

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)

Congratulations and God bless St. Peter the Apostle Parish's Confirmandi

Conferred by Bishop Daniel Conlon, Retired Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet

MAY 22, 2022

Cadan Anderson	Michelle Chavez	Dior Hearn	Gavin Laughlin	Mikaela Rodriguez
Jack Arway	Connor Cheney	Lana Helm	Vincent Merola	Lucas Rojano
Cosimo Barabba	Ava Grace Christensen	Viviana Holguin	Nicholas Merola	Daniella Rottinger
Damiano Barabba	William Cord	David Hosnedl	Michael Neumann	Patrick Shields
Alex Bogucki	Falia Crocilla	Victoria Juzwiak	Rachelle Orrico	Piotr Szostek
Casey Brack	Brady Ferguson	Emilia Kaleta	Patrick Paulish	Arden Urbasic
Kennedy Campbell	Maggie Frank	Stella Kinander	Milana Positano	Alex Worwa
Nicolas Campos	Marcello Fricano	Katie Kollias	Mark Randazzo	Olivia Zablotny
Mina Carey	Ava Gobetz	John Kondracki	Kendan Ratini	Michael Zeranski
		Nadia Kowalski		

May the prompting of the Holy Spirit lead all of us to pray for our new Confirmandi.

Pray they may become more zealous in the Catholic faith.

May our prayers assist them to continue to seek the fullness of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray the following prayer for them —

O Holy Spirit, divine Spirit of light and love, we pray for these our fellow parishioners.

May this great sacrament continue to enrich them with the Gifts of Heaven.

O Holy Spirit, may their understanding be always submissive to your heavenly inspirations

and to the teaching of the holy Catholic Church, of which you are the infallible guide;

may their hearts be ever inflamed with the love of God and of their neighbor;

may their wills be ever conformed to the Divine Will;

*may their whole lives be faithful to the imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ,
to whom with the Father and You be honor and glory forever. Amen.*

Come, O Creator, Spirit blest... Fill the hearts of Your Faithful

Sixth Sunday of Easter

- May 22, 2022 -

From the Pastor



Dear parishioners,

This weekend, many of our young parishioners will meet Bishop Daniel Conlon, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, as he confers upon them the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Church teaches “in the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

The Catholic Catechism teaches, “Baptism, the Eucharist, and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the ‘sacraments of Christian Initiation,’ whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. For by the sacrament of Confirmation, the [faithful] are more perfectly abound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” (CCC# 1285)

Confirmation deepens our baptismal life that calls us to be missionary witnesses of Jesus. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five effects of Confirmation:

- It roots us more deeply in the divine filiation [as sons of God] which makes us cry, “Abba! Father!”
- It unites us more firmly to Christ.
- It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.
- It renders our bond with the Church more perfect.
- It gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross.

As we congratulate our Confirmandi, I ask you to recall the day of your Confirmation and the time you received the spiritual seal of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit may always be alive in you:

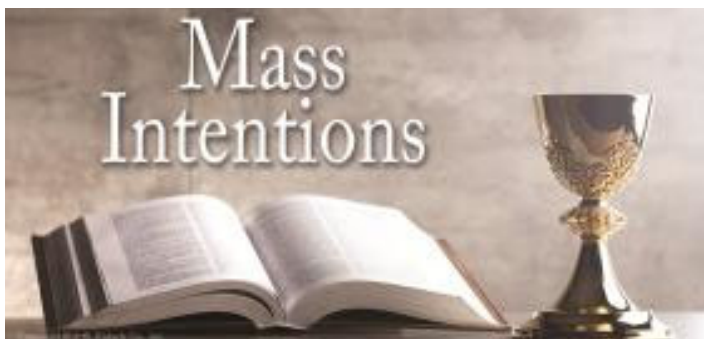
wisdom, understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. As we grow closer to the celebration of Pentecost, I invite you to contemplate on these spiritual gifts and seek to grow in them through the practice of your Catholic Faith. Through these gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit, may you grow as a child of our Heavenly Father, as a committed and faithful disciple of his Son, Jesus the Christ, and through the sanctification and blessing of the Holy Spirit.

As a parent, you may be wondering what is expected of your child to receive the sacraments of initiation following their baptism. Preparation to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation begins with your role as parents. You are to be the first teachers of your child(ren) in the ways of the faith. To help you, our parish offers education and faith formation through our Religious Education program for grades 1 through 8. After completing first grade, each child is taught and spiritually prepared to receive their first Confession and First Holy Communion in second grade.

