

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*)



Thus it is written
that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead
on the third day
and that repentance,
for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached
in his name
to all the nations.

LUKE 24:46-47

THIRD
SUNDAY OF
EASTER

APRIL 18, 2021

The Eucharist, the strength to face challenges of the pandemic

09 April 2021 Vatican News

On Holy Thursday, 1 April, Cardinal Giovanni Battista Re, Dean of the College of Cardinals, presided at the Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper ("In Coena Domini") in the Vatican Basilica... The following is a translation of the Cardinal's homily, which he delivered in Italian.

"Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (Jn 13:1). These solemn words of the Evangelist John, that resounded a few moments ago, introduce the account of the washing of the feet of the disciples on the part of Our Lord Jesus Christ and open the memory of the gift of himself that Jesus left us in the hour of his farewell; at the same time, they initiate the great discourse he made on the eve of his offering of himself to the Father for our salvation.

This Eucharistic Celebration, laden with an extraordinary intensity of sentiment and thought, makes us relive the evening in which Christ, surrounded by his Apostles in the Cenacle, instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood and entrusted us with the commandment of fraternal love. "He loved them to the end"; this touching affirmation means that he loved them to the point of dying on the cross the following day, on Good Friday. However, it also means love to the extreme, that is, to the highest and unsurpassable degree of the capacity to love.

Holy Thursday evening, therefore, reminds us how much we have been loved; it tells us that the Son of God, out of his love for us, gave us not something, but he gave us himself — His Body and His Blood — that is, the totality of his person, and that, for our redemption, he accepted to suffer the most ignominious death, offering himself as a victim: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord" (cf. Jn 10:18).

The existence of the Eucharist can only be explained because Christ loved us and wanted to draw near to each of us forever, until the end of the world. Only a God could have imagined such a great gift and only an infinite power and love could have brought it about. The Church has always considered the Sacrament of the Eucharist as the most precious gift with which she has been endowed. It is the gift through which Christ walks with us as light, as strength, as nourishment, as help in all the days of our history.

Speaking of the Eucharist, the Second Vatican Council affirmed that it is "is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the font from which all her power flows" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 10); it is "the fount and apex of the whole Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, 11). Using the terms "font and summit", "fount and apex", the Second Vatican Council wanted to say that in the life and mission of the Church, everything comes from the Eucharist and everything leads to the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the centre and heart of the life of the Church. It must be the centre and heart of the life of every Christian as well. Those who believe in the Eucharist never feel alone in life. They know that in the dimness and in the silence of all the churches, there is Someone who knows their name and their story, Someone who loves them, who waits for them and who gladly listens. And each of us can confide what is in our heart and receive comfort, strength and peace of heart, before the tabernacle.

The Eucharist is a reality not only to be believed, but to be lived. Christ's love for us impels us to give witness of mutual love on our part. The Eucharist is a call to openness toward others, to fraternal love, to know how to forgive and to help those in difficulty; it is an invitation to solidarity, to support one another, to abandon no one; it is a call to an industrious commitment to the poor, the suffering, the marginalized; it is the light to recognize the face of Christ in the faces of our brothers and sisters, especially in the wounded and most in need.

The second mystery we recall this evening is the institution of the Catholic priesthood. Christ, the true priest, said to the Apostles: "Do this — that is, the Sacrament of the Eucharist — in memory of me." And three days later, on Easter Sunday evening, he also said to the Apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven" (Jn 20:23). In this way, Christ transmitted the priestly powers to the Apostles so that the Eucharist and the sacrament of forgiveness would continue to be renewed in the Church. He gave humanity an incomparable gift.

