

# 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*)

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

*A voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”*

*Luke 3:22*



# From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

As the Season of Christmas officially ends today, on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I want to thank those of you who helped to make our Christmas celebrations and festivities so beautiful here at St. Peter the Apostle Parish. Though this beautiful season is ending, the blessings and encouragement of faith we have received in this holy season should continue throughout the coming New Year of 2022. I am most grateful to all those who gave me your prayers, cards, and gifts this past Christmas. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, kindness, and generosity.

Thank you, too, to all those who responded generously to the Christmas collection, and I ask those who have missed Christmas Mass to consider making a Christmas gift to the parish. With the COVID shutdowns and restrictions placed upon us, many parishioners have continued to stay away from Mass; as a result, the Christmas collections are down over \$5000 when compared to last year.

The monies from the Christmas collection are a significant part of our annual operating budget and a shortfall will impact our ability to continue to maintain and improve the parish grounds and buildings. So, I ask that you please be generous to the needs of the parish.

No matter how small or large, any donation also helps pay down our church construction debt of \$346,000. Each month, the parish sends a check to the Diocese of Joliet towards the debt because of your generosity. It is my goal to pay down this debt to avoid additional finance charges.

In the new year, my prayer is for everyone to make the effort to stay close to Jesus, share your faith, and become stronger in your practice of the Catholic Faith. Encourage your family and others in this new year to join you for Mass each Sunday, Holy Days of Obligation, and the overall life of the parish. We may be putting away the decorations of the season, but, with them, do not pack up your heart and all the blessings and goodwill Christmas has brought.

May the wonder of the eternal love and mercy of Jesus Christ be with you and your families in the New Year!

*Fr. Noesen*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 9</b> ( <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> )
8:30 am	†Virginia Williams
10:00 am	†Annette Cardone
11:30 am	†Leo Carr
	†Giuseppina Fricano
	†Erlinda Maliwanag
	†Michael Mulcahy
	†Shawn Sweeney
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 10</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	For an End to Abortion
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 11</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Bill Franz
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 12</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Michael Pensa
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 13</b> ( <i>Weekday; St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> )
8:00 am	†Mary Bredin
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 14</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Edward Filipek
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 15</b> ( <i>Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
5:00 pm	†Dennis Novak
	†Michael and Alex Ventresca
	Mike and Kris Slaughter - Special Intention
	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 16</b> ( <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
8:30 am	†Cheryl Fisherkeller
10:00 am	†Margaret Grice
11:30 am	†Scott Erickson
	†Giuseppina Ribaudo
	†Virginia Williams

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11



## Sacred Music at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish

### CANTOR MINISTRY

Our parish has a very small team of cantors who volunteer a significant amount of time preparing themselves vocally, musically and spiritually to lead us in liturgical song. Cantors bring to the ministry at least some experience, having sung seriously in choirs, or as soloists. The cantor's primary role is to lead the psalm during the Liturgy of the Word, in dialogue with the congregation. They also assist the congregation by leading the other parts of the liturgy.

Our worship of and prayer to Almighty God should be of good quality and true beauty. However, this depends on the Holy Spirit and our use of the gifts and talents that our God has bestowed upon each of us.

Cantors do not need to have "soloist quality" voices. Rather, they should be able to sing in tune, have some proficiency in reading music, and sufficient time to devote to rehearsal and preparation.

This ministry is of utmost importance to our parish. Cantors must be willing to serve at 2 to 4 Masses each month, sometimes twice in a weekend.

**A Cantors' Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 13, at 7:00pm in the church.**

Teens and adults who feel called to this ministry are invited and encouraged to contact Fr. Noesen or one of our parish musicians for additional information. Training will be provided. Thank you for your consideration in answer to this much-needed ministry at our parish.

### THE BELLS ARE RINGING!!!

If you can read music (*not really a requirement*), can count and want to be a part of a unique choir, the St. Peter Adult Handbell Choir is waiting for you. The choir is currently in need of people to complete the ensemble.

Practices will be starting up again on January 12, and are held weekly on Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15pm in the choir loft. The choir plays once a month at various masses.

For more information or if you would like a free lesson to try ringing the bells first please call Linda Aiani at 630-773-8518.



