

# 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*Behold, the star  
that they had seen  
at its rising preceded them,  
until it came and stopped  
over the place  
where the child was.*

*Matthew 2:9*



January 3, 2021  
The Epiphany of the Lord

# From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family:

As we continue to celebrate the mysteries of Jesus' infancy, we remember the great epiphany, the manifestation of his presence, as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the World, as he showed himself to the wise men, the Magi from the East. Today's feast honors Christ's manifestation of himself to the neighboring pagan religion — to the magi who had discerned his birth from a study of the skies. They are the first of non-believers who come to welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation.

While Israel was, for the most part, ignorant of the Messiah's birth, these foreigners, who were pagans and astrologers, discover him and come to pay him homage. They don't know exactly who he is or what he means, but they know that they are called to worship. In the visit of those magi, the Gentiles taste for the first time the salvation that will soon be extended to them from Jerusalem. Through those Magi, this Jewish Messiah manifests himself for the first time to the non-Jewish world.

As the magi followed the Bethlehem Star, a grand star that would herald the redeemer dwelling among the human race for the first time, may all pagans and worldly people change and follow the Lord. May they no longer follow an earthy redeemer or king but the true and eternal one that once lived among mankind. May this Divine Redeemer and King remain with us and everyone forever. May all people resist the temptation to fall back into pagan ways, evil pursuits and darkness; the things that come from Satan. Even in times of doubt and temptation, may all people remain steadfast in faith and firm in hope and love. We all face temptations to treasure pagan pursuits over divine ones. Remain strong in the grace of Christmas and do not be unshaken by the opinion of others who may try and stifle. Seek a deeper relationship with your God!

Blessings as you grow in faith, hope and love especially in the New Year of 2021.

*Fr. Noesen*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 3 (Epiphany of the Lord)</b>
8:30 am	†Maryann Koback
10:00 am	†John Elia
11:30 am	†Ann Barry †Stefan Hehn †Patricia Vitale
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)</b>
8:00 am	†Jennifer Ruffing
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 5 (St. John Neumann, Bishop)</b>
8:00 am	†Lorraine, Richard, and James Koback
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 6 (Christmas Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Raymond Adrian
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 7 (Christmas Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Maryann Koback
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 8 (Christmas Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Dominick and Teresa DePalma
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9 (Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord)</b>
5:00 pm	†Ann Barry †Levyn and Jean DeMild †Elizabeth Lisak †Eric Sunderman †Andrzej Szymikowski †Michael Ventresca †Patricia Vitale
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10 (Epiphany of the Lord)</b>
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Jean Matthies
11:30 am	For an End to Abortion People of the Parish

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



### The Holy Star

*O Father, may that holy star  
Grow every year more bright  
And send its glorious beams afar  
To fill the world with light.*

—William Cullen Bryant

### Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Until further notice, Tuesday Rosary will take place virtually via Zoom.

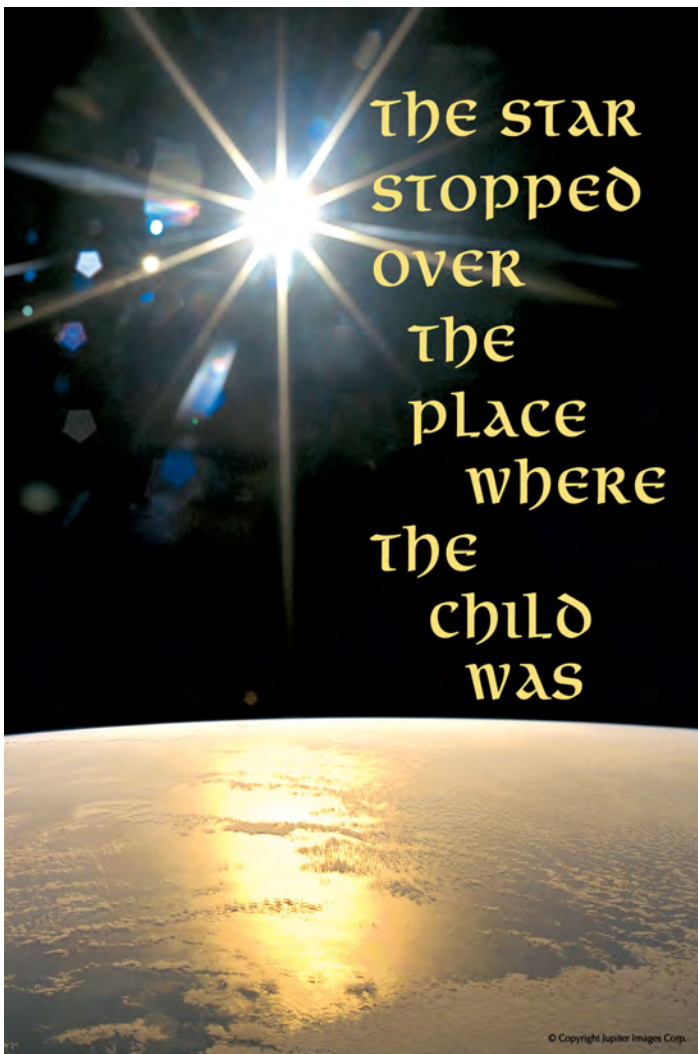
Please visit the parish website to sign up or email [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com) to request a link to join.



