

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

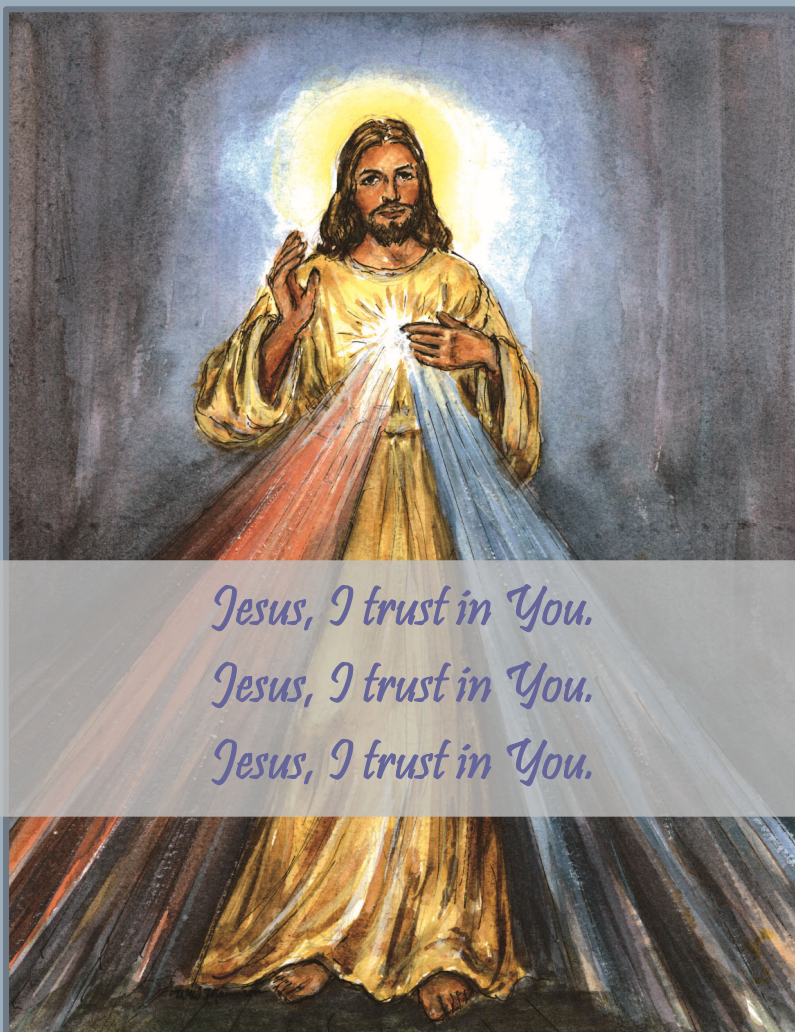
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

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*)



Jesus, I trust in You.

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April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter | Sunday of Divine Mercy

From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family,

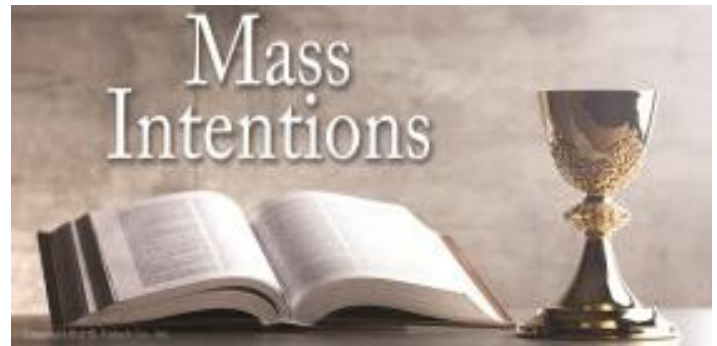
Today is the Octave Day of Easter — Liturgically, **The Second Sunday of Easter**. The Church has always had its own way of celebrating. Both Easter and Christmas are prime examples of celebration... “Churchstyle!” Both are such great feasts, overflowing with such joy and celebration that one period of twenty-four hours is not enough time to celebrate. And so, the Church gives us eight days. Each day of the Octave is seen as the very same thing as the “day” itself. Easter offers an interesting “twist.” You’ll remember from Scripture that Easter “happened” during the night hours. So, the celebration of Easter is on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. That is the Mass of the Resurrection. Some people mistakenly refer to funeral masses as the Mass of the Resurrection [properly speaking, the name for the funeral Mass is The Mass of Christian Burial]. The celebration of Easter at the Vigil is the most important Mass of the year, it is remembered each Sunday, which the Early Church Fathers called a “little Easter.” Looking at your Catholic calendar, you’ll notice that Easter Sunday is followed by Easter Monday, Easter Tuesday, Easter Wednesday, etc. The Octave Days continue until the following Sunday, called The Second Sunday of Easter ~ or, the second Sunday after Easter. So what happened to the “First” Sunday after Easter? Actually, the First Sunday after Easter is Easter Sunday. Easter “happens” at the Vigil of Holy Saturday, the conclusion of the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. By the time the crowds come on Easter Sunday, we are already into the Octave Days of Easter, Easter Sunday being the first day of the Octave. So what’s the point? The beauty of the cycle of feasts and seasons of the Church are steeped in age-old tradition and custom. The Liturgical Year helps us to enter more fully into the mystery of Christ so that our faith and our love for Him may be deepened.

