

# 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

### 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER

5  
2021



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

# From the Pastor

Dear Parish family,

Last April, Deacon Bob Ziomek celebrated his 30th anniversary of ordination as a permanent Deacon; and last week, Deacon Fred Maier celebrated his 5th anniversary of ordination as a permanent deacon. I invite everyone to express their thanks to these men for the years of service given to our parish and the Diocese of Joliet. We are grateful to God for calling each of them to be stewards as deacons in the Church. If you wish to send cards and gifts to them, please send to the Parish Office.

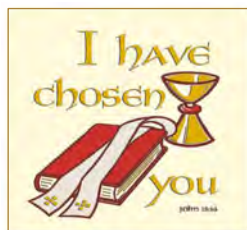
God has been good to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish for sending us these fine men who serve in the name of the Lord. It's been wonderful having them serve with me at the altar and in various ministries for the people of God. I also want everyone to pray for Mr. Anthony George who is in his third year of studies and formation for the permanent diaconate. He will be receiving the minor Order of Acolyte on October 9 at Saint Mary Parish in Mokena. This minor order is conferred upon men preparing for ordination to the diaconate, whether permanent or transitory. Transitory deacons seek ordination to the Order of Presbyter, or priesthood.

I'm hoping and praying that more men from our parish and other parishes in our area will answer the call and give themselves to the Church as deacons and priests. I know God is calling, but they have to answer the call. I think Saint John Paul II was correct when he said "There is no shortage of the call. God is calling. There is a shortage of willingness and ability to answer the call." I see in some of our parishioners outstanding qualities which would make them good, wonderful deacons and priests. Let's all encourage the men of our parish to consider the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Let's pray that they will answer the Lord's call.

For myself, I've been happy as a priest these last 28 years, and I couldn't see myself doing anything else. I thank God for having called me as his own! I'm always ready and willing to speak to anyone interested in learning more about holy orders, both the diaconate and the priesthood. We should have so many more vocations that come from our parish!

You are in my prayers,

*Fr. Noesen*



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 5 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	†Luigi Alfano
10:00 am	†Nino and Maria DiTusa
11:30 am	†Fr. Thomas Dieter
	†Steve Heale
	†Andrzej Szymikowski
	People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 6 (Weekday; Labor Day)</b>
9:00 am	Evelyn Ruszkowski
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 7 (Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Dorothy Agosto
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 8 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</b>
8:00 am	†Betty Hemstreet
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 9 (St. Peter Claver, Priest)</b>
8:00 am	†Glenn Christensen
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 10 (Weekday)</b>
8:00 am	†Maria Mandel
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 11 (Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
5:00 pm	†Julia S. Adrian
	†Pat Felice
	†Christopher Kosk
	†Elizabeth Lisak
	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 12 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)</b>
8:30 am	†Remo and Frances Rosy
10:00 am	†John Barry
11:30 am	†Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council 10884 - Itasca

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, OR, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday:	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35





### FATHER JOHN PROJECT

The "Father John Project" will take place **Thursday, September 9, at 8:30 am** (following morning mass).

The prayer service, will include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The focus of the "Father John Project" is to take action through prayer for conversion.

Father John's desire was to welcome new and returning Catholics to their home in the Church.

All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend, as well as to reach out to invite anyone who may be struggling to find their way "HOME."

### GRIEF MINISTRY

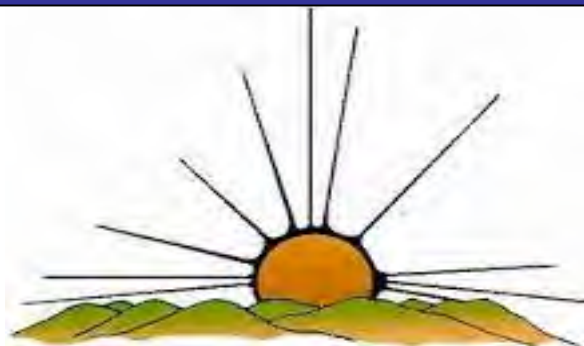
If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people who face similar struggles, please consider joining the Grief Ministry group.