I encourage you to enroll your children in our Religious Education program for this coming fall. The Religious Education program takes place from September through April. To receive the sacraments of initiation, each child must faithfully attend classes each year. In addition, parents are expected to take their children (and themselves) to Sunday Mass and all Holy Days of Obligation. They are to teach the Catholic faith in the home and continue to teach all the morals and teachings of the Catholic faith so that everyone may strive for holiness, thus seeking to honor and to praise God.

Congratulations to all those receiving the magnificent Sacrament of Confirmation today!

Fr. Noesen

**Sunday May 22 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

8:30 am †Zbigniew Bielczyk

10:00 am †George Kveck

11:30 am †Marciana Chaidez

†Christopher Kosk

†Joseph Lampignano

†Elizabeth Rutkowska

Manuel Cepeda - *Special Intention*The Pezza Family - *Special Intention*

1:30 pm St. Peter the Apostle 2022 Confirmandi

Monday May 23 (Easter Weekday)

8:00 am †Charles and Minnie LaMendola

Tuesday May 24 (Easter Weekday)

8:00 am †Michael Murphy

Wednesday May 25 (Easter Weekday; St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi)

8:00 am †George Kveck

Thursday May 26 (St. Philip Neri, Priest)

8:00 am †Cheryl Fisherkeller

Friday May 27 (Easter Weekday;*St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop)*

8:00 am †Monica and Peter John Gagliani

Saturday May 28 (Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord)

5:00 pm †Vincenzo Amitrano

†Judy Boeckeler

†Reverend Daniel Hessling

For an End to Abortion

People of the Parish

Sunday May 29 (The Ascension of the Lord)

8:30 am †Annalise Hathaway

10:00 am †Reverend James Lennon

11:30 am †Bruce Brummel

†Encarnacion Duarte

†Phil Frawley

†Marian Kmiec

Ava on her graduation - *Special Intention***Readings for the Week**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53**Remember our priests and deacons!**

This time of year is a joyous one for many priests and deacons. Traditionally, in the Diocese of Joliet, it is in the Spring that our deacons and priests are ordained. This year, however, Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate will be on August 20. One of your own parishioners, Anthony George, will be ordained a Deacon. Please express your prayers and wishes for him as he prepares for this sacred and blessed day.

Please also keep in your prayers three transitional deacons/seminarians of the Diocese of Joliet who were ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 21, at Saint Raymond Nonnatus Cathedral. May the Lord bless these newly ordained men as they begin their ministry as priests.

Let us also pray for and thank the Fathers who so faithfully served at Saint Peter the Apostle Parish. If you have the chance, make sure to wish our priests a "happy anniversary." Again, remember them in prayers, drop them a note, or congratulate them when you see them around the Diocese. It is good for us to appreciate the sacrifices of their lives, the love they have shown the Lord, and the dedication they have shown His Church by giving themselves in service as priests... after the Heart of Christ! Remember to always pray for vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life.

In a special way, remember:**Father Doug Hauber***former Pastor, Ordained Priest, June 3, 1989***Father Slawomir Ignasik***former Pastor, Ordained Priest, June 15, 2000***Father Larry Brunette***Ordained Priest, May 31, 1999***Deacon Robert Ziomek***Ordained Deacon, April 27, 1991***Deacon Fredrick Maier***Ordained Deacon, August 27, 2016*

Please also remember our pastor, Father Robert Noesen, who was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1993. Father will celebrate his 29th anniversary of ordination this year.

Ad Multos Annos, Deacons and Fathers!

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Fiscal Week 46 - Sunday Collection (05/15/2022) \$ 6,942.00

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



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Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.

You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251



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	May 22
1:30 pm	Confirmation (Church)
6:00 pm	"Sing with the Angels" - Our Blessed Mother (Church)
Monday	May 23
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (AFCM/KOC Hall)
Tuesday	May 24
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	May 25
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
7:00 pm	"Chosen" - Watch & Discuss (MW Parish Hall)
Thursday	May 26
9:00 am	"Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
Saturday	May 28
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
Sunday	May 29
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)



Saturday, May 28 | Sunday, May 29

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm	Nancy Ferenzi Valerie Serzen
8:30 am	Phyllis Cimaglia Rose Ann Roll
10:00 am	Edgar Garcia Mel Gerard
11:30 am	Anthony George Deacon Fred

