

# 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

# CONFES

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*)

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**September  
11  
2022**

**“REJOICE WITH ME  
BECAUSE I HAVE FOUND  
MY LOST SHEEP.”**

LUKE 15:6



## Bishop Hicks' Column

September 2022

### Memories of St. Oscar Romero arise from today's Nicaragua



In 2005, I began an extraordinary assignment in my priesthood, working and living for five years in the country of El Salvador. This small Central American country embodies and emanates the spirit of St. Oscar Romero. When I first arrived to begin my missionary work, I started learning about this martyred archbishop. Needless to say, he quickly became one of my heroes and eventually one of my favorite saints.

During the 1980s, El Salvador had plummeted into a polarized and violent civil war. When the government began killing priests, nuns and laity, Archbishop Romero began to speak against the oppression with a loud and courageous voice. He became known as the "voice of the voiceless."

Officials with this brutal government began to threaten this dauntless shepherd and told him bluntly that if he continued to preach against their regime in favor of peace and justice for all people, he would be silenced by imprisonment or even death.

Regardless of these threats, the archbishop continued to use his voice against the corruption, hatred and killings of innocent people. Then, on March 24, 1980, while Romero was celebrating Mass in a Carmelite chapel, a lone gunman opened fire on him and killed him.

After Romero's assassination, a bloody civil war continued to rage in El Salvador, in which the poor, the Catholic Church and the people were cruelly persecuted. Finally, after more than 12 years, the war formally ended in 1992 with the signing of the Chapultepec Peace Accords.

Over the years, I have taken family, friends and visitors to see the "holy sites" of St. Oscar Romero in San Salvador, including the chapel where he was martyred and his tomb. I have always thought we were visiting "historical" sites, thinking to myself, "That all happened in the past, and thank God things like that no longer happen here and in our modern world."

That overly innocent idea of mine was recently shattered, as we have been following the current persecution of the Church in Nicaragua. The secretary-general of the United

Nations has indicated he is "very concerned" about the Nicaraguan government's actions against democracy, civil society organizations and the Catholic Church. A few weeks ago, the Nicaraguan police conducted an overnight raid on the main offices of the Diocese of Matagalpa.

They forcibly took and arrested several people that night, including Bishop Rolando Álvarez, who had been under house arrest. Leaders around the world have called these actions by the Nicaraguan government a systematic persecution and harassment against the Catholic Church. As I write this, Álvarez is reportedly being held under yet another house arrest, at his parents' home in the capital city of Managua.

One might wonder: Why is this government targeting and repressing the Catholic Church and its leaders? Part of the reason is the Church continues to follow the example of St. Oscar Romero by being the voice of the voiceless, especially by speaking out against human rights violations throughout the country. During his house arrest at diocesan headquarters, Bishop Álvarez posted a message on social media: "We have to respond to hate with love, despair with hope, and fear with the strength and courage given to us by the glorious and resurrected Christ."

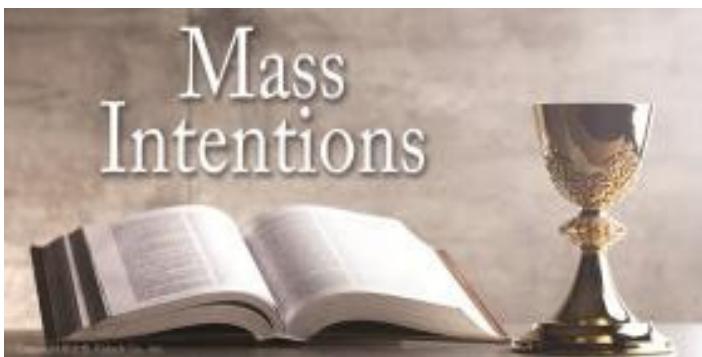
On August 19, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops conveyed our support of the Church and people of Nicaragua through a statement from Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, who serves as the chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace:

"I express our continued steadfast solidarity with our brothers in the Nicaraguan episcopate, along with their priests and foreign missionaries, in their calling to freely proclaim the Gospel and live the faith. The faith of the Nicaraguan people, who stand in solidarity with their bishops and priests, is an inspiration for us all."

