

Saint Peter Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

Second Thursday of every month during Father John Project
and by appointment



November 4, 2018

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

(closed for lunch: Monday-Thursday, 12:30-1:30 pm)

**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.**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith should contact the Parish Center for information.

BAPTISMS

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:15 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.**ANOIDING OF THE SICK**

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

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.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

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

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



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

It has been two weeks since I've returned from my mission trip to Kenya and Uganda. I would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support.

The first words that I can use to describe my experience there was **SIMPLICITY OF LIFE**. For those two weeks, I basically lived the life of the religious brothers of the M.O.P, Missionaries of the Poor. In Chokaa, outside of Nairobi, Kenya, there are 17 brothers. They live in very small rooms, the size of our ushers' room, with usually four brothers sharing two bunk beds, with no closets. They own very few personal items.

The day starts at 5:45 a.m., with the awaking chimes by the bell ringer. Mass starts at 6:15 every day, combined with morning prayer, followed by Eucharistic Exposition and adoration. Music fills every prayerful time together. They have drums, tambourines, a keyboard and guitars leading into song throughout the Mass and morning prayer, making this time even more special. Then at 8:00 am, breakfast is served, and all eat together in the dining room, where they share their spiritual reflections on the readings.

After breakfast, each brother is assigned to different tasks. Some help run the school that the M.O.P. created for children, ages 4 to 6, of the poorest families, usually a single-parent family. The Divine Mercy Academy provides breakfast, lunch, and a light dinner at the end of the school day to all of its students, which is the last meal that many of these children will have for the day. The M.O.P. provides the children with uniforms, shoes and even socks, so all have adequate clothing to attend school. At present, there are 120 beautiful and extremely friendly children in attendance, though the waiting list is more than double that number.

Other brothers help run the orphanage that the M.O.P. created three years ago, which takes care of approximately 60 special needs children who have no family. Many of them have such disabilities including autism, Down's Syndrome, cerebral palsy and other physical and developmental disabilities. The brothers and staff work tirelessly to cook, feed, care for the children and clean the facilities. Specifically, I was impressed with their washing of bed sheets every day by hand to maintain a clean and healthy environment for the children. Again, what also struck me was these children's outgoing nature and friendliness towards me, a stranger.

Other brothers help plant and maintain the crops they have in their sizeable garden to aid in their becoming a self-sustaining community. In addition to many fruits and vegetables, they also raise chickens, geese, turkeys and goats.

They take a break for noon prayer, which again includes song, and then they have lunch. Returning to their duties, they end their work day with evening prayer at 5:00 pm, with dinner following shortly after. After a rest, they close their day singing the night prayer.

I then was able to visit the M.O.P. Provincial House in neighboring Kampala, Uganda. There, because it is a house of formation, there were approximately 80 brothers in different levels of formation living a cloistered life. They also do much of the same work as the brothers in Kenya, though on a larger scale. There are two orphanage centers there -- one for 180 boys and one for 220 girls. Obviously, much more work is needed there, but I was impressed with how clean they were able to maintain their facilities throughout.

The superior in Uganda, Fr. Allan, is a bit more advanced in engineering and tries to make the M.O.P. as self-sustaining as possible. He started an aquaponics pond where he is raising over 1,000 tilapia every year. They have more land, so more animals are raised there, including pigs and rabbits. Their farm included banana trees, papaya trees and jack fruit trees - something new I had never tried before, but very sweet and delicious, along with much more.

In Uganda, the Missionaries provide clean water free of charge for the entire village, because the government does not. The M.O.P. in all of its locations runs itself with no government funding, only donations.

In summary, our donations helped to provide three meals for many, both typical and special needs children. I was able to help them purchase cleaning supplies and equipment that they couldn't afford before, as well as new mattresses that needed to be replaced, as well as other numerous items.

The brothers are most grateful for your support, both in prayer and financial, so they can continue to serve the poorest of the poor, to help them have a better life. You can visit Missionariesofthepoor.org for more information.

May God bless you...