Lectors

5:00 pm	John Los
8:30 am	Chris Nagle Chris Aument
10:00 am	Kathy Laken
11:30 am	Anthony George



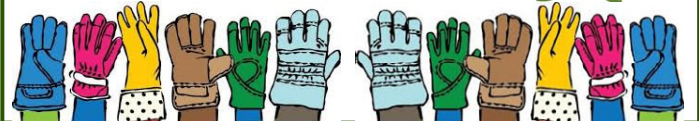
All authentic gardeners know that weekly and seasonal maintenance of any garden landscape is a necessary if things are to stay beautiful. The parish is in need of a seasonal committee of workers and planners that are ready each spring, summer and fall, responsible for entire sections of the property. Duties will include weekly and monthly weeding and trimming of annuals and perennials, planting of annuals and necessary replacement plants, weekly watering, and fertilizing, address overall beautification needs that are already in place. To make things easy, we will divide the property into "areas of responsibility." In this way, the job will not be too overwhelming for any one.

If you wish to help with this service to the parish, please call Fr. Noesen (ext. 203). Even if you only have an hour or two per month to volunteer, your time would be immensely helpful to the parish. Being a part of our Garden Committee is a wonderful way to make a significant contribution of your time, talent, and energy to St. Peter the Apostle Parish... it is a wonderful way to put "proper stewardship" into action. At the same time, you may make some new friends with similar interests, help keep the parish grounds in good order, get some exercise through your care for the environment, invest yourself more fully in the life of the parish, and make a proper return to the Lord for the bounty He has given us all.

Consider the opportunity and call today.

Thanks for your consideration, and God's blessings!

The more the merrier and likewise quicker!





O Mary! we crown thee
with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels,
Queen of the May,

Bring Flowers of the Fairest...
Everyone is encouraged to bring fresh flowers
to lay at the foot of the statue of the Blessed Mother
throughout the month of May

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm in 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.

WEATHER PERMITTING... the Rosary will be prayed outside by the Blessed Mary grotto next to the school. Please bring a chairs if you wish to sit.

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



**Registration is underway –
TOTUS TUUS
at St. Peter the Apostle!
June 26-July 1, 2022**

Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of Joliet. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits - your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith!



Entering Grades 1-6
Monday – Friday (June 27-July 1)
9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Entering Grades 7-12
Sunday – Thursday (June 26-30)
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

For more information or to inquire about registration, contact Toni Pietrowski by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext 216) or by e-mail at religioused@stpeteritasca.com



"Sing with the Angels"
Invites you to honor
Our Blessed Mother
Come shower her with your flowers.

Please bring your Rosary
Sunday, May 22 from 6:00-8:00pm
St. Peter the Apostle Church
551 North Rush Street, Itasca
RSVP to Maria (630) 373-4710

This "mini-retreat" will enrich your relationship with the Mother of God through songs, prayers and movies clips.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church
on June 3.

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



Bishop Hicks' Column

May 2022

Your parish family awaits your return



Shortly before Holy Week, I issued a letter noting I was lifting the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass on Palm Sunday since the possibility of catching COVID-19 had dramatically decreased. I knew I would hear grumblings from individuals who had gotten used to attending a virtual, livestreamed Mass. But I was surprised to hear from several people who had no idea that such an attendance obligation existed.

Canon law is straightforward in its direction: "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are obliged to participate in the Mass." (Can. 1247) Now, this responsibility to attend Sunday Mass does not exist in the Catholic Church to be punitive. It exists as something that brings us life through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We come together to celebrate Jesus' sacrifice as a Eucharistic community.

In simpler terms, being together matters. I was struck by the importance of this belief during this year's Chrism Mass, which was only the second time I had celebrated this powerful liturgy as the bishop of Joliet. Last year, we were limited to 20% capacity of the cathedral, so only a few priests attended, and about three people were sitting in every other pew. This year, a multitude of priests gathered behind me on the altar, and I looked out onto pews filled with so many good people of God from our parishes across the diocese. There were feelings of hope and joy and exuberance in the air. As I recessed down the aisle to a triumphal hymn at the end of Mass, I felt so alive – I felt like I was walking on a cloud! I could see the same excitement in the smiles of people as I blessed them on my way out.

When I reached the narthex of the cathedral, I saw Sr. Sharon Stola, OSB, the diocese's director of divine worship. I spontaneously said, "I hope this is OK."

