

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*)

March 20, 2022 | Third Sunday of Lent



"Sir,
leave the fig tree
for another year;
perhaps it
will bear fruit."

Luke 13:8-9

2022



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family,

Last Saturday, the second graders in our Religious Education program made their First Confession and received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children were all well-prepared, and the Spirit of God was with them. I want to offer my thanks to their parents and Religious Education catechists who educated and assisted them. On Sunday, May 1, they will receive their First Holy Communion. Please pray for them.

I encourage everyone to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. It is an essential sacrament that offers new life and sanctifying grace. Sanctifying grace is the very life of God given to us through Christ in the sacraments of the Church. If we want to grow in holiness, remain close to the Lord and put on the life of Christ for others, we need sanctifying grace.

The Church teaches all Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once a year or when one commits grave sin. All sins are offenses against God. There are different degrees of sin — mortal and venial. “Venial sins weaken God’s life in us, but they do not destroy it. Venial sins are committed when the object of sin is less serious, or when the object of the sin is grave but the sin is committed without full knowledge or deliberate consent.” “Mortal sins destroy the life of sanctifying grace in us. For a sin to be mortal or grave, the Church teaches that three conditions must apply:

- 1) The object of the sin must be grave matter. It must be an act that is directly against one of the Ten Commandments.
- 2) The sin must be committed with full knowledge that the act is gravely wrong.
- 3) The sin must be committed with full and deliberate consent of one’s will.”

The Seven Capital Sins are **pride, avarice (extreme greed for wealth or material gain), envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth**. Capital sins can lead to other sins and vices. The Church says sins that “cry out to heaven,” are: murder; sodomy; oppression of people, especially the poor; and, dishonesty in wage payments to workers. Then there are grave offenses against the Holy Spirit — “One must never refuse to ask the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sin. This refusal may be caused by presumption. Presumption is the result of someone believing one can be saved without God’s grace. In this case, a person believes that one’s own capabilities are sufficient to bring one to heaven. Presumption can also occur when people believe that God will forgive them without any act on their part. For instance, “God will forgive me! I do not need to ask for forgiveness. I don’t need the Sacrament of Reconciliation.” Catholics who reject the Sacrament of Reconciliation risk the loss of heaven.

All Catholics are encouraged to make an examination of conscience every day. Ask yourself:

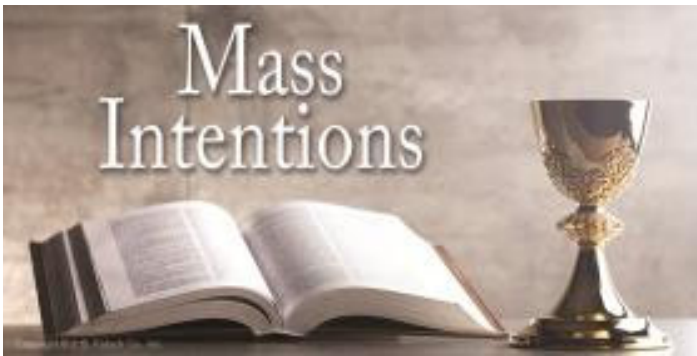
- What aided me to sin?
- Do I aid others to participate directly and voluntarily in another’s sin?
- Do I order others to sin for pleasure? Advise another to sin? Praise sin?
- Do I approve another’s sin without trying to convince them to change their ways?
- Do I protect sinners and evildoers?”

During these days of Lent, let us familiarize ourselves and pray over the Ten Commandments and all of God’s teachings. Make sure to pick up an Examination of Conscience brochure in the back of church to help you. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, pray and do penance and therefore work for the salvation of your soul.

May we learn more about the Catholic faith and enter more fully into the sacramental life of the Church.

