

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*)

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE;
WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER,
AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST.

JOHN 6:35



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 2021

From the Pastor



Dear parishioners and guests,

Last weekend and for a few more weeks, we heard and will hear from the Sixth Chapter of Saint John's Gospel ~ known as the "Bread of Life Discourse". Today's passage picks up where we left off last week, and focuses in a special way on the Bread of Life as real presence.

This Bread is not merely a symbol... It is much more, as Jesus himself insists: "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." He also said in today's passage, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

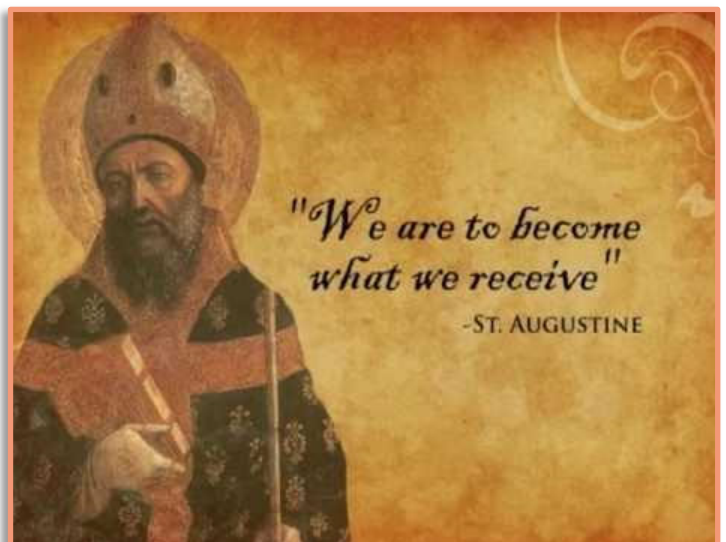
The difference between the Bread of Life that Jesus gives us and ordinary bread is beyond comparison. When we eat ordinary bread that, mhbvfcsxaz our Redeemer said that it was truly his body and blood that he was offering under the appearance of bread and wine, it has always been held by the Church that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread and wine into the substance of the body and blood of Christ our Lord. As Catholics, we believe that Christ is fully present, body and blood soul and divinity, in either species - under the appearance of bread and wine. In other words: The "stuff" that makes bread, bread and the stuff that makes wine, wine ~ is done away with. The appearance remains, but at its core, its very substance is changed into the body and blood of Christ. That is what is meant by Real Presence, that is what is fittingly and properly called TRANSUBSTANTIATION. That is Catholic teaching, to hold something different is clearly an error, and outside of the Catholic Faith. The Real Presence is the gift that Christ gave us. Just as Jesus encountered those who murmured and grumbled against His teaching, all that talk about eating His flesh and drinking His blood, down through Her history the Church has encountered those who don't like the message and try to make the Eucharist something far less than what it is.

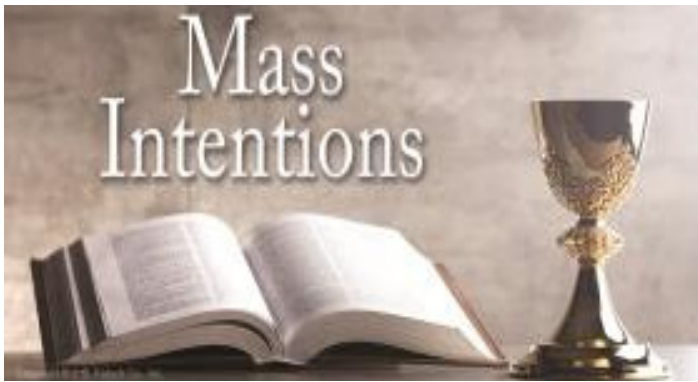
As we receive the Eucharist today, the Body and Blood of Jesus - under the appearance of Bread and wine - remember that it is truly Christ who gives himself to us, and in giving himself to us expects us to bring Him to others, through our words and actions. And in doing that, we become more like Him, and hopefully increase in our love for Him, our desire for Him, and our hope to be with Him forever in Heaven.

Pray for a strong faith to see beyond the bread, to truly see Christ who we receive, and recognize in the Holy Eucharist, JESUS: Our Life, Our Sweetness, and Our Hope.

