

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*)

July 25, 2021 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JESUS TOOK
THE LOAVES,
GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED
THEM TO THOSE WHO
WERE RECLINING,
AND ALSO AS MUCH
OF THE FISH
AS THEY WANTED.

JOHN 6:11



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From the Pastor

Dear Parish family,

This week, the readings begin a series of summertime reflections on the Eucharist which will stretch out over the next few weeks. We'll be hearing from the sixth chapter of Saint John's Gospel, known as the BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE. It gives us Christ's teaching on the Eucharist. This rather long chapter in Saint John's Gospel all begins with the story of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. Like the multitudes gathered on the grass before Jesus in the Gospel, we're invited to listen to Him teach us about the Bread of Life, and to receive this Heavenly Food with a renewed awareness of this wonderful Sacrament -- because it is truly the BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST!

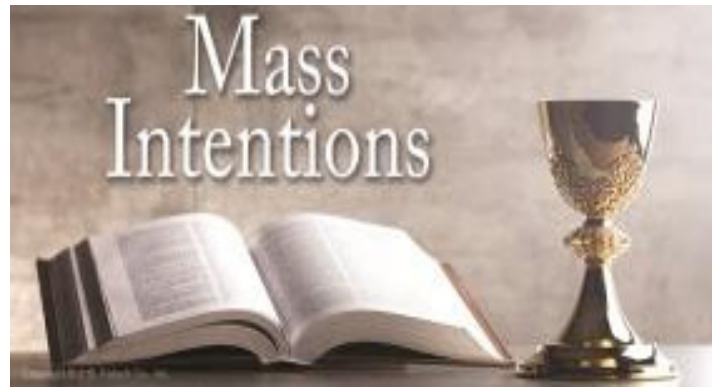
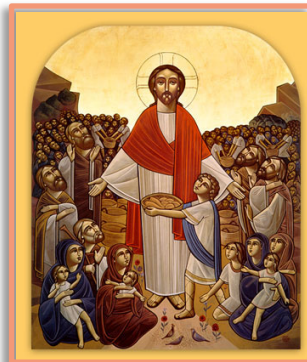
In the Gospel today, the Disciples gather what they have [five loaves and two fish] to present to Jesus... just as we gather our gifts of bread and wine and monetary offerings for the needs of the Church. Jesus then pronounces the blessing, and from what little the disciples think they have, He produces an abundance. So much so, that there are twelve full baskets leftover.

This miracle story teaches us one of the profound truths about the Eucharist: If we trust and give every thing we have to the Lord -- what little we may think we have, what little we may think we are -- if we give it all to the Lord, He will produce such an abundance of grace, such an abundance of blessings. His presence in our lives will be more than we could ever imagine to strengthen our faith. The presence of the Lord in our lives will give us the courage and wisdom to live a life of holiness, so that, if we are faithful to Him, we will eventually inherit the promise of Heaven.

The "Miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand" is about the graciousness and abundance of God, it's not about getting what we deserve, but about getting more that we could ever deserve, or hope for.

Blessings this summer,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	July 25 (<i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Joan Streich
10:00 am	†Joan Tye
11:30 am	†Tim Daly
	†John F. DeRose
	†Vince and Rosa Priolo
	People of the Parish
Monday	July 26 (<i>Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>)
8:00 am	†Gilda Lazzaro
Tuesday	July 27 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Dave Plezia
Wednesday	July 28 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Marilyn Taulbee
Thursday	July 29 (<i>Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus</i>)
8:00 am	†Phil Drwillla
Friday	July 30 (<i>Weekday; St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Vito C. Pensa
Saturday	July 31 (<i>Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
5:00 pm	†Umberto DeLuca
	†Frank Niziolek
	†Jerry Riordan
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	People of the Parish
Sunday	August 1 (<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Michael Kamarauskas
10:00 am	For an End to Abortion
11:30 am	†Pamela Edwards
	†Francesco Fricano

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

If you would like to bring the gifts
to the altar at Mass,
please see one of the ushers before Mass begins.



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

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.