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek

From the Pastor



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date

Fiscal Week 17: 10/28/2018 \$ 9,524.00 \$ 168,338.67

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).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)

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

Sunday November 4
 8:00 am St. Vincent DePaul Collection Drive (*Parking Lot*)
 12:30 pm Farewell Reception for Fr. Aldo (*MW Parish Hall*)

Monday November 5
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (*PC/Lower Level*)

Tuesday November 6
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (*Church*)

Wednesday November 7
 4:30 pm Children's Choir (*Church/Choir Loft*)
 5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (*School/Church*)
 6:00 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (*Church/Choir Loft*)
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (*Church/Choir Loft*)
 7:00 pm Deacon Bob's Bible Study (*MW Parish Hall*)

Thursday November 8
 9:00 am Morning Bible Discussion (*Parish Hall*)
 7:00 pm Father John Project (*Church*)

Saturday November 10
 4:00 pm Confessions (*Church*)

Sunday November 11
 10:30 am MANNA Sales after all Masses (*Church/Narthex*)
 Grief Support Group (*PC*)



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

Sophia Rose

child of Christopher and Rosa (Dicosola) Sheldon

Colin Kaziman

child of Lukasz and Paulina Sajewicz

Amelia Lynn

child of Brandon and Kristen (Maros) Hansen

who were baptized during the month of October 2018

Mass Intentions

Sunday November 4 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 8:00 am †Dino Guidarini
 9:30 am †Dr. Thomas James
 11:15 am †Mary Edmier
 †Restituta Sinagpulo
 All Souls in Purgatory

Monday November 5 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Dave Plezia

Tuesday November 6 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Jonathan Villa

Wednesday November 7 (Weekday)
 8:00 am Mary Booth - *Special Intention*

Thursday November 8 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Stella Giannelli

Friday November 9 (Weekday)
 8:00 am Pietro Fricano - *Special Intention - 71st Birthday*

Saturday November 10 (Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 5:00 pm †Joseph Magnus
 †Roman Melnyk
 †Placido Razon

Sunday November 11 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 8:00 am †Mr. and Mrs. Emil Derma
 9:30 am †Ed Kryger
 11:15 am †Robert Field
 †V. Michael Pellegrino
 Felipa Penaflor - *Special Intention*
 †Josephine Riggio

Readings for the Week

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14
R: In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24
R: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33
R: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10
R: Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
R: The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High!

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15
R: Blessed the man who fears the Lord.

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28;
 Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

Communion Ministers/ Lectors/Servers Schedule

Saturday, November 10 | Sunday, November 11

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Linda Aiani
Gary Divis
Valerie Serzen
Debbie Thude

8:00 am Sharon Hower
Marty Hower
Bill Kolf
Deacon Fred Maier

9:30 am Nancy Ferenzi
Greg Papuga
Joanna Papuga
Deacon Bob Ziomek

11:15 am Ken Cleveland
Pat Cleveland
Mel Gerard
Jolynn Lash

Lectors

5:00 pm Sr. Mary Rice
Patrick Powers

8:00 am Chris Aument
Lou Casolari

9:30 am Nancy Magnus
John Los

11:15 am Mary McNamara
Paul Gennusso

Servers

5:00 pm Anthony Zapalik
Ian Swets

8:00 am Dominic Capozzoli
James Capozzoli

9:30 am Michael Fricano
Robert Glennon

11:15 am Jimmy Kollias
Jimmy Kollias

Ushers

5:00 pm Gary Divis
Ed Rossi
Frank Rossi

8:00 am Chris Aument
Ralph D'Andrea
Robert Gosanko

9:30 am Jim Ferenzi
Ralph Fortino
Dennis Rosy
Joe Talaga

11:15 am Karl Schmidt
John Carello
Joe Crocilla
Bill Hepperle
Bruno Zecchin

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Barbara Beers
Brian Beers
Sue Bobka
John Booth
Janet Both
Ken Buffo
Joe Busato
Mike Carey
Jacqueline Castellano
Eunice Cleveland
Regina Conti
Lucy Crocilla
Collin Cummins
Mary Cummins
Paul Cummins
Valeria D'Andrea
Margaret Del Preto
Irene Dial
Angeline DiFranco
Charles DiFranco Jr.
Florence Drwal
Teresa Dunhac
John Elia
Scott Erickson
Tracy Fink
Cheryl Fisherkeller
Rose Mary Flores
Sally Franz
Mary Frawley
Dan Galuszek
Joe Galuszek
Mary Gawlik
Geri Gerard