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, we remember the **Divine Mercy** the Father gives us in the life-saving death and glorious Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Let’s never take the mercy of God for granted. As we continue on in our celebration of Easter, let the joy of Christ rising from the dead be your hope of future glory, and the promise you need to sustain you in your journey home to Heaven. Throughout the Lenten Season, and most especially during Holy Week so many people worked so diligently in bringing such solemnity and beauty to our liturgical services. Thanks to all for a great job! Your love and care for the church, the liturgy, the parish, and the Lord shines through in all you do.

I would also like to thank all those who gave to the Holy Week and Easter collections. Your kindness, generosity, and care for the parish is greatly appreciated. Thank you too for a wonderful turn-out for the Holy Week Services. Your faith and love for the Lord is truly a blessing to the entire Parish.

Thanks to all... Have a blessed Easter Season!

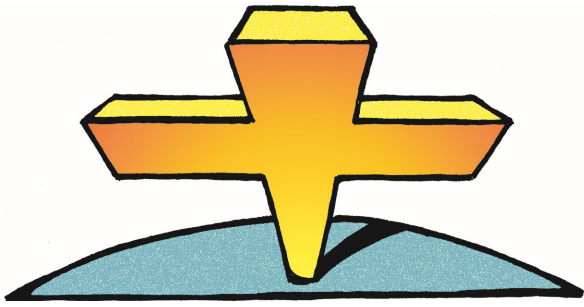
Fr. Noesen



Sunday	April 11 (<i>Sunday of Divine Mercy</i>)
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Gilda Lazarro
11:30 am	†John Elia
	†Francesco Fricano
	†Frank Infanger
	†John Jacobs
	†Antony and Michela Mannina
	†Florence Zumerling
Monday	April 12 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Jim and Dar McLarney
Tuesday	April 13 (<i>Easter Weekday; St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Margaret Woods
Wednesday	April 14 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Eric A. Brown
Thursday	April 15 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Mary Lou DuBois
Friday	April 16 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Dorothy Agosto
Saturday	April 17 (<i>Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter</i>)
5:00 pm	†James and Richard Bender
	†Julianna Calendo
	†Nino DiTusa
	†Richard and Carmella Kapraun
	†Marileee Kelly
	†Elizabeth Lisak
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
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

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday:	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday:	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday:	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48





DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

In celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the Knights of Columbus will be leading the congregation in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet before each Mass this weekend.

For more information on St. Faustina and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, visit www.thedivinemercy.org

Divine Mercy

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.

GRIEF MINISTRY

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

Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. A circle of chairs will be set up at a safe distancing of 6' apart.

For more information, please contact: Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Fred Maier (630-773-4412)

THIS WEEKEND—SUNDAY, APRIL 11 | 9:30 am



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. Consider the opportunity, and give me a call! Thanks for your consideration, and God's blessings!

Fr. Noesen

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



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date

Fiscal Week 39: 03/28/2021 \$ 9,059.00 \$ 361,345.12

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).



Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's *Diary* sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her *Diary*, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."



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This Week at St. Peter's...

- Sunday April 11**
9:30 am Grief Support Group (MW Parish Hall)
- Tuesday April 13**
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday April 14**
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 17**
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday April 18**
12:15 pm Baptisms (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, April 16 | Sunday, April 17

<i>Communion Ministers</i>		<i>Lectors</i>	
5:00 pm	Reetha George Deacon Fred	5:00 pm	Patrick Powers
8:30 am	Dorie Calip Jim Ruffing	8:30 am	Chris Aument
10:00 am	Mel Gerard Frank Vale	10:00 am	Kathy Laken
11:30 am	Mary McNamara Deacon Bob	11:30 am	Paul Gennuso

Why do we fill our church with lilies at Easter?

