

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*)

Joy



December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

The Entrance Antiphon for today's liturgy — which, in this country we replace with a hymn — gives today its name: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice!... This Third Sunday of Advent takes its name from the Latin word for "Rejoice"... It is called Gaudete Sunday. Today, liturgically, marks the halfway point of Advent. The vestments get a little lighter in color, and the rose candle on the Advent wreath is lit. This Sunday harkens back to a time when Advent was a period of deep penance and fasting. So, the halfway mark was a relief, a time to rejoice — A time to remember the purpose of our fasting and penance... Jesus is coming! If you have done nothing to prepare for His coming, there is still time! But time is growing short. That is the message of today's liturgy...

Times and observances may have changed, but the question remains: How do we feel this Sunday? Is the nearness of Christmas a cause for some deep joy in our life or didn't we have the time to even think about it?

The images of Christmas are those of a mother and a child, images of warmth, and of tenderness. That is not the feeling, nor is it the picture, that we get from Saint John the Baptist. In his ministry, John does not point to a child and his mother. He points to Jesus, the man from Nazareth, now fully grown; the Son of God who will challenge all things, and whose message will upset as much as it will console.

And yet... Saint John the Baptist is a key figure in the Advent Season. He points to the heart of the Christmas message: The Savior, the Redeemer, the one whom we call Lord, is not a little baby, but an adult. He is Jesus of Nazareth, whose words and actions bring comfort, and yet, at times... they are provocative, they will make us uncomfortable and challenge us. He forces us to take a stand on who he is. In pointing to Jesus, John keeps us from being overcome by the sentimentality of Christmas. He reminds us that our Faith-Life is based on much more than mere emotion... our faith as Catholic-Christians is based on a person... the PERSON of Jesus Christ.

John, clad in camel skins, eating wild locusts, challenges us to move beyond a department store or a Hallmark response... to a gospel response to Christmas. The response that we give to Jesus as believers, he reminds us, is not the ohs! and ahs! which we might give to a little baby. The response that we give to Jesus is that of discipleship and commitment. It is a response of faith which carries with it the decision to become a follower of Jesus. It is true that the central image of Christmas is that of a mother and a child but look closely at the Advent and Christmas stories which surround this mother and child: they are all stories of faith, of discipleship, of believing, of commitment.

John the Baptist is a good figure for the Advent Season, because he reminds us of the struggle for faith which takes place for all who encounter the Messiah. Wherever Christ makes his appearance, people end up struggling with the one, basic, gospel question: Who is Jesus and what does he mean for me? In following the Lord, each of us are personally asked to take the risk of faith by making a commitment, even when we cannot predict what all the consequences might be.

In following Jesus, we do just that... we FOLLOW. We walk down a path that we do not control. That is why Jesus came: He became like us, so that we could become more like Him. Advent is about waiting, and expectation for the coming of Jesus. But, not for the coming of a baby. He did that once; he is all grown up. In fact, he was crucified and died for us... He IS Risen from the dead, and holds out the promise of Heaven to us, if we are faithful to Him. John the Baptist serves as that "Advent call to faithfulness." So, during this holy season, let us take his message to heart: Repent, turn back to the Lord, grow in holiness -- Prepare the way of the Lord!

Make a good confession of your sins and have a holy Advent.

Fr. Noesen



Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	December 12 (<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>)
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Kazimierz Zaczer, Aric and Monika Aneszko
11:30 am	†Francesco and Giuseppina Fricano
	†Bruce Gariti
	†Rev. Brian Shepley
	Mary Booth - Special Intention
	For an End to Abortion
	People of the Parish
Monday	December 13 (<i>St. Lucy Virgin & Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
Tuesday	December 14 (<i>St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
Wednesday	December 15 (<i>Advent Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Adeline Magnus
Thursday	December 16 (<i>Advent Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Porzia Carone
Friday	December 17 (<i>Late Advent Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Don Derma
Saturday	December 18 (<i>Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>)
5:00 pm	†Gloria Colella
	†Robert Hoffman
	†Katherine Lorden
	†Carrie Kirkpatrick
	†Vito Mariani
	†Russell Schumacher
	For an End to Abortion
	People of the Parish
Sunday	December 19 (<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>)
8:30 am	†Carolyn Mazzucchi
10:00 am	†Robert Battaglia
11:30 am	†Eric Eicholz
	†Giuseppe and Giuseppina Fricano
	†Ernest and Irene Koleto
	†Jerry Riordan
	†Joan Streich
	†Ross Urso

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

GRIEF MINISTRY

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

If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people facing similar struggles, please 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:

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

Confession



Six Hours of Confession

Saturday, December 18 | 9 am - 3 pm

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas

The priests of 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin!