I just want to thank you for organizing all of this." And then I gave her a big hug and blessed her. I could see in her smile that she was resounding with the same joy I felt, as we were all gathered as one body in Christ.

Jesus stressed the importance of coming together to worship in Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The Second Vatican Council followed up on this by recognizing that "this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else; for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian spirit." And now, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 16, is launching a three-year eucharistic revival to kindle a living relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist.

Think of this eucharistic revival as a family reunion of sorts, since it is beginning as we embark on what we hope and pray will be a post-pandemic society. Please know that I am grateful for the technology that allowed us to worship virtually when safety measures restricted us from meeting in person. Livestreamed Masses served as a lifeline for us all, and they continue to serve as an option for the sick and homebound.

Yet, if you are able, come back to your parish, where your family in Christ is waiting for you. Return so that you may join your brothers and sisters in Christ to adore God, praise him, and receive his love in the Eucharist. Remember that we must first come together as one before we can "go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

Sacrament of Confirmation

by Fr Don Miller OFM

Just as Baptism **gives** new life, Eucharist **nourishes** life, and Reconciliation **restores** life when it is broken, Confirmation **strengthens** that life by the gifts of the Holy Spirit (cf. CCC 1285). It is about strengthening what God has given, and continues to give, to his sons and daughters (cf. CCC 1302-1303).

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not the Catholic equivalent to the Jewish bar mitzvah. Confirmation is not a “coming of age” celebration. True, most young people are just beginning to pass into early adulthood when they receive the sacrament. But Confirmation is not about coming of age. Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation does not mark the end of formal religious education. We never outgrow a need for a deeper knowledge and appreciation of our faith.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is not a rite of passage, nor a graduation from religion class, nor a ratification of a personal faith choice. Rather, it’s all about what God is doing for his beloved daughters and sons.

And what is God doing? Strengthening the divine life which he gave at Baptism, nourishing us in the Eucharist, and reconciling with us in Penance. Why? So that the individual can better defend and witness to the faith through the gifts and workings of the Holy Spirit. And there are—and will be—many situations where we are called upon to defend and witness to our faith. And we need all the help we can get!

Why was a slap on the cheek by the confirming bishop part of the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

A part of the theology of the sacrament is that one takes on more adult responsibilities for the faith and becomes a “soldier for Christ” when confirmed. Any good soldier must be willing to suffer the bruises and scars of battle. The slap on the cheek was a symbolic gesture intended to remind us of the fact that we may have to endure suffering for our faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation strengthens us making us willing to accept those responsibilities and, if necessary, suffer and die for the faith.



What role does the Holy Spirit play in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Holy Spirit completes the grace of baptism and offers the newly confirmed strength as a true witness of Christ. Thus, the newly confirmed is “more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed” (cf. CCC, 1285). Thus, the Holy Spirit completes what was begun at baptism.

Would it be better to confirm people when they are adults and can make their own choices?

Canon law states that, except when there is a danger of death, anyone who is baptised and has the use of reason, is properly instructed and disposed, and is able to renew their baptismal commitment, is able to be confirmed. The same code states that the proper age for reception of the sacrament is at the age of reason, unless the episcopal conference decides differently (cf. CIC, can. 891).

Perhaps the requirement that one be “properly disposed” is the key to when the sacrament is received. Proper disposition refers to the recipient’s willingness to cooperate with the gifts of the sacrament, which can happen at almost any age. But nowhere is the sacrament described as a ratification of the recipient’s choice or decision about the faith.

Rather, it is the gifts of the Spirit offered to give the recipient the courage and strength to witness and serve—two responsibilities implied in baptism—which are the grace and focus of the sacrament.

Thus, it is important not to view the Sacrament of Confirmation as a rite of passage, a ratification of a personal choice, or a graduation from religious instruction. Rather, it is to be viewed, as are all of the sacraments, as a distinctive working of God in a person’s life.

How does this sacrament benefit us in our adult lives as Catholics?

The Sacrament of Confirmation helps a person remain faithful to his or her baptismal commitment to witness to Christ and to serve others. The gifts of the Holy Spirit associated with Confirmation are strengths (or virtues) that Christian living requires if it is to be fruitful and complete. Thus wisdom, understanding, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord, are divine aids to Christian living without which fulfilling one’s baptismal calling would be far more difficult, if not impossible.