Because we are a church that embraces the ideals of justice, peace and human dignity, please join me in solidarity with our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters.

Let us also work and pray for an end to persecution against the Church, as well as for the protection of religious freedom – not only in Nicaragua, but throughout the world.

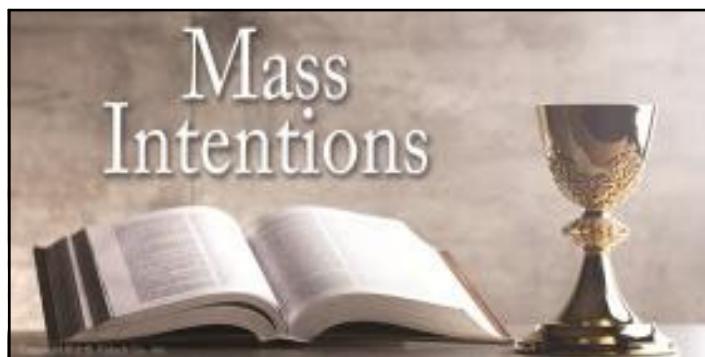
*Jesus stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the passage where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4: 17-19)*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 11 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	†Luigi Alfano
10:00 am	†Julia S. Adrian
11:30 am	†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 10884 - Itasca
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary; Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Remo and Frances Rosy
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 13 (St. John Chrysostom, Bishop &amp; Doctor of the Church)</b>
8:00 am	†Barbara Beers
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)</b>
8:00 am	†Waclaw Wilczek
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)</b>
8:00 am	The Kveck Family— <i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 16 (St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs)</b>
8:00 am	†Rosa Ferrante
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 17 (Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
5:00 pm	†John Fisherkeller †Alvera McDonald †Thomas Pucci †Maureen O’Kane For an End to Abortion People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 18 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	The Franz Family— <i>Special Intention</i>
10:00 am	David Rood— <i>Special Intention</i>
11:30 am	†Sophie Bieschke †Eric A. Brown †Denis McNamara †Antonio Pensa †Ann Marie Rossi †Andrzej Szymikowski

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday:	1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]



**The 2023 Mass Intention Book  
will open on Tuesday, September 13**

***As a reminder...***

**In an effort to provide a more equitable opportunity for weekend mass requests, the current policy limits the frequency of WEEKEND requests to ONE TIME PER MONTH with a cap of THREE intentions per request.**

**Currently, weekday mass intention requests will not be held to any restrictions.**

**Arrangements to have a Mass said for a particular intention can be made by visiting or calling the Parish Center during regular office hours.**

Daily Masses and the Sunday 8:30 am and 10am Masses may have only one intention. The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil and the Sunday 11:30 am Masses are generally available for multiple intentions with a maximum of six.

The requested stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

Mass Intention Cards are available upon request.

**Note:** Certain Mass dates and times are often requested months in advance.



## Stewardship of Treasure

### A Way of Life

### St. Peter the Apostle

*Due to Father Noesen's Funeral Arrangements,  
figures were not available in time for this bulletin printing.  
Weekly collection information will appear in next week's bulletin.*

*If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at [business@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:business@stpeteritasca.com) or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).*

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**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 using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at [givecentral.org/location/1251](http://givecentral.org/location/1251)



**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	<b>September 11</b> Mum Sales after all Masses (Parking Lot) Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (meet in MW Parish Hall)
Monday	<b>September 12</b> Catechist Meeting (MW Parish Hall)
6:30 pm	
Tuesday	<b>September 13</b> Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
7:15 pm	
Wednesday	<b>September 14</b> Confessions (Church)
8:30 am	
Saturday	<b>September 17</b> Confessions (Church)
4:15 pm	Mum Sales after all Masses (Parking Lot)
Sunday	<b>September 18</b> Mum Sales after all Masses (Parking Lot) Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
12:30 pm	Baptisms (Church)



