

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> 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

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## 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*)

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Strive to enter  
through the  
narrow gate,  
for many,  
I tell you,  
will attempt  
to enter but  
will not be  
strong enough.

Luke 13:24

**AUGUST 21, 2022**

# From the Pastor



Dear parish family,

This Saturday, August 20, Bishop Ronald Hicks ordained a number of men of the Diocese of Joliet to the Order of Deacon at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Among these men is Mr. Anthony George from Saint Peter the Apostle Parish. Deacon George will have his first Mass as a Permanent Deacon this Sunday at 11:30am. Please join me in congratulating him and praying for him as he begins his new ministry among us. Please continue to pray for him and all our Deacons that the Holy Spirit may continue to come upon them in great ways to bring the Gospel and service of the Church to those God calls them to serve.

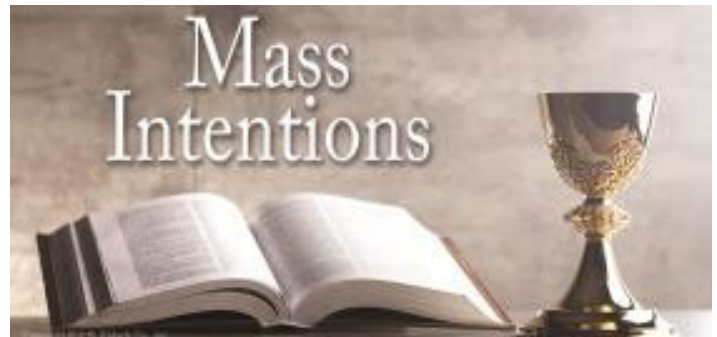
Continue to pray for an increase in Vocations to the Diaconate and the Holy Priesthood.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Fr. Noesen*



**Congratulations and God Bless you  
on your Ordination,  
Deacon Anthony George!**



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 21</b> ( <i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
8:30 am	†Scott Erickson
10:00 am	†Rich and Raffaella Olenek - <i>59th Anniversary</i>
11:30 am	†Barbara Marck
	†Ann Marie Rossi
	†Otto Ternes
	†Aquino Trasca
	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 22</b> ( <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> )
8:00 am	†Christopher Kosk
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 23</b> ( <i>Weekday; St. Rose of Lima, Virgin</i> )
8:00 am	†Debbie Brewer
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 24</b> ( <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> )
8:00 am	†George Kveck
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 25</b> ( <i>Weekday, St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz</i> )
8:00 am	Dennis Higgins - <i>Special Intention</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 26</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†George Kveck
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 27</b> ( <i>Vigil: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
5:00 pm	†John Fisherkeller
	†Janina Kolodziej
	†Alvera McDonald
	†Ann Marie Rossi
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 28</b> ( <i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
8:30 am	People of the Parish
10:00 am	†Salvatore Cirrincione
11:30 am	†Roque Chaidez
	Luz Cepeda - <i>Special Intention</i>
	†Gina DeLuca
	†Frank Joseph Pope
	For an End to Abortion

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



Join us for Mass on **Monday, August 22, at 8:00 am**, when we will celebrate the **Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**. This date is exactly one week after the important Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and we can see that the two events commemorated by the Church are truly related to each other.

In the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we commemorate Mary's glorious Assumption into heaven, by the will and power of her Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In the Assumption, we remember Mary, who was conceived without the taints of sin, original sin, or any other forms of sin, to be a worthy vessel to bear the New Covenant and God Himself in her womb.

And if Mary bore the Lord Jesus within her, she is the Ark of the New Covenant and the Ark of God. And because God is so holy and powerful, nothing impure or sinful could have been in the vessel He has chosen specially for this purpose. That was why Mary was conceived without sin and remained so, according to the teachings of the Church, throughout her life.