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)

**NEXT WEEKEND—SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 9:30 am**



### "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 \$10 each.**

**SALES BEGIN  
September 10!**



## You are cordially invited to "Sing With the Angels"

**In honor of  
Blessed Mother's Birthday**

**Friday, September 10**

**6:30 pm**

*(please arrive on time)*

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

**Don't forget to bring your rosary.**

**- please register on the parish website -  
(or call Maria at 630-373-4710)**

**Dinner will be provided.  
Please bring an appetizer to share.**



### "SING WITH THE ANGELS" Catholic Ministry

*If you need a change in your life  
right here and right now, then come.*

*Come as you are and "Sing with the Angels"*

*The Lord has been calling your name.*

"Sing with the Angels" is a program designed to inspire people of all ages to worship and praise Jesus in a new way. Through this program, you will discover a new passion for Christ that will pour out of you and seep into the world around you. You will become Disciples of Christ.

"Sing with the Angels" is a series of mini-retreats designed to enrich your body, mind, soul, and spirit. Each program is presented with a specific theme that may correspond with the Catholic liturgical year.

All of these programs will include either the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be music and a time for silent reflection. Most of the programs also include videos, speakers, fellowship and much more.

The Lord is calling your name to "Sing with the Angels." Whether you choose to worship and praise Him with one loud voice or just join us in the silence of your hearts, you are always welcome. You will find this to be a Heavenly experience like no other.

*Just come.*

## Stewardship of Treasure

*A Way of Life*  
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 9: 08/29/2021	\$ 9,253.00	\$ 88,293.70

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](http://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 July 31, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$391,921.52. 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...

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 7</b>
10:00 am	Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
1:30 pm	Men's Group (MW Parish Hall)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
8:30 am	Father John Project (Church)
9:00 am	Morning Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
6:30 pm	Sing With the Angels (MW Parish Hall)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (meet in MW Parish Hall)



### PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Center will be closed Monday, September 6, 2020 in observance of Labor Day. Mass will be held at 9:00 am.



## Schedule

Saturday, September 11	Sunday, September 12
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
5:00 pm Valerie Serzen Deacon Fred	5:00 pm Patrick Powers
8:30 am Kathy Frank Jim Ruffing	8:30 am Chris Aument
10:00 am Mel Gerard Chris Nagle	10:00 am Kevin Grisamore
11:30 am Ann Fleming Bill Kolf	11:30 am Anthony George



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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

## Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts Weekend of September 11-12

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of September 11-12 for this special collection.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.



The Lion's Club is teaming up with the Village of Itasca to host this year's Oktoberfest during the weekend of September 9-12. The Lion's Club has requested help from the St. Peter's community to once again help sell ride tickets. There will be one ticket sales booth which will need two volunteers per shift. St. Peter's commitment is on **Saturday, September 11, from 12:00 noon to 10:00 pm.**

In recognition of our efforts, the Lion's Club makes a monetary donation to St. Peter's. Aside from the donation, however, this is a great opportunity to show our thanks to the Lion's Club for all it does to support St. Peter's and the community at large throughout the year.

Please consider volunteering 2 hours of your day to sit in an AIR-CONDITIONED booth selling ride tickets. A brief training is provided, but it is really a very simple job. Two people are needed for the booth.

NOTE: Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. A final schedule will be sent out once all volunteers are determined.

Please email Diane Blackburn at [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com) or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) for information on signing up for one of the slots.



## The 2022 Mass Intention Book will open on Tuesday, September 14

### PLEASE BE ADVISED...

**In an effort to provide a more equitable opportunity for weekend mass requests, a new policy is in place limiting frequency of WEEKEND requests to ONE TIME PER MONTH with a cap of THREE intentions per request.**

**Currently, weekday mass intention requests will not be held to any restrictions.**

**Arrangements to have a Mass said for a particular intention can be made by visiting or calling the Parish Center during regular office hours.**

Daily Masses and the Sunday 8:30 am and 10am Masses may have only one intention. The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil and the Sunday 11:30 am Masses are generally available for multiple intentions with a maximum of six.

