

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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday: 6:20 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*)

Amen I say to you,
until heaven and
earth pass away,
not the smallest
letter or the
smallest part of
a letter will pass
from the law.

Matthew 5:18

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FEBRUARY 12, 2023

From the Administrator...

IN VERITATE ET IN CARITATE

In today's readings, we hear that we have free will. We are free to choose good or evil; to select fire or water, life or death, holiness or sin. These are choices we make a hundred times each day. If we make the same choices over and over, they become habits, and these habits shape our character, and who we are choosing to be.

Some people choose to be nice; they try to have a kind word or at least a smile for everyone they encounter. Simple acts of kindness and courtesy become habits. Opening doors for others, parking farther away in the parking lot so someone else can get a good space, letting people in line, being patient – these are just a few simple examples of how we can do nice things for others, and in doing good, we become better people.

All of us slip from time to time. We get in a hurry and grab the closest parking spot, cut the line, rush through the door. We get frustrated, angry, or stressed and let it affect our interactions with others. Some of us have trouble controlling what we say, using inappropriate or "colorful" language. These too can become habits, which shape who we become.

Saint Paul wrote in Romans: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). Because we have free will, we will, from time to time, make bad choices. But God, in His wisdom and love, is willing to forgive us if we ask Him to do so. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, also known as confession, we can receive His forgiveness and be reconciled to Him, if our confession is sincere. We must be truly sorry for our sins and confess with the true desire to change our lives.

We will be entering into the Lenten season in a matter of a few weeks. We must make this a time of change, a time of transformation. There will be many opportunities for reconciliation during our Lenten journey. And we should all strive to become better through our Lenten devotions. We need to set the example for our family and friends. Lent needs to feel different, be different. We must work to give up our sinful ways, devote more time to prayer, and use our time, talent, and treasure in ways to help others.

Over the next two weeks, we will be hearing about the annual Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal, the CMAA. This can be a part of our Lenten practice. The money raised is used throughout our diocese to provide a wide range of services and direct aid to those in great need. By combining our donations with those of others throughout the diocese, we are able to reach more people, have a greater impact and provide a much larger range of services to the poorest of the poor within our community. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to support the CMAA as part of your Lenten observances this year.

In Truth and in Love,

Deacon Fred Maier

Acting Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	February 12 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Marguerite Hower
10:00 am	†Rosemary Kobiellus
11:30 am	†James Berardi
	†Giuseppe Fricano
	†Giuseppe and Emilia Ranallo
	†Walter Shaban
	†Vincenzo Spaccaferro
	People of the Parish
Monday	February 13 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
Tuesday	February 14 (Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop)
8:00 am	†Sophie Mandel
Wednesday	February 15 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Edward S. Kryger
Thursday	February 16 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Joseph V. Sularz
Friday	February 17 (Weekday; The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order)
8:00 am	†Thomas Cummins
Saturday	February 18 (Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)
5:00 pm	†Michael Fuschetto
	†Judy Maggio
	†Linda Wuerffel
	For an End to Abortion
	People of the Parish
Sunday	February 19 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Andrzej Szymikowski
10:00 am	†James Berardi
11:30 am	†Maria and Joseph Jachim
	†Rosemary Kobiellus
	†Emidio Ranallo
	Pete and Angie Fricano - <i>Special Intention on their anniversary</i>

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



All are welcome to stop by the
Margaret Wood's Parish Hall
weekly following all Sunday morning masses.
Grab a doughnut, a beverage and some fellowship!

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.

Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room**.

For more information, please contact:

Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Deacon Fred (630-773-4412)

THIS WEEKEND—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 9:30 am



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.