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

Please come to Mary Queen of Heaven Church

430 N. West Avenue | Elmhurst, Illinois

630-279-5700

"The LORD never tires of FORGIVING. It is WE who tire of asking for FORGIVENESS!"
- Pope Francis

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

Fiscal Week 23: 12/05/2021 \$ 13,676.67 \$ 235,228.38

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

**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 November 10, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$346,102.14. 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 December 12**
9:30 am Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)
- Monday December 13**
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (Old PC)
- Tuesday December 14**
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday December 15**
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
6:30 pm Cookies, Cocoa & Claus (School Hall)
- Thursday December 16**
9:00 am "Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)
- Saturday December 18**
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday December 19**
9:30 am RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)

**Schedule****Saturday, December 18 | Sunday, December 19****Communion Ministers**

- 5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi
Deacon Fred
- 8:30 am Dorie Calip
Deacon Fred
- 10:00 am Greg Papuga
Deacon Bob
- 11:30 am Bill Kolf
Deacon Bob

Lectors

- 5:00 pm Chris Kunze
- 8:30 am Chris Aument
- 10:00 am Nancy Magnus
- 11:30 am Mary McNamara

**Retirement Fund for Religious****Please give to those who have given a lifetime.**

Like the women and men religious shown here, thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to helping others—ministering in Catholic schools, hospitals, and more. Most served for little pay. Today, without enough retirement savings, many religious communities are struggling to care for senior members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine, and other necessities. Please be generous.

Please give at your local parish.**To donate by mail:**National Religious Retirement Office
3211 Fourth Street NE
Washington DC 20017-1194
Make check payable to
Retirement Fund for Religious.retiredreligious.orgVisit retiredreligious.org/2021photos to meet the religious pictured.
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	CROSS	GIFTS
5:00 pm	William Cord*	Ava Larsen and family
8:30 am	—	Kyla McDonald** and family
10:00 am	Olivia Zabloutny*	Anthony Zabloutny** and family
11:30 am	—	—

*Please pray for the children and their families who are preparing for
*Confirmation and **First Holy Communion.*

BETHSAIDA

Prayer & Healing Service



*"Heal Me, O Lord and I will be healed; save me,
and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise."
Jeremiah 17:14*

ROSARY

PRAISE & WORSHIP

HEALING PRAYER



Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries, Chicago invites you
to Healing Service led by Mr. Sabu Aaruthottiyil, a lay
minister with King Jesus Ministries, USA

December 19th (3 - 6 PM)

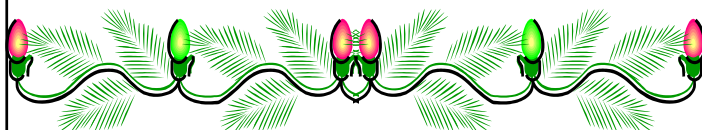
AFCM Media Center, 524 N Rush St (Old Parish Center), Itasca
Contact : Reetha George 630 744 9063



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE — Light-up someone's holiday

Please wrap gift and affix the respective
"tag" securely to the package;
and, return to the boxes in the
back of church by **THIS WEEKEND**.

Please note that each gift is designated
for a specific individual and if you took
a "tag" and do not return a gift,
someone will be disappointed on Christmas.



Blessing of the Christmas Bambino — Bring blessings of Christmas into your home!

The nativity scene, a beloved part of Christmas decorations the world over, can be traced to the love for, and devotion to Christ felt by Saint Francis of Assisi. For Catholics, both Pope Benedict XVI and Saint Pope John Paul II said, the Nativity Scene in our homes is THE central decoration of the Christmas Season. The Nativity Scene captures the one single moment in history when all creation stood still out of wonder because God as a baby was born!

Next weekend, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, there will be a blessing of the Christmas *Bambinos* at all Masses. Bring "Baby Jesus" from your home Nativity Set (CLEARLY LABEL with a secure tag) to church and put the figure in the Christmas stable. Father will bless the "Bambinos" during the Mass. You will then have the blessings of Christmas in your home throughout the Christmas Season. This beautiful custom is a wonderful way to keep Christ at the center of this holy season.

