

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

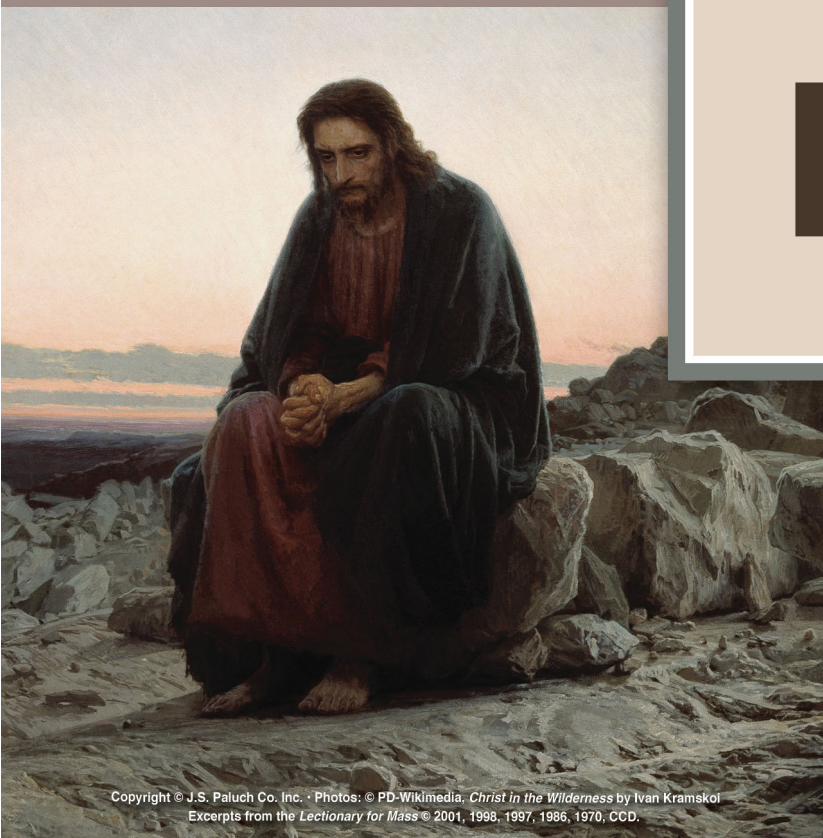
CONFESSIONS

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*)

First Sunday
of
LENT
March 6, 2022



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Filled with the Holy Spirit,
Jesus returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into
the desert for forty days,
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2

2022



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family,

We are at the beginning of Lent: the Liturgical time of the year when we as Catholics commemorate the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in preparation for His years of ministry which culminated in the cross and the triumph of Easter. Today, the First Sunday of Lent, we join Jesus letting Satan offer his temptations. Temptations come our way as well. Lent gives us that invitation to grow in holiness, the strength to resist temptations and to keep our souls young in the Lord. Lent is “springtime” for Catholics and Christians.

We are never to stay in the “desert of our sins” but to allow the Lord to change us and give us grace to put an end to sin. As Catholics we are given the opportunity to make a good examination of our conscience, repent of our sins, receive absolution of our sins, and thus seek again to amend our lives and live for the Lord. The way we do this is through the Sacrament of Penance.

Our “souls” cry out for cleansing if we want true life and to know Jesus better and ourselves better. If we want to keep our souls young, there’s no other way. Besides the Sacrament of Penance, we are to “amend” our lives and Lent gives us opportunities to renew our faith in this invitation. This invitation begins with Penance and a desire for purification while increasing our external practices of self-denial, which include the Christian disciplines of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.



Last weekend we officially began the 2022 Diocese of Joliet Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal. Every family should have received information from Bishop Ronald Hicks, asking for a pledge to help the Diocese remain “Devoted to the Works of the Lord,” and to thus help those who rely upon the ministries and services of our Diocese. Bishop asked each of us to prayerfully consider a contribution this year. Hopefully, we will answer the plea from our Bishop.