The lily is symbolic of the resurrection. It rises from the grave of the earth as a scaly bulb, and eventually blooms into a majestic flower that embodies the beauty, grace, and tranquility of the promise of Christ, the promise of profound peace. This beautiful flower represents the hope and purity of life in Jesus. Some traditions have it that lilies bloomed in the Garden of Gethsemane after the Agony of Jesus. Wherever drops of His sweat fell to the ground, lilies sprang up. This reminds us of all He suffered for our sakes. This tradition calls Easter lilies, “White-robed Apostles of Hope”.

Lilies are also associated with the Virgin Mary. Early paintings depict the Angel Gabriel extending a bunch of pure white lilies to Mary while announcing that she was to bear the Son of God. Other paintings depict the saints honoring Mary and the Baby Jesus with vases of white lilies. These remind us of the humanity of Jesus, how God became one of us through the pure and spotless vessel of the Virgin Mary. Another legend tells of Mary’s tomb being visited three days after her burial. Of course, Mary was not there, having been assumed into heaven. What was found in her tomb were bunches of beautiful, pure lilies.

This beautiful flower also makes a good symbol of the Holy Trinity. The plant is three in one, bulb, stalk, and bloom, just as God is Trinity, Father, Son, and Spirit. What else can we notice about this flower? The fragrance reminds us of some unseen aspects of the Trinity, the *right* fragrance of the truth and justice of God.

The lily also stands for the beauty of Christianity in the world, making the world a better place just as the plant makes a room better for the fragrance and oxygen it produces. It stands for the mission of the church. Rooted in scripture and tradition, the church rises like the stem of the plant, and we are the leaves, leading to the trumpet-shaped flowers that vibrantly announce the good news of the resurrection. Which way does the flower face? The blossoms boldly trumpet their message in all directions! Like John’s vision of the New Jerusalem, whose doors face all the directions of the compass, the lily reminds us that we are to spread the Good News to all corners of the earth. In this heavenly vision, there is no temple, because the Lord is the temple. We can do nothing to improve on the beauty of the lily – to guild the lily, as the saying goes. There is no beauty greater than the glory to which God calls us. This is the role of the church, and this is the symbol of the Easter lily. Like the lily, the church is a living thing, and it is our charge to care for it, to feed, nurture, water, and even prune it. Without care, this lily will flower for a while, and then die. But if it is nurtured, it can rise again, season after season, the plant rising from the bulb to remind us of the Good News, again and again. Will you care for this lily? Remember, and hold in your hearts, the lesson of the Easter lily. May your lives and hearts be filled with the light and fragrance, hope and truth, and the **profound peace** of the risen Jesus.





Six Ways to Live the Easter Season in Our Daily Lives

We spend 40 days preparing for Easter. We choose something to fast from; we put thought and effort into our prayer lives; we look for ways to give back to others in need. Then Easter arrives, and so many of us, myself included, are content to celebrate for the day and then go right back to our regular life, as though we have returned to Ordinary Time on Monday.

But like Lent, Easter is a season. And the Church, in her wisdom, has more for us. More joy, more feasting, more life. Fifty days of it to be precise. Eastertide, or the Easter season, lasts from Easter itself until the feast of Pentecost.

So how can we, as Catholic families, experience Easter as a season instead of just a single day? Here are a few ideas from my own family.

1. Celebrate the whole octave

If celebrating and maintaining an air of festive joy for 50 straight days seems daunting to you (as it sometimes does to me), try focusing on the Octave of Easter, the first eight days.

One easy thing we do to make those eight days stand out is to have dessert every night. Some days, the kids and I will bake a special treat together for us all to eat; other nights, we hand out an extra piece of Easter candy. Because our kids don't normally eat dessert, just the fact that any treat is given is an indicator to them that something special is happening.

Another simple way to celebrate the octave is to plan something special for each day of the week. For example, I might plan a hike to a favorite spot during a time when we would normally be completing homeschooling lessons. Or we might make a stop in town at the playground during our usual walk.