Now, Mary has therefore been assumed to heaven, to enjoy the glory prepared for her by her own Son, the King of kings and Lord of all lords. And as the mother of the King, she indeed is a Queen. The feast of the Queenship of Mary commemorates this glory which Mary, as the mother of our God and King has attained, crowned by her own Son, to be honored above all other creation. She is the first and finest of all those who were created, and her shining example and glory become inspiration for each and every one of us.

First of all, the glory which Mary received is a premonition and revelation of what we all shall receive in the end, if we choose to remain true to our faith and be faithful to Our God. We are children of the King, having been adopted by the virtue of our baptism, becoming God's own sons and daughters. Therefore, we too shall merit the crown of glory promised by the Lord to all who are faithful to Him.



## PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, August 30 | 7:30 pm

A nine-month pilgrimage of the Silver Rose will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service at St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Itasca, on Tuesday August 30 at 7:30 pm.

The Knights of Columbus and St. Peter the Apostle – Itasca – Council 10884 will honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and express both international unity and dedication to the sanctity of human life.

The journey of the Silver Rose begins in March each year and ends on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During that time, Silver Roses travel from town to town along eight routes throughout North America. Several of those routes begin in Canada and end in Mexico. The Silver Rose Program began in 1960, when the first rose – a live one – was blessed by a bishop in Ontario. The rose then traveled to New York and then to Texas where it was taken across the border into Mexico. The rose ended its pilgrimage at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

To better ensure future annual trips, a "silver rose" was ultimately created. Today, due to the popularity of the program throughout the North American continent, eight silver roses travel unique routes.

All members of the community are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter the Apostle – Itasca – Council 10884 to pray for a civilization of love and culture of life in our own country and throughout the world. *Please spread the word!*

*Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today approximately two million members of the Knights of Columbus put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally through financial contributions and hands-on service.*

**Stewardship of Treasure  
A Way of Life  
St. Peter the Apostle**

Fiscal Week 7 - Sunday Collection (08/14/2022) ..... \$ 7,811.00

*If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers , please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at [business@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:business@stpeteritasca.com) or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).*

**DONATE NOW**  
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**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 using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at [givecentral.org/location/1251](https://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 August 21**  
12:15 pm Baptisms (Church)  
12:15 pm "Deacon" Anthony George Celebration (MW Parish Hall)
- Monday August 22**  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (MW Parish Hall)
- Tuesday August 23**  
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday August 24**  
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
- Friday August 26**  
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus - Diocese Chapter Meeting (MW Parish Hall)
- Saturday August 27**  
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday August 28**  
Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)



*Stewardship*  
A WAY OF LIFE

**August 2022 Monthly  
Diocesan Loan Payment**

Principal .....	\$ 11,728.78
Interest .....	571.22
<b>Total Payment .....</b>	<b>\$ 12,300.00</b>
 Loan Balance .....	 \$ 240,993.23

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of August 15, 2022, our capital project debt stands at \$240,993.23.

*Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.*



*Liturgical Ministries*

**Saturday, August 27 | Sunday, August 28**

<i>Communion Ministers</i>		<i>Lectors</i>	
5:00 pm	Nancy Ferenzi Deacon Anthony	5:00 pm	Diane Blackburn
8:30 am	Phyllis Cimaglia Deacon Bob	8:30 am	Marie Toalson
10:00 am	Mary Booth Greg Papuga	10:00 am	Mel Gerard
11:30 am	Carmela Graziano Deacon Fred	11:30 am	Mary McNamara





**NOTE: Sunday Donuts Faith & Fellowship will not take place THIS WEEKEND due to the reception for Deacon Anthony.**

**Tuesday Rosary Ministry**

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm. **WEATHER-PERMITTING, during the summer months, the group meets outside at the Blessed Mary Grotto (next to the school). Please bring a chair if you prefer to sit. In the event of inclement weather, the group will meet in the 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.