The requested stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

Mass Intention Cards are available upon request.

**Note:** Certain weekend Mass times and dates are often requested months in advance.



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.**





This past spring, a Catholic Group called the **Anointing Fire Catholic Ministries (AFCM)** inquired about leasing of the former convent. AFCM is a Catholic evangelization community of priests, religious and lay missionaries working for the salvation of souls. Founded in a remote village in India by Rev Fr. Xavier Khan Vattayil, AFCM has grown to different parts of the world. Their vision is world evangelization through the spiritual renewal of families and catechism to young adults. The organization conducts retreats and conferences for priests, religious and lay people. Their communities are formed by group of families joined in prayer for evangelization. These communities with the blessing of their local bishop, and under the direction of spiritual director, work as per the inspirations received from the Holy Spirit. They also join hand-in-hand with other ministries within the Catholic Church to deliver the good news to all.

Our parish has leased the former convent for five years. In our negotiations, it was agreed upon that the building could also be used by the parish community, including, but not exclusive to the Knights of Columbus. The location will also serve as the office of Kingdom Revelator magazine, a Catholic publication for youth published by AFCM. In addition to the lease, AFCM committed many hours of work and spent their own money to clean up and renovate the building. They completed their renovation last month after several weeks of work and financial sacrifice on their part. The improvements include setting up of a prayer room, a conference room, and some office space. They also renovated the restrooms and some of the outside landscape. Some work is still ongoing. No monies from the parish were used. All of the monies came from AFCM, the Knights of Columbus and other generous contributors. AFCM, along with the Knights of Columbus, will use the building weekly. AFCM invites all parishioners to join them Sunday afternoons to pray with them the Rosary and to offer praise and thanksgiving to God. During this time, they also will share in reflections on the Word of God. All are welcome!

I am grateful to our new tenants and to the Knights of Columbus for their mutual hard work and sacrifice to renovate the building as this building has been sitting empty for over two years.

If you would like to join AFCM, please feel free to contact your fellow parishioner, Reetha George at [reethageorgeafcm@gmail.com](mailto:reethageorgeafcm@gmail.com). To inquire or join the Knights of Columbus, please call Thomas Kryger at (630) 773-9392.

Sincerely,

*Fr. Noesen*



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on September 8. This Feast is a celebration of the day on which she was born. Mary is traditionally believed to have been born in Jerusalem. Her parents were St Joachim and St Anne. Like all new parents, Mary's birth would have been a very joyous occasion for her mother, father and wider family, not least because they were in advanced years and childless.

Mary, St Joachim and St Anne, we humbly thank you for the great blessing you willingly bestowed on us.

*Mary, Queen of Heaven:*

*O Maria, transform my heart unto thine.*

*Place around it a wreath of purity, adorned in virtue.*

*Take my heart, dear Mother, consecrated as your own.*

*Present it to God the Father*

*as an offering of praise to Him and Him alone.*

*Help me, O Maria, in each day*

*to make your heart and love of mankind more known.*

*Amen*

## Happy Birthday Blessed Mother!?

When was the Mother of God born? We can't know for certain, of course, but for almost 15 centuries now, the *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* has been celebrated on September 8. Those who are quick with math have already figured out that September 8 is exactly nine months after December 8--the feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

In earlier centuries, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated with greater fanfare. Now, most Catholics probably don't even realize that the Church has a special feast day set aside to celebrate it. But, like the Immaculate Conception, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an important date in our salvation history. Christ needed a mother, and Mary's own conception and birth, therefore, are events without which Christ's own birth would have been impossible.

It's no surprise, then, that the Christians of the second century A.D. recorded the details of Mary's birth in such documents as the Protoevangelium of James and the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary. While neither document bears the authority of Scripture, they provide us with everything that we know about the life of Mary before the Annunciation, including the names of Saint Mary's parents, Saint Joachim and Saint Anna (or Anne). It's a good example of Tradition, which complements (while never contradicting) Scripture.