## Sister Rose Marie Tulacz / Notre Dame Creations Ministry – at St. Peter's THIS Weekend

### *Supporting Sisters of Notre Dame Outreach*

Stop by the narthex after the Masses **THIS weekend** — January 8-9 to view the award-winning fine art photography of Sister Rose Marie Tulacz, including liturgical, nature, and landscape images. **Cards, prints, and framed artwork will be available for sale.**

All proceeds support the spiritual and humanitarian outreach of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Learn more at [www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com](http://www.sisterrosemarietulacz.com)

I invited Sister to share her art with our parish after meeting her at the priests' convocation in October, where learned of her ministry and the great needs her Notre Dame Creations ministry supports.

Please give Sister Rose Marie a warm St. Peter the Apostle welcome.

- **Father Noesen**

### GRIEF MINISTRY

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people facing similar struggles, 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:

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

**THIS WEEKEND—SUNDAY, JANUARY 9 | 9:30 am**



## Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life*  
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 26 (01/02/2022): \$ 9,857.67  
 Christmas Collection (as of 01/04/2022): \$ 29,307.00

*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 December 10, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$334,513.31. 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...

- Sunday January 9**  
9:30 am Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)
- Tuesday January 11**  
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday January 12**  
8:30 am Confessions (Church)  
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
- Thursday January 13**  
7:00 pm Cantors' Meeting (Church)
- Saturday January 15**  
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)  
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday January 16**  
8am-2 pm Parish Blood Drive (MW Parish Hall)  
9:30 am RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)

### Remember Saint Peter the Apostle Parish...

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. It is a statement of gratitude to Christ and His Church for the gift of faith and for the nurturing of that faith you have received in this life, which hopefully sustained you and helped you along to eternal life.

Additionally, keep in mind that supporting the parish through regular weekly and holiday giving is also a wonderful way to make a response of faith, help your parish in its mission to make the Lord Jesus known, as well as to assist with your charitable giving deductions for income tax purposes.

Please contact Missy Rubino, Parish Accountant, by email at [business@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:business@stpeteritasca.com) or by dialing extension 204, with any questions or to discuss a variety of ways by which you can remember the parish in your will and estate plans. God Bless you for your generosity.



### Schedule

Saturday, January 15 | Sunday, January 16

<i>Communion Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00 pm Valerie Serzen Deacon Bob	5:00 pm Patrick Powers 8:30 am Lou Casolari
8:30 am Kathy Frank Deacon Bob	10:00 am Nancy Magnus 11:30 am Paul Gennuso
10:00 am Mel Gerard Deacon Fred	
11:30 am Mary McNamara Deacon Fred	



Thank you to everyone who has signed up and used AmazonSmiles for online shopping.

For those not familiar with the program — if you shop online at Amazon and sign in through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases to St. Peter the Apostle when it is designated as your favorite charitable organization—no fees, no extra cost.

As of December, the parish has received almost **\$575** through this program.

To find out more about the program and to register St. Peter the Apostle (Itasca) as your charitable account, visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

Thank you for your support!



For more information  
or to get involved,  
email [knights@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:knights@stpeteritasca.com)

### Did you know...

- With the support of St. Peter’s parishioners, Knights of Columbus Council 10884 presented 800 pounds of food and \$1,211 in monetary donations to the Itasca Food Pantry in December 2021. **Thanks to all of our parishioners for their generosity!**
- Thanks to the Knights’ connections at the North Pole, Santa Claus visited St. Peter’s following the Christmas Eve Children’s Mass! Santa presented a gift to Baby Jesus in the Manger and candy canes and gifts were provided to children of all ages!
- In keeping with long-standing Itasca tradition, the Knights of Columbus helped place Christmas Eve Luminaria around church grounds, including a path to Mother Mary in front of the school building.
- St. Peter’s Knights of Columbus are sponsoring parish blood drives on January 16 (with Versiti), and on June 5 (with Vitalant). **Come out and donate the gift of life!**
- Come join your friends at the Knights of Columbus **Cupids Ball** on February 12!  
**Make plans now and purchase your tickets soon!**



### SAVE THE DATE

Make Plans to Attend

## Cupid's Ball

Knights of Columbus Council 10884  
invites you to an evening of  
dinner, dancing, raffles and more!!!

**Saturday, February 12, 2022**

Belvedere Events and Banquets • Elk Grove Village, Illinois

#### CASH RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

1st Prize..... \$1,500.00  
2nd Prize ..... \$ 500.00  
5 Prizes ..... \$ 100.00 each

Please contact Chairperson, Nick Alfano (630-595-9318), or Tom Kryger (630-773-9392) with any questions. You can also send an e-mail to [knights@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:knights@stpeteritasca.com) or visit us on Facebook at "St Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus - Itasca"



**Sunday  
January**

**16**

8:00AM – 2:00PM

Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy  
meal and drink plenty of  
water before donating.