Blessings as you receive the Eucharist,

Fr. Noesen





The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

*On August 6, the Church celebrates
The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.
This year, it falls on the First Friday of the month.*

Since it is a Feast day, it has great significance. All three synoptic gospel accounts (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) record this event, and it is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. Three of Jesus' apostles (Peter, James the Greater, and John) were chosen by the Lord to ascend a mountain where he was transfigured before them with Moses and Elijah flanking him. We get the sense they were spellbound because St. Peter uttered out to set-up three tents in honor of them, and he desired to stay there. However, it could not be because Jesus would have to suffer, die and rise first in order to make it possible. Yet, Jesus gave them hope in this vision while they lived in the world. One day they would share in the fullness of God's glory in the life to come.

I hope you will cherish this feast by joining in the 8:00 am celebration of Mass and keeping the day as a day of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament of our Lord.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church on August 6.

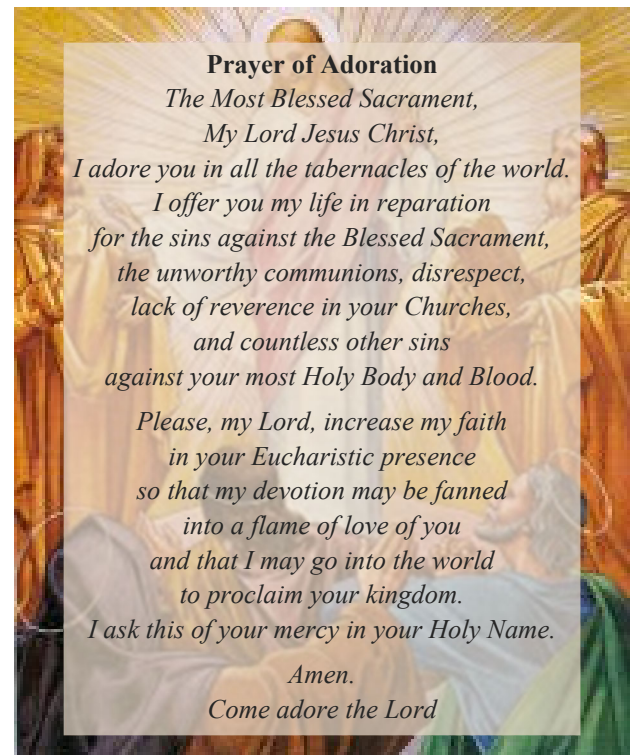
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

will begin following 8:00 am Mass

and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

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 on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com

Come spend quiet time with Jesus before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This is a wonderful time to offer prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions for yourself or loved ones.



Prayer of Adoration

The Most Blessed Sacrament,

My Lord Jesus Christ,

I adore you in all the tabernacles of the world.

I offer you my life in reparation

for the sins against the Blessed Sacrament,

the unworthy communions, disrespect,

lack of reverence in your Churches,

and countless other sins

against your most Holy Body and Blood.

Please, my Lord, increase my faith

in your Eucharistic presence

so that my devotion may be fanned

into a flame of love of you

and that I may go into the world

to proclaim your kingdom.

I ask this of your mercy in your Holy Name.

Amen.

Come adore the Lord

Sunday	August 1 (<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Michael Kamarauskas
10:00 am	For an End to Abortion
11:30 am	†Pamela Edwards
	†Francesco Fricano
Monday	August 2 (<i>Weekday; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest</i>)
8:00 am	†Paul Isherwood
Tuesday	August 3 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Charles and Stella Aument
Wednesday	August 4 (<i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>)
8:00 am	†Assunta Martinelli
Thursday	August 5 (<i>Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>)
8:00 am	†Chester Bochenko
Friday	August 6 (<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>)
8:00 am	†Bruce Gariti
Saturday	August 7 (<i>Weekday; Blessed Virgin Mary St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions; St. Cajetan, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>)
<i>Priest;</i>	
8:00 am	†Rudolph Spandau
Saturday	August 7 (<i>Vigil: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
5:00 pm	†Thomas DiGuido
	†Jerry Grimaldi
	†Robert Hoffman
	†Jerry Riordan
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	For an End to Abortion
Sunday	August 8 (<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Charles LaMendola
11:30 am	†John F. DeRose
	†Denis McNamara
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23
Friday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection**Year to Date**

Fiscal Week 4: 07/25/2021 \$ 9,034.00 \$ 41,945.03

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 June 30, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$403,834.28. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning. Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

This Week at St. Peter's...