Have a good and holy Lent,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	March 20 (Third Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†Mohen James Makil
10:00 am	†Mary Varygiannes
11:30 am	†Victoria Abbtcola
	†Vito and Michael Campanella
	†Sherry Zeman
	People of the Parish
Monday	March 21 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	The Kveck Family - Special Intention
Tuesday	March 22 (Lenten Weekday)
8:00 am	For an End to Abortion
Wednesday	March 23 (Lenten Weekday;
	<i>St. Turibius Mogrovejo, Bishop)</i>
8:00 am	†Valeria D'Andrea
Thursday	March 24 (Lenten Weekday;
	<i>St. Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr)</i>
8:00 am	†John Sepka
Friday	March 25 (The Annunciation of The Lord)
8:00 am	†Brad Grabow
Saturday	March 26 (Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent)
5:00 pm	†Christopher and Stanislaw Kosk
	†Rossella Tangorra
	People of the Parish
Sunday	March 27 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
8:30 am	†Harry Aument
10:00 am	†Adeline Magnus
11:30 am	†Deacon Gordon "Jerry" Clark
	†Michael Mulcahy
	†Michael Laughlin

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



THIS WEEKEND...

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**

Proceeds benefit the parish's Poor Fund

***Please take the time to view page 5
which highlights the local businesses
that supported this year's
St. Joseph's Table.***

***As a show of appreciation,
be sure to keep in mind these vendors
if and when the need arises.***

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 37 (03/13/2022): \$ 10,207.00

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers or opportunities for giving, 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

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of March 7, 2022, our capital project debt stands at \$299,562.03. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

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 20
9:30 am	RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
12:30 pm	St. Joseph's Table (MW Parish Hall)
Monday	March 21
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (PC/Lower Level)
Tuesday	March 22
6:15 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal (Church/Choir Loft)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	March 23
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 24
9:00 am	"Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
Friday	March 25
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross + Benediction (Church)
Saturday	March 26
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, March 26 | Sunday, March 27

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi	5:00 pm Diane Blackburn
Deacon Fred	8:30 am Chris Nagle
8:30 am Dorie Calip	10:00 am Kevin Grisamore
Rose Ann Roll	11:30 am Anthony George
10:00 am Mary Booth	
Bill Kolf	
11:30 am Anthony George	
Deacon Bob	

Parish Council - Meeting Notes

February 15, 2022

The St. Peter the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council met on February 15, 2022, at approximately 7:00 pm. Michael Nehf, chairperson of the council, opened the meeting. The following members were in attendance: Father Noesen, Reetha George, Bill Kolf, Mike Nehf, Rose Ann Roll and Adam Stephan.

The first main topic of discussion was how to welcome back parishioners including a 'welcome program' for consideration by the council. Primary discussion points revolved around how to best welcome people back to the church (post-COVID), and how to invite them to become involved in our parish. Besides praying for them, one suggestion was that we sponsor a Ministry Fair to allow parishioners to see what opportunities are available to them. Another idea was to publish the ministry opportunities in the church bulletin. Additional suggestions included the formation of a Welcoming Committee and a Youth Group (primarily for high school aged children); a welcome letter mailing to all new parishioners; a blessing letter mailing to parishioners when they move away and are no longer members; and updating the parish directory.

Fr. Noesen provided a brief update on parish finances and the church building debt. Further details from a liturgical artist regarding a solution to the sound reverberation problems in the church will soon be given to the parish. Parishioners will be given the opportunity to pledge memorials to help pay for this project.