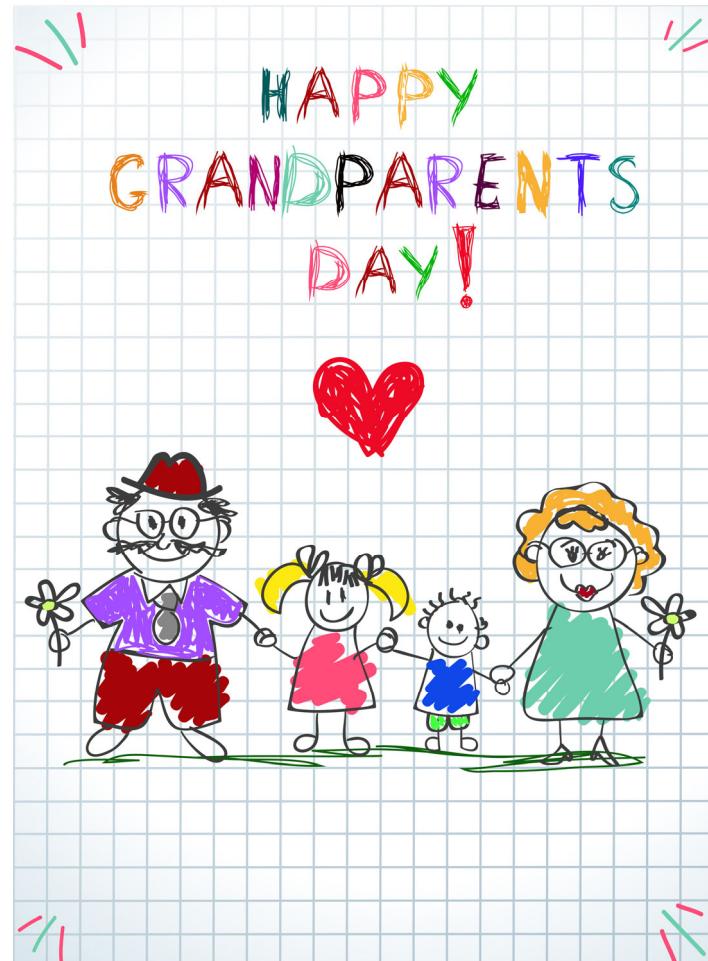
**Saturday, September 17 | Sunday, September 18**

**Communion Ministers**

- 5:00 pm Valerie Serzen
- Deacon Bob
- 8:30 am Phyllis Cimiglia
- Deacon Bob
- 10:00 am Ann Fleming
- Deacon Fred
- 11:30 am Carmen Graziano
- Deacon Fred

**Lectors**

- 5:00 pm Patrick Powers
- 8:30 am Sandie Galuszek
- 10:00 am Nancy Magnus
- 11:30 am Mary McNamara