The target goal for Saint Peter the Apostle Parish is \$54,700. In part, this total goal is based on our total parish income, and registered households. Let us respond quickly to the Bishop’s appeal and meet and exceed our goal **before**-Easter. This is a serious obligation to the Diocesan Church, and we need to be attentive to it, and do what we can to meet and exceed the goal in a timely manner. It is true, for some of you, economic times are tough, but financial obligations continue for all of us...the parish and Diocese as well. Thank you for your generous response to the Appeal last year – let us do it again! God will certainly bless us for our efforts to help build up His Church. As in all our gifts to the Church, our gifts are gifts to God, a response of faith and love for all He has done for us. You cannot do “everything,” but, you can do “something.” And it’s important that everyone does something. If all our parishioners simply do what they can, we will have no problem meeting and exceeding our goal in a noticeably brief period, and we will not have to prolong our appeal. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important part of “belonging” to the wider Church of the Diocese of Joliet. As Bishop challenged all of us in his homily last Sunday, let us remain firm, steadfast and devoted to the works of the Lord!

If you have any questions about this year’s Appeal, please feel free to contact the Diocese of Joliet’s Development and Stewardship Office at 815-838-8515. For more information and to make a pledge on-line, visit jolietdioceseappeal.org, or visit our parish website to use GiveCentral, our secure on-line giving site (givecentral.org/location/1251).

God bless you for your generosity, response of faith, and care for the Church of Joliet!

Fr. Noesen

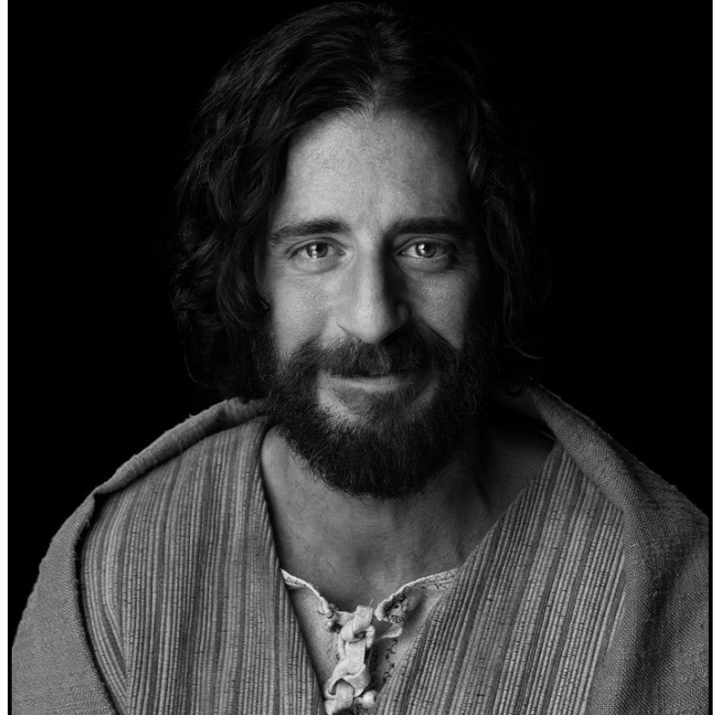


Sunday	March 6 (<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>)
8:30 am	†Peter Williams
10:00 am	†Marion Wallenberger
11:30 am	†Nino DiTusa
	†Giuseppina Fricano
	†Rowel Gagula
	†George Kveck
	†Denis McNamara
	For an End to Abortion
Monday	March 7 (<i>Lenten Weekday; St. John of God, Religious</i>)
8:00 am	†Annie Perlas
Tuesday	March 8 (<i>Lenten Weekday; St. Frances of Rome, Religious</i>)
8:00 am	†Long Madison
Wednesday	March 9 (<i>Lenten Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†George Kveck
Thursday	March 10 (<i>Lenten Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†George Kveck
Friday	March 11 (<i>Lenten Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Thomas Cummins, Sr.
Saturday	March 12 (<i>Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent</i>)
5:00 pm	†Joseph DeLaurentis
	Mike and Kris Slaughter - Special Intention
Sunday	March 13 (<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>)
8:30 am	†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 10884 - Itasca
10:00 am	†Mary Varygiannes
11:30 am	†Zbigniew Muszynski
	†Sherry Zeman
	Bill and Ruth Kopulos - 60th Wedding Anniversary People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday:	1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