Sunday	August 1
	Faith & Fellowship after all Masses (<i>MW Parish Hall</i>)
12:15 pm	Baptisms (<i>Church</i>)
Monday	August 2
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (<i>MW Parish Hall</i>)
Tuesday	August 3
10:00 am	Crochet Group (<i>MW Parish Hall</i>)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (<i>Church</i>)
Wednesday	August 4
8:30 am	Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
Thursday	August 5
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (<i>PC Conference Room</i>)
Friday	August 5
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass
8:30am	Benediction and Rosary for our Nation
Saturday	August 7
4:15 pm	Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
Sunday	August 8
11:30 am	Welcome Back Mass & Parish Picnic



thank you

Please join in extending a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the following youth and young adults who generously offered their service to assist parishioner Peter Fricano with snow removal during the winter months. Their generosity and stewardship of time, talent and resources provided a tremendous savings to the parish.

Chris Bochenek
Elisa Cardone
Gino Cardone
Allison Fricano
Jaclyn Fricano
Katelyn Fricano
Madelyn Fricano
Andrew McCoy
Jimmy Pellegrino
Zach Vandermeulen

**Schedule**

Saturday, August 7 | Sunday, August 8

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Valerie Serzen	5:00 pm Patrick Powers
Deacon Fred	8:30 am Lou Casolari
8:30 am Kathy Frank	11:30 am Diane Blackburn
Maryanne Kveck	
11:30 am Mary McNamara	
Deacon Bob	





PLEASE NOTE:
Due to preparations
for the outdoor mass,
there will NOT be a
10:00 am Mass
on August 8.

WELCOME BACK

OUTDOOR MASS
and
PICNIC

★ August 8 ★

Join us as we come together to celebrate a return to Church and to reunite with our parish community.

Mass will be celebrated outdoors in front of the church at 11:30am,
followed by a Parish Picnic on the parish grounds.
(attendees are asked to provide their own seating - ie, chairs, tables, blankets)

Main dishes will be provided by the parish, but parishioners are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert.
Volunteers are also needed to set-up, serve, run games.

Sign-up can be done in the back of church
OR online at www.stpeteritasca.com
OR by calling the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext 200)

Can our departed loved ones send us messages from heaven?

Msgr. Charles Pope

Question: Can our departed loved ones send us messages from heaven? I have spoken to many who believe that they have, indeed, received positive affirmations, guidance, signs, symbols, ETC.

Answer: There could be certain instances where the Lord permits a soul in heaven to send us a word, message, sign or consolation. However, this does not seem to be something we should regularly expect, and we should be very discerning before simply accepting that something is a message from a departed soul.

Most certainly to be avoided is any conjuring of the dead through mediums, seances or other methods (cf. Dt 18:10; Lv 19:31; 20:27). Such actions are prohibited by the First Commandment since they violate our trust in God and seek to know the future or obtain other knowledge. This is done apart from simply trusting that God has revealed to us what we must know to be saved.

In another biblical account, we also see a general dismissal of the dead taking to the living. In the parable of the Lazarus and the rich man, the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers so that they don't end up in torment. But Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them listen to them" (Lk 16:29). In other words, God's general expectation is for us to rely on what he has revealed through Scripture and the teachings of the Church. This precludes any regular need for us to get messages from the souls in heaven. Surely, they pray for us there and they, too, trust that God will send necessary graces, nudges and reminders.

Hence, while it is possible God sometimes allows the souls in heaven to send messages, this would seem to be rare, and our best bet is to stick to the solid meat and potatoes of God's word in Scripture and Church teaching.

ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT FAMILY IN HEAVEN

Question: Often on Facebook and other sites, people speak of deceased loved ones as being in heaven. What are we to think of this sort of expression, and how should we speak of the deceased?

Answer: On the one hand, we can see expressions like this as a hopeful and polite way of speaking of the dead. Theologically, however, simply declaring or assuming a person is in heaven is wrong for a number of reasons. First, we take the judgment seat that belongs to Christ. Second, we may well engage in presumption. Third, we often mislead people into dubious hope or presumption. Fourth, we often deprive the dead who are in purgatory the prayers they need and deserve from us.