PHOTO ID & MASK  
REQUIRED.

Call (800) 770-GIVE with  
eligibility questions.



**St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church &  
Knights Of Columbus Council #10884**

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE  
Located at St Peter Church - Margaret Woods Hall  
551 N Rush St. Itasca

All donors will receive socks this winter to remind  
them how giving warms the heart!

EVERY DONOR WILL SAVE UP TO 3 LIVES!

Please make an appointment on-line:  
<https://bit.ly/DonateBlood-1-16-22>

Or Scan QR Code ----->

Appointments preferred; Walk-ins are welcome!





### Little Sisters of the Poor

Weekend of January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Each year, every parish within the Diocese of Joliet is to welcome a religious and missionary order. This was not done last year because of the Covid restrictions. This year, I invited the Little Sisters of the Poor of Saint Joseph’s Home in Palatine. The Sisters will speak at all the Masses on January 15 and 16, so that we too may support them and their much-needed ministry and service to God’s Elderly poor.

Through their founder, Saint Jean Jugan, they have established a religious community in the Church that brings the helping, healing, loving, and saving hand of Jesus Christ into the lives of His beloved elderly poor. Through the Sisters’ message and appeal, you and I are being given the incredible honor and privilege of assisting them in their beautiful work of “bringing” and “being” Christ to others. While our gifts assist the sisters in their work, I truly believe that WE are the ones receiving; WE are the ones being given the opportunity to grow in holiness; and WE owe them a debt of gratitude for coming to us and allowing us (in our own way — each according to the blessings we have received) to be Christ to his poor. What a blessing, what a privilege, and what an honor to be able to put the message of the charity into action in a very tangible way.

Let us welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor, be attentive to their message, and generous in our response. I also want to encourage you to pray for vocations to this beautiful way of living religious life. Perhaps there are some young ladies interested in talking to the sisters about this beautiful vocation? Let us know — and one way or another we can help you explore the possibility. The Sisters’ visit next weekend should be a wonderful time for all of us to grow in charity and in holiness... let us open our hearts and let the love of Jesus fill us up!

*Fr. Noesen*



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
ST. JOSEPH’S HOME



Dear St. Peter the Apostle Parishioners:

Words cannot express my gratitude for your generosity to the Christmas Wish Program for the families of the Itasca Food Pantry.

Parents were in awe as they picked up the brightly wrapped gifts. They expressed their thanks several times. Thank you cards are on display in Margaret Woods Hall for anyone wishing to read them.

As a member of the parish, I am so proud of our response to this important program for the less fortunate. Your monetary donations to the holiday meals were above and beyond expectations.

Again, words cannot express my thanks.

May 2022 be a great year for all of us!

God Bless.

*Linda Aianni*

### Stepping Up



Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for a virtual class that promotes empowerment, peace, and ways to cope with life during this difficult season. Meeting virtually on Tuesdays for 8 weeks January 25<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:30 am



During this time, more than ever we need to take care of ourselves and keep moving in a positive direction. Stepping Up is a group that offers support, encouragement, and practical steps to make life feel more manageable. Stepping Up is a nonjudgmental environment to share feelings and gain helpful skills for a better life.

**Topics include:**

- Living beyond your past
- Coping during a pandemic
- Time management
- Goal setting
- Effective communication
- Budgeting
- Boundaries
- Racial and cultural identity

Need assistance connecting?

All you need is a device with a camera and microphone and we can help!

To register, contact Joy Newburn at (630) 519-6547 or [jnewburn@cc-doj.org](mailto:jnewburn@cc-doj.org)

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We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.





## Opening the Word: On Jordan's Banks

Catherine Cavadini  
January 3, 2022

In this Sunday's Gospel, Luke brings us to the edge of the Jordan River, where John is baptizing all those who wish to repent and begin a new life. Indeed, Luke says that "everyone" is coming — "crowds" of people are seeking to be baptized. As the passage in Luke 3 unfolds, we learn that even Jesus comes to be baptized by John in the Jordan River.

As Luke tells it, the baptism of Jesus is quite an extraordinary event: "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'" (3:21-22). Wow! The heavens opened! The Holy Spirit appeared! God's voice was heard! That man, praying right there in the water, is the beloved Son.

Maybe we, too, wish we had been on the banks of the Jordan River that day?