Blessing of a Christmas Nativity Scene

Blessing of a Christmas Nativity Scene for use at home in its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to Saint Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas Creche, or Manger for Christmas Eve 1223. The Blessing of the Christmas Nativity Scene in your home may take place on Christmas Eve, when you set the scene up for the season, or perhaps before a special family meal during this beautiful season

All make the sign of the cross, as the leader says: *Our help is in the name of the Lord. Who made heaven and earth.* Someone reads the Scripture: Luke 2: 1-14. Then pray with hands joined, and either one person, or all pray together the prayer of blessing.

Let us pray.

*God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love;
when our need for a Savior was great,
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.*

To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

*Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and
Savior of all, and who lives and reigns forever and ever.*

Amen.

Following the prayer, the Nativity Scene can be sprinkled with holy water. Holy Water is available for you to take home in the Holy Water container in the narthex.

Rejoice, for Christmas is near at hand!

Meet St. Peter the Apostle's Parish Pastoral Council



MICHAEL NEHF has been a member of St. Peter the Apostle parish since 1967, when his family moved here from Bellwood, Illinois. Mike and his wife, Kathy, were married in 1978, then moved to Itasca in 1984 and became parishioners. Their three sons, Jason, Brian, and Sean went to public school and attended St. Peter's for Religious Education. Mike and Kathy were very involved in Itasca schools, youth sports, Cub Scouts, as well as St. Peter's over the years, including service as extraordinary ministers. Career opportunities brought them to Atlanta, GA, and Columbus, OH between 2005 and 2021, after which they returned "home" to Itasca and St. Peter's. Mike currently serves as a Religious Education Catechist, church volunteer and member of Knights of Columbus. He is a CPA and holds an MBA from Northwestern University in Evanston. Mike looks forward to working with Fr. Noesen and our Parish Council to serve our Lord and one another, as well as planning for the needs of the parish.



REETHA GEORGE and her husband, Anthony, joined St. Peter's Parish family in 2003. They have four children – Rachel, Amy, Nathan, and Tabeetha. They regularly attended the 5:00 pm Mass for many years. Reetha is as a Eucharistic Minister and Anthony is a diaconate candidate from our parish. All four children were Altar Servers. The oldest daughter, Rachel, taught Religious Ed for a few years; and their son, Nathan, served as an assistant in the program.

Reetha works North American Corporation in Northbrook as a Systems Analyst and is also actively involved in a nonprofit organization called Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM). AFCM is a world-wide community that is involved in promoting world evangelization through communal prayer, scripture studies, and intercessory prayers. AFCM publishes magazines and conducts retreats to promote our Catholic faith in different parts of the world. Reetha is presently studying online for a Diploma in Theology from a seminary in Kerala, India, which will be completed in December of this year.

Reetha has answered the call to serve our parish as a Parish Pastoral Council member, following Colossians 3:23, "whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men." Reetha eagerly looks forward to serving our parish and our community in this capacity.



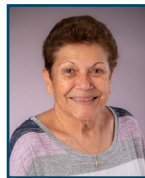
LAURA JOHNSON and her family have lived in the community for over 30 years. She and her husband, Steve, have been married for 43 years and raised three children – Holly, Paul, and Melissa. They are now also blessed with six grandchildren.

Through her experience working as a CNA with seniors, Laura has been an active advocate for those without a voice by showing concern, love, and simply listening. Laura has served the Church over the years as a Minister of Care, Catechist, Bereavement Minister, and Nursing Home Minister. Her faith has grown through these ministries, and she continues to have a hunger to know the mystery of God. Laura looks forward to this new role in the parish council and believes the Holy Spirit will guide her in serving the needs of the people of the parish.



BILL KOLF and his wife, Cathy, have been parishioners at St. Peter the Apostle since 1989. They have two children, Emily DeHaven of Killeen, Texas, and Jerome Kolf of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Both children attended and graduated from St. Peter the Apostle School.

Bill worked as Director of Accounting for Henry Crown and Company in Chicago for 27 years and retired in 2014. Since retiring, Bill has served the parish as Sacristan and Eucharistic Minister. He is also a charter member of St. Peter's Knights of Columbus council. Bill enjoys the liturgy and community at St. Peter's and feels a part of the parish family, and he looks forward to serving St. Peter the Apostle Parish in this new role as a member of the Parish Council.