Mel Gerard
Mike Graziano
Gabiella Guercio
Joseph Halec
Phil Hatke
Jeanette Hemmelgarn
Ken Hemstreet
Isabell Herrera
Shirley Janik
Brian Josephus
Anne Keeton
Debra Kelly
Joe Kryger
Ruth Kryger
Rickie Kuzel
Celeste Kucharczyk
JoLynn Lash
Sharon Laughlin
Elizabeth Lisak
Pasquale Lopardo
Deacon Fred Maier
Eileen Marino
Patricia McMahon
Ann McNally
Jack McNally
Gene Mikulecky
Christopher Mizera
Rich Mrugacz
Jean Nowobielski
Dolores Olenek
Donald Olenek
Vince Oraziatti
Fred Oslager

Anne Marie Pagni
Harriett Pinkowski
Baby Vincent Porter
Megan Putze
Brendan Reidy
John Rossi
Jennifer Ruffing
Savannah Rose Russo
Roxanne Ruiz
Alana Ruiz
Alexandra Ruiz
Janina Sabat
Fred Santoro
Angela Scanlon
Shauna Sheffer
Marilyn Sieradzki
Belinda Sobucki
Richard D. Sokolowski
Sharon Sowers
Karen Stewart
Joan Streich
Linda Sweda
Ornella Talaga
Terry Tardi
James Thompson
Patricia Vitale
Jennifer Weil
Helen Wilczko
Agnieszka Wisniewska
Grzegorz Wisniewski
Ray Young
Deacon Bob Ziomek
Judy Ziomek

Published and/or announced 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 request to remain another six weeks.



Cross and Offertory Gift Bearers

Thank you to the following Confirmation and First Holy Communion candidates for serving as cross and gift bearers at this weekend's masses:

	CROSS	GIFTS
5:00 pm	Veronica Ciacio	Evelyn Peart and Family
8:00 am	—	—
9:30 am	Caroline Kawczynski	Ava Garza and Family
11:15 am	Christopher Bochenek	Natalia Bochenek and Family

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

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
PVT Jacob E. Cleveland, US Army Reserves
PFC Michael D'Andrea, US Army
CPT Joseph DeHaven, US Army
1LT Stephen Grabinski, US Army
CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
PFC Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
PFC Jacob Los, US Army
Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
PO3 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy



All are welcome to stop by
the Margaret Woods Hall
to grab a doughnut, a beverage
and some fellowship—
weekly following all Sunday morning masses.

HAPPENING SOON...



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH FAMILY EVENT

The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to its
annual Family Advent Wreath-making program on
Tuesday, November 20, at 7:00 pm.

The cost is \$15 for base, greens and candles, or \$10 for greens
and candles (if you have your own base).

Watch for a sign up sheet coming soon!



**KNIGHTS
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THANK YOU for the Food Pantry Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Itasca Food
Pantry during the Knights of Columbus Reverse Collection.

\$200 and 150 pounds of food were collected and donated
to the Itasca Food Pantry!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



MASS OF THANKSGIVING

**Thursday, November 22, 2018
9:00 am**



*Let's truly set the tone for a
wonderful holiday of giving
with thanks to the Lord!*

Please bring non-perishable food items for donation during
the offertory at the 9:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

Drivers may be needed to help
transport the food after Mass to
the Itasca Food Pantry—
it will only take an extra
half hour of your time.



**THANK
YOU!**

A big THANK YOU to **Itasca Window Cleaning**
for providing their services to clean the
church windows. And, a shout-out to
Ginger Busato and Lisa Hennessy for
making it possible.

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CIAO!
Fr. Aldo Vendramin
Plan to attend...
THIS WEEKEND - November 4
 (following 11:15 am Mass)

Everyone is invited to a farewell reception to bid *ciao* and best wishes to Fr. Aldo Vendramin, St. Peter's weekend associate priest of the last several years, as he embarks on a new journey in retirement and his new home in California.