*Article by: Scott Richert, about.com guide*



## Ephphatha: Be Opened!

Reflection from Pope Benedict XVI

Catholic Online News International Europe

Dear brothers and sisters!

At the heart of today's Gospel (Mk 7, 31-37) there is a small but, very important word; a word that in its deepest meaning sums up the whole message and the whole work of Christ. The Evangelist Mark writes it in the same language that Jesus pronounced it in, so that it is even more alive to us. This word is "Ephphatha," which means, "be opened." Let us look at the context in which it is located.

Jesus was travelling through the region known as the "Decapolis", between the coast of Tyre and Sidon, and Galilee, therefore a non-Jewish area. They brought to him a deaf man, so that he could heal him - evidently his fame had spread that far. Jesus took him aside, touched his ears and tongue, and then, looking up to the heavens, with a deep sigh said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened." And immediately the man began to hear and speak fluently (cf. Mk 7.35).

This then is the historical, literal, meaning of this word: this deaf mute, thanks to Jesus' intervention, "was opened", before he had been closed, insulated, it was very difficult for him to communicate, and his recovery was "openness" to others and the world, an openness that, starting from the organs of hearing and speech, involved all his person and his life: Finally he was able to communicate and thus relate in a new way.

But we all know that closure of man, his isolation, does not solely depend on the sense organs. There is an inner closing, which covers the deepest core of the person, what the Bible calls the "heart". That is what Jesus came to "open" to liberate, to enable us to fully live our relationship with God and with others. That is why I said that this little word, "Ephphatha - Be opened," sums up Christ's entire mission.

He became man so that man, made inwardly deaf and dumb by sin, would become able to hear the voice of God, the voice of love speaking to his heart, and learn to speak in the language of love, to communicate with God and with others. It is for this reason, the word and the gesture of "Ephphatha" are included in the Rite of Baptism as one of the signs that explain its meaning.

The priest [or deacon] touching the mouth and ears of the newly baptized says: "Ephphatha" praying that they may soon hear the Word of God and profess the faith. Through Baptism, the human person begins, so to speak, to "breathe" the Holy Spirit, whom Jesus had invoked from Father with that deep breath, to heal the deaf and dumb man.

We now turn in prayer to Mary Most Holy, whose Nativity we celebrated yesterday. Because of her unique relationship with the Incarnate Word, Mary is fully "open" to the love of the Lord, her heart is constantly listening to his Word. May her maternal intercession help us to experience every day, in faith, the miracle of "Ephphatha," to live in communion with God and with others.

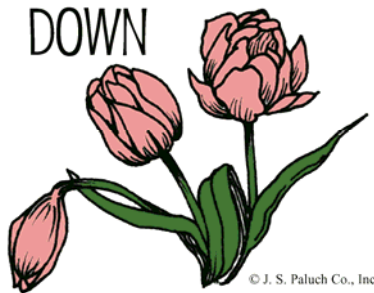
### Ephphetha or Prayer over Ears and Mouth

*The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear  
and the dumb speak.*

*May he soon touch your ears to receive his word,  
and your mouth to proclaim his faith,  
to the praise and glory of God the Father.*

*Amen.*

THE LORD RAISES UP  
THOSE WHO WERE  
BOWED  
DOWN



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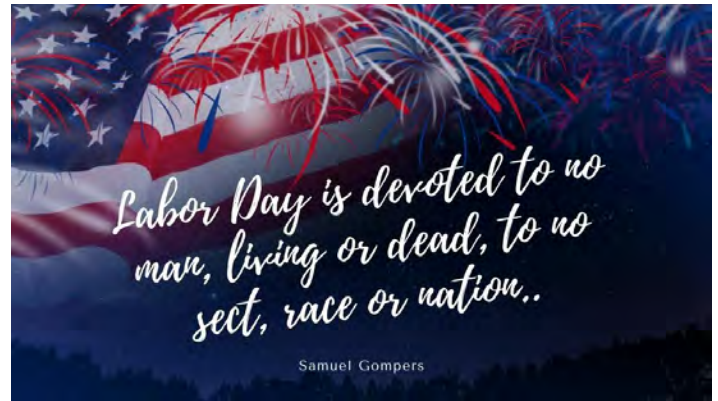