ROSE ANN ROLL has been an active parishioner of St. Peter the Apostle for 50 years. Rose Ann's husband, Dick, was a member of the parish in its early days when mass was held in the village's junior high gymnasium before the original church was built in 1960. During these many years, Rose

Ann has worn many hats. Rose Ann's three children attended St. Peter's School, and she served as a room mother and chairman of Home and School for many years during that time. Rose Ann was an active member of CCW and was the Social Chairman for the group. Once her children all graduated from St. Peter's School, Rose Ann joined the parish Arts and Environment Committee (the ministry responsible for decorating the church) and eventually headed the committee. She was also a Wedding Coordinator for the parish. Dick and Rose Ann moved to Wisconsin for five years. Upon returning to Itasca she resumed her role with Arts and Environment, as well as the Wedding Coordinator position – both which she continues to serve. Rose Ann also helped organize the parish Women's Club. Rose Ann grew up in the area, attended St. Walter's Grade School and Lake Park High School and then went to the American School of Beauty Culture and went on to be a hairdresser for 40 years. Rose Ann is honored to become a member of the newly formed Parish Pastoral Council and hopes to serve the parish well.



ADAM STEPHAN and his wife Marcie joined St. Peter the Apostle in 2006 when they first moved to Itasca. They moved to and lived in Roselle for nine years before moving back to Itasca in 2017. During their time in Roselle, the family remained members of St. Peter's because they enjoyed the community and friendships so much. They regularly attend the 8:30 mass with their three young daughters – Samantha, Emily, and Megan, and they always sit in front so everyone can help keep an eye on them. Adam is a member of the Knights of Columbus and works at Town & Country Distributors in Itasca. He looks forward to serving the parish and welcomes feedback from parishioners.

Meet St. Peter the Apostle's Finance Council



KEVIN GRISAMORE is a CPA and has 25 years of experience in accounting and financial reporting for industrial and financial organizations. Kevin is currently the AVP and Corporate Controller for TTX Corporation, a private railroad company in Chicago. Kevin and his wife, Sheila, have been residents of Itasca and parishioners at St. Peter the Apostle since 1994. They have two grown children, Kristen and Samuel. Kevin has been with the Finance Council since 2006. He was also a member of the Capital Campaign Committee and serves as a Lector.



TERRY CAMP has been a parishioner of St. Peter's for 27 years. She is a retired CPA with a master's degree in accounting. In addition to the Finance Council, Terry has participated in many ministries and organizations, including the Capital Campaign Committee, Transitional Housing, Gardening, Bereavement, and Mum Sales. She assists with weekly collection counting and posting contributions, and is also a cantor and member of the choir. Terry has two daughters, one daughter-in-law, and nine grandchildren who are her joy.



CHRIS KUNZE and his wife, Karen, have been parishioners for 18 years and both are actively involved in the parish and community. Both are on the Arts and Environment committee. Chris also serves as a lector, is on the Finance Committee and is past Co-chair of the Capital Campaign Committee which raised funding for the new church. He also volunteers weekly with several others to maintain the parish grounds. Chris holds a BS in Finance, as well as an MBA. Chris has recently retired, but served as COO, CFO and president of several public and private companies.



JIM WUERFFEL and his wife, Linda, have been active members of the parish since 1976. Jim has been on several committees and has been in the bell choir since its inception. Jim has served on the Parish Council, Capital Campaign Committee, and Facilities Committee; he was also a key figure with the new church building committee and is a former cantor and choir member. Jim currently volunteers to help maintain the parish grounds/buildings and is a member of the Finance Committee. Jim is currently retired. He holds a BS and MS degree in education and was formerly a high school teacher and department chair at Gordon Tech, and facility director at school district 64 in Park Ridge.

"Peace in the Womb" Christmas Caroling

on the sidewalk in front of abortion facilities



"Peace in the Womb" Christmas Caroling brings the message of peace and joy to the darkness of the abortion clinic and there are many opportunities to be a part of sharing this message. The Wood Dale abortion clinic has closed, "Praise the Lord," but there are many other abortion facilities where our presence and voices can spread the message of peace and joy. Join other pro-lifers from other parishes and organizations such as Northwest Families for Life and Pro-Life Action League at any of the following abortion facilities:

Friday, Dec. 17, 9:30 –10:30 am

Downers Grove Access Health Center
1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516
Contact Laura (NWFL) — 847-651-4877

Saturday, Dec. 18, 9:00 –10:00 am

Planned Parenthood
3051 E New York Street, Aurora, IL
Sponsored by Pro-Life Action League

Saturday, Dec. 18, 10:00–11:00 am

Downers Grove Access Health Center
1700 75th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516
Sponsored by Pro-Life Action League

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 9:30 –10:30 am

American Women's
110 S River Rd, Suite 7, Des Plaines, IL 60016
Contact Maria (NWFL) — nwfl526@gmail.com

Thursday, Dec. 23, 9:00–10:00 am

Carafem Concourse Office Plaza
4711 Golf Rd, Skokie, IL 60076
Contact Claudia (NWFL) — 847-924-9089

At times music has the ability to touch hearts when words alone cannot. That's why people all around the country go to abortion centers singing carols of the Savior's birth. Your voice is needed to share the angel's message that joy entered the world through the birth of a child. We will be there with hope that Christmas miracles can still happen! Please join us!

