

Saint Peter ^{the} 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 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49



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From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

As we continue our celebration of Christmas, the readings today present us the ideal picture of family life:

For example, in today's first reading from the Book of Sirach, children are told to love and reverence their parents, especially when they are old and in need. A loving family relationship is possible when we allow the Lord to be the center of that relationship. Parents are to be models of moral and spiritual integrity. The authority and position parents have in a family is given by God, part of His plan for our welfare.

In the second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Colossians, husbands and wives are told to love each other. As St. Paul tells us, the way of love is the giving up of oneself for the other and includes deference and submission to each other. To listen with your ears, as well as your heart... to consider the other person first, and then yourself. St. Paul is speaking about submission in terms of yourself, your attitude, and not so much in "getting the other person to submit to you."

Finally, in the Gospel, we see a concrete living out of the ideals of family life. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph go to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, as was their custom. Jesus gets lost. His parents, worried and upset, frantically search for him. Finally, they find him in the temple.

Sometimes we idealize the Holy Family so much that we fail to see that conflict and tension were a part of their family life, just as much as they are part of ours. The Christmas story in scripture tells of the first moment of conflict and tension for them... Mary was pregnant before she married Joseph. This caused considerable anxiety for Joseph until he was finally told about the special origin of her child. Another moment of conflict, tension and anxiety came to the couple soon after the birth of Jesus... Joseph was instructed by an angel in a dream to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus. We are to believe that this caused them anxiety and fear even though they were trusting of God because of the message given to Joseph by an angel. Then, another incident happened as described in today's Gospel -- Jesus went missing, leaving both Joseph and Mary to worry, thinking that their son was lost for good.

These incidents show that life in the Holy Family was not always peaceful and harmonious. There were the inevitable tensions and unavoidable conflicts that are part of every family life.

Our own families may not be perfect. But they nonetheless are a gift from God. The Church teaches us that the family is the smallest "gathering of the Church" -- the little, or what is also called, the domestic Church. It is in our homes, in our families that we first learn the faith, that we share our faith, and where we first know love, and ultimately God Himself, because scripture tells us that God is love. Hopefully the love we know in our families is in some way brought to those around us. And, perhaps in a small way, others are meeting the Lord Jesus through us because of the love we share -- the love we first learned in our homes.

May the love of God, come down to earth at Christmas, always be in your hearts and in your homes and families.

Fr. Noesen



Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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*



Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	December 26 (<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i>) 8:30 am Danuta - Special Intention 10:00 am †TJ Arland 11:30 am †Sheila Farrell †Mary S. Giannelli †George Wendt Mike and Kris Slaughter - Special Intention For an End to Abortion People of the Parish
Monday	December 27 (<i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>) 8:00 am †Jerry Riordan
Tuesday	December 28 (<i>The Holy Innocents</i>) 8:00 am †Jerry Riordan
Wednesday	December 29 (<i>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i>) 8:00 am †Jerry Riordan
Thursday	December 30 (<i>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</i>) 8:00 am †Jerry Riordan
Friday	December 31 (<i>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope</i>) 8:00 am †Bruce Gariti
Friday	December 31 (<i>Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; New Year's Eve</i>) 4:00 pm Mike and Kris Slaughter - Special Intention
Saturday	January 1 (<i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>) 8:30 am †Bruce Gariti 10:00 am People of the Parish 11:30 am The Blackburn Family - Special Intention
Saturday	January 1 (<i>Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord</i>) 5:00 pm People of the Parish
Sunday	January 2 (<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>) 8:30 am †Edward Kryger 10:00 am †Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schuebert 11:30 am †Tito DeLorenzo †Randell Wenig †Sung-Ho Joseph Yoo Urszula Marchwiany - Special Intention for retirement For an End to Abortion

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm in the church.

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

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

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

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church
on January 7.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
will begin following 8:00 am Mass
and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

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

*This is a wonderful time to offer your
prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions
for yourself or loved ones.*

To ensure that two people are present at all times,
anyone 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

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date
 Fiscal Week 24: 12/12/2021 \$ 9,026.00 \$ 244,254.38

*Due to an early publication deadline,
 not all figures were available in time for this printing.*

Updated collection information will appear in next weeks bulletin

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

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...

Tuesday December 28
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Saturday January 1
 4:15 pm Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Friday, December 31 | Saturday, January 1

Communion Ministers	Lectors
4:00 pm Beth McKenna Frank McKenna	4:00 pm Sandie Galuszek 8:30 am Lou Casolari
8:30 am Maryanne Kveck Deacon Fred	10:00 am Anthony George 11:30 am Kevin Grisamore
10:00 am Deacon Bob Reetha George	
11:30 am Ann Fleming Mary McNamara	

Saturday, January 1 | Sunday, January 2


Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Valerie Serzen Deacon Fred	5:00 pm Anthony George 8:30 am Kevin Grisamore
8:30 am Dorie Calip Deacon Bob	10:00 am Kathy Laken 11:30 am Sandie Galuszek
10:00 am Ann Fleming Mel Gerard	
11:30 am Mary McNamara Deacon Fred	



PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday beginning, December 22, 2021 through Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Regular office hours will resume Monday, January 3, 2022.

