

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*)



From the cloud came a voice:
"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

MARK 9:7

SECOND
SUNDAY OF
LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2021

From the Pastor

Dear Parish family,

In the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus we see the promise of the Resurrection. Peter, James and John are taken up the mountain, and there, before their eyes the Lord Jesus is transfigured, he is changed. In other words, they see him in his glory, for a moment they catch a glimpse of the glorified body of resurrection that the Lord will one day give all of us. For a brief moment they see Jesus as He really is.

Within Mark's Gospel [9:2-10] the story of the transfiguration is set right before the passion and death of the Lord. It is as if the Lord is giving his disciples a spiritual shot in the arm for what is about to come. After witnessing the glory of Christ, the disciples will now be called to witness His suffering and death. They catch a glimpse of the greater things to come... so that they can see in his cross the road to resurrection.

In our own lives, the Lord sends those moments of glory, those moments of transfiguration, when the ordinary events and people of our lives take on an extra-ordinary appearance. By God's grace, things look different. We see things as they really are. For us, like the disciples on the mountain, those moments are few and far between...which is all the more reason to be attentive to them when they come, and hold on to them when we ~ like Peter, James, and John ~ are called to share in the suffering of Christ...

When our faith is challenged, and we are called to stand up for the Lord we need to remember the promise he makes, the promise of resurrection, and eternal happiness that waits for us if we look for Christ in his glory, and recognize him in his suffering.

The Transfiguration is proof that glory will triumph over gloom. When things get tough, like Peter, James, and John, we need to remember the greater things to come.



Have a good and holy Lent,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	February 28 (Second Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†Zbigniew Bielczyk
10:00 am	†Jean Sroka
11:30 am	†Robert Battaglia
	†Danilo Gagula
	†Tom Pignotti
	†Karoline Seitz
	People of the Parish
Monday	March 1 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	†Tom Fahey
Tuesday	March 2 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	†Theresa Tardi and Pat Tardi Jr.
Wednesday	March 3 (Lenten Weekday; Saint Katherine Drexel)
8:00 am	†Ann Therese Joyce Cook
Thursday	March 4 (Lenten Weekday; Saint Casimir)
8:00 am	†John Elia
Friday	March 5 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	Alvera McDonald - <i>Special Intention on her 100th Birthday</i>
Saturday	March 6 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	The Kveck Family - <i>Special Intention</i>
Saturday	March 6 (Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent)
5:00 pm	†Jerry Grimaldi
	†Elizabeth Lisak
	†Robert Hoffman
	†Russell Schumacher
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	People of the Parish
Sunday	March 7 (Third Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Denis McNamara
11:30 am	†John Elia
	†Giuseppina Fricano
	†Bruce Gariti
	†Reverend Ernest Norbeck
	†Annie Perlas
	†Remilinda Tecson

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11;
 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25
 Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7;
 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday.

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating between meals is not permitted.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious. Our US Bishops issued in 1966 this statement on penitential observance:

"On Weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all seasons, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing of all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance."