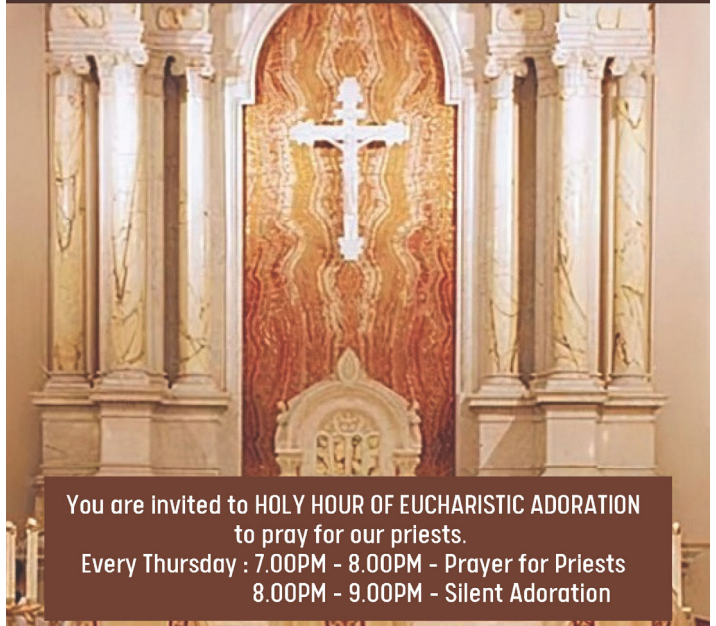
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

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



You are invited to HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION to pray for our priests.

Every Thursday : 7.00PM - 8.00PM - Prayer for Priests
8.00PM - 9.00PM - Silent Adoration

AFCM Media Center, 524 N Rush St (Old Parish Center) | Itasca
Contact: Reetha George at 630-744-9063



Deacon Anthony is offering a Communion Service weekly on **Friday mornings at 6:20 am**.

The Communion Service does not replace the 8am mass, but rather is an alternative for those unable to attend Mass.

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 32 - Sunday Collection (02/05/2023) \$ 12,636.00

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).



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...

- Sunday February 12**
Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)
9:30 am
- Tuesday February 14**
OCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
7:00 pm
Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
7:15 pm
- Wednesday February 15**
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
5pm-8pm Portillo's Benefit Day (Portillo's - Addison)
6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
- Friday February 17**
6:20 am Communion Service (Church)
- Saturday February 18**
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
10:30 am First Reconciliation (Church)
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday February 19**
Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)



SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 18 | Sunday, February 19

Celebrants

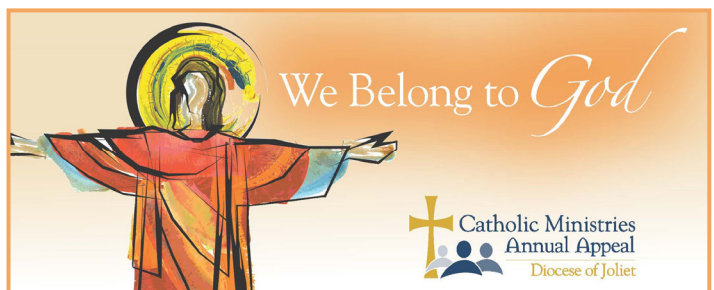
5:00 pm Fr. Larry Brunette
8:30 am Fr. David Mowry
10:00 am Fr. Larry Brunette
11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette

Lectors

5:00 pm Chris Kunze
8:30 am Kevin Grisamore
10:00 am Kathy Laken
11:30 am Diane Blackburn

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Reetha George
Deacon Anthony
8:30 am Kathy Frank
Karl Schmidt
10:00 am Mary Booth
Deacon Fred
11:30 am Mary McNamara
Deacon Bob



YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The opening report for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how we belong to God because we are part of Christ's Church.

Through the CMAA, we care for the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, like vocations, Catholic education and faith formation.

Our parish's goal for the 2023 CMAA is \$57,000. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over this goal to us. You should have received a packet about the CMAA, including a pledge card, in January. Please review this information and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's CMAA.



SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

Plan to attend...

Sunday, March 19 | 12:30 pm

Margaret Woods Parish Hall

Celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph
at St. Peter's Annual St. Joseph's Table!!!

Bring a friend and ENJOY...