Please contact parishioner, Nancy Magnus, at 630-606-5197 with any questions or for additional information.

Skip the Madness of the Mall...

 SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO 

St Peter's School Hall

SAVE THE DATE—

Wednesday, December 15 | 6:30 pm

for

DINNER and...

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS...oh my!

Bring the kids to enjoy a pasta dinner, followed by cookies, cocoa and time with Santa Claus

Don't forget a camera to capture your visit with Santa!

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with this event, please contact Toni Pietrowski (630-773-1272 ext. 216 / religioused@stpeteritasca.com)

In order to help the planning team prepare for the event, please complete and submit a reservation form along with \$10.00 per family to help offset the cost. Registration is also available on the parish website.

Deadline: December 12

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS

Family Name: _____

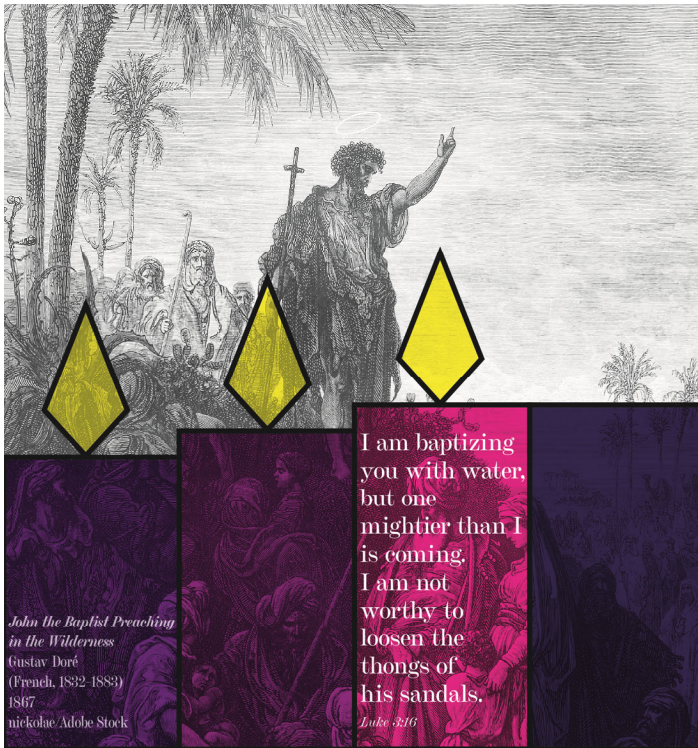
Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ ☐ Check ☐ Cash

Please return via collection basket, Parish Center or have your child submit to Religious Ed class.

Deadline: December 12



In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Stella Santeramo

May she rest in the peace of Christ.



With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

— Isaiah 12:3



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Mel Gerard	John North
Michelle Anderson	Mike Graziano	Raffaela Olenek
Sue Bobka	Gary Grote	Holly Vana
Elio Campanella	Virginia Halac	Tom Vana
Mike Carey	Martha Hayes	Janina Piotrowski
Gerri Ciucci	Ken Hemstreet	Harriett Pinkowski
Eunice Cleveland	Mary Hosters	Bonnie Pollock
Robert Cleveland	Anne Keeton	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Rickie Kruzel	Ann Marie Rossi
Marie Costable	JoLynn Lash	John Rossi
Colin Cummins	Lilly Lima	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	Anthony Mazzucchi	Fr. Miroslaw Stepień
Michael Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Randy Szveda, USMC
Paul Cummins	Christopher Mizera	Linda Wuerffel
Jeanne Finn	Richard Mrugacz	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Gerri Gerard	Julie Mulcahey	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 December prayers for the Church and for the world:

CATECHISTS

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*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
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
PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy

RECTORY/PARISH CENTER

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DRE Assistant **Kathy Frank**
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Joanne Nagle, Michelle Nagle, Geoff Pautsch**

St. Peter's Pro-life Ministry Coordinator **Nancy Magnus**
phone: 630-606-5197

Knights of Columbus e-mail: knights@stpeteritasca.com

Italian Catholic Federation (Branch 418)
Nick Tenerelli, Pres. phone: 847-224-9324

PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

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

**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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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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