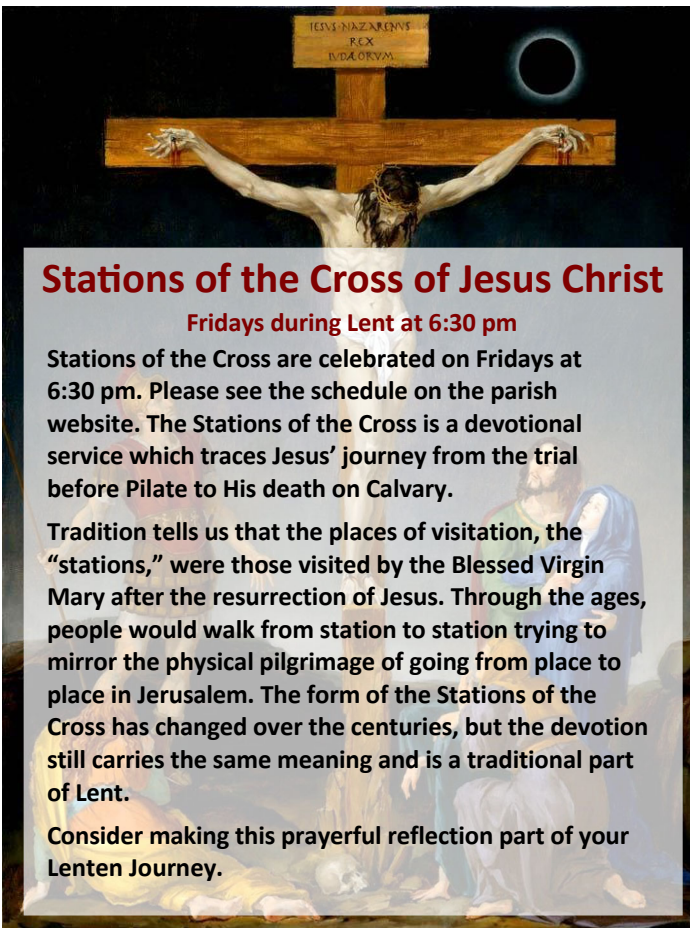
Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm in 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 and be a part of this beautiful and powerful gift of prayer.

Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed.



Stations of the Cross of Jesus Christ

Fridays during Lent at 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Fridays at 6:30 pm. Please see the schedule on the parish website. The Stations of the Cross is a devotional service which traces Jesus' journey from the trial before Pilate to His death on Calvary.

Tradition tells us that the places of visitation, the "stations," were those visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary after the resurrection of Jesus. Through the ages, people would walk from station to station trying to mirror the physical pilgrimage of going from place to place in Jerusalem. The form of the Stations of the Cross has changed over the centuries, but the devotion still carries the same meaning and is a traditional part of Lent.

Consider making this prayerful reflection part of your Lenten Journey.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Peter's Church on March 5. Devotion will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 5:00 pm.

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

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone wanting and 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 34: 02/212021	\$ 8,644.00	\$ 310,134.45

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).



INTRODUCING...
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

This Week at St. Peter's...

Monday	March 1
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (MW Parish Hall)
Tuesday	March 2
10:00 am	Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	March 3
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
7:00 pm	Deacon Bob's Bible Study (MW Parish Hall)
Thursday	March 4
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
Friday	March 5
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (Church)
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday	March 6
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, March 6 | Sunday, March 7

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Beth McKenna	5:00 pm Chris Kunze
Frank McKenna	8:30 am Lou Casolari
8:30 am Dorie Calip	10:00 am Kathy Laken
Nancy Riley	11:30 am Paul Gennuso
10:00 am Anthony George	
Deacon Fred	
11:30 am Carmela Graziano	
Mike Graziano	

The Catholic Church in the Month of March

Catholic Culture

As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: The Passion and Resurrection of Christ; Baptism; and Penance.

The **Solemnity of St. Joseph** is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honor bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. And if you are Irish (who isn't), **St. Patrick's feast** is another cause for a joyful celebration. The feast of the **Annunciation** is celebrated on March 25.

Here are saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate:


- St. Katharine Drexel** (March 3)
- St. Casimir** (March 4)
- Sts. Perpetua and Felicity** (March 7)
- St. John of God** (March 8)
- St. Frances of Rome** (March 9)
- St. Patrick** (March 17)
- St. Cyril of Jerusalem** (March 18),
- St. Joseph** (March 19)
- St. Toribio de Mogrovejo** (March 23)



Knights of Columbus Council 10884

Dot of Gold RAFFLE

Drawing:
Sunday, March 21
 following 11:30 am Mass



1st Prize.....\$ 1,500.00 2nd Prize.....\$ 500.00 5 Prizes.....\$ 100.00 each	Name _____ Phone _____
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A Journey Through Lent

+ LENTEN WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE +

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00pm | Sunday – 8:30am • 10:00am • 11:30am
Weekdays (Monday-Friday and First Saturday, March 6) | 8:00am