***Invite friends to be a part of this beautiful and powerful
gift of prayer.***

Usher/Greeter Ministry Training Meeting

Wednesday, July 21 | 7:00 pm | Margaret Woods Hall

With the easing of COVID restrictions, we are slowly returning
to "normal." The upcoming meeting is intended to bring us
together to discuss what ushers/greeters need to do, as well
as what they can't do, and to answer other related questions.

***Anyone who is already a part of the ministry is encouraged to
attend; and NEW MEMBERS are welcome!***

FIRST FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church on August 6.
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

WHY DOES GOING TO MASS REALLY MATTER?

COME JOIN US AS WE LEARN!

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Weekly teaching videos on the Mass from Father Burke Masters delivered via email
- Daily videos of Father Burke Masters' commentary on the readings from Daily Mass delivered via email (supplemental material)
- Local small groups gather to discuss weekly video on the Mass
- Optional monthly large group nights of reflection
- Companion workbook to guide and facilitate discussion
- Prayer partner support
- Commitment card with options for personal growth in four areas of life



DETAILS:



- Start date: September 10
- End date: December 8
- Various small group day/time meeting options available as registration is completed
- Registration open July 21 through August 17
- Register by scanning the code above or visit dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed

Questions? Contact Toni Pietrowski
630-773-1272 (ext. 216)
religiouse@stpeteritasca.com

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A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 3: 07/18/2021	\$ 7,777.70	\$ 32,911.03

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 June 30, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$403,834.28. 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	July 25
12:15 pm	Faith & Fellowship after all Masses (MW Parish Hall)
	Baptisms (Church)
Tuesday	July 27
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	July 28
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
Saturday	July 31
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
Sunday	August 1
	Faith & Fellowship after all Masses (MW Parish Hall)



Roman Catholic
Diocese of Joliet



Diocese of Joliet Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

2021 Goal for Saint Peter the Apostle Parish - \$52,400

Amount Pledged to Date - \$51,330

Amount Paid to Date - \$47,825

Please help our parish reach our target goal. Pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex. Fill it out with your payment or pledge and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail it to the Diocese. You can also make your gift on-line through the Diocesan website at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org

God bless you for your generosity and support.



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Religious Education Registration...

Registration packets are available on the parish Web site and at the parish office.

Class Time Offerings:

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:20 pm

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:20 am

*Registrations received after July 31st will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee to cover additional shipping costs of books.

CATECHISTS and TEEN HELPERS NEEDED!

The original meaning of the word Catechist is "teacher," or one who "echoes" God's word. Each year we rely on about 20 people of the parish to pass on the faith to our children at St. Peter the Apostle parish. No experience is needed. If you are interested in a very rewarding experience, please contact the RE office as soon as possible.





PLEASE NOTE:
Due to preparations
for the outdoor mass,
there will NOT be a
10:00 am Mass
on August 8.

WELCOME BACK OUTDOOR MASS and PICNIC

★ August 8 ★

Join us as we come together to celebrate a return to Church and to reunite with our parish community.

Mass will be celebrated outdoors in front of the church at 11:30am,
followed by a Parish Picnic on the parish grounds.
(attendees are asked to provide their own seating - ie, chairs, tables, blankets)

Main dishes will be provided by the parish, but parishioners are asked to bring a side-dish or dessert.
Volunteers are also needed to set-up, serve, run games.

Sign-up can be done in the back of church
OR online at www.stpeteritasca.com
OR by calling the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext 200)

Satan Recognizes Christ's Body. DO WE?

by Dominicans of the Province of St. Joseph

Recent studies suggest that many Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is the Body of Christ.

But there is someone who has no doubt about it—Satan.

He knows that what looks like bread on Catholic altars and in tabernacles is really the Body of his Crucified and Risen Vanquisher, Jesus Christ. He knows that in this sacrament, Christ unites his faithful to himself. He knows the Eucharist is food for our journey to heaven. He knows that the Body of Christ binds the Church in love, making her triumph over the gates of hell. And he hates it.

So Satan battles against the Eucharist with all the foolish might with which he fought God's angels when he first rebelled. He persecutes the Eucharist with the envy and anger with which he went after Christ in the temptations and the Passion.