The CHOSEN



You're invited to the watch party...
"The Chosen"

"The Chosen" is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Jesus. The series allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

St. Peter the Apostle is offering the opportunity to view this popular series. The "watch party" begins on Wednesday, **March 9, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**, and will run for 16 weeks covering each of the current episodes.

An open discussion will follow each weekly viewing.

If interested, contact Deacon Bob at chapxyz@yahoo.com

**No matter where you are
in your journey with Jesus Christ,
this show is for you.**

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Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 34 (02/27/2022): \$ 7,532.00

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).



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

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** **March 6**
9:30 am RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
- Monday** **March 7**
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (PC/Lower Level)
- Tuesday** **March 8**
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday** **March 9**
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
7:00 pm "Chosen" - Watch & Discuss (MW Parish Hall)
- Thursday** **March 10**
8:30 am Father John Project (Church)
9:00 am "Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
- Friday** **March 11**
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross + Benediction (Church)
- Saturday** **March 12**
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
10:30 am First Confession for Second Grade & Families (Church)
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday** **March 13**
9:30 am Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)



Schedule

Saturday, March 12 | Sunday, March 13

Communion Ministers

- 5:00 pm Anthony George
Reetha George
- 8:30 am Bill Kolf
Deacon Bob
- 10:00 am Mary Booth
Mel Gerard
- 11:30 am Greg Papuga
Deacon Fred

Lectors

- 5:00 pm Anthony George
- 8:30 am Lou Casolari
- 10:00 am Kathy Laken
- 11:30 am Stella Capobianco

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 prayer.

GRIEF MINISTRY

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people facing similar struggles, consider joining the Grief Ministry. Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room**. For more information, please contact: Deacon Fred (630-773-4412) or Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304)

NEXT WEEKEND—SUNDAY, MARCH 13 | 9:30 am



Presentation of Offertory Gifts

Thank you to the following First Holy Communion candidates and their families for presenting gifts at this weekend's masses:

- 10:00 am** Ava Christensen
- 11:30 am** Everett Warren

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



Sacred Music at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish

NEEDED — CANTORS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS

Our parish currently has a great need of additional voices to join and grow our small team of cantors who volunteer their time and talent to vocally, musically and spiritually lead us in liturgical song. Cantors bring at least some experience, having sung seriously in choirs, or as soloists. The cantor's primary role is to lead the Psalm during the Liturgy of the Word, in dialogue with the congregation. They also assist the congregation by leading the other parts of the liturgy.

Cantors do not need to have "soloist quality" voices. Rather, they should be able to sing in tune, have some proficiency in reading music, and sufficient time to devote to rehearsal and preparation. Training will be provided.

Additionally, proficient musicians of the piano and organ, as well as other instrumentalists are invited to come forth to occasionally assist at Masses.

Adults and teens who feel called to Music Ministry are invited to contact Father Noesen or one of our parish musicians.



Saint Peter the Apostle Children's Choir

Children's choir has been asked to sing on Easter Sunday.

Children in grades 2-8 are invited to participate.

**Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays —
March 22, April 5 & 12**

**All rehearsals will take place at 6:15pm - 7:15pm
in the choir loft of church.**

If your child(ren) would like to participate, please complete and return the permission form that can be found on the parish website and return it to the parish office to the attention of Joanna and Michelle Nagle or bring it to the first rehearsal.

For more information or questions please email:
Jnagle212@gmail.com



Plan to attend...

Sunday, March 20 | 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**

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

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



**In case you didn't place an order
(or didn't order enough)...**

Girl Scout Cookies will be available to
purchase **after all Sunday Masses
this weekend.**

Please note, sales are cash or check only.
Thank you.