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...**

will take place at St. Peter’s Church on September 2.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

*Come spend quiet time with Jesus before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.*

*This is a wonderful time to offer your prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions for yourself or loved ones.*

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot is asked to sign up using the link available on the parish website at [stpeteritasca.com](http://stpeteritasca.com)

**“Mums” the Word—  
But Don’t Keep it a Secret!**

Fall and it’s glorious colors are around the corner. To help kick things into gear, St. Peter’s will once again be selling Mums for \$12 each.

**SALES BEGIN September 8!**

**Bible Storytime**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays  
10am-11am  
Starting September 8

Please join us for faith, fellowship, and fun, exploring God’s Good News through stories, songs, and crafts.

Geared toward children ages 0-6 and their caregivers, but all are welcome! No registration required.

Storytime will be held at St. Peter’s School (Across the parking lot from the Church)  
551 N. Rush St., Itasca

Questions? Please contact Rachel Scheck at 219-308-3007.

# Permanent Diaconate



## Understanding the Diaconate

### **Who is a deacon?**

Like bishops and priests, deacons are ordained ministers of the Catholic Church that, “share in Christ’s mission and grace in a special way. The sacrament of Holy Orders marks them with an imprint (‘character’) which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the ‘deacon’ or servant of all (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1570).” The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and deacons, by virtue of their sacramental ordination and through their various ministries, are to be a servant in a servant-Church.

### **What are the characteristics of a deacon?**

A deacon is a man attracted to the kind of prayer that spills over into creative service to the Church. He is deeply attentive to the Scriptures as an ongoing encounter with Jesus. He loves the Church and expresses a willingness to abide by her doctrines and morals. He exhibits a desire to evangelize and publicly proclaim his love of Christ and the Church as an envoy of the bishop not merely within the liturgy, but in the fabric of his very life.

Beyond this, a deacon possesses a deep desire to empower the laity in their essential role as heralds of the new evangelization, embedding himself deep within the secular world. He is willing to enter the vital work of defending the Church’s teaching on the sanctity of life and religious liberty. He baptizes, preaches, witnesses marriages, prays at wakes, visits the sick and counsels the spiritually troubled. Above all, he has a deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist.

### **What are these “various ministries” of the Deacon?**

All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, priests and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs; they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important. He is to be a living witness to Christ the Servant.

### **Why do some deacons become priests?**

For many years ordained ministers “ascended” from one office to another, culminating in ordination to the presbyterate, or priesthood. The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), however, authorized the restoration of the diaconate as a PERMANENT order of ministry. So, while students for the priesthood are still ordained deacons prior to their ordination as priests, there are more than 18,000 deacons in the United States alone who minister in this Order permanently. There is no difference in the sacramental sign or the functions between these so-called “transitional” and “permanent deacons.”

### **May married men be ordained deacons?**

Yes. The Second Vatican Council decreed that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order in the hierarchy, could be opened to “mature married men,” later clarified to mean men over the age of 35. This is consistent with the ancient tradition of the Church, in which married men were ordained into ministry. Also in keeping with ancient practice is the expectation that while a married man may be ordained, an ordained man, if his wife should die, may not marry again without special permission.

### **Is a Deacon ordained for the Parish or the Diocese?**

Whenever a person is ordained, he is to serve the diocesan Church. Deacons are no different in this regard: they are assigned by the bishop to ministries for which the bishop perceives a great need, and for which the deacon may have special gifts or talents. Most often, this will be within a parish setting, just as most priests serve in a parish. Once assigned to the parish, the deacon and any other clergy assigned to the parish minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. However, this assignment may be changed at the request of the deacon or the initiative of the bishop.

Currently, there are over 18,000 permanent deacons in the United States and 32,000 worldwide. The first permanent deacons in the Diocese of Joliet were ordained in 1974. Presently, 230 deacons serve our diocese in parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons, and wherever the needs of people call for their ministry.