The Enemy usually does battle by spreading lies about the Eucharist—"It's just a symbol"; "Anyone can receive Communion any which way"; "Missed Mass? No big deal . . . God understands"; "It's useless to sit and pray an hour before a piece of bread." The devil is thrilled by our doubts, our disbelief, our irreverence, and our negligence toward the Eucharist. He loves to deprive us of the riches of the sacrament.

But Satan sees Christ patiently waiting for us to worship and receive his Body. He sees Jesus quietly turning hearts back toward him, bringing Catholics back to Confession and Communion, adding believers to the Church. He sees the Church—her saints and her sinners—offering Holy Mass daily, praying by tabernacles, adoring her Eucharistic Lord. He sees that the Real Presence extends the victory of the Cross.

This infuriates him and sometimes he lashes out violently. Up and down the history of the Church and even today, the devil inspires some wretched sinners to do violence to the Blessed Sacrament. These horrible acts display in human hearts Satan's hatred for God and for God's Church.

An anecdote from Catherine Doherty brought these truths home to me. In the late 1930s, Catherine was sent to Europe as a journalist for a Catholic paper, assigned to report on the state of the Church. One of her stops was Spain, then in the midst of its fratricidal civil war. She and an Irish-American correspondent visited a town the Falangists had just recaptured from the communists. Catherine writes:

"In Brunette I encountered absolute horror. In the first church we entered, we saw a large ciborium on the altar in which consecrated hosts were inserted in feces. My friend exploded! With his handkerchief he removed the hard feces and put the ciborium back into the tabernacle. He was a Catholic, and he wept like a baby beside the desecrated altar. His face was just covered with tears. I couldn't cry because I was beyond crying." (*Fragments of my Life*)

Upon leaving the church, Catherine and her companion saw two other horrors. They first came to a cemetery where the corpses of deceased Carmelite friars and nuns were disinterred and desecrated in unspeakable ways. Then they visited a hospital where they saw a

young Carmelite nun dying after having been horribly violated by communist soldiers. Catherine's descriptions of these scenes are too graphic to include in this piece. But one sentence captures her experiences: "It was a kind of surrealistic hell, and it remains etched forever in my mind" (*Fragments of My Life*, 123).

Catherine and her friend encountered Satan's wicked anger toward Christ in the Eucharist and toward those consecrated to adore and serve him. Overwhelmed by sorrow, they prayed for those sinners who had been the devil's pawns in these blasphemous attacks. These events stayed with Catherine as an image of the devil's war on the true Body of Christ in the Eucharist and his Mystical Body, the Church.

Reflecting on the devil's hatred for the Body of Christ, we should pray for a deeper faith in it. If Satan hates this sacrament so much, God must work great good through it. We should sorrow, pray, and do penance for those who don't know Christ's presence in this Sacrament, who ignore or ridicule or even attack it. Above all, we should let ourselves be drawn to the love of the Crucified and risen Christ present in the Eucharist. For no matter what the devil thinks he can do against Christ's Body, nothing will separate us from the love of Christ.

This article was written by Br. Josemaría Guzmán-Domínguez, O.P.





On the bewildering fear of Eucharistic consistency

In recent weeks and months, the phrase “Eucharistic coherence” or “Eucharistic consistency” has risen almost to common parlance in Catholic circles and in Catholic media. The phrase has most frequently been connected to a forthcoming document — recently approved for drafting by 75% of the U.S. bishops — centered on “the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.”

The outline of the document, as presented by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Doctrine (and, full disclosure, chair of the OSV Board of Directors), includes the “fundamental truths” of what the Church teaches on the Eucharist, the “need to celebrate the sacrament with reverence and beauty,” and how participation in the Eucharist “compels us to conversion and sends us out to be missionary disciples.”

This third point has, strangely, been the cause of much consternation almost from the first moments of the bishops’ June 16-18 gathering — not to mention for months ahead of time — because it will include a section on “Eucharistic consistency.” It’s hard to comprehend that a group of leaders within the Catholic Church — even a minority group — would launch such a strong objection to emphasizing that Catholics should strive to live what they believe. Yet this is what has happened.

