 630-606-5197**Knights of Columbus** ..... e-mail: knights@stpeteritasca.com**Italian Catholic Federation (Branch 418)**  
**Nick Tenerelli, Pres.**      phone: 847-224-9324**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm  
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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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). Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.



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### Invitation to Register!

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