Thanks to the acquisition of the necessary equipment, as well as the effort of many volunteers, St. Peter's is now able to offer Livestreaming of the celebration of Mass.

A link to livestream viewing, as well as recently-recorded Masses are available to view on the home page of the parish website: [www.stpeteritasca.com](http://www.stpeteritasca.com).

Those who are unable to attend Mass in person may now join the parish congregation from home.



### 2021 Parish Calendars...

The 2021 Catholic Calendars are now available in the Parish Center - outside of Margaret Woods Hall.

Please be sure to use hand sanitizer before and after taking one.

Thank you.

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 25: 12/20/2020	\$ 12,361.00      \$214,427.11

*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).

**DONATE NOW** *INTRODUCING...*  
 with  **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](https://givecentral.org/location/1251)



I first of all want to thank all those who contributed generously to the Christmas collection and who help us week by week to meet our many expenses. It costs much more each year to meet our expenses and so I am truly grateful for your stewardship. Thank you too to all who contributed their time and talent to make our Christmas another special celebration in the Lord at Saint Peter the Apostle Church.

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Epiphany. By longstanding sacred Tradition, Catholics celebrate Christmas as one season, with the days between Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrate next Sunday...we celebrate it as Catholics as one long "Christmas Day." As Christians we can never rejoice in the Lord's birth too much, even though we will very often find ourselves living in contradiction to the styles and preferences of the present age.

We continue therefore to rejoice in the celebration of the Epiphany which is one of the oldest feasts in the Church, older even than the celebration of Christmas. The word "Epiphany" is from the Greek word that means "to show oneself." ...literally... manifestation...which refers to the appearance or making known of Christ. ~ to the Gentiles.

May we continue to show Christ to others in this New Year of 2021. May we make Him known through the gifts He gives us, Faith, Hope and Charity! Blessed Christmas Season!

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 4</b>
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (Virtual - Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 5</b>
8:30 am	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Virtual - Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 6</b>
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes (Virtual)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 7</b>
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 9</b>
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (Virtual)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 10</b>
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (MW Parish Hall)



## Schedule

Saturday, January 9 | Sunday, January 10

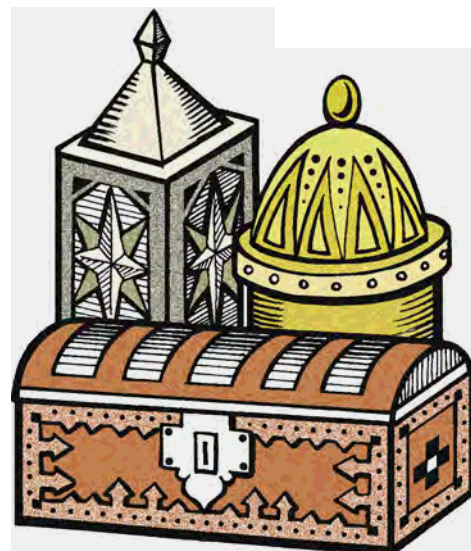
### Communion Ministers

5:00 pm	Beth McKenna Frank McKenna
8:30 am	Kathy Frank Rose Ann Roll
10:00 am	Anthony George Reetha George
11:30 am	Mel Gerard Deacon Fred

### Lectors

5:00 pm	Chris Kunze
8:30 am	Kevin Grisamore
10:00 am	Jean Grote
11:30 am	Mary McNamara

*Fr. Noesen*



# Online Giving with give central

## It's easy to participate in online giving!

GiveCentral was created with input from parishes as a customized online giving program.

GiveCentral is a secure online system where parishioners can create individual giving profiles with payment options ranging from direct debit (ACH) to credit cards.

