

# Saint Peter <sup>the</sup> Apostle CATHOLIC CHURCH



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*Restore • Renew • Rejoice*

## 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*)



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AS JOHN THE BAPTIST  
WATCHED JESUS  
WALK BY,  
HE SAID,  
“BEHOLD, THE  
LAMB OF GOD.”

JOHN 1:36

January 17, 2021  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# From the Pastor



Dear Parish Family:

"Besides the times of the year that have their own distinct character, there remains in the yearly cycle thirty-three or thirty-four weeks in which no particular aspect of the mystery of Christ is celebrated, but rather the mystery of Christ itself is honored in its fullness, especially on Sundays. This period is known as Ordinary Time." (Universal Norms, 43). "Ordinary time began last Monday, January 11 and continues through Tuesday, February 16, the day before Ash Wednesday (the beginning of the Lenten Season.) Ordinary Time will resume when the Easter Season ends, that is, on Monday, May 24 (the day following the Solemnity of Pentecost.)"

And so on this Second Sunday in Ordinary time, in today's first reading from the Old Testament (*1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19*), we read of a priest, Eli, sharing his faith with the young boy Samuel. He helps Samuel recognize, or find, the Lord. Today's second reading (*1 Cor. 6:13c-15a, 17-20*) presents Saint Paul sharing his faith with the Corinthians. Reminding all of us that our bodies, not just our words and actions, are to be used to glorify God. Everything about us belongs to God. Lastly, in the Gospel (*Jn 1:35-42*), Saint John the Baptist is sharing his faith with two disciples. One of them is Saint Andrew, who then in turn shares his faith with his brother, Peter.

Significantly, John mentions Andrew three times in his Gospel. Each time, Andrew is bringing someone to Jesus. In each instance, Andrew is sharing his faith. In today's Gospel, Andrew brings his brother Peter to the Lord Jesus, and eventually the Lord chooses Peter to be the rock on which he builds his Church. Later in the Gospel, Andrew brings a boy with five loaves and two fish to Jesus. The Lord uses the loaves and fish to feed a great crowd of hungry people. Finally, Andrew brings some Greek people to Jesus, and he uses the occasion to teach the significance of his upcoming suffering and death. All of these events happened in response to the request to "see," and to "meet" Jesus.

If we really believe that the Lord Jesus is the greatest treasure we can possess, do we willingly share the Lord with others? If we don't, why are we so reluctant? Critics of Christianity have said, that if we Christians really believe and live the faith we profess, we'd have no trouble converting the whole world. It's true that all kinds of answers, "politically correct" attitudes, and excuses can be made for our failure to witness. The fact is that living the Christian life makes demands on us. Sharing the Lord Jesus with others involves a risk and will, in some way, involve suffering, paying the price for our discipleship, our obedience, and our love for Christ. The Lord makes it abundantly clear in the gospel when he says, "whoever will acknowledge me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; and whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven."

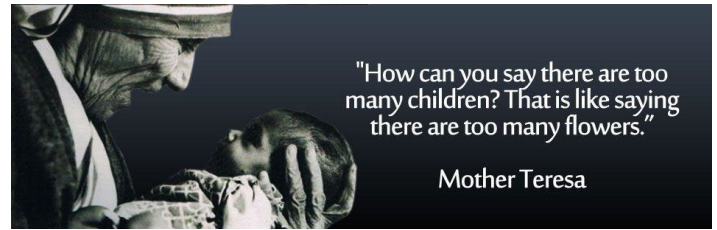
The message of today's Gospel is clear. We should share our faith with others, using our everyday words and actions to attract others to Jesus, as did John the Baptist and Saint Andrew in today's Gospel. Faith turned inward and kept to ourselves is not really faith at all. Our belief, our love for God, must reach out to others and lead others and ourselves back to God. Had Andrew not shared his faith with his brother, Peter, Peter might never have become the rock upon which Jesus built his Church.