Scripture does not say that we die and go straight to heaven. We have a little appointment to keep: the judgment seat of Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:10; Heb 9:27). This is certainly worth praying about! And even if the judgment is not about hell, a second judgment concerns the imperfections and sorrows that must be purged (cf. 1 Cor 3:12-15), for nothing imperfect can enter heaven (cf. Rv 21:27). It isn't just our sins or the effects of them that need to be removed, but we also carry things we know we can't take to heaven, such as regrets, past hurts, sorrows, etc. Christ must wipe these tears from our eyes (cf. Rv 7:17; 21:4).

Therefore, it is proper to assume that when our loved ones die, they go through some period of purification and purgation. How lengthy this is and how time here relates to "time" in purgatory or heaven is unknown. Perhaps a better way of speaking of our loved one is the traditional way: "Uncle Joe died two years ago. May he rest in peace." This avoids fake canonizations and inspires prayer. It reminds others that Uncle Joe is in the care of God, who knows what is right, just, best and necessary.

Msgr. Charles Pope is the pastor of Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian in Washington, D.C.,

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GRIEF MINISTRY

Due to the Parish Welcome Back Mass and Picnic on August 8, The Grief Ministry will not be meeting in August.

NEXT SESSION—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 9:30 am



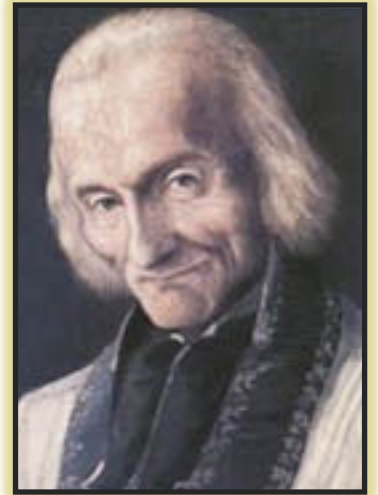
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Catechism on the Priesthood

by Saint John Vianney Patron Saint of Parish Priests

My children, we have come to the Sacrament of Orders. It is a Sacrament which seems to relate to no one among you, and which yet relates to everyone. This Sacrament raises man up to God. What is a priest! A man who holds the place of God — a man who is invested with all the powers of God. "Go," said Our Lord to the priest; "as My Father sent Me, I send you. All power has been given Me in Heaven and on earth. Go then, teach all nations... He who listens to you, listens to Me; he who despises you despises Me." When the priest remits sins, he does not say, "God pardons you;" he says, "I absolve you." At the Consecration, he does not say, "This is the Body of Our Lord;" he says, "This is My Body."

Saint Bernard tells us that everything has come to us through Mary; and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest; yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts. If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest — always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest.



Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine Son descend into the Host. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, "Go in peace; I pardon you." Oh, how great is a priest! The priest will not understand the greatness of his office till he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth, he would die, not of fear, but of love. The other benefits of God would be of no avail to us without the priest. What would be the use of a house full of gold, if you had nobody to open you the door! The priest has the key of the heavenly treasures; it is he who opens the door; he is the steward of the good God, the distributor of His wealth. Without the priest, the Death and Passion of Our Lord would be of no avail. Look at the heathens: what has it availed them that Our Lord has died? Alas! they can have no share in the blessings of Redemption, while they have no priests to apply His Blood to their souls!

The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you. After God, the priest is everything. Leave a parish twenty years without priests; they will worship beasts. If the missionary Father and I were to go away, you would say, "What can we do in this church? there is no Mass; Our Lord is no longer there: we may as well pray at home." When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because where there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice there is no religion.

When the bell calls you to church, if you were asked, "Where are you going?" you might answer, "I am going to feed my soul." If someone were to ask you, pointing to the tabernacle, "What is that golden door?" "That is our storehouse, where the true Food of our souls is kept." "Who has the key? Who lays in the provisions? Who makes ready the feast, and who serves the table?" "The priest." "And what is the Food?" "The precious Body and Blood of Our Lord." O God! O God! how Thou hast loved us! See the power of the priest; out of a piece of bread the word of a priest makes a God. It is more than creating the world... Someone said, "Does Saint Philomena, then, obey the Cure of Ars?" Indeed, she may well obey him, since God obeys him.

If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place. Saint Teresa kissed the ground where a priest had passed. When you see a priest, you should say, "There is he who made me a child of God, and opened Heaven to me by holy Baptism; he who purified me after I had sinned; who gives nourishment to my soul." At the sight of a church tower, you may say, "What is there in that place?" "The Body of Our Lord." "Why is He there?" "Because a priest has been there, and has said holy Mass."