### Benefits for YOU

- Increased options and accessibility for giving
- Review your giving history in real time 24/7
- Keeps your gifts secure
- Giving summary saves time at tax season

### Benefits for YOUR PARISH

- Saves money on envelopes and postage
- Helps predict cash flow for budgeting
- Cost-effective solution for online payments
- Better collection of payment history for tax purposes

## Here's how to get setup:

1. Visit [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and click the 'Find Your Charity' button at the top.
2. Type in "st peter the apostle" to filter results, and click our parish below.
3. Either select from one of the four featured collections on our page, or click 'View More' to see all of our collections.
4. Select the fund(s) to which you would like to donate, and then specify the amount, frequency, start date, and end date.
5. Click 'Add to my Gift Basket'.
6. Review your donations in the Gift Basket, and then click 'Continue'.
7. Select the 'Complete Profile' option to setup an account, and fill out the form to complete your donations.



## Why Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh Were Given to Baby Jesus

*Scott James, Author*

As we all know from our nativity sets, some very special guests attended the birth of the Jesus: wise men from the east, bearing gifts for the newborn king. Compared to the Bible's account of the royal visit, the story we tell is often padded with a bit of extra information. History and tradition have done their part to fill in the details regarding these visitors, including their number, names, and the timing of their arrival. One aspect of the visit that has largely escaped alteration is the list of gifts presented to Jesus: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. If you're wondering what use an infant would have for these gifts, you're not alone.

The primary significance of the gifts lay in their great value—they were indeed gifts fit for a king. Beyond making it clear that these were great treasures given in an act of worship (Matthew 2:11), Scripture does not directly attach any other symbolic meaning to the gifts. However, without venturing too far off into extrabiblical speculation, it's reasonable to draw a few possible inferences from the gifts brought by the wise men. These valuable gifts were clearly intended to honor Jesus, but it's possible they carried deeper theological significance as well.

### The Gift of Gold

As was customary for royal visits, the wise men came bearing treasured gifts intended to honor the newborn king. And as it is today, gold was a valued commodity in the ancient world. Among the types of assets listed in the Bible (e.g., precious metals, livestock, servants, gemstones, etc.), accumulation of gold was one of the chief measures of wealth (cf. Genesis 13:2, Ecclesiastes 2:8). Because of its scarcity and immense value, gold was particularly associated with royalty and nobility, as is seen in 1 Kings 10 when the Queen of Sheba visits King Solomon bearing great quantities of gold as a gift. By bringing a gift of gold, the wise men showed that they did indeed consider Jesus a king.

In addition to underscoring the royalty of Jesus, some have noted that the wise men's gift of gold may have foreshadowed another aspect of Jesus' ministry. Under the Old Covenant, the Most Holy Place (also known as the Holy of Holies) was an inner sanctuary within the Temple where the priest would encounter the presence of God and offer a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Likewise, the incarnation of Jesus heralded the presence of God—Immanuel—and the sacrifice of atonement he would make on behalf of his people when he went to the cross. The wise men may have had this connection in mind because, as described in 1 Kings 6:20-22, the walls of the Most Holy Place and the altar within it were completely overlaid with—you guessed it—gold.

### The Gift of Frankincense

Frankincense is an aromatic gum resin that is still widely used in parts of the Middle East and Africa today. It is produced by scraping the bark of certain native species of trees and then harvesting the beads of resin after they have dried. When burned as incense, it creates a strong and beautiful aroma. In the ancient near east, the cost of frankincense precluded it from being used as a common household air freshener. Rather, the burning of frankincense was closely associated with ceremonial worship of a deity. In this way, the inclusion of frankincense as a gift for Jesus may have indicated that the wise men understood that the prophecy of the newborn king carried with it a claim of deity.

As with gold, frankincense may also have an implied connection with the Temple worship of the Old Covenant. Burning incense at the altar was a key part of the sacrificial system prescribed by God for use in the Tabernacle and, later, in the Temple itself. According to Exodus 30, however, not just any incense would do. A specific recipe of spices mixed with "pure frankincense" (v. 34) was to be consecrated as "pure and holy" (v.35) and was the only incense permitted at the altar. A speculative parallel can be drawn between this and Jesus' life as a pure and holy offering to the Lord.