Today's Gospel invites us to take a long hard look at the witness we are giving to our faith, and our sometimes reluctance to share and witness that faith to others. We need to pray for a strong faith and for the courage we need to respond to the wonderful gift the Lord has given us. We need to be willing to share that gift of faith with those around us and to follow the example of Saint Andrew, so that others can be lead to Christ.

The Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said: "Not 100 people in this country hate the Catholic Church — but there are a great number of people, both inside and outside of the Church, who hate what they believe the Catholic Church to be. And so, to live and witness our Faith, we have to know it. As we begin a new year, let's do what we can to take advantage of opportunities to grow in the knowledge of our faith. Let's try to be obedient to the commands of the Lord, and the laws of His Church — that obedience is a means to holiness. By growing in our knowledge of the faith, obedience becomes easier because we are more informed of the truths of our Catholic Faith. Let's be courageous and faithful in our witness to Jesus and do what we can to pass on the faith of the Church — the true Faith — not just our version of it.

Prayers for all of you,

*Fr. Noesen*



## January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

A great prayer for life is urgently needed—a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. (*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae, no. 100*)

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”: “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

**As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. A special Mass for Peace and Justice will be offered on Friday January 22, at 8:00am at Saint Peter the Apostle.**

Join fellow Catholics and Christians in praying the following:

### PRAYER TO END ABORTION

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,  
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death  
by the Resurrection of Your Son.  
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.  
Today I commit myself  
Never to be silent,  
Never to be passive,  
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.  
I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,  
And never to stop defending life  
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,  
And our nation once again becomes  
A nation with liberty and justice  
Not just for some, but for all.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17</b> ( <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
8:30 am	†Donna Grimaldi
10:00 am	†John Elia
11:30 am	†Rocco D’Ambrosio †Carol Mazzucchi †Giuseppina Ribauda †Tommy Trejo All Souls in Purgatory People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 18</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Maryann Koback
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 19</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Marie Cifaldi
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 20</b> ( <i>Weekday</i> )
8:00 am	†Wladyslaw, Richard, Zofia Chlopecki
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 21</b> ( <i>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i> )
8:00 am	In Thanksgiving
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 22</b> ( <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i> )
8:00 am	†Harry Aument
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 23</b> ( <i>Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
5:00 pm	†Martin Gaughan †Russell Schumacher †Eric Sunderman †Andrzej Szymikowski †Charles S. Walsh †Charles Whalen People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 24</b> ( <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> )
8:30 am	†Victor Casini
10:00 am	†John Elia
11:30 am	†Robert Battaglia †Dorothy Cubellis †Filippa Gariti †Maryann Koback †Frank, Anna, Frank Jr., Koger For an End to Abortion

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



## Stewardship of Treasure

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

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 28: 01/10/2021	\$ 8,708.00	\$246,936.78
Christmas 12/25/2020	\$ 39,732.00	

*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).



**INTRODUCING...**

**Electronic Giving with 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)

## This Week at St. Peter's...

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 17</b>
12:15 pm	Baptisms (Church)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 18</b>
10:00 am	Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (Virtual - Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 19</b>
8:30 am	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Virtual - Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 20</b>
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm	Religious Education Classes (Virtual)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 23</b>
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (Virtual)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)



## Schedule

**Saturday, January 23 | Sunday, January 24**

<b>Communion Ministers</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
5:00 pm Rose Ann Roll Debbie Thude	5:00 pm John Los
8:30 am Kathy Frank Deacon Fred	8:30 am Kevin Grisamore
10:00 am Anthony George ReethaGeorge	10:00 am Kathy Laken
11:30 am Carmela Graziano Michael Graziano	11:30 am Paul Gennuso



**A MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP**  
**DEDICATED TO MAKING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS**

**Tuesday, January 19 | 10:00 am**  
**(Margaret Woods Hall)**

The crochet group makes plastic sleeping mats for the homeless using grocery store type plastic bags. The mats help insulate from the cold and damp, but also making laying on cement a bit more comfortable.

If you are an experienced crochet hobbyist, bring a P or Q hook, and bags will be provided. If crocheting isn't your thing, but would like to help, then come with a pair of sharp scissors to cut plastic bags and roll into balls.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. Work spaces will be set up for safe distancing of 6' apart.