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection - Gospel Reading:  
**Luke 13:22-30**

***People will come from north and south, east and west,  
 and take their place in the Kingdom of God.***

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is the third of three parables in chapter 13 that deal with the theme of the unexpected reversals brought by the Kingdom of God. The other two parables are about the tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree and the small amount of yeast that makes a large batch of dough rise. All three are about the few and the many and the Kingdom of God.

As this parable opens, Luke reminds us that Jesus is making his way to Jerusalem. This journey, this exodus as Luke refers to it, makes up the entire middle of the Gospel. He is teaching as he goes. A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees.

Jesus answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. He then moves to a parable about another door. (The translation says "gate" then "door," but the same Greek word is used.) Once all those entering the master's house are in and he locks the door, there will be no way for others to get in. Those left outside may knock, but the master will say he doesn't know them. Unlike the Gospel reading from a few weeks ago where Jesus was teaching about prayer, and we were told to knock and the door would be opened, in this parable, the master will not open and say he does not know us. People from the north, south, east, and west will take our place inside. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets will take our place in the Kingdom of God. Those who do not make it through the narrow door will be cast out to where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.

The image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendents back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

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## Parents Are The First Educators

Where does true education in peace and justice take place?

First of all, in the family, since parents are the first educators. The family is the primary cell of society. It is in the family that children learn the human and Christian values which enable them to have a constructive and peaceful coexistence. It is in the family that they learn solidarity between the generations, respect for rules, forgiveness and how to welcome others. The family is the first school in which we are trained in justice and peace.

*Pope Benedict 16th, World Day Of Peace Message, 2012*



**BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

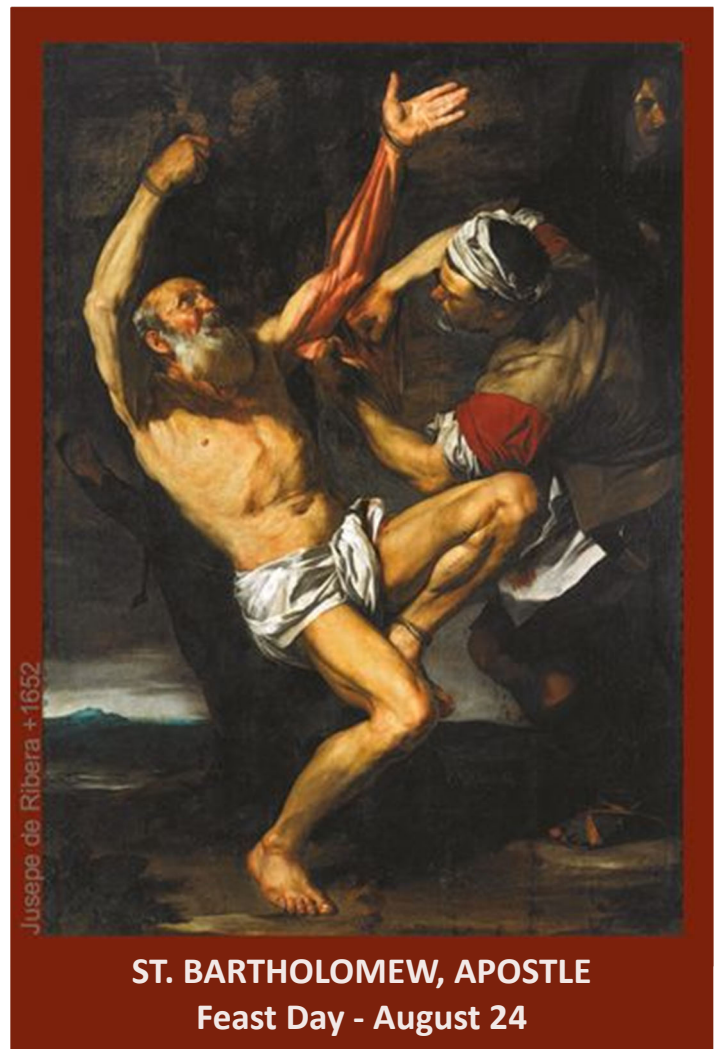
*Blessed are you, Lord God,  
 Creator of body and mind and heart;  
 you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge  
 to guide your people in all their ways.*