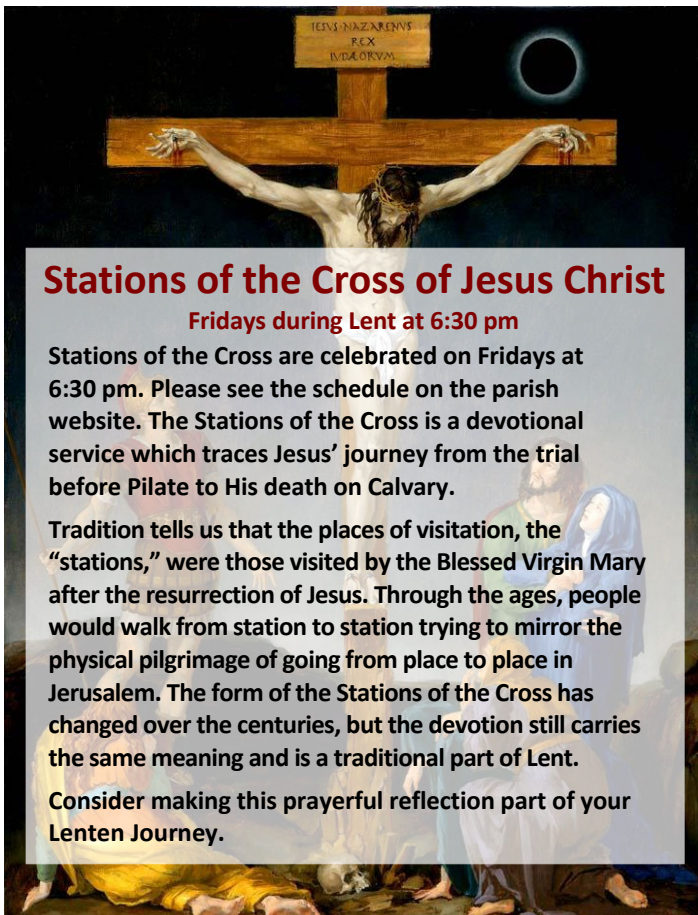
Several council members provided thoughts on how to improve parental involvement in our children's religious education program, including providing opportunities for families to meet other families during class time.

Father Noesen encouraged all council members to engage with fellow parishioners and welcome positive feedback and ideas from them for the good of the parish.

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place following Easter Sunday but no later than early May.

Fr. Noesen led the council in a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Please see the Parish Council page on the parish website for more information on our Parish Council and get to know your representatives.



Stations of the Cross of Jesus Christ

Fridays during Lent at 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross are celebrated on Fridays at 6:30 pm. Please see the schedule on the parish website. The Stations of the Cross is a devotional service which traces Jesus' journey from the trial before Pilate to His death on Calvary.

Tradition tells us that the places of visitation, the "stations," were those visited by the Blessed Virgin Mary after the resurrection of Jesus. Through the ages, people would walk from station to station trying to mirror the physical pilgrimage of going from place to place in Jerusalem. The form of the Stations of the Cross has changed over the centuries, but the devotion still carries the same meaning and is a traditional part of Lent.

Consider making this prayerful reflection part of your Lenten Journey.

You are cordially invited to

"Sing with the Angels"

Theme: The Lord's Passion

date: Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

time: 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

place: St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
551 N. Rush Street, Itasca

Don't forget to bring your rosary.

RSVP: Maria Greico at 630-373-4710

Please arrive on time.

The program will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

The prayers, sacred music and movie clips used in this program were selected to help you meditate on the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. You will be moved in a profound way when you experience the perfect example of His sacrificial love.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Peter's Knights of Columbus - Council 10884
hosts its annual



Friday, April 1 | 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Margaret Woods Parish Hall



+ Food + Fellowship +

FUNDRAISER FOR THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

On Friday, April 1, Saint Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 10884 will be hosting its annual Fish Fry.

Everyone is invited to join fellow parishioners for food and fellowship, while also assisting the people of Ukraine. The free will donations collected will be donated to the assist in the aid of the people of Ukraine.

To date, 2 million people have been displaced, injured or killed in Ukraine. Another 1.7 million people have been forced to flee to Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Belarus, and Russia. Most would rather stay and fight than head to Belarus or Russia. If you do not like fish, soup, salads and plenty of other dishes will also be available. If you are interested in bringing a soup, a loaf of bread, or salad fixings, please call or text Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

This year a raffle will also take place offering a chance to win one of the many bountiful baskets.