Please contact the Parish Center if you have any questions.

The crochet group is also in need of grocery store type plastic bags to continue creating plastic sleeping mats for the homeless. Please drop off at the Parish Center.

## Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Until further notice, Tuesday Rosary will take place virtually via Zoom.

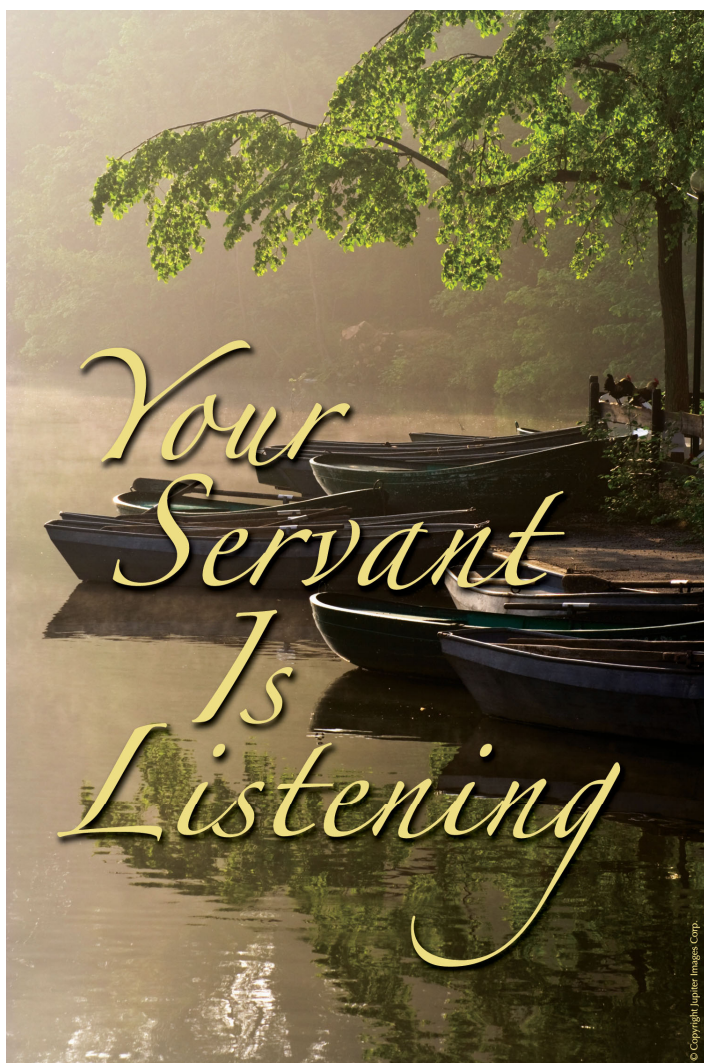
Please visit the parish website to sign up or email [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com) to request a link to join.



Thanks to the acquisition of the necessary equipment, as well as the effort of many volunteers, St. Peter's is now able to offer Livestreaming of the celebration of Mass.

A link to livestream viewing, as well as recently-recorded Masses are available to view on the home page of the parish website: [www.stpeteritasca.com](http://www.stpeteritasca.com).

Those who are unable to attend Mass in person may now join the parish congregation from home.



JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—St. Julian



Throughout these unprecedented times, That Man Is You! has continued to provide a virtual gathering place for men of the Eastern DuPage Deanery parishes to grow in their faith and experience fellowship. TMIY is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the **VISION OF A MAN, FULLY ALIVE**. Our Spring Semester will be beginning on Saturday, January 23rd. Logon to Zoom and join the many men who have experienced TMIY.