*At the beginning of this new school year,  
 we implore your mercy:  
 Bless all students, teachers, and staff members,  
 that they may grow in faith, hope, and love  
 as they learn from you and each other  
 how to follow your Son Jesus.*

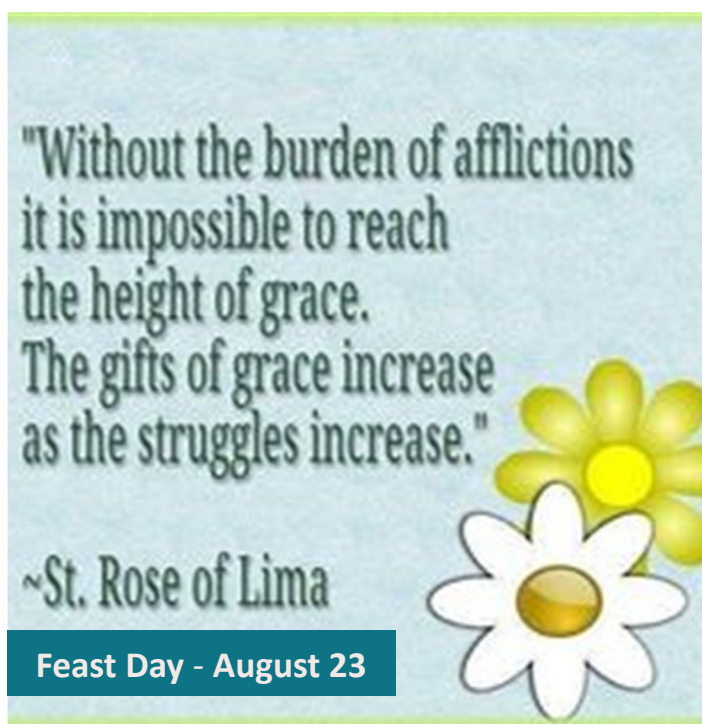
*Expand the horizons of their minds,  
 that they may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge;  
 deepen their commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and  
 enliven their faith to reach out to those in need.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

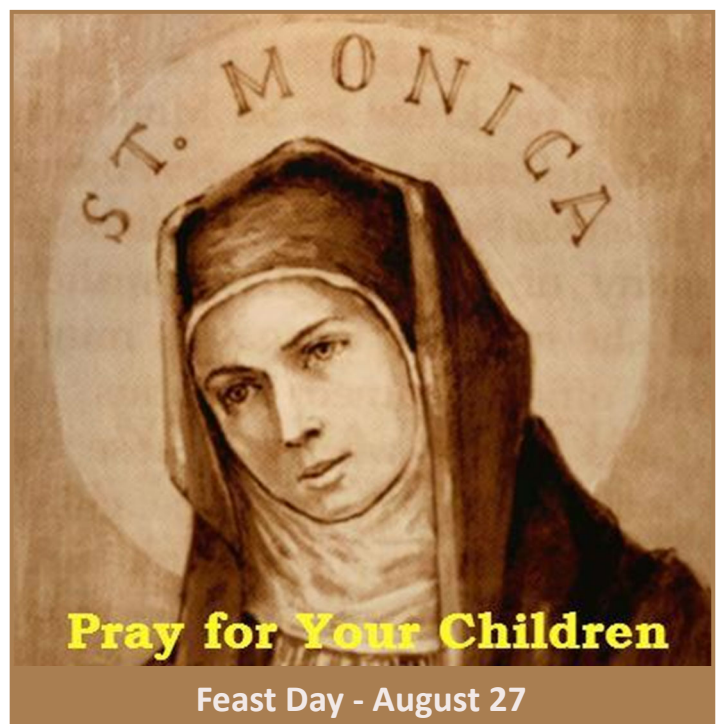


**ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE**  
**Feast Day - August 24**



~St. Rose of Lima

**Feast Day - August 23**



**Pray for Your Children**

**Feast Day - August 27**



**In Memoriam**

*Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of*

**John S. Fisherkeller  
and**

**Francis "Frank" Rossi**

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Prayer for Those Who  
Cannot Receive Communion**