### The Gift of Myrrh

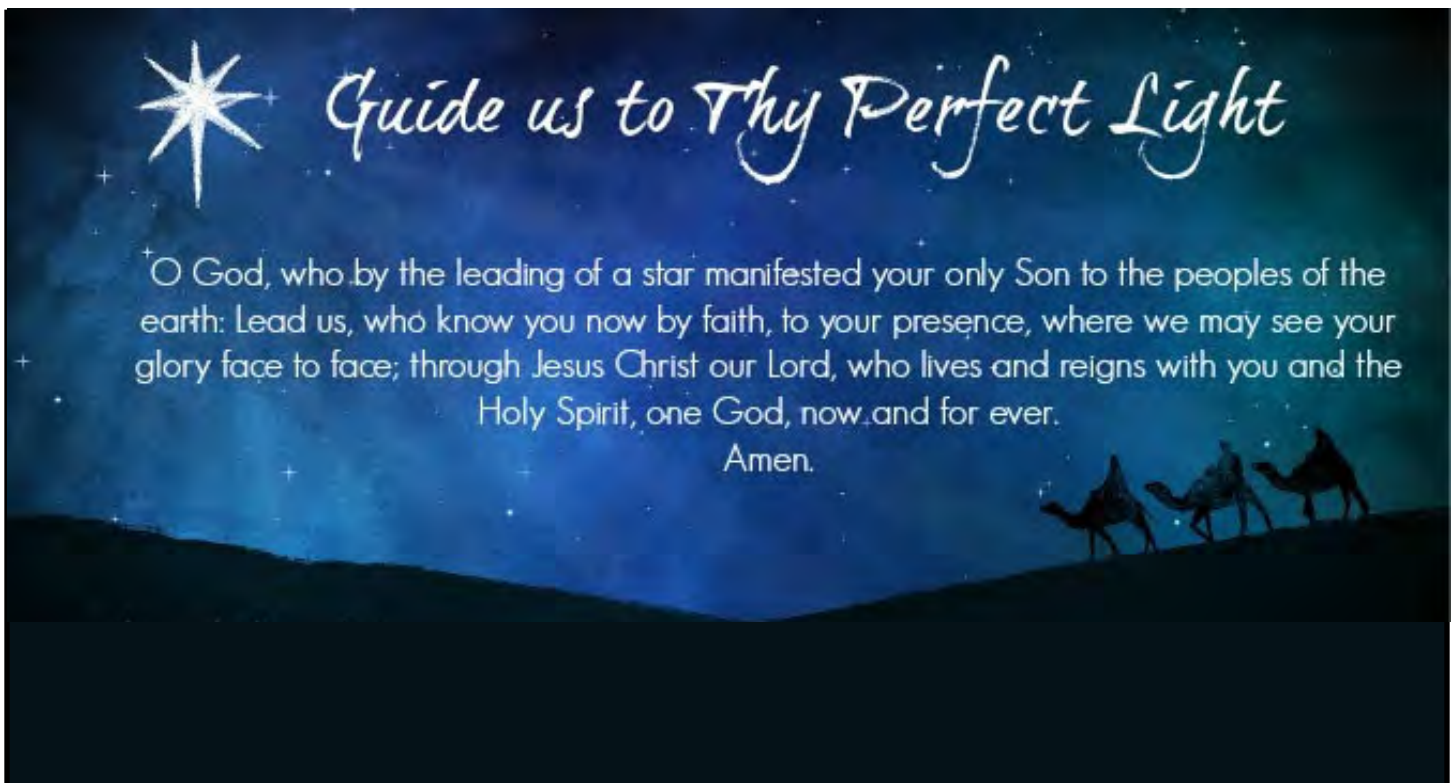
Myrrh is a fragrant spice derived from the sap of a tree native to the Near East. Like frankincense, it can be used as incense, but in the ancient world it also had wider usage as a perfume, anointing oil, and was even imbibed as a medicinal tonic. Most notable with regard to Jesus' life, myrrh was a key ingredient in the mixture of spices that were used to prepare bodies for burial (e.g., John 19:39-40). Perhaps the wise men intended this gift as an indication of Jesus' humanity and the manner in which he would save his people—namely, that he would die for them (cf. Isaiah 53:5).

Just like the first two gifts, there is a Temple connection with myrrh as well. Exodus 30 tells us that liquid myrrh was a main ingredient in the anointing oil used to ceremonially prepare the priests, the instruments, the altar, and the Temple itself before sacrifices could be made. Again, parallels to Jesus' consecrated life and sacrificial death are immediately noticeable.

All three gifts reveal thought-provoking implications that related to Jesus' life and ministry.