Refreshments will be served at a reception in Fr. Aldo's honor following the 11:15 am Mass this weekend.

Please stop by to wish him well.



Grief Ministry Meetings

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

We meet in the Parish Center on the second Sunday of the month following the 9:30 am Mass (approximately 10:30am).

Our members are friendly, compassionate and all are good listeners.

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin or Fred Maier
 630-212-0304 630-773-4412

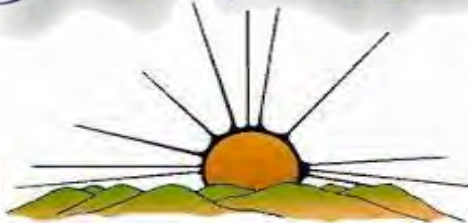


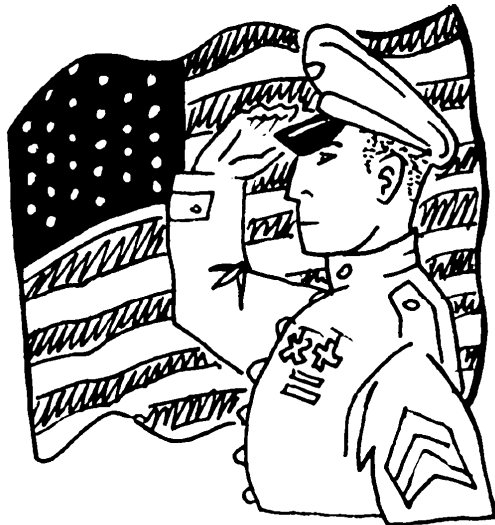
FATHER JOHN PROJECT

The next "**Father John Project**" will be take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 11. The evening prayer service, will include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will also be available from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

The focus of the "**Father John Project**" is to take action through prayer for conversion. Father John's desire was to welcome new and returning Catholics to their home in the Church. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend, as well as to reach out to invite anyone who may be struggling to find their way "HOME."

Grief Support





Veterans Day

On November 11 at 11:00 am, The Village of Itasca and the VFW will honor our military men and women with a short ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial in Usher Park.

UPCOMING EASTERN DUPAGE DEANERY Speaker Series

11/6/18 - 7:00pm | "Advanced Care Planning"

Speaker: Dr. Paul Hutchinson

Location: Christ The King, Lombard

The discussion will include what is an advance directive/ who needs an advance directive/what is the right advance directive for me? What do I need to know about CPR, breathing machines, and feeding tubes if I were ever to become very sick? What do I need to know about palliative care and hospice? What is a POLST form and do I need one? How do I talk with my family about my wishes? How do I talk with my doctor about my wishes? What does the Church say about withdrawal and withholding life-sustaining treatments?



Music for the Lord

Join the *Spirit of Life* Chorus at our Fall 2018 Concert Schedule

Saturday, October 13—Concert: 6:30pm
Lutheran Home
800 W. Oakton St., Arlington Heights
847-368-7400

Sunday, October 21—Concert: 4:30pm
St. Peter Lutheran Church
202 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg
847-885-3350

Sunday, October 28—Concert: 4:30pm
Good Shepherd Lutheran
195 Nesler Rd., Elgin
847-741-7788

Sunday, November 4—Concert: 4:30pm
First Presbyterian Church
221 N. Main St., Belvidere
815-544-6402

Sunday, November 11—Concert: 5:00pm
Holy Ghost Catholic Church
254 N. Wood Dale Rd., Wood Dale
630-860-2975
Benefit concert for Military Outreach USA.

Sunday, November 18—Concert: 4:00pm
Christ Church
1492 Henry, Des Plaines
847-297-4230

Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food item for the Des Plaines Self Help Closet.