**Zoom Meeting ID: 99892682769**

#### MEETING SCHEDULE

Saturday Mornings beginning January 23rd  
 6:30am - Optional Informal Fellowship  
 7:00am - Welcome & Video Presentation  
 7:30am - Small Group Breakout Discussions  
 Concludes **no later** than 8:00am

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information go to [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org), or contact either Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401 or Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803

Advanced registration is not required, but is encouraged to receive emails:

To Register, go to [www.TMIY.org](http://www.TMIY.org):

- Click on 'FIND A GROUP/REGISTER FOR A CLASS' near top
- Search near Elmhurst, IL —> Select Mary Queen of Heaven

***That Man Is You!***  
*is open to men from all parishes*



## 12 Ways to Become a Committed Catholic Man

There is a Catholic “man-crisis.” Large numbers of men who were baptized Catholic have left the Church and the majority of those who remain are “Casual Catholic Men”, men who do not know the Catholic faith and don’t practice it. This large-scale failure of Catholic men to commit themselves to Jesus Christ and His Church has contributed to the accelerating decay of the post-modern culture...

In midst of the societal decay, there are men who seek the true, beautiful and the good and are working to bring the peace and joy of Christ to the world: Committed Catholic Men. These men have completely committed themselves to the Almighty King, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to His Holy Church, realizing that true manhood is Catholic Manhood. This is the truest of loves, to love God with one’s full being and to love one’s neighbor as one’s self. Committed Catholic Men have realized the great blessings that flow from being committed to Christ and His Church. Committed Catholic Men have made Sainthood their goal and have made their purpose to lead their families and as many as others as possible to Heaven.

Committed Catholic Men realize that behind the cultural decay, lurks Satan. They have come to know that Satan is real, Hell is real, Sin is real and that life is a battle to confront and defeat Satan, the Evil One who is waiting at every turn to devour the unprepared. Committed Catholic Men are not perfect, but take seriously Christ’s call to perfection. It is only in Christ, that Committed Catholic Men find the courage to persevere when they fall into Sin and are continually strengthened for the battle against Satan.

Every Catholic man is called to give himself fully to Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church. *How does one become a Committed Catholic Man?*

### HERE ARE 12 STEPS TO GROW IN LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO JESUS CHRIST:

#### Develop a rousing case for why Jesus Christ is your King

If a man is asked to describe why he loves his parents, wife, children or friends, most can quickly rattle off a long list of reasons for his love. But for most men, Jesus Christ is abstract, conceptual or a long-gone historical figure. Large numbers of men don’t know Jesus as real, alive and present. Each Catholic man must be able to give a rousing argument for why Jesus Christ is the greatest Man and why Jesus is his King. If a man is not convinced about Christ’s greatness to the point of being able to articulate the case, his growth in faith will be stunted and he will be unable to draw others to Christ. Committed Catholic Men can make the case for Christ.

#### Commit to be a Saint of Christ the King

There are no nice people or good people in Heaven, only Saints. Most men have not made a commitment to strive for Sainthood. Men are stuck in mediocrity and need to raise the bar higher; there is no higher bar than Sainthood. Christ’s first words of public ministry were to “Repent!” and every man must repent or die. By making a commitment to Sainthood, a man starts with repentance and aspires to greatness; in this he realizes his own spiritual poverty. In the recognition of spiritual poverty, a man comes to both humbly recognize his need for God’s mercy and to cry out for it. Aspiring to Sainthood changes everything.

#### Go to Reconciliation at least once a month

While the Church teaches each man must go to Reconciliation at least once a year, any man who is truthful with himself and Christ knows he needs the Sacrament of Reconciliation much more frequently. Keep a guide to Reconciliation with you, recalling regularly the 10 Commandments. Make the commitment to go to Reconciliation on a pre-determined schedule each month and go to Reconciliation immediately when you fall into grave sin (e.g. when you view pornography). Regular and frequent Reconciliation changes men, for supernatural Grace flows to men during Absolution.

#### Pray for 15 minutes every day

Only about a third of Catholic men pray daily; some smaller number, a much smaller number, pray for 15 minutes. How can a man know Jesus if he never talks to Him? He can’t. Commit to get to know Christ the King on a personal basis by approaching His Throne and talking with Him every day for 15 minutes. It is in this personal conversation that Christ will make His will known to each man.