**FOOD | WINE | SWEETS
FELLOWSHIP | RAFFLE**

Proceeds benefit the Transitional Housing Ministry

**Volunteers and Donations are needed
to ensure the event's success.**

**Sign up is available on the parish website
or in Margaret Woods Hall.**

You're invited to a
Portillo's FUNDRAISER

Join us at Portillo's for a fundraiser to support:

St. Peter the Apostle

When: **February 15, 2023**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

at the Portillo's located at:
**100 W. Lake St.
Addison, IL**

20% of sales will benefit your organization. Order online or in app for pickup using code **PORTILLOS4** before checkout in the "Apply Offer" field, or show this flyer or a digital version to cashier when ordering at the restaurant. Valid on drive thru, pickup, curbside, and in restaurant orders.

Portillo's FOR GOOD
portillos.com/community

For online/app orders to qualify for the fundraiser, orders must be placed for pickup only, from the participating restaurant, on the fundraiser date and during the listed fundraiser hours. Gift card purchases, delivery orders, and orders placed on the third party websites are excluded from the fundraiser. Online ordering subject to availability. \$200 minimum fundraising sales required for the organization to receive donation. Cannot be combined with other offer codes.

WE'RE HIRING! APPLY AT PORTILLOS.COM/CAREERS



Senior Citizen Real Estate Tax Deferral Forms Due By March 1, 2023

Qualified senior citizens aged 65 years (by 06/01/23) and older are invited to apply for the Senior Citizens Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. This program allows qualified senior citizens to defer up to \$5,000 of their current property taxes until the property is sold. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues six percent (6%) simple interest until paid. To qualify, the senior citizen's household income cannot exceed \$55,000. Additionally, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes.

The application period closes March 1, 2023.

For more information, contact the DuPage County Treasurer's Office at 630-407-5900 or visit the Web site at www.dupageco.org/treasurer.



421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187

**Eastern DuPage Deanery of the Joliet Diocese
Liturgical Enrichment Day**

ENLIGHTENING US THROUGH THE LITURGY

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Ascension of Our Lord Parish | 1S314 Summit Avenue | Oakbrook Terrace

Please register at easterndupagedeanery.org



7:45 am: Doors open

8:00 am: Mass begins

Father Bradley Zamora presiding

9:00-9:50 am: Check-in and light breakfast following mass

10:00-10:45 am

Fr. Bradley Zamora presents

Encountering Jesus in the Liturgy

Father Zamora will talk with us about forming hearts and building community by using our worship as a vehicle to have an encounter with Christ and with each other.



Father Bradley A. Zamora is a Chaplain and Director at Northwestern University's Sheil Catholic Center. He is a priest in the Archdiocese of Chicago and served as the liturgist for Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral. Father Zamora is an international speaker, musician, teacher, and liturgist.

11:00-11:45 am

Wendy Silhavy presents

Singing the Liturgy: Offering our Praise and Thanks to God through Music

"We don't sing at the Mass but sing the Mass," says Wendy and this will be part of the message – making that joyful noise!

Wendy Barton Silhavy is the Senior Coordinator for Liturgy and Music in the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Chicago. Her interests in liturgy include the relationship between liturgy and catechesis and the impact of liturgy on our everyday lives.



The Final Blessing will follow the last Session



Bishop Hicks' Column

February 2023

Feeding the hungry through our ministries



People are sometimes surprised to hear that I do my own grocery shopping and cook my own meals. I am not a gourmet chef, but I can hold my own in the kitchen. Frankly, it is not that big of a task since I live alone and frequently eat out at meetings, receptions and events. Therefore, most of my trips to the grocery store are a very quick "in and out."

However, for Christmas day, I invited my family for dinner. Hosting 10 people resulted in a much longer grocery list and time in the store than usual. So as I navigated the aisles filled with a multitude of carts and frantic shoppers on the morning of December 24, it struck me just how much the price of food has gone up. There was a woman standing next to me in the egg section. Suddenly, she blurted out, "Is this really the cost of eggs?!" I turned to her and said, "I think so. It's unbelievable, right?" With an affirming and exaggerated nodding of her head, she added, "Unbelievable, yes! And outrageous. I have sticker shock!"