Sunday, November 25—Concert: 4:30pm
First Baptist Church
1266 N. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge
847-692-6101

Sunday, December 2—Concert: 4:30pm
St. Walter Catholic Church
130 W. Pine St., Roselle
630-894-2461

To find more information about the Chorus and our concert schedule, visit www.spiritoflifechorus.org



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October 29, 2018

**Statement from the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, Bishop of Joliet,
Regarding Tragedy at Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA**

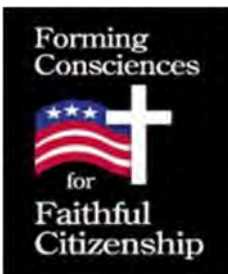
This past weekend, our country has once again suffered terrible tragedy in the form of a violent attack in Pittsburgh. Today, I ask the faithful of the Diocese of Joliet to join me in prayer for all those affected by this horrible event at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Such acts of violence, especially those motivated by political, racial or religious intolerance must be confronted by people of all faiths, united as one community.

May God's grace bring comfort and healing to the victims and families, and renew in our nation a deeper respect for the human dignity of all.

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet



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**FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP
INTRODUCTORY NOTE**

Catholics Care.

Catholics Vote.

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern." Pope Francis, 9/16/13

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

You can read or print a copy of the entire **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility** from the Catholic Bishops of the United States at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

In this document, the bishops do not tell Catholics for whom or against whom to vote. Their purpose is to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God's truth. They recognize that the responsibility to make choices in political life rests with each individual in light of a properly formed conscience. In addition to reflecting on Catholic teaching and political life and summarizing their policy positions on major issues, the United States Catholic bishops also call all of us to prayer. They state that the "struggles that we face as a nation and as a global community cannot be addressed solely by choosing the "best candidate" for political office." We need to "ask humbly in prayer for an outpouring of the grace of the Holy Spirit on the United States of America."

"The dying process is a sacred time—a final season to seek closure in this life and prepare for the next in the hope of sharing in Christ's Resurrection.

As you enter into this season with your friend or family member, ask God to accompany both of you."



— "USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End" www.usccb.org/endoflifecare

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright	1-800-848-LOVE
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	630-790-8433 x 266
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	1-815-838-7171
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities	
Children's Services	630-495-6864
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-67-BABY-6
	1-800-NO-ABORT
Waterleaf Women's Center	630-701-6270
The Gabriel Project	1-877-734-2444

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC

Prayers are always needed for unborn children. Pro-life advocates want to continue to save lives and one of the most powerful ways to do this is by bearing peaceful, prayerful witness at an abortion clinic. The number one reason abortion-bound women give for changing their mind is the presence of someone praying for them.

You can be a part of this meaningful mission by joining other pro-life individuals in prayer at the Advantage abortion clinic at 203 E. Irving Park Road in Wood Dale any Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday between 6:30 am and 11:00 am. You can come and go at any time. Whatever amount of time you can spend in prayer will help save the life of an unborn child.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.

CALENDAR OF PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Wednesday, September 26 - November 4 – "40 Days for Life"

This worldwide campaign to end abortion is a beautiful way to join others in prayer, fasting, keeping vigil, and reaching out to the community. You can volunteers to pray at either of two of the abortion clinics in the Joliet Diocese:

- **Access Health Center**, 1700 75th Street, Downers Grove
Contact: Bob, Caron, or Daria at 40DaysDG@gmail.com
- **Planned Parenthood**, 3055 E. New York Street, Aurora
Contact: Catherine Walker 40Days4lifeaurora@gmail.com

Friday, November 2 - Sunday, November 4 –

Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat (Joliet/Lemont)

for post-abortive women and men. Contact Kay at 1-866-99-4-GIVE (4483) or corcoran-family@sbcglobal.net

Wednesday, January 16 - Sunday, January 20 –

March for Life with the Joliet Diocese in Washington D.C.

Register online at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/life> or call the Respect Life Ministry at 815-221-6251.

Sunday, January 19 | 11:00am – Celebration of Life Mass

Celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Raymond, 604 N. Raynor Avenue on Joliet.

Gathering in prayer so a culture of life might flourish.

If you have any questions, want more information, or are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroyed more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself Never to be silent,
Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn.
I commit myself to be active in the Pro-Life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice, not just for some, but for all,
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life



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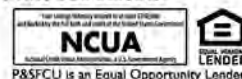
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