**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.

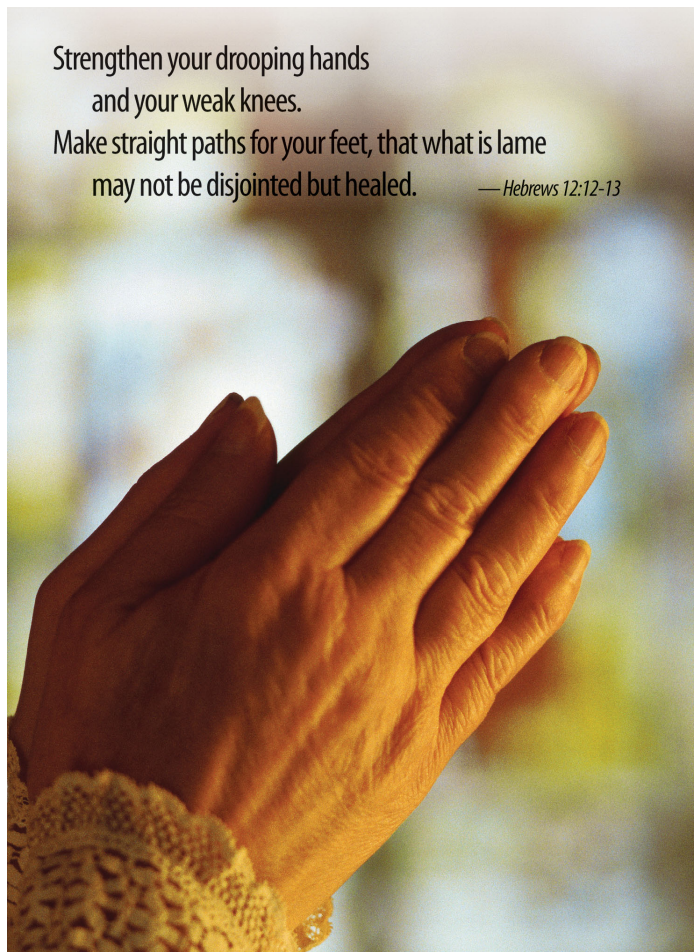
Amen.



Strengthen your drooping hands  
and your weak knees.

Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame  
may not be disjointed but healed.

— Hebrews 12:12-13



**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family**

Dave Bigott	Martha Hayes	June Pautsch
Sue Bobka	Cambria Helle	Harriett Pinkowski
Rosaleen Bradley	Ken Hemstreet	Bonnie Pollock
Ken Buffo	Michael Jasiak	Brendan Reidy
Elio Campanella	Sylvia Kleinedler	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	Rickie Kruzal	Dan Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Maryanne Kveck	Dennis Torii
Mike Cummins	Patrick Linsner	Marlene Torii
Paul Cummins	Maria Mizera	James Sieradzki
Mel Gerard	Carmine Molfese	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Gary Grote	Richard Mrugacz	Randy Szweda, USMC
Joe Halac	Loretta Nicolini	Linda Wuerffel
Virginia Halac	John North	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 August prayers for the Church  
and for the world:

**Small Businesses**

We pray for small and medium sized businesses;  
in the midst of economic and social crisis,  
may they find ways to continue operating,  
and serving their communities.

**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
- CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard
- 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
- 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
- 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)
- SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
- LTJG Robert P. Woods, US Navy
- Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
- PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy

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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](http://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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