*O God, who made Saint Peter Claver  
a slave of slaves and strengthened him  
with wonderful charity  
and patience as he came to their help,  
grant, through his intercession,  
that, seeking the things of Jesus Christ,  
we may love our neighbor in deeds and in truth.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*



### Prayer for Labor Day

*As the sun rises to bring in the new day:*

*We remember those who descend into the earth,  
their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth,  
the resources we steward.*

*We remember those who work inside a building away  
from the light and brightness of the day.*

*We remember those who work outside in the harsh  
elements of our world, the bitter cold  
and sweltering heat of extremes.*

*We remember those who do not have a job to go to,  
who are struggling to meet the needs  
of their daily living expenses,  
for whom the day becomes long and arduous.*

*As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:*

*We remember those who work in the night.*

*We remember those who are trying to recover  
from their labor and toils of the day.*

*We remember those who participate in  
unsafe and dangerous work.*

*We pray for a renewed sense of dignity  
in their lives and in their work.*

*Almighty God, we offer You Praise and Thanksgiving!  
In your goodness, you have made a home for the worker.  
Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men  
and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities.*

*Ensure a place for the men and women  
who are struggling to find work.*

*Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who  
are unable to work due to illness or circumstances  
that prevent their participation.*

*Be with the children who are not able to run and play,  
but instead must put in a hard day's work  
to help their family afford to eat, to live.*

*Be with us all, Christ Jesus,  
as we go about the busyness of our work.  
Hold us accountable not only for our actions,  
but most importantly to each of our neighbors.*

*May we continue to work together to bring about your reign!*

*We ask this in your holy name,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*







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

**Archibald Robert**

*child of Jeff and Erica (Spear) Williams*

**Camden Lucas**

*child of Brett and Amanda (Booth) Krysa*

**Anthony Michael**

*child of Anthony and Sabrina (Conti) Erangey*

who were baptized during the month of August 2021



**Lisa Mertes and Alex Kovach**

*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony  
on Saturday, August 28, 2021*



**O Lord, bless these couples,  
keep them holy and pure in their lives,  
deepen their spirit of prayer  
and love for you and each other.**

**In Memoriam**

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

**Scott Erickson**

**Jeff Landreth**

*(former parishioner)*

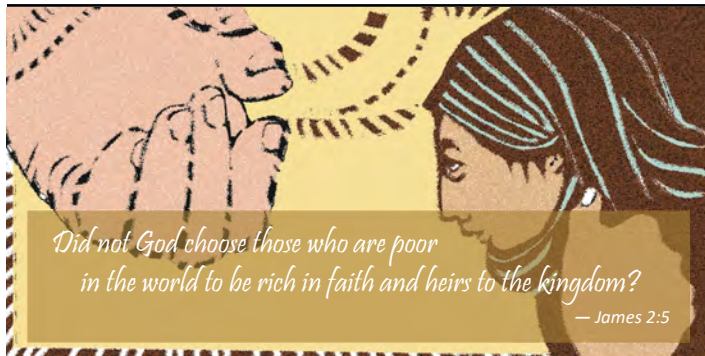
**Richard C. Perotti**

*(father of Rick Perotti)*

*and*

**Nick Pietrantonio**

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*



*Did not God choose those who are poor  
in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?*

— James 2:5

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

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

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 September prayers for the  
Church and for the world:

**AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE LIFESTYLE**

*We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple  
and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our  
young people who are resolutely committed to this.*

**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  
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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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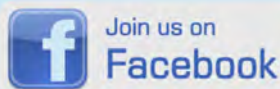
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