+ STATIONS OF THE CROSS +

Traditional Stations of the Cross and Benediction

The following Fridays during Lent: February 19, March 12 and 26 | 6:30pm

Stations of the Cross (*hosted by the Knights of Columbus*)

Friday, February 26 | 6:30pm

Friday, March 19 | 7:30pm (*following 6:30pm Mass*)

Stations of the Cross (*hosted by Religious Education*)

Friday, March 5 | 6:30pm

+ SACRAMENT OF PENANCE +

Saturdays during Lent | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

Wednesdays during Lent | 8:30am (*until all are heard*)

First Saturday, March 6 | 8:30am (*until all are heard*)

Last Confessions before Easter

Saturday, March 27 | 9:00am - 3:00pm

“6-hours of Confessions”

(*Deanery-wide Confessions at both Saint Peter the Apostle Parish and Visitation Parish in Elmhurst;
several priests will be available to hear Confessions.*)

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31 | 8:30am (*until all are heard*) • 6:30pm (*until all are heard*)

+ EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT +

First Friday, March 5 | 8:00am - 5:00pm

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

+ SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH +

Honoring the Year of Saint Joseph

Friday, March 19 | 8:00am • 6:30pm

+ PARISH BIBLE STUDY +

Wednesdays during Lent | 7:00pm

(*Margaret Woods Hall*)

Studying Sunday's Scripture/Lectio Divina – A traditional monastic practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's word.

12 Ways to Honor St. Joseph this March

By Annabelle Moseley

What the month of March means to Catholics and how to honor it in your home

Did you know that in the Catholic Church, each of the 12 months of the year has a devotional theme?

For Catholics, March is the month devoted to St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, families, homes, and a happy death. It is interesting to think of it this way: February is devoted to the Holy Family, followed by March devoted to St. Joseph, who is head of that family. In the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "Some saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking."

Here are 12 ways you can align your family to St. Joseph this March:

1. FOR YOUR SPECIAL INTENTIONS, PRAY THIS POWERFUL PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The prayer below has "never been known to fail" and is the go-to for my family.

2. HONOR YOUR FATHER(S)

In Italy and Spain, Fathers Day is celebrated annually on St. Joseph's Day. Indeed, what better day to do something nice for the St. Josephs in our lives? Whatever older man in your life has guided you, deepened your faith, or helped you — whether it's a biological father, adoptive father, foster father, grandfather, father-in-law, spiritual father, beloved uncle, or good priest... St. Joseph's Day is a perfect day to honor them! But any time in March affords a great opportunity to celebrate these men. Send a card describing your gratitude, call them up, make them dinner, offer a Mass in their honor!



Prayer to St. Joseph

*Oh, St. Joseph,
whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong,
before the throne of God,
I place in you all my interests and desires.*

*Oh, St. Joseph,
do assist me by your powerful intercession,
and obtain for me from your Divine Son
all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power,
I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.*

*Oh, St. Joseph,
I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms;
I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.
Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me and
Ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.
St. Joseph, Patron of departed souls - pray for me.*

Amen.

3. RESOLVE TO WORK SMARTER THIS MONTH

This month, work in a way befitting the patron saint of work. Offer up your labor out of love and gratitude for St. Joseph. Remember that keeping holy the Sabbath and abstaining from labor on Sunday honors St. Joseph, too!

4. PLACE AN ICON, STATUE, OR IMAGE OF ST. JOSEPH ON YOUR TABLE

Put a treasured picture of your own family beside it, as a way of seeking blessing and intercession for your family from St. Joseph, Pillar of Families.

5. MAKE WEDNESDAYS SPECIAL

In the Catholic tradition, Wednesday is the day of the week devoted to St. Joseph. Wednesday can be thought of as a linchpin in the week — on either side of it is a grouping of days, clustered together like an outstretched arm on either end. What a perfect day to honor St. Joseph, whose arms were outstretched in life to comfort and protect Jesus and Mary. Make your Wednesdays in March extra special by going to Mass or asking for St. Joseph to pray for your intentions. What better month to begin the Nine First Wednesdays tradition in honor of St. Joseph?

