

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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July 30, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am | 10:00 am | 11:30 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: 6:45 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*)

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please stop by or call the Parish Center (ext. 200) to register or visit the parish website.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

For details regarding planning a baptism, wedding, or funeral, please call the Parish Center (ext. 200) or visit the parish website.



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners:

With almost one month of serving as your Pastor here at St. Peter the Apostle, I have determined that one of my top priorities is to expand the parish's Music Ministry.

I understand that the parish has been without a formal music ministry program for a few years—especially since the onset of the Covid pandemic. Although the parish has been very fortunate to have musicians and vocalists who have been able to assist as needed, I would very much like to reinvigorate this vital ministry for parishioners.

My hope is to expand the music ministry by starting both Adult and Children's choirs. It is also important to have someone oversee and manage worship music for our liturgical gatherings, including weddings and funerals.

The first step in this process is to hire a Director of Music Ministry to oversee this integral aspect of our worship and celebration. Please spread the word and share



Love and Prayers,

Fr. Tuan

Pastor, St. Peter the Apostle Parish



St. Peter the Apostle Parish Seeks to Hire a Part-time Director of Music

The Director of Music is responsible for planning and playing for weekend Masses and Holy Days, scheduling musicians as needed, holding weekly adult choir rehearsals and monthly children's choir rehearsals.

If you or someone you know, is interested in this position, please contact Fr. Tuan by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) or by email at pastor@stpeteritasca.com



Tuesday Rosary Ministry

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

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.

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

WEATHER PERMITTING... the Rosary will be prayed outside by the Blessed Mary next to the school. Please bring a chair if you wish to sit.

“The Rosary is a contemplative prayer, and it has great intercessory power: whoever recites it, is united to Mary in meditating the mysteries of Christ, and is led to invoke the proper graces to these mysteries in the multiple situations of life and history.”

(Pope John Paul II)



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church
on August 4.

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

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

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

To ensure that two people are present at all times,
anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot
is asked to sign up using the link available on
the parish website at stpeteritasca.com



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Religious Education Registration is **OPEN**

Registration packets are available on the parish Web site and at the parish office.

Class Time Offerings:

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:20 pm

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:20 am

*Registrations received after August 1st will be assessed a \$20.00 late fee to cover additional shipping costs of books.

CATECHISTS and HELPERS NEEDED!

The original meaning of the word Catechist is "teacher," or one who "echoes" God's word. Each year we rely on about 20 people of the parish to pass on the faith to our children at St. Peter the Apostle parish.

This coming school year, **third and eight grade catechists are needed for Wednesday classes**; High School teens and adult catechist helpers are also needed for both days. No experience is needed and Catechists will receive a discount on tuition if their child(ren) are enrolled in the program. If you are interested in a very rewarding experience, please contact us as soon as possible.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

*Have you thought about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?
Ever wondered why Catholics do certain things at Mass like kneel, stand, sing, use different prayers?
What does it mean that “we receive Jesus in the Host” the priest raises up?
Isn’t it just a piece of bread, and just wine in the chalice?*

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)**, formerly RCIA, is a program available to adults seeking to become a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

The Period of Inquiry is a time to become acquainted with the Catholic Church and to hear the good news of salvation from Jesus Christ, our Savior. This reflective process becomes a continuing, ongoing method during the entire journey. During this reflective process, one should ask questions, discern, and learn about a life of faith in Christ and the Catholic Church.

The Period of Catechumenate

The Period of Catechumenate embodies the first stages of commitment leading to full membership. To enter this phase, one must already have come to faith in Jesus Christ as one’s Lord and Savior and sincerely desire to become members of the Catholic Church. During this period, the initial conversion is deepened and appropriated more deeply into the lives of the catechumens.

The Period of Purification & Illumination

The Period of Purification & Illumination corresponds to the Catholic Church’s time as “Lent,” which is the six weeks of preparation before Easter. This period becomes a prayerful time for catechumens, who are now known as the “Elect,” as they prepare for the moment they enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church in the Sacraments of Initiation. This period is begun with the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, which is celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Raymond under the headship of the Bishop Ronald Hicks, when they are accepted as candidates for the Bishop’s sacraments, representing that this decision is not theirs alone.

Throughout Lent, special prayers are offered at Sunday Masses for the elect and candidates – these are called “scrutinies.” These prayers are for strengthening grace and virtue, purification from all past evil, and any bonds that hinder them from experiencing God’s love. Throughout this period, the elect is invited to join with the whole Church in a deeper practice of charity works and the practice of fasting.

The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation

The Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at the Easter Vigil, an extended night watch of prayer, singing, and hearing God’s Word in anticipation of Christ’s resurrection at Easter. Through the waters of baptism, a person passes into the new life of grace and becomes a member of the Body of Christ. By anointing the person with the Sacred Chrism, one is sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit and is then called to full participation at the Eucharistic Table, which marks full membership in the Catholic Church.

To start the process of Initiation, one should:

- 1) Begin learning prayers and building a habit of daily prayer;
- 2) Be open to the fullness of Catholic teaching and life; and
- 3) Begin to live according to the fullness of Catholic life even now living the moral life.