Even if you can't go anywhere, there is lots of space for creating special memories during the Octave of Easter at home. My children, for example, love art projects, especially ones that involve painting. I, on the other hand, cringe at the idea of bringing out the paints, knowing the mess that will ensue. But on feast days, I make the extra effort to plan art projects, because I know that it's memorable for our children when I do.

However you choose to mark the days, I encourage you to make the Easter octave out of the ordinary this year.

2. Lean into Sunday feasts

Easter is a time of fresh starts and is the perfect time to enter into liturgical living as a family. Each Sunday of the year is meant to be a day of rest, and indeed, a mini Easter celebration all its own. This Eastertide, I encourage you to lean into Sundays as a feast day. Ask yourself, "What would it take to make Sunday look and feel different from the other days of the week to me and my family?"

This might mean completing extra chores on Saturday so there are fewer things that truly need doing on Sunday. Or perhaps it means saying no to errands and sports. Whether you take a hike, visit a museum or just stay at home, try to do something special that you will all enjoy and see how it refreshes your spirit.

For me, as a stay-at-home mom, this required a mental shift. For a long time, I looked at Sundays as a great opportunity to get a lot done because my husband was home to help out. I know from experience how hard it can be to ignore the piles of laundry and instead play outside, read a book for pleasure, or spend some leisure time resting and enjoying creation. But I also know how much good it does my soul to take a true day of rest as God intended. Now on Sundays, I put aside the never-ending to-do list and focus on being instead of doing.

3. What happened between Easter and the Ascension?

Jesus wasn't in a hurry for Easter to be over. After the Resurrection, he spent 40 days with his disciples before ascending to the Father, helping them to understand what had just happened and what would happen next. They needed this time with the risen Lord to deepen their faith, and I think we do too. When we spend time learning more about the events that took place after the Resurrection, our faith will mature with the same new understanding that the disciples experienced.

There's a little-known Catholic devotion called the *Via Lucis* that is beautiful to pray with during the Easter season. Also known as the Stations of the Resurrection, it is the Easter counterpart of the traditional Lenten Stations of the Cross. Through these stations, we walk with Jesus after the resurrection and learn from his interactions with the apostles and other disciples.

Many of us have carved out time in our schedules during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross, time which can be re-allocated to the Stations of the Resurrection during Easter. Even if you only have the opportunity to pray these once or twice during the season, you'll gain a better appreciation for what Christ was doing after his resurrection and what those actions meant for the beginnings of the Church.

4. Plant a Mary garden

Easter often coincides with the beginning of the growing season. I love that as we are celebrating Christ, who makes all things new, the world around us is sprouting with new growth.

Starting a Mary garden at your home can be a wonderful way to celebrate Eastertide. At the Crucifixion, Mary became the mother of us all, and in time between Christ's death and Pentecost, we see her embracing that new role within the community.

Whether it's a corner of a garden you already have or a brand new space you carve out, a Mary garden is quite simply a garden planted in honor of Mary. It can be small or large, potted or planted in the ground. Many gardeners will choose their flowers based on centuries-old botanical meanings, but whatever your family finds beautiful is a perfect choice.

Our Mary garden is one of my favorite parts of the yard — it's a corner of my patio where we have a statue of Mary and a DIY grotto. Each spring, we surround her with beautiful potted plants and flowers that my kids take special delight in choosing. I can sit there and chat with her as I watch my children play outside each day.

5. Pray a novena

Between the Ascension of Christ and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost sit nine days, during which the apostles (and Mary) waited and prayed — the very first novena. A novena is a period of nine days during which special prayers for a particular intention are said. There are many different types of novenas. As we remember these days each Eastertide, it is a powerful time to pray a novena to the Holy Spirit, to ask him for an outpouring into our lives, our families and our parishes.

6. Throw a Pentecost party

Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended from heaven, is the last day of the Easter season. It is also the day we celebrate the birth of the Catholic Church. In addition to attending Mass, it's fun to throw a birthday party. My kids and I will bake a cake, decorate it with sprinkles and all sorts of toppings, and then we will sing Happy Birthday to our Catholic faith after dinner, enjoying one last Easter dessert to close the season.

As we approach Easter and you begin to think about how to celebrate the season in your own family, let prayer and the Risen Christ be your inspiration. I hope that these ideas are helpful to you, but they are just that — ideas. The Holy Spirit moves in different ways in different families. Let your celebrations be as extravagant or as simple as suits your family's stage of life and needs. May this Easter season be a blessing to you and your family as you celebrate the resurrection of the Lord.