Again, this event is a FREE WILL DONATION; however, this year everyone is asked to dig a little deeper to aid those suffering the effects of the war in Ukraine. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, feel free to contact a Knight directly, or drop off your donation at the Parish Center.

Checks should be made payable to St. Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus. We look forward to seeing you on April 1.

St. Peter the Apostle

2022 SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

Thank you to our sponsors



Saint Joseph

Reflections by Pope Francis

November 2021

On 8 December 1870, Blessed Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph Patron of the Universal Church. One hundred and fifty years since that event, we are living a special year dedicated to Saint Joseph, and in the Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde*, I gathered together some reflections on him.

There are more than ten people in the Bible who bear the name Joseph. The most important among them is the son of Jacob and Rachel who, through various vicissitudes, went from being a slave to becoming the second most important person in Egypt after the Pharaoh (cf. Gen 37-50). The name Joseph is Hebrew for “may God increase, may God give growth”. It is a wish, a blessing based on trust in providence and refers especially to fertility and to raising children. Indeed, this very name reveals to us an essential aspect of Joseph of Nazareth’s personality. He is a man full of faith, in his providence: he believes in God’s providence, he has faith in God’s providence. His every action, as recounted in the Gospel, is dictated by the certainty that God “gives growth,” that God “increases,” that God “adds” — that is, that God provides for the continuation of his plan of salvation. And in this, Joseph of Nazareth is remarkably similar to Joseph of Egypt. The main geographical references regarding Joseph: Bethlehem and Nazareth, also assume an important role in our understanding of him. In the Old Testament, the city of Bethlehem is called Beth Lechem, that is, “House of bread”, or also Ephrathah, after the tribe that settled in that territory. In Arabic, however, the name means “House of meat”, probably because of the large number of flocks of sheep and goats in the area. Indeed, it was not by chance that when Jesus was born, the shepherds were the first witnesses of the event (cf. Lk 2:8-20). In the light of the story of Jesus, these allusions to bread and meat refer to the mystery of the Eucharist: Jesus is the living bread descended from heaven (cf. Jn 6:51). He will say of himself: “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” (Jn 6:54). Bethlehem is mentioned several times in the Bible, as far back as the Book of Genesis. Bethlehem is also linked to the story of Ruth and Naomi, told in the short but wonderful Book of Ruth. Ruth gave birth to a son named Obed, who in turn gave birth to Jesse, the father of King David. And it was from the line of David that Joseph, the legal father of Jesus, descended. The prophet Micah foretold great things about Bethlehem: “But you, O Bethlehem of Eph’rathah, who are little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel” (Mi 5:2). The evangelist Matthew would take up this prophecy and connect it to the story of Jesus as its evident fulfilment. In fact, the Son of God did not choose Jerusalem as the place of his incarnation, but Bethlehem and Nazareth, two outlying villages, far from the clamour of the news and the powers of the time. Yet Jerusalem was the city loved by the Lord (cf. Is 62:1-12), the “holy city” (Dn 3:28), chosen by God as his dwelling (cf. Zech 3:2; Ps 132:13). Here, in fact, dwelt the teachers of the Law, the scribes and Pharisees, the chief priests and the elders of the people (cf. Lk 2:46; Mt 15:1; Mk 3:22; Jn 1:19; Mt 26:3). This is why the choice of Bethlehem and Nazareth tells us that periphery and marginality are preferred by God. Jesus was not born in Jerusalem, with all the court... no, he was born in a periphery,