Though it has its foundation in Canons 915 and 916 of the Code of Canon Law, the phrase “Eucharistic consistency” can best be traced back to the 2005 Synod of Bishops on the Eucharist, a gathering that closed out the Year of the Eucharist initiated by Pope John Paul II in 2004. As part of the usual synod process, a *lineamenta* was compiled — a document that encourages the input of all Catholics regarding the topic at hand. Through that feedback, the synod fathers gleaned several key takeaways, which were described in the synod’s working document as “indications of deep-rooted attitudes.”

These attitudes included a sense that Mass participation on Sundays and holy days of obligation was decreasing “due to a lack of understanding on the content and meaning of the Eucharistic mystery and to an attitude of indifference.” They also indicated that “a sense of the sacred” regarding the Eucharist has been weakened due to a “neglect of prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Eucharistic mystery” — all of which threatens faith in Jesus’ real presence. And, significantly for the current conversation, the feedback pointed to the reality that “people are not always consistent in the faith they profess in the Sacrament and the moral implications of the Sacrament in both personal matters as well as in the general cultural and social arena.”

In his post-synodal apostolic exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, published a year and a half after the Synod on the Eucharist, Pope Benedict XVI expanded on that problem of Eucharistic consistency, specifically in light of those people who occupy roles of influence. “Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter, without consequences for our relationships with others: it demands a public witness to our faith,” he wrote. “Evidently, this is true for all the baptized, yet it is especially incumbent upon those who, by virtue of their social or political position, must make decisions regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defence from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one’s children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms. These values are not negotiable.”

In its attempt to draft a statement on the Eucharist, including a section on Eucharistic consistency, the doctrine committee has been accused of targeting Catholic U.S. President Joe Biden in order to justify denying him holy Communion. But such a statement can only serve to reiterate Church teaching — not invent it. As with any other organization, it is the teaching and the expectation of the Church that those who profess to be her members live according to her beliefs in a consistent manner. When we inevitably fail, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is there to return us to a state of grace and assist us “to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads (us) to sin.” There is an expectation that we be willing to amend our behavior and strive to live in accordance with what the Church teaches. This seems a reasonable expectation. And it’s absolutely essential, as Father Harrison Ayre recently wrote, in order to preserve the unity of the Church and to advance her mission in the world.

There are those who claim that to follow or to enforce this discipline of the Church is to make a weapon of the Eucharist. But the Eucharist is not a weapon. It is a gift freely given to us by our loving and merciful God, and we receive it on his terms, not our own. Though we are never truly worthy of receiving it, the Church teaches that we are at the very least to make sure that we are properly disposed to do so. Only in this way can we truly, and correctly, live what we believe. *What is there to fear about that?*

*Our Sunday Visitor Editorial Board:
Gretchen R. Crowe, Scott P. Richert, Scott Warden, York Young*

Prayer of St. Ambrose

- Preparation before mass -

Lord, Jesus Christ,
I approach your banquet table in fear and trembling,
for I am a sinner,
and dare not rely on my own worth
but only on your goodness and mercy.
I am defiled by many sins in body and soul,
and by my unguarded thoughts and words.
Gracious God of majesty and awe,
I seek your protection,
I look for your healing;
Poor troubled sinner that I am,
I appeal to you, the fountain of all mercy.
I cannot bear your judgment,
but I trust in your salvation.
Lord, I show my wounds to you.
I know my sins are many and great,
and they fill me with fear,
but I hope in your mercies,
for they cannot be numbered.
Lord Jesus Christ, eternal King, God and man,
crucified for mankind,
look upon me with mercy and hear my prayer,
for I trust in you.
Have mercy on me, full of sorrow and sin,
for the depth of your compassion never ends.
Praise to you, saving sacrifice,
offered on the wood of the cross for me
and for all mankind.
Praise to the noble and precious blood,
flowing from the wounds of my crucified
Lord Jesus Christ
and washing away the sins of the whole world.
Remember, Lord, your creature,
whom you have redeemed with your blood.
I repent my sins,
and I long to put right what I have done.
Merciful Father, take away
all my offenses and sins;
purify me in body and soul,
and make me worthy to taste the holy of holies.
May your body and blood,
which I intend to receive,
although I am unworthy,
be for me the remission of my sins,
the washing away of my guilt,
the end of my evil thoughts,
and the rebirth of my better instincts.
May it incite me to do the works pleasing to you
and profitable to my health in body and soul,
and be a firm defense
against the wiles of my enemies. *Amen.*