6. MAKE A ST. JOSEPH'S DAY ALTAR

This is an Italian tradition, but anyone can practice it! (Just as everyone is encouraged to celebrate on St. Patrick's day even if they're not Irish!) We are a universal church and we should adopt any and all Catholic traditions that we find appealing. The St. Joseph's altar is a fun and meaningful tradition that kids will enjoy helping with. You can make it as elaborate or simple as you want. One idea is to give the altar three levels — one for each person of the Trinity or for each member of the Holy Family. You can place a statue or picture of St. Joseph on the top tier, often with candles. Then you lavish the altar itself with traditional foods that you can serve at a St. Joseph's Day gathering, so it becomes a blessed buffet in praise of and gratitude for St. Joseph. It is said the tradition stems from a famine in Sicily when peasants invoked the help of St. Joseph and were delivered from hunger. Meals made with fava beans are traditionally served on St. Joseph's Day, as it is thought it was a crop of fava beans that saved the people from starvation. Meat is traditionally not served to remain mindful of Lent. Traditional St. Joseph's day foods include breads shaped in cross and staff form, figs, olives and dates, artichokes, fruits, and salads. Sweets of all kinds are a big part of the altar, especially donuts, cream puffs, biscotti and Italian cookies. For the main meal you can serve traditional feast day dinners such as fish and "St. Joseph's Sawdust" — toasted bread crumbs over pasta, representing sawdust from St. Joseph's workshop. A church near you may even be having a St. Joseph's Day celebration! If you celebrate at home, children can act out the part of the Holy Family by knocking at three doors in the home. At the first two doors, they are told "there is no room for you here," and at the third door they are welcomed into the feast.

7. ADORN YOUR HOME WITH FLOWERS

On your St. Joseph's Day altar, or anywhere in your home, place a St. Joseph's Lily (a kind of amaryllis), or something that looks similar such as Easter lilies or a peace plant.

8. FIND A WAY TO INCLUDE ST. JOSEPH IN THE DÉCOR OF YOUR HOME

Here are a few ideas: Purchase a statue of St. Joseph for your garden. Frame a work of religious art featuring St. Joseph. Include fleur-de-lys (the Joseph lily) pattern somewhere in your house. The classic fleur-de-lys pattern can adorn anything from door knockers to bath towels. Or simply print out a black and white image of St. Joseph and color with coloring pencils, then frame it. This makes a great craft activity for kids. Or you can buy a piece of wood from a craft store, sand it down to smooth, stain it, and then decoupage an image of St. Joseph on top — it's a fitting activity to honor St. Joseph the carpenter!

9. READ THE "CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH," BY FR. DONALD CALLOWAY

You can listen to my interview with Fr. Calloway speaking about the wonders of St. Joseph on the podcast "Destination: Sainthood".

10. FIND WAYS TO GIVE

Since St. Joseph is the patron saint of families, find ways to give to families in need through local (or national) Catholic organizations, such as your food pantries, in St. Joseph's honor and following his loving example.

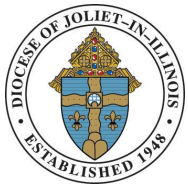
11. PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING, SICK AND DYING

Since St. Joseph is the "Comfort to the Afflicted, Hope of the Sick and the Patron of the Dying," add those people to your daily prayers this month.

12. AT THE END OF THE DAY, GIVE YOUR WORRIES TO THE SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH

It is said that St. Joseph, the "Terror of Demons," even frightens demons in his sleep; such is his power and strength. Ask St. Joseph, who communicates with God even in his dreams, to pray for your intentions and take your worries so you can get some rest! You can even do as Pope Francis advises, and place a note with your special intentions under a statue of the sleeping St. Joseph.

*May St. Joseph, Pillar of Families,
bless you and your family!*



Office for
Human Dignity
Respect Life Ministry

RE: The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life.