and he spent his life in that periphery until the age of thirty, working as a carpenter like Joseph. For Jesus, the peripheries and marginality were favored. To fail to take this fact seriously is the same as not taking seriously the Gospel and the work of God, who continues to manifest himself in the geographical and existential peripheries. The Lord always acts in secret in the peripheries, even in our souls, in the peripheries of the soul, of feelings, perhaps feelings of which we are ashamed; but the Lord is there to help us move forward. The Lord continues to manifest himself in the peripheries, both the geographical ones and the existential ones. In particular, Jesus goes in search of sinners; he goes into their homes, speaks with them, calls them to conversion. And he is also rebuked for this: “But look at this Teacher”, say the doctors of the law, “Look at this Teacher: he eats with sinners, he gets dirty.” He also goes in search of those who have done no evil but have suffered it: the sick, the hungry, the poor, the least. Jesus always goes towards the 2 peripheries. And this should bring us great trust because the Lord knows the peripheries of our heart, the peripheries of our soul, the peripheries of our society, of our city, of our family, that is, that slightly obscure part that we do not show, perhaps out of shame. In this respect, the society of that time is not very different from ours.

Today, too, there is a centre and a periphery. And the Church knows that she is called to proclaim the good news starting from the peripheries. Joseph, who is a carpenter from Nazareth and who trusts in God’s plan for his young fiancée and for himself, reminds the Church to fix her gaze on what the world deliberately ignores. Today Joseph teaches us this: “Do not look so much at the things that the world praises, look into the corners, look in the shadows, look at the peripheries, at what the world does not want”. He reminds each of us to give importance to what others discard. In this sense he is truly a master of the essential: he reminds us that what truly matters does not attract our attention but requires patient discernment to be discovered and appreciated. To discover what matters. Let us ask him to intercede so that the whole Church may recover this insight, this ability to discern, this ability to evaluate what is essential. Let us start again from Bethlehem, let us start again from Nazareth. Today I would like to send a message to all the men and women who live in the most forgotten geographical peripheries of the world, or who experience situations of existential marginality. May you find in Saint Joseph the witness and protector to look to. We can turn to him with this prayer, a “home-made” prayer, but one that comes from the heart: Saint Joseph, you who have always trusted God, and have made your choices guided by his providence teach us not to count so much on our own plans but on his plan of love. You who come from the peripheries help us to convert our gaze and to prefer what the world discards and marginalises. Comfort those who feel alone and support those who work silently to defend life and human dignity. Amen. By his life and example, Saint Joseph reminds us that, in our own day, the Church is called to proclaim the good news of Christ’s coming, beginning with the existential peripheries of our world. The poor and forgotten in our midst can look to him as a sure guide and protector in their lives. Let us ask Saint Joseph to intercede for the Church, that we may always set forth anew from Bethlehem, in order to see and appreciate what is essential in God’s eyes.

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How to go to Confession

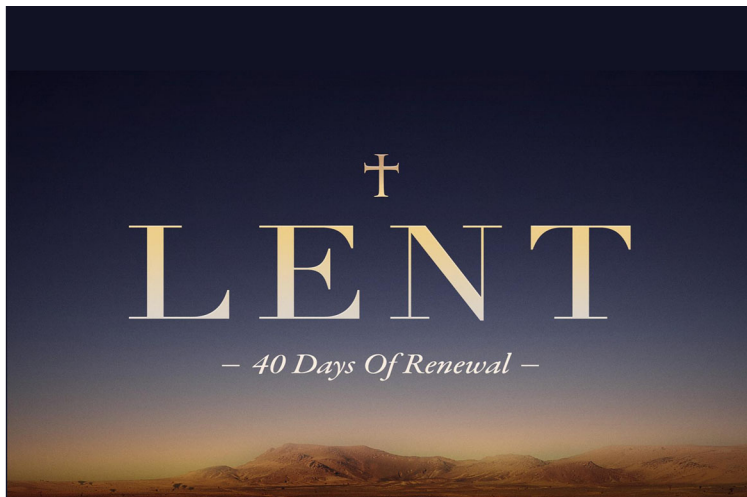
In recent years many have turned away from the Sacrament of Penance. It has been so long for some people, they have “forgotten” how to receive the Sacrament. In order for all parishioners to make a good confession in preparation for the coming feast of Easter, ample time is being provided to make a good confession of your sin. Take time during this holy season of Lent to examine your life quietly and honestly. Identify sin and evil, and through the Sacrament of Penance ask the Lord Jesus for forgiveness. Open yourself up. In humility, recognize your need for a Savior, and come back to Confession... *come back to the Lord with a repentant heart!*