Don't let 2021 slip away without taking full advantage of your charitable giving!

When "checking your list" for tax-deductible donation options, please consider making a gift to St. Peter the Apostle Parish for your year-end giving.

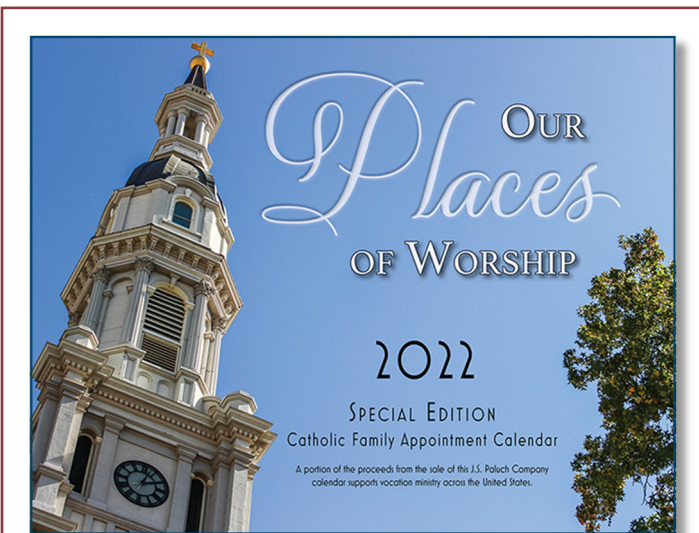
Your support of St. Peter the Apostle Parish provides the opportunity to ensure the stability and growth of a Catholic "home" for current and future generations.

If giving by check or cash, please submit no later than **December 26, 2021** in order to receive credit for the current year. Envelopes can be dropped off at the Parish Center or in the collection basket.

Online donations using [GiveCentral](#) can be made through December 31, 2021.

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2021 Parish Calendars...

2022 Catholic Calendars are available outside of Margaret Woods Hall.

Christmas and Winter Giving

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR PARISH

In order to balance our parish budget every year, we rely heavily on the generous gifts that come through the Christmas collection. We also rely heavily on the weekly Offertory gifts that are made over the 52 weeks of the year. Both your Christmas gifts to the parish and your weekly Offertory gifts help manage the operating budget, especially during winter months when heating bills are high and unexpected costs arise. For this reason, we ask you to please be as generous as possible with your Christmas gift to the parish. If possible, use both your weekly envelope and your Christmas envelope this Christmas. If you are away for the winter months, you are encouraged to contribute to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish by using [GiveCentral](#), the parish's secure online giving portal. See the parish website or page 4 of this bulletin for additional details.

We need your support. Thank you for your generosity both throughout the year and at Christmas!

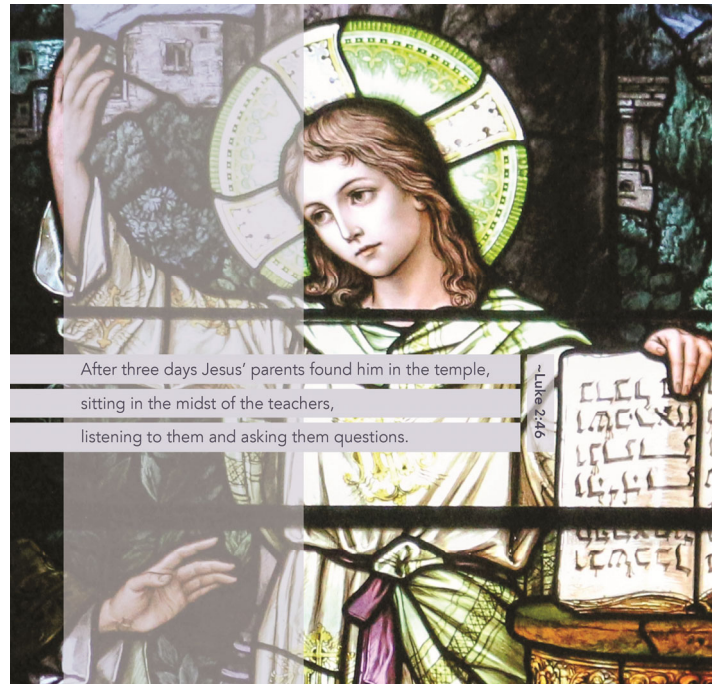


Family Identity: Fidelity to the Promise Pope Francis I

A family that closes up on itself is a contradiction, a mortification of the promise that brought it to life. Never forget that the identity of the family is always a promise that extends and expands to all the family, and also to all humanity. Love, like friendship, owes its strength and beauty to the fact that it generates a bond without curbing freedom. Love is free, the promise of the family is free, and this is its beauty.