Today, the Jordan River doesn't look like much. As it winds its way down Israel's eastern border, water is siphoned off for irrigation again and again. If we were to travel to Israel with the expectation of a mighty and magnificent river — a river fit for God and the dramatic baptism of Our Lord — we would be disappointed.

But, then again, we shouldn't be! The real drama of Luke's narrative is evidenced by the historical ordinariness of the Jordan River. As Luke leads us to the edge of the Jordan, he brings us through the history of first-century Israel into which God entered. In Luke 3, we learn about the high priests and the Roman governors, and we also read Jesus' genealogy. The Jordan River, marked as it is by history, is evidence of the mystery of the Incarnation. This river is evidence that God himself entered our history as a man, so as to love us. This unimpressive river is the place to which God himself came. Thus, we should not be disappointed: This scene is an image of the Gospel.

Accordingly, Jesus came to John at the Jordan River precisely when a crowd of people had gathered there. As we know, these crowds desired new life. They came to the waters because they desired conversion. In *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that conversion is not so much a turning away from, but a turning toward. Thus, the call of the Gospel is also imaged in this scene: The whole repentant crowd is turned toward Christ.

And, as recalled above, we know what they see and hear. But let's take a closer look.

They see Christ being baptized and praying to the Father. They see the heavens torn open and the descent of the Spirit. They hear God call Jesus, "the beloved Son," the one with whom God is "well pleased." To take a closer look, we have to ask what the crowds are truly witnessing when they see all this. In his book *"Jesus of Nazareth,"* Pope Benedict XVI puts it this way: "Heaven [stood] open above Jesus." The crowd witnessed the union between the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. They witness the life and the love of the Trinity; the new life they seek.

The extent of this love is shown in Christ coming to this place and entering into the waters of the Jordan with the "crowd," with "everyone." Reading and reflecting on Luke's Gospel, we, too, are a part of this "crowd," this "everyone." We are on the banks of the Jordan. "Heaven is open above us." God's love flows in and floods all around us.

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*Catherine Cavadini, Ph.D., is the assistant chair of the Department of Theology and director of the Master's in Theology program at the University of Notre Dame.*

# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE!

**JANUARY 19-27, 2022**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



4 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican, Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

Knights of Columbus Council 10884 and St. Peter's Right to Life Ministry are joining with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to promote the 9 Day Novena for Life and to observe the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision which legalized abortion 49 years ago this month.

A nightly Rosary and Reflection will take place in the Church January 19-27 at 7:15pm.

Everyone is invited to participate and join in prayer for the protection of all life. If you cannot participate in Church any or all of the nine evenings of prayer, then you are encouraged to pray on your own during the nine days of the novena.

Additional information about the novena can be found at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). If you have any questions, please contact parishioner Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.



## Blessing for Baptism of The Lord

May God, the source and origin of all blessing,  
grant you grace,  
pour out his blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm throughout the year.  
Amen.

May he give you integrity of faith,  
endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity  
with holy patience to the end.  
Amen.

May he order your days and your deeds in his peace,  
grant your prayers in this and in every place,  
and lead you happily to eternal life.  
Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on you and remain with you for ever.  
Amen.

—Roman Missal, Solemn Blessings, "The Beginning of the Year"



**Vocations Office**

**Pray for Vocations to the Holy Priesthood!**

Every person in the world has a vocation, a calling from God. The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Joliet attempts to help all people discern their vocation. If the Vocations Office cannot help you directly, we will try to connect you with the people that can help you.

**Reverend Steven Borello**  
*Vocations Director*

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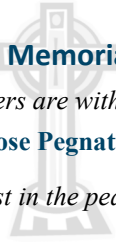


**In Memoriam**

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

**Rose Pognataro**

*May she rest in the peace of Christ.*



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

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

*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.*

*“The day of Jesus’ baptism might be compared to the day a couple marries, a priest is ordained, or a woman or man religious pronounces their vows. Each of those is an extension of our baptismal call and grace. As on the day of our baptism, we have precious little idea about all that these commitments will call forth, except that they will call us to live radically, losing ourselves in love and serving others in the manner of Jesus.*

*Today is a good day to renew our baptism and the commitments that have flowed from it. It is always risky to make commitments about an unknown future, but like our Lord, we can trust that the Spirit will lead us to where God will say, ‘You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased.’”*



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

**FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY**

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

*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

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

— Titus 3:5



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**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.



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If you attend Saint Peter the Apostle Church on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your “spiritual home,” we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our Parish Family.

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