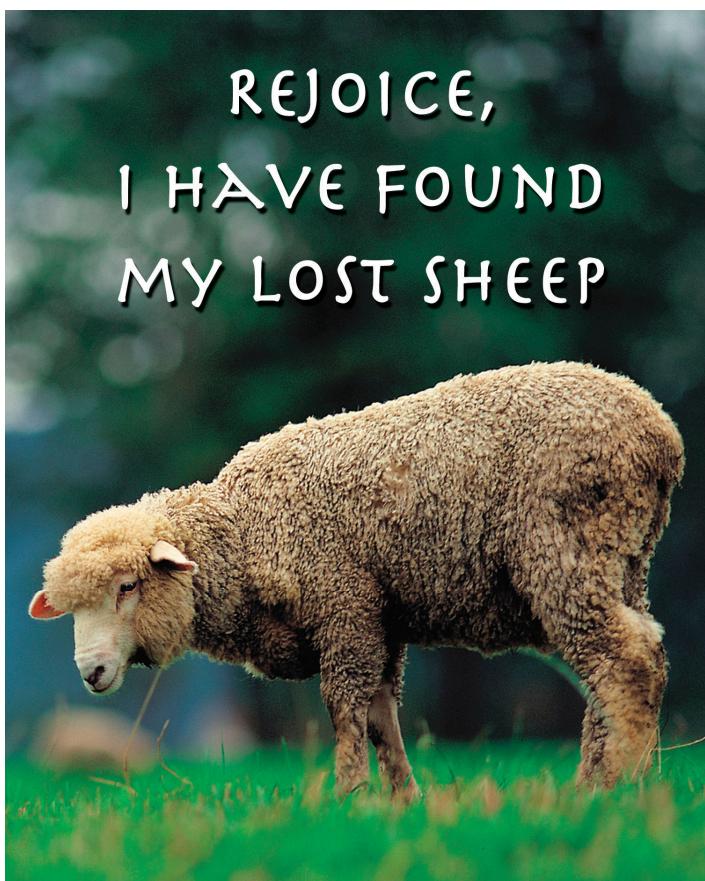
## GRIEF MINISTRY

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry group.

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, SEPTEMBER 11 | 9:30 am**



All are welcome to stop by the Margaret Wood's Parish Hall weekly following all Sunday morning masses. Grab a doughnut, a beverage and some fellowship!

## "Mums" the Word— But Don't Keep it a Secret!

Fall and its glorious colors are around the corner. To help kick things into gear, St. Peter's will once again be selling Mums this year for \$12 each.

SALES BEGIN THIS WEEKEND!

**Remember Grandparent's Day  
on September 11.**



## Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm. Weather-permitting, during the summer months, the group meets outside at the Blessed Mary Grotto (next to the school). Please bring a chair if you prefer to sit. In the event of inclement weather, the group will meet 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.*





**Knights of Columbus  
Silver Rose  
PRAYER SERVICE  
Tuesday, August 30**



## Tootsie Roll Drive



The Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" Drive is one of the most recognizable activities of the Knights of Columbus. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with intellectual disabilities.

The Annual Tootsie Roll Drive will take place Sept. 16-18 at select Itasca street corners and store fronts, as well as after all masses that weekend.

Individual sleeves of Tootsie Rolls may be purchased for \$30.00 or a case for \$125.00.

They are perfect for Halloween and your donation is tax deductible.

For any additional information, contact the event chair, Mike Cummins at 630-965-3783.



**Knights of Columbus  
PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

**Sunday, October 9  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**ST. PETER THE APOSTLE  
Catholic Church  
Itasca**

*Be a Beacon of Hope*



To schedule an appointment, scan the QR code or visit [donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/5600933](https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5600933)



**Listen to the Voice of Creation**  
**SEASON OF CREATION 2022**

**The Burning Bush**  
Ex 3:1-12

The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to these fires. Many people throughout the world are also being forced to flee from the “fires of injustice”. We are called to pray for the protection of our environment and all those affected by these devastating fires.

In contrast, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy that bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God’s presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God’s Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation. May the fire of the Holy Spirit enlighten our lives, burn away evil and injustice, and light the path to lives of compassion and stewardship for our shared world.