Message of Pope Francis for Lent (2022)

*"Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives.
May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us
fortify our spirit for the battle against sin"*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all" (Gal 6:9-10).

1. Sowing and reaping

In these words, the Apostle evokes the image of sowing and reaping, so dear to Jesus (cf. Mt 13). Saint Paul speaks to us of a *kairós*: an opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this "opportune time" for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. [1] All too often in our lives, greed, pride and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand, as we see from the story of the foolish man in the Gospel parable, who thought his life was safe and secure because of the abundant grain and goods he had stored in his barns (cf. Lk 12:16-21). Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.

The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity "continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 54). During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his word, which is "living and active" (Heb 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (cf. Jas 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God's co-workers (cf. 1 Cor 3:9). By making good use of the present time (cf. Eph 5:16), we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness.

What about the harvest? Do we not sow seeds in order to reap a harvest? Of course! Saint Paul points to the close relationship between sowing and reaping when he says: "Anyone who sows sparingly will reap sparingly as well, and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well" (2 Cor 9:6). But what kind of harvest are we talking about? A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no "generous effort" will ever be lost (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 279). Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (cf. Mt 7:16, 20), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (cf. Mt 5:14-16) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (cf. 2 Cor 2:15). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (cf. Rom 6:22).

In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, "one sows, while another reaps" (Jn 4:37). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God's own benevolent love:

"it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God's benevolent plan.

The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is "fruit for eternal life" (Jn 4:36), our "treasure in heaven" (Lk 12:33; 18:22). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. Jn 12:24); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: "What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body" (1 Cor 15:42-44). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ brings to the world, for "if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep" (1 Cor 15:19-20). Those who are intimately united to him in love "by dying a death like his" (Rom 6:5) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. Jn 5:29). "Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Mt 13:43).

2. "Let us not grow tired of doing good"

Christ's resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the "great hope" of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, *Spe Salvi*, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: "Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall" (Is 40:30). Yet God "gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though they walk they will never tire" (Is 40:29, 31). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle's appeal, "Let us never grow tired of doing good" (Gal 6:9).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without becoming weary" (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; [2] and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life's burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives.

May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. *Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation*, knowing that God never tires of forgiving. [3] *Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence*, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 166). One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication (ibid., 43) made up of "authentic encounters" (ibid., 50), face-to-face and in person.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who "supplies seed to the sower and bread for food" (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 193).

3. "If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time"

Each year during Lent we are reminded that "goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day" (ibid., 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. *Jas* 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who "is generous in forgiving" (Is 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that "if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time" and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. *Heb* 10:36), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. *1 Tim* 4:16). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. *2 Cor* 5:14-15), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be "all in all" (*1 Cor* 15:28).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and "pondered all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

FRANCIS

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November, 2021, Memorial of Saint Martin, Bishop.

[1] Cf. SAINTAUGUSTINE, *Serm.* 243, 9,8; 270, 3; En. in Ps. 110, 1.

[2] Cf. *Extraordinary Moment of Prayer presided over by Pope Francis* (27 March 2020).

[3] Cf. *Angelus*, 17 March 2013.

First Sunday of Lent

Reflection - Gospel Reading: *Luke 4:1-13*

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

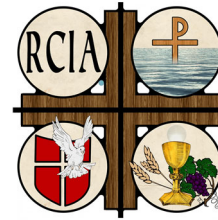
Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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During this Lenten season, please continue to pray for those adults in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program, who are preparing to enter the Catholic Church this Easter. Since October 2021, they have been meeting to study and renew themselves spiritually in the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Pray that they may receive with yearning hearts the Lord Jesus in the Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation

Please pray for:

Victor Von Almen

Amy Gramata

Anna Lupinski

Tom Sheppard

Alex Alkanat

Abdullah Dar

Samuel Leininger

Michael Zeranski

The second graders of our Catholic Religious Education program at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this coming Saturday, March 12. Please pray for them as they approach the Lord for His mercy and forgiveness, and as they continue their journey to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Eucharist on May 1.