With the soaring grocery prices across our nation, hunger is also on the rise. As a Church, we are mandated to not turn a blind eye to those in need. One of the many ways that we put our faith into action is by feeding the hungry. Scripture is clear about the obligation to help those who are less fortunate. Once we have adored and worshiped God, being nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, we are mandated to go out and serve the poor, and not just in abstract ways, but tangibly: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?" (James 2:14)

I am proud that we in the Diocese of Joliet take this mandate to heart. Our Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) supports so many ministries, including outreach to the poor and hungry. It helps support Catholic Charities, whose mobile food pantries at parishes and schools throughout the diocese helped more than 26,000 people last year. Catholic Charities also uses these visits to offer resources to other services participants may need.

Additionally, the ministries of mercy advisor from our Department of Catechesis and Evangelization organized "Christmas Blessing" grants to local parish-based food pantries. The applications submitted by parishes painted a stark yet accurate picture of the struggle to stock pantries in the face of dramatically increasing prices.

Yet it was heartening to read of the commitment of parish staff and volunteers to help their faith community and neighbors. Our Catholic schools and religious education programs also contribute to this ministry with donations and service hours. We all work as a family to help our brothers and sisters with a basic need of life.

My aunt and uncle volunteer at their church's food pantry. They, too, have reported that the number of people requesting food has continued to rise exponentially, and sometimes they are surprised by who is asking for food. Recently, they handed a basket of food to a man who has been a longtime parishioner and pillar of their church. Confused, they assumed he was there to volunteer for the distribution of food, but why was he waiting in the line? Sheepishly, he said to them, "I feel so bad. Over the years, I was the one giving out food, and now I need it myself. With prices skyrocketing, I have come to the point of having to choose between my medication or food. I am embarrassed to admit that I now need this assistance myself."

Sometimes, we can be tempted to wonder if everyone in the food pantry lines really needs the food they are receiving from us. There might be some people who take advantage of our generosity. Yet, I would rather err on the side of generosity and love than turn away those who are in need. St. Paul boldly challenges us to be generous to all people, even those we might deem undeserving, such as our enemies: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink." (Romans 12:20)

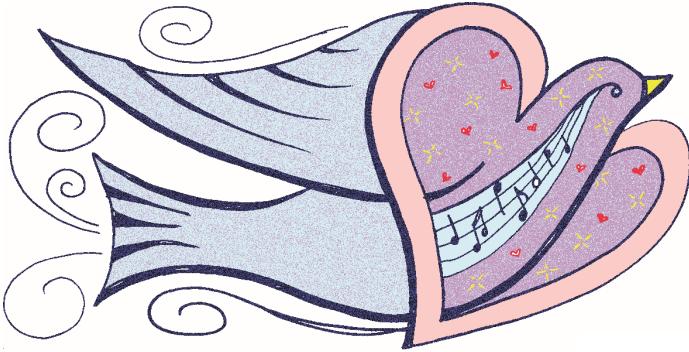
There are so many ways to feed the hungry and help those in need. Whatever way you choose – the CMAA, donations to your parish or local pantry, volunteerism or prayers – to you I say, "thank you!" For whenever we put our faith into action, we are following what Jesus teaches in the Gospel:

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."

(Matthew 25:40)

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.*

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



World Marriage Day



Prayer for Married Couples

*Almighty and eternal God,
you blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of
Christ with his Church:*