The second precept of the Church is truly clear: You shall confess your sins at least once a year. This precept ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness. [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2042:83]

All Catholics are encouraged to make an examination of conscience every day. Ask yourself:
What aided me to sin? Do I aid others to participate directly and voluntarily in another’s sin?
Do I order others to sin for pleasure? Advise another to sin? Praise sin?
Approve another’s sin without trying to convince them to change their ways?
Do I protect sinners and evildoers?

Many people find it helpful to be “reminded” as to the proper way to receive the Sacrament. Do not worry, Father will help you!

1. When entering the confessional, greet Father so that he knows that you are there, and that you are ready to begin.
2. Make the sign of the cross, saying: ***“Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been (# of weeks, months, or years) since my last confession.”*** It is important for the priest to know the time frame since your last confession.
3. An integral confession is still necessary. This means that we give Father the number of times and specific sin we have to confess. All mortal sins, meaning those which are against the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church, must be confessed. Venial sins (those not as great) should also be confessed. Especially if you have been away from the Sacrament for a while, Father will help you make a good confession. Nothing may intentionally be kept from the priest, lest the confession be invalid. When finished with your confession, let Father know by saying... ***“I am sorry for these, and all my sins.”*** Father will then offer counsel if he feels it necessary.
4. Father will give you a penance to perform. The penance must be done. If you are unable to do it, let Father know and he will explain, or impose another penance. If you fail to perform the penance given, then this too must be confessed in your next confession. **Penance is essential.**
5. Father may then ask you to recite the Act of Contrition: ***O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because they displease You, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.***
6. Father will give the Absolution. It is in the words of Absolution that the sins are forgiven. Through them, using the priest as His instrument, Christ speaks to us.
7. After that, Father will dismiss you. Go and fulfill your penance.



The Third Sunday of Lent

*O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness,
 who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving
 has shown us a remedy for sin,
 look graciously on this confession of our lowliness,
 that we, who are bowed down by our conscience,
 may always be lifted up by your mercy.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.
 Amen.*



Pope to consecrate Russia and Ukraine to Immaculate Heart of Mary

By Vatican News

Pope Francis will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday, 25 March, during the Celebration of Penance that he will preside over at 5pm in St. Peter's Basilica.

The Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, said in a statement: "The same act, on the same day, will be performed in Fatima by Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, papal almoner," who is being sent there by the Pope.

The day of the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord was chosen for the consecration.

Martyrdom of the Good

In the apparition of 13 July 1917, in Fatima, Our Lady had asked for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, stating that if this request were not granted, Russia would spread "its errors throughout the world, promoting wars and persecution of the Church." "The good," she added, "will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be destroyed."

Consecrations of Russia to Mary

After the Fatima apparitions there were various acts of consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pope Pius XII, on 31 October 1942, consecrated the whole world, and on 7 July 1952 he consecrated the peoples of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the Apostolic Letter *Sacro vergente anno*:

"Just as a few years ago we consecrated the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of the Virgin Mother of God, so now, in a most special way, we consecrate all the peoples of Russia to the same Immaculate Heart." - Pope Pius XII

On 21 November 1964, Pope St. Paul VI renewed the consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart in the presence of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council. Pope St. John Paul II composed a prayer for what he called an 'Act of Entrustment' to be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Mary Major on 7 June 1981, the Solemnity of Pentecost. In June 2000, the Holy See revealed the third part of the secret of Fatima. At the time, the then-Archbishop Tarcisio Bertone, Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, pointed out that Sister Lucia, in a letter of 1989, had personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady wanted: "Yes, it was done," wrote the visionary, "just as Our Lady had asked, on 25 March 1984."

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

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

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 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
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
Robert P. Woods Lt. JG. US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
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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)**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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