The Eucharistic Miracle of Siena

In 2009 a catalogue was published of Eucharistic Miracles, inspired by a Vatican International Exhibition that described 152 Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. Neither the catalogue nor the exhibition made claims to have listed all of them (source). A Eucharistic Miracle in Siena is just one example. In 1730 thieves broke into the church of St. Francesco in Siena and stole a chalice containing 351 consecrated hosts (source).

Three days later the hosts were found intact in an alms box in the sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provengano, and there was a celebration and procession with the hosts back to the church of San Francesco. Even the Eucharist, although now Our Lord, deteriorates like bread over time if not consumed. These 351 hosts to date have not deteriorated, and actually appear as fresh as the day they were consecrated, being tested as recently as 1922.

Our Lord in those miraculous consecrated hosts is still adored and revered in Siena today, just as he is in every celebration of the Eucharist.



We Welcome These New Parishioners...

Sebastiano and Emilia Ariano
 Joe and Alyssa Battaglia
 Susan Brady
 Debbie Brewer
 Stella Capobianco
 Mike and Mary Jane Clausen
 Sean and Danielle Crosby
 Joan Dienst
 Tony Durkin and Alyssa Poehlmann
 Pat and Cathryn Mallaney
 Faith Phillips
 Stan and Mary Ann Posinger
 Giuseppe Sorci
 Dan and Anita States
 Kyle and Stephanie Steiger
 John and Kathleen Sweeney

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Anne Keeton
Michelle Anderson	Rickie Kruzel
Sue Bobka	JoLynn Lash
Mike Carey	Lilly Lima
Eunice Cleveland	Gene Mikulecky
Robert Cleveland	Christopher Mizera
Regina Conti	John North
Colin Cummins	Holly Vana
Mary Cummins	Tom Vana
Michael Cummins	Harriett Pinkowski
Paul Cummins	Bonnie Pollock
Scott Erickson	Nikki Recchia
Gerri Gerard	Brendan Reidy
Mel Gerard	Ann Marie Rossi
Brad Grabow	John Rossi
Mike Graziano	Wayne Slowiak
Gary Grote	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Virginia Halac	Linda Wuerffel
Ken Hemstreet	Carol Zell
Mary Hosters	

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 July prayers for the Church and for the world:

SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP

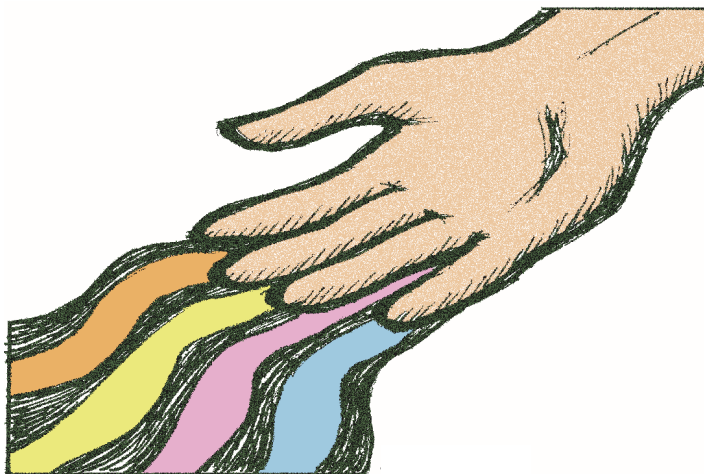
We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

**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
 CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
 SGT Michael Helle, US Army
 Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
 PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
 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

*The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season.*

— Psalm 145:15



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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

TRAVELING?

Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES

NOTE: *Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.*

Pulpit announcement requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to office@stpeteritasca.com.

Bulletin submissions are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com.

CONFESSIONS

Weekly on Wednesday at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

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

First Saturdays at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm

(immediately following 11:30 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

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

WEDDINGS

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

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

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