#### Discover the majestic manliness of the Mass

The Mass is the “source and summit” of the Catholic faith, and yet, the majority of men claim to “be bored by the Mass” and to “not get anything out of the Mass”. This is because they don’t know what is occurring in the Mass: they have little understanding of the manly symbolism of the Mass, a Sacrament that has been devoutly passed down for 2000 years. They don’t realize that during the Mass they are witnesses to the actual Bloody Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. If a man doesn’t actively participate in the Mass because of ignorance and boredom, he can’t receive the Graces that flow from the Eucharist. Learn the Mass to such a degree that you can explain it to others with the reverence and devotion that Christ’s Sacrifice deserves.



**Participate in Sunday Mass + 1**

It is the minimum obligation of each Catholic man to attend Mass every Sunday; but only about a quarter of men do so on any given week. This is both a catechetical failure and an outrageous insult to Our King. In addition to attending Mass every Sunday, each man should go an additional step to encounter the Eucharist at least one more time during the week either by participating in daily Mass or by kneeling in Adoration for 30 minutes. Most men have much to make up for and precious little time; drawing closer to Christ more regularly will help men make up for lost time. A warning: never approach the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin.

**Pray the Rosary regularly and carry the Rosary with you**

Only about 40% of Catholic men ever pray the Rosary, and only 1 in 10 carry their Rosary with them. Praying the Rosary draws a man closer to our Holy Mother and to her Son, Jesus Christ; it is the manliest of rituals, prayed by the greatest Saints over centuries, in quiet places and in the din of the battlefield. It is a manly act of loyalty and fidelity. Commit to carry the Rosary as a sign of your loyalty and faith and as a weapon against the daily onslaught of Satan; Satan hates the Rosary and fears it. Have the Rosary handy at all times to pray a decade in times of gratitude and stress, relying on the Holy Mother to bring your prayers to Jesus Christ. The Rosary is part of the uniform of the Committed Catholic Man.

**Get to know your Patron Saint and Guardian Angel**

We believe in a Communion of Saints. Many men don't have a personal relationship with a Saint or their Guardian Angel. Many men don't feel connected to the Church, in part because they are not connected to the Saints or to the Guardian Angel that Jesus Christ has appointed for each man. Saints and Angels intercede on men's behalf and stand by to protect and defend men from daily assault of Satan and his demons. Don't go into daily battle without a Saint and your Guardian Angel guarding your back.

**Read Holy Scripture for 15 minutes each day**

All of Holy Scripture is about Jesus Christ. When a man reads Holy Scripture, Jesus Christ is with him, not figuratively or conceptually, but in a real and actual way. Jesus Himself came to earth to speak the words of Scripture for all men, across all time, to read and contemplate, drawing strength and wisdom and Grace from His words. Reading Holy Scripture can be done by working through books of the Bible and by reading/praying the Divine Office. A man can't know Jesus Christ without contemplating His Word.

**Be a priest, prophet and king in your home**

In the face of a secular culture that attacks valid patrimony, Catholic men need to reassert their rightful roles as priest, prophet and king of their family. We are not talking about being a chauvinistic tyrant, but a true Saint of Christ, with each man serving his wife and children with humble sacrifice, holy example and courageous commitment to lead his family to Heaven. Be a priest by leading your family in prayer. Be a prophet by teaching the truth of Christ and His Church. Be a king by defending your family from the perversions of the culture, correcting them when they fall into error and by leading them the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

**Build a brotherhood with other Catholic men in your parish**

In Acts 2:43, the Apostles from the earliest days of the Church give the "formula" for Catholic brotherhood: And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. For a man to grow in faith he must build brotherhood with faithful Catholic men who can challenge and help him grow in holiness. There is an epidemic of loneliness in modern men, even in regular mass-attending men. Make the commitment to build brotherhood with other Catholic men, particularly younger men, men who are at grave risk as they enter adolescence and move into adulthood. Gather the men of your parish in large groups and small, to pray, to learn, to teach and to serve the poor. Be a catalyst, be a leader, working with your priest. Christ will hold all men accountable for their personal response to His command to "Go and make disciples."