On Holy Thursdays of years past, after this Mass In Coena Domini, it was customary to prolong the adoration of the Eucharist throughout the night with various initiatives of prayer and adoration and moments of great religious intensity. The dramatic situation created by Covid-19 and the risk of contamination, unfortunately, do not allow this this year, just as occurred last year. Returning, however, to our homes, we must continue to pray with our thoughts and our hearts filled with gratitude for Jesus Christ, who wanted to remain present among us as our contemporary under the appearances of bread and wine. From him, who experienced physical suffering and loneliness in his flesh and in his spirit, we want to draw the strength we need, now more than ever, to face the great challenges of this pandemic that is killing thousands of victims every day throughout the planet. We have experienced in a universal way how a small virus can bring the entire world to its knees. In order to end this tragedy, we must resort to all the human means that science puts at our disposal, but another irreplaceable step is needed: we must raise a great hymn of prayer so that the hand of God may come to our aid and end this tragic situation that has worrying consequences in the fields of health, employment, economy, education, and direct relationships with people. As Christ himself taught us, it is necessary to go and knock loudly on the door of God, the Father Almighty (cf. Mt 7:7-8).

One last thought. The evening that reveals the highest manifestation of love and friendship toward us is also the evening of betrayal. Around the same table in the Cenacle, God's love and man's betrayal faced each other. Saint Paul highlights this in the Second Reading of the Mass: "on the night when he was betrayed". In the story of the boundless love of Christ, who loved us "till the end", there is the bitterness of human disloyalty and betrayal. Holy Thursday is, therefore, also an invitation to become aware of our own sins; it is a call to put some order in our lives and to embark on the path of repentance and renewal to obtain God's forgiveness. In the Eucharist, God drew so near to us that we must never feel abandoned, because we are always sought by him, loved and invited to obtain the joy of his forgiveness with repentance and with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and to begin a spiritual recovery with hearts more open to God and to all our brothers and sisters.

Mass Intentions



Sunday	April 18 (<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>)
8:30 am	†Barbara Beers
10:00 am	†Dolores Maher
11:30 am	†Carol Mazzucchi
	†Hugo Panarese
	†Mary Roszkowski
	†Albin and Anna Rutkowski
	An End to Abortion
	People of the Parish
Monday	April 19 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†William and Helen Maier
Tuesday	April 20 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Margaret Maier
Wednesday	April 21 (<i>Easter Weekday;</i> <i>Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Kenneth and Anna Kron
Thursday	April 22 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Albert John Dru
Friday	April 23 (<i>Easter Weekday; Saint George, Martyr;</i> <i>Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Shirley Patt
Saturday	April 24 (<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>)
5:00 pm	†Rev. Joseph Butters †Elizabeth Lisak
	†Jerry Grimaldi †Rev. Francis McDonald
	†Irene Jaros †Andrzej Szymikowski
Sunday	April 18 (<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>)
8:30 am	†Deceased Members of the Golinsky Family
10:00 am	†Frank A. Damato
11:30 am	†Charles Clark
	†Ricardo Elvas
	†Tom Frawley
	†Maria Terracciano
	Joe and Ornella Talaga on their 50th Anniversary
	People of the Parish



Congratulations and God Bless
Joe and Ornella Talaga
on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



Crochet for a Cause!

**A MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP
DEDICATED TO MAKING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS**

**Tuesday, April 20 | 10:00 am
(Margaret Woods Hall)**

The crochet group makes plastic sleeping mats for the homeless using grocery store type plastic bags. The mats help insulate from the cold and damp, but also making laying on cement a bit more comfortable.

If you are an experienced crochet hobbyist, bring a P or Q hook, and bags will be provided. If crocheting isn't your thing, but would like to help, then come with a pair of sharp scissors to cut plastic bags and roll into balls.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. Work spaces will be set up for safe distancing of 6' apart.

The crochet group is also in need of grocery store type plastic bags to continue creating plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. Please drop off at the Parish Center.

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 to be a part of this beautiful and powerful gift of prayer.

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

St. Peter the Apostle Golf Group

SPRING IS HERE!

It's time to get out the golf clubs!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

Where: Salt Creek Golf Course (*Thorndale and Prospect Aves.*)

When: Every Thursday morning (*beginning May 13*);

Starting tee time: 9:10 am.

Cost (walk/no cart): \$15.00 per golfer

Cost (with cart): \$25.00 per golfer

(*Some golfers prefer to walk; some use a cart.*)

If you are interested or have any questions, contact—

Karen Kunze
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708-641-0662

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630-363-0266

We have a great time and would like others to join in on the fun. It is not a competitive league, there are no trophies. It's a day of getting together and having fun.