### What Did Mary and Joseph Do with the Gifts?

Isaiah 60:6 describes the wealth of the nations coming to God's people through Christ. Mary and Joseph saw a glimpse of this when they received the gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And in this case, that wealth was likely used to help the family escape to another nation. Matthew tells us that as soon as the wise men departed, an angel of the Lord came to warn Joseph of Herod's rage (Matthew 2:13). Joseph was instructed to take refuge in Egypt, a journey of over 100 miles. For a family of humble means, a trip of this magnitude would be difficult to pull off. Though we don't have a record of such, it is reasonable to think that the valuable gifts Mary and Joseph received from the wise men may have financed the family's flight to Egypt.



## Our Lady of the Epiphany

### Background

The Epiphany is a celebration of the revelation of God the Son, as a human being, in Jesus Christ. The Novena to Our Lady of the Epiphany is a novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the earthly Mother of God the Son. Mary, as always, awaits our prayers which she will offer to Jesus her Son, on our behalf, with her blessing. Feast of the Epiphany is 6th January.



### Small Red-coloured Cross

O Lady of the Epiphany,  
through your power,  
glory and love,  
show us your salvation – Jesus Christ.

As the shepherds of Bethlehem came to you long ago,  
we now come before you.  
With Jesus Christ reigning in your arms,  
we also bow in awe.

### Image of Our Lady among the Angels

O Queen and intimate friend, remember our poverty.  
We beg you O tender Mother to hold our hands and listen  
closely to the desires and needs of our hearts.

Mary, please remember: [*State your request...*].

Through your powerful intercession obtain for us the  
beautiful manifestation of your Divine Son in the lives of  
those whom we pray for.

Mystical glorious woman crowned with stars,  
obtain the miracles and heavenly signs our dear ones  
need to find and embrace Jesus Christ, the King of Kings.

Mary, we promise to amend our lives  
and implore you to reveal the treasures of your heart to us,  
your poor children, at this time. Amen.

... Mary, Queen of Heaven,  
Pray for Us...



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.





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

**Olivia Mae**

*child of Patrick & Cathryn Mallaney*

who was baptized during the month of December 2020

**In Memoriam**

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

**Dorothy Agosto**

*May she rest in the peace of Christ.*



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.

*All kings shall pay him homage,  
all nations shall serve him.*

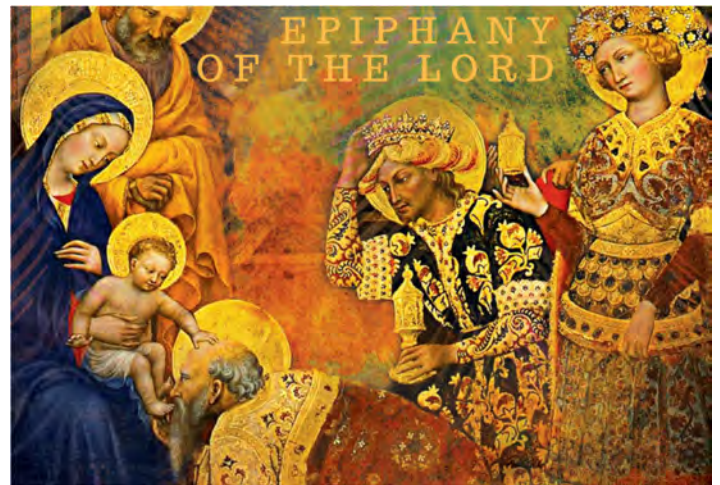
— Psalm 72:11



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

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

*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.*



**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
- SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines
- 2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
- Cpl MacLane Read, US Army
- 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: 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](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).

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please visit or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register.

**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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...**

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

**FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS**

Communion calls are made every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to health issues.

Please call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to make arrangements.



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.

# Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

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

Family Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## ARE YOU CONNECTED???

**Do you receive St. Peter's electronic newsletters??**

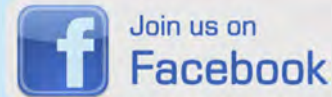
This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.

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.



*And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:*



[facebook.com/SaintPeterApostle.Itasca](https://facebook.com/SaintPeterApostle.Itasca)

**Remember to invite your friends!!!**

## Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.



- coffee
- paper towels
- toothpaste
- cereal
- toilet tissue
- laundry detergent

If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

## Do You Need Help with Food?

Catholic Charities has resources available to help those who are in need of food. Even if you may not have qualified for assistance in the past, Catholic Charities can help.

Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at [www.cc-doj.org](http://www.cc-doj.org)

### Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice.

Reports may be made to any pastor or to the Victims Assistance Coordinator at 815/263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

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