**Commit to tithing and begin to work toward it**

The willingness of a man to give his hard-earned money to the Church is a direct indicator of the strength of his devotion and loyalty to the King Jesus Christ. Sadly, many Catholic men give little to the Church, both in absolute terms and relative to other Christian's gifts to their churches. Tithing is the giving of 10% of a man's income to the Church including a parish and other Catholic charities. While you may not be able to give a full 10% due to economic constraints, commit to tithing and begin to work toward it, making progress each year, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Being a Committed Catholic Man is the greatest challenge to which a man can aspire to accept and the commitment can seem daunting. Don't be deterred; be a Catholic Man! Make the resolution, right here, right now to be a Committed Catholic Man. Print this list off and post it where you will see it every day. As in all things, start with prayer. Pray that Jesus Christ will send the Holy Spirit to help give you the strength needed to become a Committed Catholic Man. Pray with your whole heart to Christ and do your best. Our King has promised to answer those who persist in prayer.

Jesus Christ will never let a man down who is committed to Him.

*Written by:*

**Matthew James Christoff** is a Catholic convert. He is the founder of *The New Evangelization Project* which is committed to confront the Catholic "man-crisis" and to develop new ardor, methods and expressions for the re-evangelization of Catholic men. Matthew is also a co-founder of *CatholicManNight*, a parish-based men's evangelization effort that has drawn thousands of Catholic men into Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, fellowship and lively discussion. Matthew lives in Minnesota with his beautiful bride (and childhood sweetheart); they have 4 adult children, 3 "in-law" children and two grandchildren.

# 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT  
HUMAN LIFE!

**JANUARY 21-29, 2021**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



4 WAYS TO JOIN



[9DaysforLife.com](http://9DaysforLife.com)

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

Knights of Columbus Council 10884 and St Peter's Right to Life Ministry are joining with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to promote the 9 Day Novena for Life and to observe the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision which legalized abortion 48 years ago this month.

A nightly Rosary and Reflection will take place virtually via Zoom January 21-29 at 7pm. Please visit the parish website to sign up or email [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com) to request a link to join.

Everyone is invited to participate and join in prayer for the protection of all life. If you cannot participate via Zoom any or all of the nine evenings of prayer, then you are encouraged to pray on your own during the nine days of the novena.

Additional information about the novena can be found at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com). If you have any questions, please contact parishioner Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.



## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



**January 22**

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As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus and the Right to Life Ministry virtually via Zoom in prayer and reflection on January 22, at 7:00 pm. Please visit the parish website to sign up or email [bulletin@stpeteritasca.com](mailto:bulletin@stpeteritasca.com) to request a link to join.



If you would like information on Pro-life ministry opportunities or you or someone you know needs assistants, please visit the parish website for information and resources. You may also contact Nancy Magnus, St. Peter's Pro-life Coordinator, at 630-606-5197.



## We have found the Messiah



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

Brian Beers  
Sue Bobka  
Mike Carey  
Eunice Cleveland  
Robert Cleveland  
Regina Conti  
Michael Cummins  
Scott Erickson  
Mel Gerard  
Mike Graziano  
Gary Grote  
Ken Hemstreet  
Mary Hosters  
Rickie Kruzel  
JoLynn Lash

Lilly Lima  
Gene Mikulecky  
Christopher Mizera  
Harriett Pinkowski  
Bonnie Pollock  
Nikki Recchia  
Jerry Riordan  
Ann Marie Rossi  
John Rossi  
Angela Scanlon  
Wayne Slowiak  
Maria Terracciano  
Linda Wuerffel  
Deacon Bob Ziomek

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.

### In Memoriam

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

**Gerald Gimaldi**

**Leonard Nicholus**

*May they rest in the peace of Christ.*



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

### HUMAN FRATERNITY

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with  
our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one  
another, open to all.

*Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.*

— 1 Corinthians 6:19a



**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  
PFC 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  
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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](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).

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**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 12:45 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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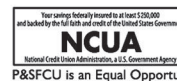
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