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 40: 04/04/2021	\$ 9,394.67	\$ 370,739.79
Fiscal Week 41: 04/22/2021	\$ 7,826.00	\$ 378,565.79
Easter (as of 04/14/2021):	\$ 25,623.00	

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

This Week at St. Peter's...

- Sunday April 18**
 9:30 am Grief Support Group (MW Parish Hall)
- Monday April 19**
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (PC/Lower Level)
- Tuesday April 20**
 10:00 am Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday April 21**
 8:30 am Confessions (Church)
 5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
 7:00 pm Deacon Bob's Bible Study (MW Parish Hall)
- Saturday April 23**
 9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
 4:15 pm Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, April 24 | Sunday, April 25

Communion Ministers		Lectors	
5:00 pm	Beth McKenna Frank McKenna	5:00 pm	Chris Kunze
8:30 am	Kathy Frank Nancy Riley	8:30 am	Lou Casolari
10:00 am	Greg Papuga Deacon Fred	10:00 am	Anthony George
11:30 am	Carmela Graziano Mike Graziano	11:30 am	Mary McNamara

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. Our capital project debt stands at \$458,000. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.



HELP NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PARISH GROUNDS!

All authentic gardeners know that weekly and seasonal maintenance of any garden landscape is necessary if things are to stay beautiful. We are in need of a seasonal committee of workers and planners that are ready each spring, summer and fall, to take responsible for entire sections of the property. Duties will include weekly and monthly weeding and trimming of annuals and perennials, weekly watering and fertilizing, mowing the lawn, and addressing overall beautification needs that are already in place. To make things easy, we will divide up the property into "areas of responsibility." In this way, the job will not be too overwhelming for any of us.

If you desire to help in this service to the parish, please call me at your convenience. Even if you only have an hour or two a month to donate, your time would be very helpful to the parish. Being part of our Garden Committee is a great way to make a significant contribution of your time, talent and energy to St. Peter the Apostle Parish...it's a great way to put "proper stewardship" into action. At the same time, you'll make some new friends with similar interests, help the parish keep our property in good order, get some much needed exercise through your care for the environment, invest yourself more fully in the life of the parish, and make a proper return to the Lord for the bounty He has given us all. If interested in helping, give Father Noesen a call!

Thanks for your consideration, and God's blessings!

**The more the merrier
 and likewise quicker!**



You are cordially invited to
“Sing with the Angels”
 In honor of our Blessed Mother —

THEME: MAY CROWNING

Saturday, May 8

immediately following the 5:00pm Mass

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

551 N. Rush Street, Itasca

Don't forget to bring your rosary.

Weather-permitting, part of the program may be outside, so please bring a lawn chair if you feel it necessary.

- please register on the parish website -

*When she became the Mother of the Creator,
 she truly became Queen of every creature.*

— St. John Damascene



“SING WITH THE ANGELS”
Catholic Ministry

*If you need a change in your life
 right here and right now, then come.*

Come as you are and “Sing with the Angels”

The Lord has been calling your name.

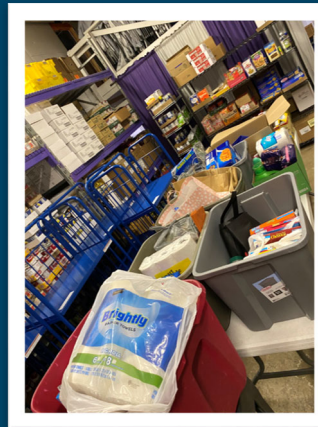
“Sing with the Angels” is a program designed to inspire people of all ages to worship and praise Jesus in a new way. Through this program, you will discover a new passion for Christ that will pour out of you and seep into the world around you. You will become Disciples of Christ.

“Sing with the Angels” is a series of mini-retreats designed to enrich your body, mind, soul, and spirit. Each program is presented with a specific theme that may correspond with the Catholic liturgical year.

All of these programs will include either the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be music and a time for silent reflection. Most of the programs also include videos, speakers, fellowship and much more.

The Lord is calling your name to “Sing with the Angels”. Whether you choose to worship and praise Him with one loud voice or just join us in the silence of your hearts, you are always welcome. You will find this to be a Heavenly experience like no other.