Perhaps we don’t recognize these qualities as gifts of strength because they have become a part of our Christian living and appear quite natural—a fact that affirms how closely the Holy Spirit works with us.

Fr. Don Miller OFM (d. 2017) was a Franciscan priest of St. John the Baptist Province. He earned a PhD in Moral Theology from the Catholic University of America.



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FATHER'S DAY

Sunday, June 19
following 11:30 am Mass

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Tickets will be sold after Masses

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection - Gospel Reading: **John 14:23-29**

**Jesus promises his disciples that the Father
will send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit**

This portion of Saint John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper. This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well. Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

Loyola Press



First Communion

**Congratulations and God Bless
the following parish children**

Lucy Sophia Leininger
Margaret Mary Leininger
Mia Elizabeth Schumacher

**who made their
First Holy Communion
on Saturday, May 14, 2022**

Prayer for Those Who Cannot Receive Communion

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Dave Bigott	Martha Hayes	Rich Olenek
Sue Bobka	Cambria Helle	Sebastian Pacelli
Debbie Brewer	Ken Hemstreet	June Pautsch
Ken Buffo	Rickie Kruzel	Harriett Pinkowski
Elio Campanella	Patrick Linsner	Bonnie Pollock
Regina Conti	Gene Mikulecky	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	Maria Mizera	Marlene Torii
Mike Cummins	Richard Mrugacz	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Paul Cummins	Loretta Nicolini	Randy Szveda, USMC
Mel Gerard	John North	Linda Wuerffel
Virginia Halac	Don Olenek	Carol Zell

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Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.



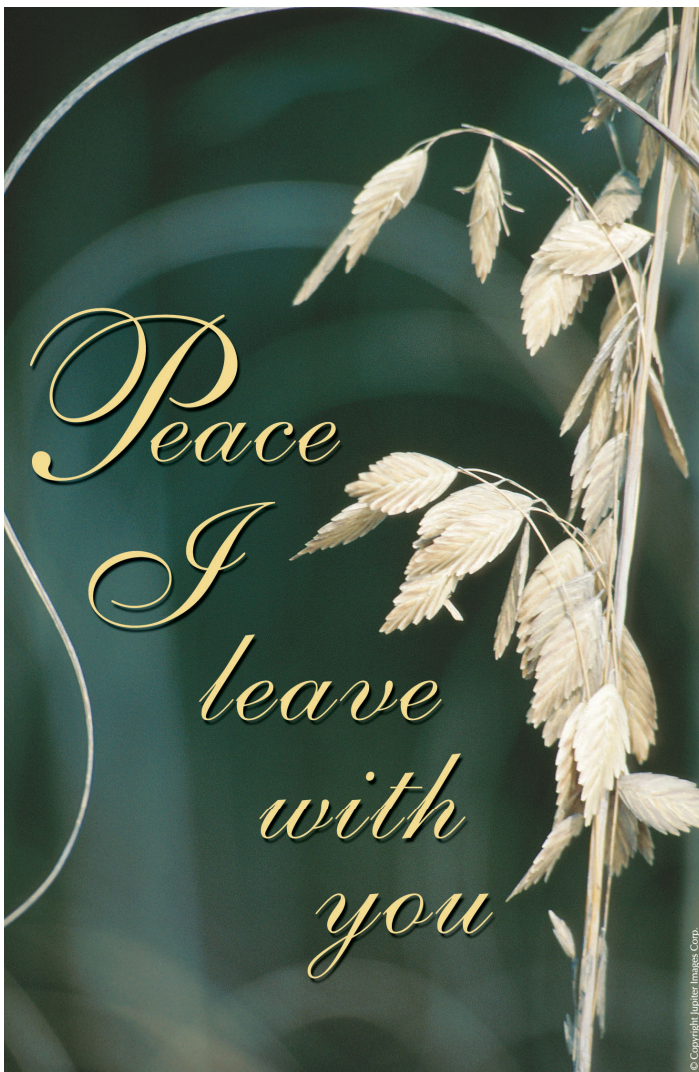
Join our Holy Father, Pope Francis,
in his May prayers for the Church
and for the world:

Faith-filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest;
may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of
discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the
dedication to service.

**Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen**

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
Maj Joseph DeHaven, US Army
PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard
CPT Steven Gregor, US Army
SGT Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
SA Chris Kaszubowski, US Navy
CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
Major Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
Robert P. Woods Lt. JG. US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines
PO2 Benjamin Zubak, US Navy



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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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