Deacon Fred Maier

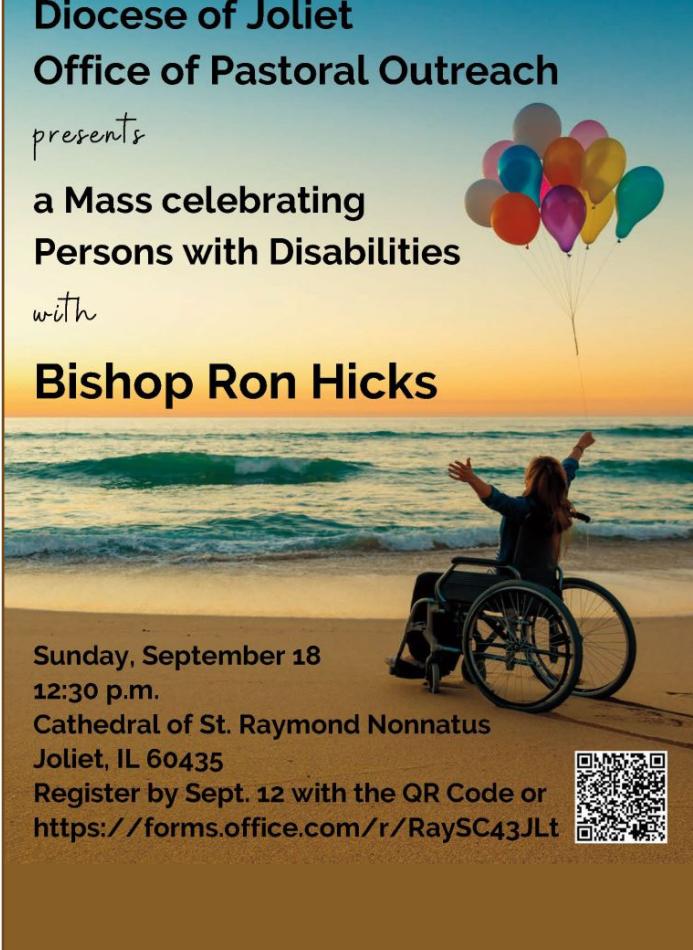
Visit [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org) for additional information as well as access to the full text of the Holy Father's message, which was presented on Thursday, 12 July [2022]



**Diocese of Joliet**  
**Office of Pastoral Outreach**  
presents

**a Mass celebrating Persons with Disabilities**  
with

**Bishop Ron Hicks**



Sunday, September 18  
12:30 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
Joliet, IL 60435  
Register by Sept. 12 with the QR Code or  
<https://forms.office.com/r/RaySC43JL>



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS + FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!



Sunday, Sept. 18  
5:30-7:00 pm  
IC Costello Hall

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection - Gospel Reading:

Luke 15:1-32

**Jesus responds to those who criticize him for keeping company with the unworthy.**

### Background on the Gospel Reading

In chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells three parables about losing, finding, and rejoicing. The outcasts of society, the taxpayers, and the sinners approach Jesus eager to hear what he has to say. In Luke's Gospel, *hearing* is a sign of conversion. The Pharisees and scribes, still suspicious of Jesus, complain about him associating with sinners. So he tells them these three parables.

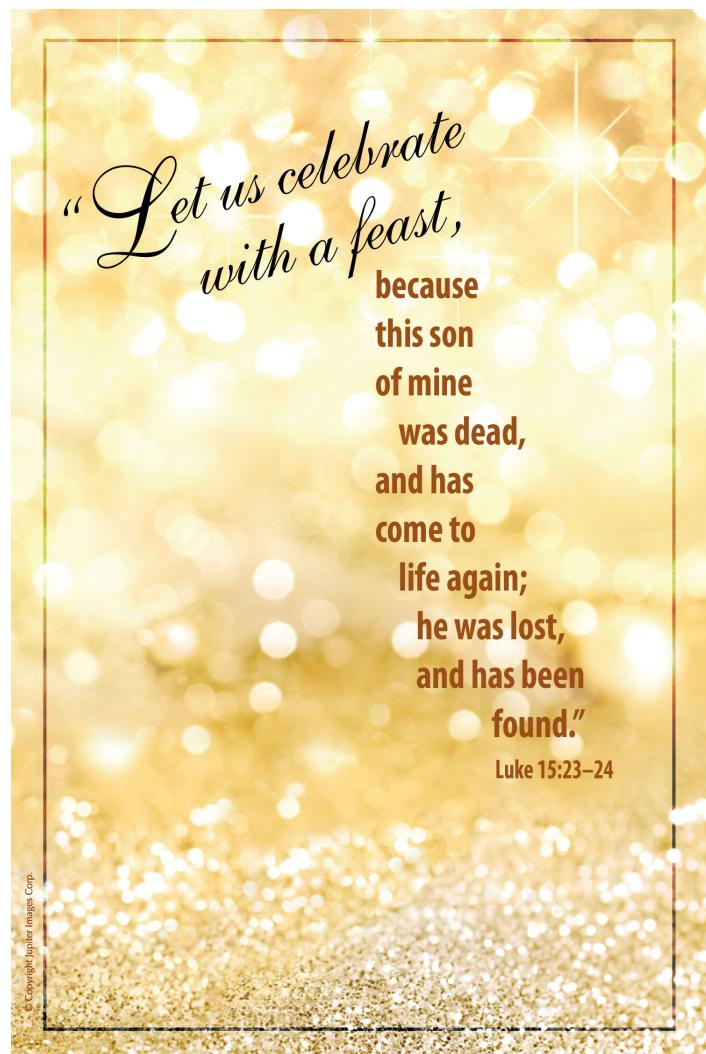
In the first story, the parable of The Lost Sheep, the shepherd leaves behind the 99 sheep to search for the 1 lost sheep. When he finds it, the shepherd rejoices not alone as in Matthew's version, but with friends and neighbors. In the same way, God rejoices more over 1 sinner who repents—like the outcasts who have come to hear Jesus—than over the 99 righteous like the Pharisees and scribes.