Just come.



Thank you to everyone who supported the recent drive for the Itasca Food Pantry.

Father Noesen offered a blessing over the food before it was delivered.

Many thanks to all who purchased a “Pot of Gold” raffle ticket in support of the Knights of Columbus!



Jesus the advocate

by Sister Mary McGlone National Catholic Reporter

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
Psalm 4
1 John 2:1-5a
Luke 24:35-48

"We have an advocate with the Father" (1 John 2:1). What is John telling us? That the reign of God is like a courtroom where we're lucky enough to have Jesus as the lawyer who'll get the divine judge to let us off easy? That's a rough description of one widely held understanding of this reading and a general theory of salvation. But is it the only interpretation?

The Greek word translated here as "advocate" is directly related to the New Testament word *paraclete*, which can also be translated as comforter, consoler, intercessor, teacher and so on. Wikipedia, the go-to source for knowledge if not wisdom, tells us that advocacy is a "process by an individual or group which aims to influence decisions within the political, economic, and social systems and institutions."

So as we contemplate the risen Christ today, we're invited to consider Jesus as the Advocate. The obvious question is: For whom, and before whom, does he advocate? Now we're entering an area in which our readings may surprise us.

Just to get us in shape for that, let's go back to Peter's homily in the first reading from Acts 3. Addressing his fellow Jews, Peter calls them to repent and be converted.

Before he said that, he admitted his solidarity with the crowd; he was one among the many who acted in ignorance by somehow betraying Jesus. So in this scene we see Peter admitting that he's been in a terrible mess together with his coreligionists, but he's convinced that he's found the way out and he's trying to get them to join him in going there.

Peter's way out is not something he invented or created. The Resurrection narratives tell us that at first, he and the disciples found it hard to believe.

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows up in the midst of his disciples, though nobody saw him approach. It's a lot like his entrance through locked doors without so much as knocking (John 20:19). But the crux of the story is not Jesus' new ability to show up and disappear at will. In fact, his ability to arrive in their midst led to fear more than anything else. The most important point of this reading, as in the whole Gospel, is the message Jesus brought.

While the disciples were trying to sift through the strange experiences narrated by their trusted companions, while they were discounting women's tales and wondering about ghosts, Jesus became present among them offering "Shalom, peace." Then, facing head-on everything that terrified them — suffering, punishment, vengeful spirits -- he said, "Look at my hands and feet... touch me."

In effect, he was saying, "Look! I am the one you denied and left to suffer alone, and all I want now is to be with you and give you my peace."

This was the living message that brought them to metanoia, the conversion that's a turn-your-theology-and-life-upside-down new way of understanding what the creator God is up to in relationship with humanity.

When the disciples stood before the risen Christ who was offering them peace, the meaning of his message finally came through to them. Every concept of God the harsh judge disappeared as he pronounced that one word: "Peace." Now the disciples could truly recognize Jesus as the Advocate, the comforter. But their perspective had taken a 180-degree turn. Jesus wasn't the one who would plead for them before God, but the one God sent to plead with them.

As we celebrate Easter, these readings invite us to try to suspend our presuppositions and contemplate Jesus as the one sent by the Father to give us peace. They invite us to stand with Peter and the guilty crowd facing the risen Christ, whose only word to us is "Peace."

We need to let that word penetrate those parts of us blinded by ignorance and hardened by fear. We need to let him pour out that word over our own terrible and too often secret messes. That is how we allow Christ to be the Father's advocate in our life.

After we have spent time under his gaze, after that gaze has had its radical effect on our perspective, we may inquire what he asks of us, or in advocacy language, how he would like to influence us.

The answer will be as unique as each of us and as universal as what he asked of his disciples: Preach forgiveness to the whole world, beginning with your own world. As we do that, we will find that John's promise begins to take flesh in us and the love of God will come to its completion in us.

Peter said in today's first reading...

*"Repent, therefore, and be converted,
that your sins may be wiped away."*

*In what areas of your life do you need to repent
and experience conversion?*

(Acts 3:13-15,17-19)



Easter Greetings from Pope Francis I..

Today, throughout the world, the Church echoes once more the astonishing message of the first disciples:

“Jesus is risen!” – “He is truly risen, as he said!”