*Look with kindness on them;
Renew their marriage covenant;*

*Increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.*

Amen.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 5:17-37

***I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets
but to fulfill them.***

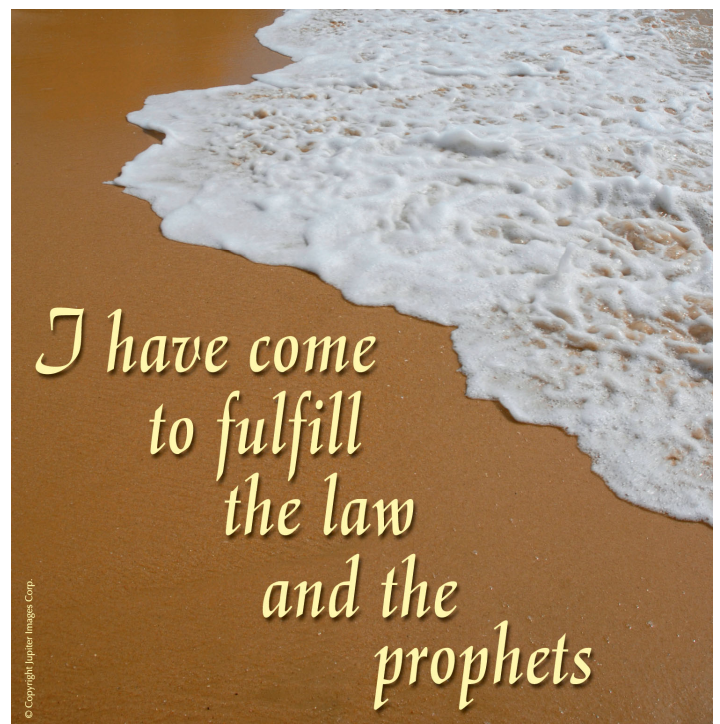
Background on the Gospel Reading

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

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

Vincenzo Anthony

child of Chris and Marina (LaPorte) Christofalos

Clare Elizabeth

William Michael

children of Michael and Kathryn (Wojcicki) Conti

Lucille Marie

child of Anthony and Sabrina (Conti) Erangey

Brendan Timothy

child of Daniel and Maureen (Browne) DeLorenzo

who were baptized during the month of January 2023

If you
TRUST IN GOD

you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

~ Sirach 15:15-16



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Mel Gerard	Loretta Nicolini
Rosaleen Bradley	Gary Grote	John North
Grace Brown	Joe Halac	John O'Dea
Elio Campanella	Virginia Halac	June Pautsch
Bill Carpenter	Martha Hayes	Bonnie Pollock
Danny Clements	Cambria Helle	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Ken Hemstreet	Wayne Slowiak
John Cozzi	Michael Jasiak	Belinda Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Sylvia Kleinedler	Dan Sobucki
Mike Cummins	Rickie Kruzel	Randy Szweda, USMC
Paul Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Dennis Torii
Charlie DeFranco	Patrick Linsner	Marlene Torii
Beth Dobose	Sue McNamara	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Frank Durante	Maria Mizera	Holly Vana
Geri Gerard	Richard Mrugacz	Carol Zell

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



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

For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre,
may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity
and welcome towards those most in need.

**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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Knights of Columbus e-mail: knights@stpeteritasca.com**Italian Catholic Federation (Branch 418)****Nick Tenerelli, Pres.** phone: 847-224-9324**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**

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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

TRAVELING?Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES****NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.****Pulpit announcement** requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to **office@stpeteritasca.com**.**Bulletin submissions** are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.**CONFESSIONS**Weekly on Wednesday at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

Weekly on Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm

First Saturdays at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

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

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:30 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

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

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

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Parish Center when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from a priest 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 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.



MAKE SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

Welcome, New Parishioners – Register Today

Many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their “spiritual home.” Part of the Catholic life and our Catholic identity is that we as Catholic people identify ourselves not only with the Universal Church - with over one billion other members, but we are also part of a “local Church.”

If you attend Saint Peter the Apostle Church on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your “spiritual home,” we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our Parish Family.

Please fill out the form below and someone from the Parish Office will contact you to complete your registration. Return this form either through the mail or drop it in the Sunday collection. You can also register by calling the parish office or by visiting the parish website.

Welcome to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

ARE YOU CONNECTED???

Do you receive St. Peter's electronic newsletters???

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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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Remember to invite your friends!!!

Invitation to Register!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference.

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

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