The second story, about a poor woman who will not stop searching until she finds her lost coin, makes the same point. Why are the Pharisees complaining? They should rejoice when the lost are found.

Finally we come to what is probably the most memorable parable in the Gospels, the story we know as The Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. At this point the rejoicing begins.

The parable does not end there. Rather, it makes one more point about the older son's reaction. This son who never left, just like the Pharisees and scribes who feel they are righteous, refuses to enter his father's house to join in the rejoicing. He has served his father. He has obeyed him. Perhaps it was not out of love. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out. And when the lost are found, how could we not celebrate and rejoice?

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### RELYING ON GOD'S LOVE

Imagine being among those who heard Jesus address the Pharisees and scribes in the encounter we hear in today's Gospel: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

Would you leave ninety-nine in the desert in order to find one lost sheep? In the parable, Jesus is showing us the depths of God's love, the illogical, incredible love God has for each of us. Moses counted on this loving mercy as he spoke for the wandering people; Saint Paul acknowledges his reliance on it in his letter to Timothy.

God desires to draw you close, seeking you when you are lost. Are you ready to be drawn into God's loving embrace?

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**In Memoriam**

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

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Prayer for Those Who****Cannot Receive Communion****AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



*A clean heart create for me,  
O God,  
and a steadfast spirit  
renew within me.*

— *Psalm 51:12*

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

Dave Bigott	Virginia Halac	June Pautsch
Sue Bobka	Martha Hayes	Bonnie Pollock
Rosaleen Bradley	Cambria Helle	Brendan Reidy
Grace Brown	Ken Hemstreet	Wayne Slowiak
Elio Campanella	Michael Jasiak	Belinda Sobucki
Regina Conti	Sylvia Kleinedler	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Rickie Kruzel	Randy Szweda, USMC
Mike Cummins	Patrick Linsner	Dennis Torii
Paul Cummins	Maria Mizera	Marlene Torii
Geri Gerard	Carmine Molfese	James Sieradzki
Mel Gerard	Richard Mrugacz	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Gary Grote	Loretta Nicolini	Linda Wuerffel
Joe Halac	John North	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.



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

**Abolition of the Death Penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

***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**

**Cpl 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**

**SGT Michael Helle, US Army**

**Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines**

**PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard**

**SA Chris Kaszubowski, US Navy**

**CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy**

**ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy**

**SGT Jacob Los, US Army**

**MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army**

**1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines**

**Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard**

**MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard**

**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)**

**SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines**

**LTJG Robert P. Woods, US Navy**

**Thomas Zablocki, US Marines**

**PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy**

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**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

**TRAVELING?**

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.**

**Pulpit announcement** requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to [office@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:office@stpeteritasca.com).

**Bulletin submissions** are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com).

**CONFESIONS**

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 a priest 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 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.



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