Jesus Christ has set us free from the slavery of sin and death, and has opened before us the way to eternal life. In every age, the Risen Shepherd tirelessly seeks us, his brothers and sisters, wandering in the deserts of this world. With the marks of the passion – the wounds of his merciful love – he draws us to follow him on his way, the way of life.

With one voice, in every part of the world, we proclaim the great message: “The Lord is truly risen, as he said!”

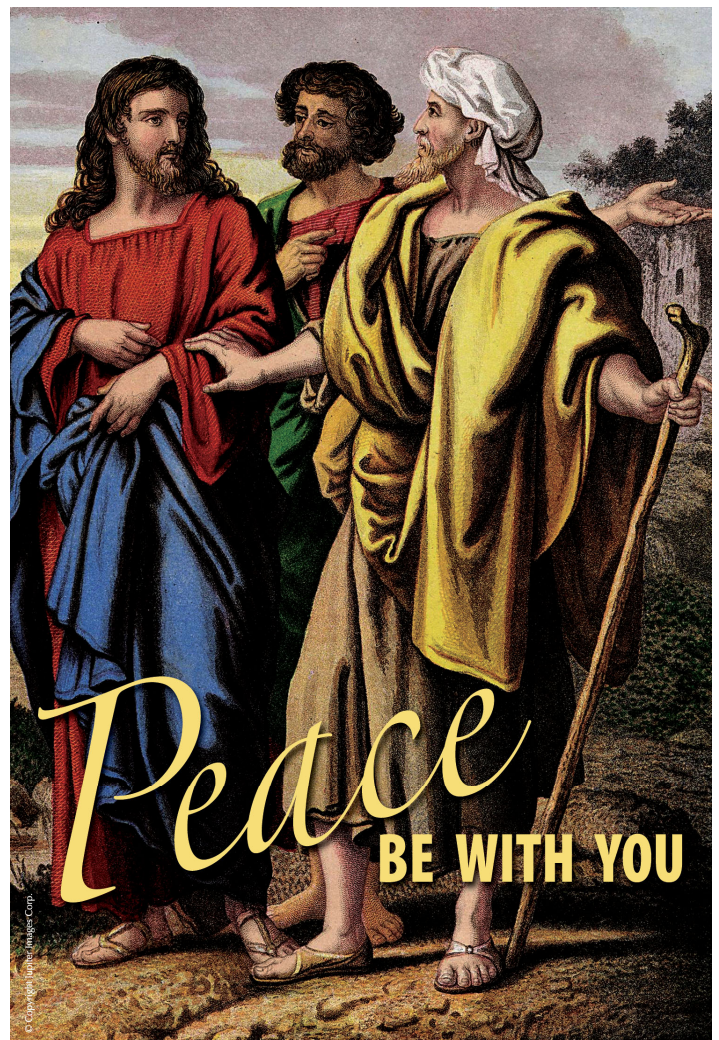
May Jesus, who vanquished the darkness of sin and death, grant peace to our days.

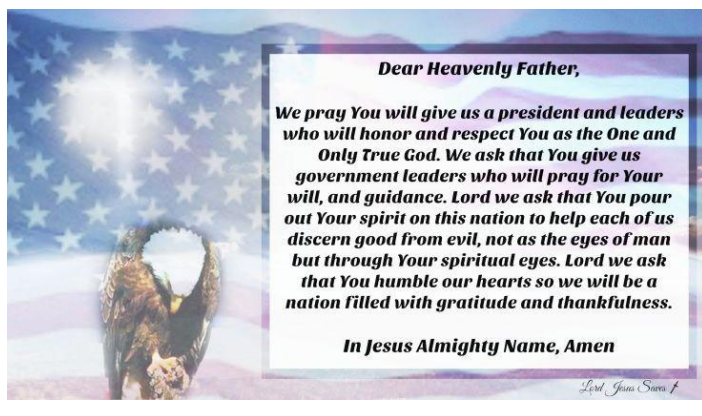


The Easter Proclamation spreads throughout the world with the joyful song of the Alleluia! Let us sing it with our lips, and let us sing it above all with our hearts and our lives, with a manner of life that is simple, humble, faith-filled, and fruitful in good works.