What joy did the Apostles feel after the Resurrection of Our Lord, at seeing the Master whom they had loved so much! The priest must feel the same joy, at seeing Our Lord whom he holds in his hands. Great value is attached to objects which have been laid in the drinking cup of the Blessed Virgin and of the Child Jesus, at Loretto. But the fingers of the priest, that have touched the adorable Flesh of Jesus Christ, that have been plunged into the chalice which contained His Blood, into the pyx where His Body has lain, are they not still more precious? The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see the priest, think of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Below are a few commonly asked questions on the meeting and on this topic at issue.

Why are the bishops doing this now?

For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern, that the theme of the bishops' strategic plan for 2021-2024 is Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope. This important document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multi-year Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite Eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during last week's meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?

No, this was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic - regardless of whether they hold public office or not - is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?

No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?

No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. Last week's meeting was the first part of that process. It is important to note that collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.

Devout Catholic School Teachers Needed

Full and part-time PreK- Grade 8 teaching positions are currently available in Diocese of Joliet Catholic elementary schools located in DuPage, Kankakee, and Will Counties.

- >> Early Childhood and Kindergarten
- >> Primary (Grades 1, 2, and 3)
- >> Intermediate (Grades 4 and 5)
- >> Junior High School English / Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics, and Science (Grades 6, 7, and 8)
- >> Specials (Art, Music, PE, and Spanish)
- >> Resource and Special Education Teachers



Candidates must be practicing Catholics who hold appropriate state licensure. Please view job descriptions and apply online at www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/



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

Leonardo Memphis

child of Victor Carmona and Olivia Lopez

Giovanni Sam

child of James and Jacquelin (Buffo) Zaccane

Norrine Mae

child of Daniel and Katie (Fudacz) Block

who were baptized during the month of July 2021



Kelly McCune and Kevin Twarog

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
on Saturday, July 10, 2021*



Nicholas Dammann and Mallory Petersen

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
on Saturday, July 16, 2021*



Ryan Plunkett & Mary Beth D'Andrea

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
on Friday, July 30, 2021*



Jessica Johnson and Cody Stevens

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
on Saturday, July 30, 2021*

**O Lord, bless these couples,
keep them holy and pure in their lives,
deepen their spirit of prayer
and love for you and each other.**

*Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life. .*



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Gerri Gerard	John North
Michelle Anderson	Mel Gerard	Holly Vana
Sue Bobka	Brad Grabow	Tom Vana
Elio Campanella	Mike Graziano	Harriett Pinkowski
Mike Carey	Gary Grote	Bonnie Pollock
Eunice Cleveland	Virginia Halac	Nikki Recchia
Robert Cleveland	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Mary Hosters	Ann Marie Rossi
Marie Costable	Anne Keeton	John Rossi
Colin Cummins	Rickie Kruzel	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Fr. Mirosław
Michael Cummins	Lilly Lima	Stepien
Paul Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Linda Wuerffel
Scott Erickson	Christopher Mizera	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 August prayers for the Church
and for the world:

THE CHURCH

*Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from
the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself
in the light of the Gospel.*

**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
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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phone: 847-224-9324**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 12:30 pm

(immediately following 11:30 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Required paperwork **MUST** be submitted to the parish office **no later than ten (10) business days prior to the baptismal date or your date will be rescheduled.** This includes all necessary information regarding family records and godparents. Please read the **baptism planning information** provided before selecting a godparent. A sponsor certificate must be provided **by each godparent.** The proper **sponsor certificate** for St. Peter the Apostle is included with the baptism packet. Christian witnesses are most welcome to celebrate with the family and community, but please note they are not recorded as sponsors on the Baptismal Certificate or in the Baptismal Register.**WEDDINGS**

According to diocesan policy, the parish must be contacted six months prior to the intended wedding date. Please call the Parish Center (ext. 201) for information.

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Parish Center when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from Fr. Noesen or a deacon. Likewise, please call if you would like a visit while convalescing at home or at a facility.

Additionally, before being admitted to a hospital for surgery, it is advisable to call Fr. Noesen to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Please contact the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to arrange for communion visits to the homebound.

FUNERALS

It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead.

The funeral director will contact the Parish Center regarding arrangements. Funerals are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 am.

For more information, please read guidelines for Funeral Planning on the parish website.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.



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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.

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



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Invitation to Register!

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).

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