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a “public” place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.

PRESS RELEASE

RE: U.S. Bishop Chairmen Say Equality Act Would Discriminate Against People of Faith and Threaten Unborn Life

WASHINGTON—Five committee chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) wrote a letter to members of Congress opposing the recent reintroduction of the Equality Act (H.R. 5), which is scheduled to be voted on by the U.S. House of Representatives this week. The bishops warned of the threats posed by the proposed legislation to both people of faith and of no faith, with respect to mandates impacting charities and their beneficiaries in need, health care and other conscience rights, taxpayer funding of abortion, freedom of speech, women’s sports and sex-specific facilities, and more. Their letter explained:

“[E]very person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. This commitment is reflected in the Church’s charitable service to all people, without regard to race, religion, or any other characteristic. It means we need to honor every person’s right to gainful employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive. It also means that people of differing beliefs should be respected.”

Furthermore, the bishop chairmen asserted, “The [Equality Act] represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding ‘gender’ on individuals and organizations. This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting ‘gender’ as only a social construct. As Pope Francis has reflected, however, “biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated.” ... It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality.’ Tragically, this Act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience.”

“Rather than affirm human dignity in ways that meaningfully exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith,” they concluded.

The letter was jointly signed by Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J., of Oakland, chairman of the Committee on Catholic Education; Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty; Bishop David A. Konderla of Tulsa, chairman of the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage; and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

The letter is available at https://www.usccb.org/resources/Letter_to_Congress_on_Equality_Act_Feb_23_2021.

More information and resources related to the USCCB’s stance on the Equality Act may be found at <https://www.usccb.org/equality-act>.



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.

Why did God test Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son?

Genesis 22: 1-2, we read how God tested Abraham by demanding his son, Isaac as sacrifice. "It happened some time later that God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham!' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. God said, 'Take your son, your only son, your beloved Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah, where you are to offer him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains which I shall point out to you.'" (New Jerusalem Bible)

God was never in doubt of Abraham's faith. Think of what would happen if Abraham were to rebel against God for demanding such a heavy sacrifice of him, we all know the story of Abraham and how he got Isaac in his old age; but, God knew Abraham.

Why did He test Abraham if he knew already? He wanted Abraham to see how great the faith he had within himself. He made such a request to draw the best out of Abraham as well as move forward in the big plans He had for him. This also applies to us; this is why God gives us the crosses we bear. We can learn one more lesson from this; God never gives us a cross we cannot bear. This act of faith was a big step in God's plan to make Abraham the **father of many nations**.

That is why within the Mass, in Eucharistic Prayer 1, the Church calls Abraham, 'our father in faith': "Look with favor on these offerings and accept them as once you accepted the gifts of your servant Abel, the sacrifice of **Abraham our father in faith**, and wine offered by your priest Melchisedech."

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Margaret DelPreto
sister of Dorothy Amato
May she rest in the peace of Christ.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| Joann Anderson | Mary Hosters |
| Michelle Anderson | Rickie Krusel |
| Brian Beers | JoLynn Lash |
| Sue Bobka | Lilly Lima |
| Mike Carey | Gene Mikulecky |
| Eunice Cleveland | Christopher Mizera |
| Robert Cleveland | Harriett Pinkowski |
| Regina Conti | Bonnie Pollock |
| Colin Cummins | Nikki Recchia |
| Mary Cummins | Brendan Reidy |
| Michael Cummins | Jerry Riordan |
| Paul Cummins | Ann Marie Rossi |
| Scott Erickson | John Rossi |
| Gerri Gerard | Angela Scanlon |
| Mel Gerard | Wayne Slowiak |
| Mike Graziano | Maria Terracciano |
| Gary Grote | Linda Wuerffel |
| Ken Hemstreet | 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 March prayers for the Church and for the world:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

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
- 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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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 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 12:45 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.

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.

Welcome Guests and Visitors!

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If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com 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.



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