Christ our hope is risen. He goes before us and He accompanies us along the path of life. He is our hope. He is the true peace of the world!

— Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI





US Bishops: Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life

In a letter to Congress, several committee chairmen of the US Bishops' Conference have expressed their opposition to proposed legislation, warning that it poses legal and social threats to citizens.

By Vatican News staff writer

Five US Bishop committee chairmen have expressed their opposition to the recent reintroduction of the Equality Act (H. R. 5), scheduled to be voted upon by the House of Representatives in coming days.

In a letter jointly signed by the chairs of the USCCB committees on Religious Liberty, Pro-Life, Marriage, Catholic Education and Domestic Justice, they highlight threats posed by the proposed law to both people of faith and of no faith, to the right of freedom of speech, as well as to faith-based charities and health-care workers with conscience objections, among others.

Gender discrimination, abortion and the Equality Act

The Bishops warned that the Equality Act, while purporting to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination, rather represents an imposition by Congress "of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding 'gender' on individuals and organizations," including dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as a social construct.

Re-echoing Pope Francis' reflections on the issue, the Bishops noted that "biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex (gender) can be distinguished but not separated." Therefore, "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."

In this regard, they lamented that this Act can be construed to include an abortion mandate, which is "a violation of precious rights to life and conscience."

The Bishops' concerns

Furthermore, the Bishop chairmen pointed out that, rather than affirming human dignity in ways that exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act risks inflicting numerous social and legal harms.

They noted that the Act, if passed, could punish faith-based charities, and consequently their beneficiaries, for their beliefs on marriage and sexuality; as well as force people and organizations to speak and act in support of 'gender transitions' even in instances when it is against their professional judgment. Likewise, people who insist on their beliefs on marriage and sexuality could be excluded from the careers and livelihoods that they love.

In addition, the Bishops warned that taxpayers could be mandated to pay for abortions, and health care workers forced to perform them, in spite of conscience objections and the consequent effect of ending more human lives.

The Bishops also highlighted that the Equality Act could force girls and women to compete against boys and men who "claim to identify as women" in sports, as well as share locker rooms and shower spaces with them. It could also expand the government's definition of public places into numerous settings, including religious ones, forcing them to host functions that violate their beliefs.

Human dignity, respect for all without discrimination

The Bishop chairmen asserted that belief in human dignity is reflected in the Church's charitable service to all, irrespective of race, religion or any other characteristic.

In this light, they continued, "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 and principles should be respected."

Concluding their message, the Bishops underlined that the Catholic Church - the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the country - holds the same core beliefs that the human person is made with inherent dignity and in the image of God. These beliefs, the Bishops insist, "motivate both our positions on life, marriage, and sexuality, and also our call to serve the most vulnerable and the common good."

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Jerry Riordan
son of Terry Camp
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family


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| Joann Anderson | Mary Hosters |
| Michelle Anderson | Anne Keeton |
| Sue Bobka | Rickie Krusel |
| Mike Carey | JoLynn Lash |
| Eunice Cleveland | Lilly Lima |
| Robert Cleveland | Gene Mikulecky |
| Regina Conti | Christopher Mizera |
| Dona Corrigan | Holly Vana |
| Colin Cummins | Tom Vana |
| Mary Cummins | Harriett Pinkowski |
| Michael Cummins | Bonnie Pollock |
| Paul Cummins | Nikki Recchia |
| Scott Erickson | Brendan Reidy |
| Gerri Gerard | Ann Marie Rossi |
| Mel Gerard | John Rossi |
| Brad Grabow | Angela Scanlon |
| Mike Graziano | Wayne Slowiak |
| Gary Grote | Linda Wuerffel |
| Virginia Halac | Carol Zell |
| Ken Hemstreet | |

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.



“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”
Luke 24:46-47

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

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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
- 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

You alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling?

— Psalm 4:9



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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!

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).

Family Name _____

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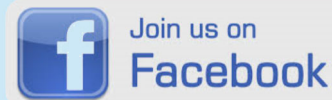
This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.

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.



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



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Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at www.cc-doj.org

Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice.

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