O Father we praise you.

Clothe Your children with holiness as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. May they turn from their sins and live for you alone.

May their parents and guardians teach them the teachings of the Church as they together seek to keep faithful to Your commandments.

Enable these little children to grow in wisdom and nourish them with Your loving care as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist on May 1.

May they yearn with hungry hearts and minds to receive the Body and Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us all to live in Your truth and the practice of our Roman Catholic Faith so that we may all receive eternal rewards and blessings.

We ask this prayer through Christ, Your Son. Amen.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen.



NOTE: The sick list has been reviewed and long-standing names removed if renewal was not recently received. If prayers are still needed, please call to renew. Thank you.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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| Sue Bobka | Rickie Kruzal | Harriett Pinkowski |
| Ken Buffo | Gene Mikulecky | Bonnie Pollock |
| Regina Conti | Christopher Mizera | Wayne Slowiak |
| Mary Cummins | Richard Mrugacz | Marlene Torii |
| Paul Cummins | John North | Fr. Miroslaw Stepien |
| Virginia Halac | Don Olenek | Randy Szweda, USMC |
| Martha Hayes | Rich Olenek | Linda Wuerffel |
| Ken Hemstreet | Janina Piotrowski | 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.



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

Penelope Peyton

child of Vincent and Sahira (Soto) Ellis

Maurice Alexander

child of Maurice Bonhomme and Sharlene Santos

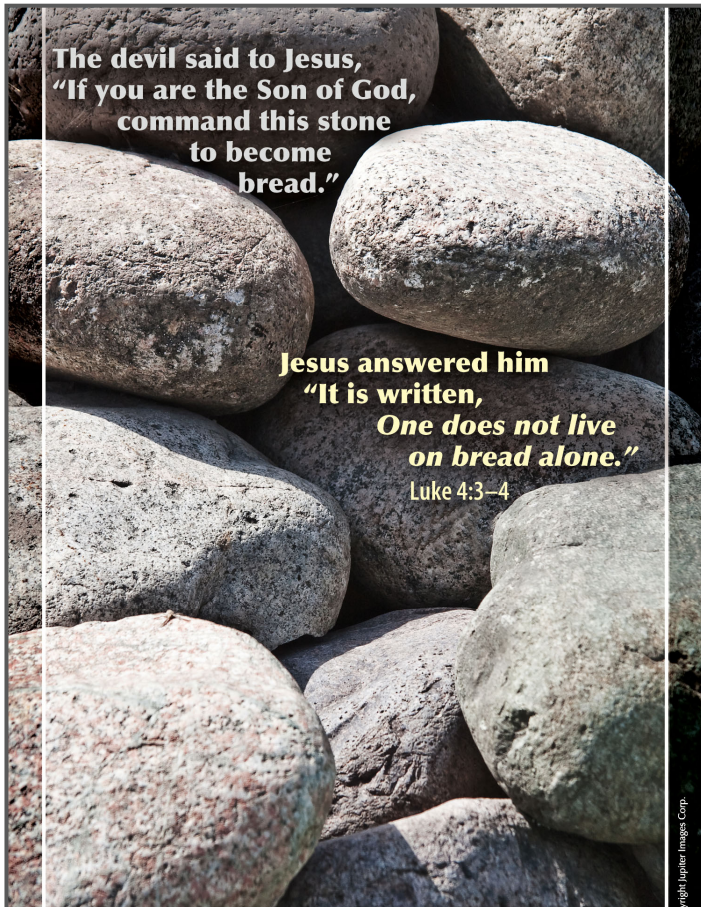
who were baptized during the month of March 2022



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

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



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
- PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
- CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard
- CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
- SGT Michael Helle, US Army
- Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
- PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
- SA Chris Kaszubowski, US Navy
- CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
- 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
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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)



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 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.



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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.

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



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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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