Without freedom there is no friendship, without freedom there is no love, without freedom there is no marriage. So, freedom and fidelity are not opposed to each other; on the contrary, they support each other, in terms of both interpersonal and social relationships. Indeed, think of the damage caused, in the civilization of global communication, by the inflation of promises not kept, in various fields, and the indulgence for infidelity to the word given and to commitments made. Being faithful to promises is a true work of art by humanity. No relationship of love – no friendship, no form of caring for another person, no joy of the common good reaches the height of our desire and our hope, if it does not arrive at the point of inhabiting this miracle of the soul. And I use the word “miracle,” because the strength and persuasiveness of fidelity, in spite of everything, can only enchant and surprise us. No school can teach the truth of love, if the family does not do so. No law can imposed the beauty or legacy of this treasure of human dignity, if the personal bond between love and generation does not inscribe it in our flesh. Our fidelity to our promises is always entrusted to the grace and mercy of God. Love for the human family, in good times and bad, is a point of honor for the Church.

May God enable us always to be worthy of this promise!



After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

- Luke 2:46

The Boy Jesus is Found in the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

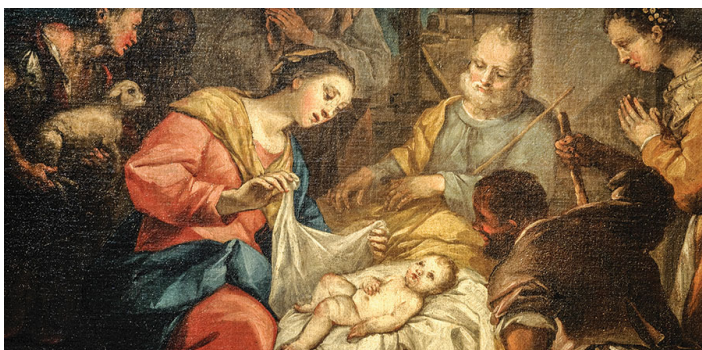
Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question “Who is Jesus?” through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead, they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost .

Loyola Press



When Does Christmas Actually End

by Billy Ryan

It's almost universal knowledge that Christmas is officially celebrated on December 25th, the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. While some may be thankful that the hustle and bustle of planning family dinners and purchasing thoughtful gifts are over, the Christmas season is only just beginning on the 25th. While the most popular carol of all suggests just twelve days, it's a topic of hot debate among Catholics.

When does Christmas actually end?

It turns out that the answer to when Christmas officially ends is not so simple because there are technically three separate Christmas "seasons:" the Christmas octave, the liturgical Christmas season, and the traditional Christmastide season that concludes with Candlemas.

The Christmas Octave

An octave is an eight-day period within the Church in which Easter or Christmas is celebrated that includes the actual feast day. The eighth day is considered the "octave day," and days in between are "within" the octave. Each day of the octave is considered to be an actual day of the feast and is celebrated as such. Therefore, the Octave of Christmas begins Christmas Day on December 25th and extends until the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the January 1st.

The Liturgical Christmas Season

The liturgical Christmas season is situated after the Advent season and before the beginning of Ordinary time. It begins with the Christmas Eve vigil Masses and concludes with Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops also has a handy calendar available on their website, with descriptions of each feast day of the liturgical Christmas season.

Christmastide

In the older tradition kept in the liturgical year of Extraordinary Form of Mass, the whole "Christmastide" season lasts for forty days (corresponding to the forty days of lent) that concludes with Candlemas on February 2nd, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Presentation of the Lord. When someone asks you when Christmas ends, ask them: Do you mean the Christmas octave, the liturgical Christmas season, or Christmastide?



Resolutions

New Year's Resolutions to consider...

1. Attend Mass every week (or everyday, if possible)
2. Know someone who's been away from the Church or who is interested in joining? Reach out, invite them to Mass with you, and encourage them to find their way on a journey of faith.
3. Make Tuesday Evening Rosary and Father John Project recurring events on your calendar.
4. Sign up for an hour of Adoration on First Fridays
5. Share your "Time and Talent" through a Parish ministry—there's something for everyone.
6. Visit a nursing home or volunteer at a hospital.



World Day
of Prayer
for Peace



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 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!



The Holy Family Prayer

***JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.*

***MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.*

***JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.*

***HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace.*

Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.





**Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.**

— 1 John 3:2a

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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| Joann Anderson | Mel Gerard | John North |
| Michelle Anderson | Mike Graziano | Raffaela Olenek |
| Sue Bobka | Gary Grote | Holly Vana |
| Ken Buffo | Virginia Halac | Tom Vana |
| Elio Campanella | Martha Hayes | Janina Piotrowski |
| Mike Carey | Ken Hemstreet | Harriett Pinkowski |
| Gerri Ciucci | Mary Hosters | Bonnie Pollock |
| Eunice Cleveland | Anne Keeton | Brendan Reidy |
| Robert Cleveland | Rickie Kruzel | Ann Marie Rossi |
| 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 |
| Gerri Gerard | | |

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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what we shall be has not yet been revealed. .*

— 1 John 3:2a



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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 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.

Welcome to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

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 to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to 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:



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