Colleen Pressprich, the author of "Marian Consecration for Families with Young Children", writes from Michigan.

Easter and Renewed Faith in the Eucharist

The Late Francis Cardinal George - Cardinal Archbishop of Chicago

The Catholic faith contains much more than what is professed in many Christian groups: but at the heart of our faith, as must be the case for all Christians, is the belief that Jesus is risen bodily from the grave to a new life that lasts forever. Among the gifts of faith that are given to Catholics, along with the Orthodox who have also preserved the seven sacraments of the apostolic Church, is the very physical presence of the risen Christ in the Eucharist. In the celebration of the Mass, through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the ministry of the ordained priest, bread and wine become quite literally the body and blood of the risen Christ. The Mass is a memorial of Calvary, during which the Jesus who rose from the dead on Easter Sunday becomes really and truly present. Easter is therefore a privileged time to deepen our understanding of the Eucharist and our love for the risen Lord present to us under the forms of bread and wine. Pope John Paul II, once wrote: "The Eucharistic sacrifice makes present not only the mystery of the Savior's passion and death but also the mystery of the resurrection which crowned His sacrifice. It is as the living and risen One that Christ can become in the Eucharist the *Bread of Life, the Living Bread ~ come down from Heaven*. The Eucharist brings the hope of resurrection into our lives, into our very bodies. No matter what sorrow or pain we may be struggling with, no matter how difficult we may be finding life or how overwhelmed with problems we may be, the Eucharistic presence of the risen Christ can touch us profoundly and intimately. We are not alone; Christ's victorious love enfolds us. Christ's triumph over sin and death becomes our own. This belief and this experience are at the heart of what it means to be Catholic. As we celebrate Easter, we are invited to recapture the "amazement" that this wonderful gift should awaken in us. Because the Eucharist brings heaven into our midst, we who belong to Christ by Baptism touch eternity as we celebrate the Mass. We should take as our guide the two disciples on the way to Emmaus, fleeing Jerusalem on Easter Sunday evening. Sad and dejected, they did not recognize the risen Christ when He came and walked with them. He interpreted for them the Scripture passages that foretold the death of the Messiah, and they then recognized Him in the *breaking of the bread*. They recognized Him, conquered their fears, and returned to Jerusalem and told the apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead. Our encounter with the risen Christ in Holy Communion is a summons to each of us to proclaim His resurrection to others. Like Saint Mary Magdalen on Easter morning, we meet the risen Lord every time we receive Holy Communion. Once we have met the Lord by partaking of his body and blood, we cannot keep to ourselves the hope and joy we have found. The Eucharist is to provide the motive and the inner strength we need to do our part in the mission that Christ has entrusted to His Church. What it means to be Catholic, therefore, is to be part of the Eucharistic people... bearers of hope to the world.



*Thank you to all who contributed to the beautiful flowers
adorning our Church this Easter season...*



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child of Joseph and Alyssa (Maucieri) Battaglia

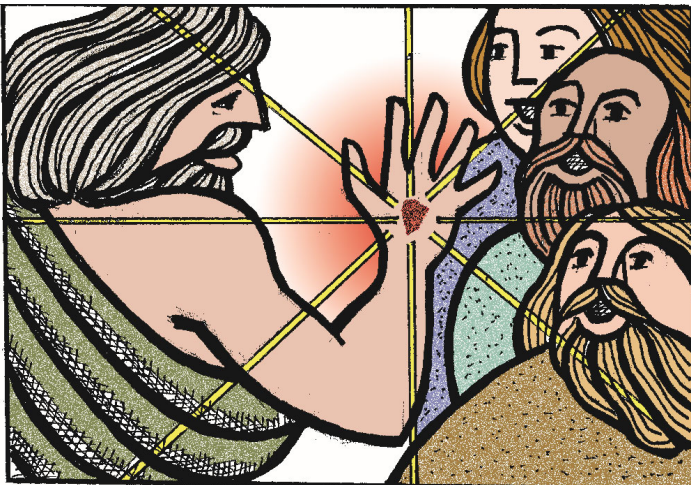
who were baptized during the month of March 2021



**Blessed are
those who
have not seen
and have
believed**

*Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

— 1 John 5:



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**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
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Amen**

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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).

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If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.



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