St. Peter The Apostle is here to help you in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

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**For more information, please contact Deacon Bob
by email at deaconbob@stpeteritasca.com or chapxyz@yahoo.com
or by phone at 630-217-0851.**



Sing to the Mountains

An Evening of Song and Celebration
with Jesuits and Friends



Thursday, September 21, 2023

7:00 pm

Old St. Patrick's Church
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For tickets, visit jfanusa.org/sing

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

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SEPTEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 8 2023

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Fellowship
- Prayer
- Scripture
- Small Groups
- Weekly content videos to help you gain a deeper understanding of Catholicism

USCCB Small Group
Material will be included
as it becomes available

REGISTRATION
OPEN
JULY 11 - AUGUST
27TH!



SEASON 7
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REVIVAL

On or after July 11th, register by using the QR code above
or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4rbpmxvu>

TREASURE



“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried
in a field.”

MATTHEW 13:44



Stewardship of Treasure
St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 4: Sunday Collection (07/23/2023).....\$ 8,715.00

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

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 with **give central**

Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.

You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

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



This Week at St. Peter's...

Tuesday 10:00 am 7:15 pm	July 25 Crochet Group (MW Hall) Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday 8:30 am	July 26 Confessions (Church)
Thursday 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	July 27 The Chosen Watch Party (MW Hall) Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration (AFCM Center)
Friday 6:45 am 8:00 am	June 28 Communion Service (Church) Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (Church)
Saturday 4:15 pm	July 29 Confessions (Church)

COMMUNION SERVICE

Deacon Anthony offers a Communion Service weekly on **Friday mornings at 6:45 am**. The Communion Service does not replace the 8:00 am mass, but rather is an alternative for those unable to attend Mass.

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Prayer for our priests and vocation to priesthood

"Support your priests with love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ's heart". - Pope Francis

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING -
 7:00-8:00 pm | Prayer for Priests
 8:00-9:00 pm | Silent Adoration

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SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 5 Sunday, August 6	
Celebrants	Communion Ministers
5:00 pm Fr. Tuan Nguyen	5:00 pm Beth McKenna
8:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen	Frank McKenna
10:00 am Fr. Larry Brunette	8:30 am Rose Ann Roll
11:30 am Fr. Tuan Nguyen	Deacon Bob
Lectors	10:00 am Edgar Garcia
5:00 pm Chris Kunze	Deacon Fred
8:30 am Kevin Grisamore	11:30 am Carmela Graziano
10:00 am Franco Cascella	Michael Graziano
11:30 am Diane Blackburn	

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday July 30 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am †Joseph Bratta
10:00 am †Marilyn Taulbee
11:30 am †Umberto De Luca
†Francesco Fricano
†Vito C. Pensa
†Andrzej Szymikowski
†Deceased members and spouses of the LaSusa Family
Marguerite Kovach – *Special Intention*

Monday July 31 (St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest)

8:00 am For an End to Abortion

Tuesday August 1 (St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:00 am †George Kveck

Wednesday August 2 (Weekday; St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest)

8:00 am †Linda Wuerffel

Thursday August 3 (Weekday)

8:00 am †Charles and Stella Aument

Friday August 4 (St. John Vianney, Priest)

8:00 am †Bruce Gariti

Saturday August 5 (Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major; BVM)

8:00 am †Linda Wuerffel

Saturday August 5 (Vigil: The Transfiguration of the Lord)

5:00 pm †Lisa Campise
†Patricia DeBella
†Richard Greskoviak
†Robert Hoffman
People of the Parish

Sunday August 6 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

8:30 am †Andrzej Szymikowski
10:00 am †Joseph Bratta
11:30 am †Stanislaw and Filomena Bruno
†Kendra Machenbach
Marguerite Kovach – *Special Intention*
For an End to Abortion

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Mel Gerard	Loretta Nicolini
Rosaleen Bradley	Gary Grote	John North
Ginger Busato	Joe Halac	John O'Dea
Joe Busato	Martha Hayes	June Pautsch
Rocco Busato	Cambria Helle	Cliff Peters
Elio Campanella	Ken Hemstreet	Bonnie Pollock
Bill Carpenter	Michael Jasiak	Brendan Reidy
Danny Clements	Mary Kelly	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	Sylvia Kleinedler	Belinda Sobucki
John Cozzi	Cathy Kolf	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Rickie Kruzell	Randy Sweda, USMC
Mike Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Dennis Torii
Paul Cummins	Sue McNamara	Marlene Torii
Charlie DeFranco	Maria Mizera	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Beth Dobose	Richard Mrugacz	Holly Vana
Robert Fahler	James Nehf	Carol Zell
Gerard Gerard		

Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.

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



For a Eucharistic life.

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army
PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
SGT Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard
GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
SGT MacLean Read, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

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Assisting Musicians..... **Steven Basaillon,**
Joanne Nagle, Michelle Nagle, Geoff Pautsch



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available at each Mass to distribute Communion to those who have difficulty walking to the front. If you would like to have the Communion brought to you, 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 to identify yourself to be given Holy Communion.

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 **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Run time will be left to the discretion of the bulletin editor, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and sent via e-mail to **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.

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Regular Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the first and third Monday of the month in Margaret Woods Hall.

For more information, contact Grand Knight Nick Alfano at knights@stpeteritasca.com

www.stpeteritasca.com/knights-of-columbus

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