

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*)

Blessed are you
who are poor,
for the kingdom
of God is yours.
Blessed are you
who are
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LUKE 6:20-21A

SIXTH
SUNDAY
in Ordinary Time

13
2022
FEBRUARY

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From the Pastor

Dear Parish Family,

As we will soon approach Lent in a few weeks, I want to ask you to pray for those adults in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program, that is, those at St. Peter's who have been preparing to enter the Catholic Church this Easter. Since October 2021, they have been meeting on Sundays following Mass as they study and renew themselves spiritually in the teaching of the Catholic Church.

We need to pray for them so that they may receive with yearning hearts the Lord Jesus in the Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation

Please pray for:

Alex Alkanat
Victor Von Almen
Abdullah Dar
Amy Gramata
Samuel Leininger
Anna Lupinski
Tom Sheppard
Michael Zeranski



You may not think so, but your prayers and support for them is vital to their faith journey to complete their initiation to become Roman Catholics. As some of these candidates seek to leave their once Protestant and non-Christian backgrounds, we look forward to welcoming them as fellow Catholics and as members of our parish family. We also welcome those who are Catholic and seek the Sacrament of Confirmation this Easter. As they complete these final months of study and spiritual direction, we pray for them and all people who seek God's one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	February 13 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Jerry Riordan
10:00 am	†Thomas Cummins
11:30 am	†Hillard Bieschke
	†Maria Fricano
	†Florencio Padilla Gagni
	†Sophie Mandel
Monday	February 14 (Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop)
8:00 am	†Wilfred Edmier
Tuesday	February 15 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Edward Kryger
Wednesday	February 16 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Joseph V. Sularz
Thursday	February 17 (The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Weekday)
8:00 am	For an End to Abortion
Friday	February 18 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Joseph Leevwen
Saturday	February 19 (Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)
5:00 pm	†Robert Proffitt
	†Reverend Richard Ross
	Mike and Kris Slaughter - Special Intention
Sunday	February 20 (Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	The Franz Family - Special Intention
10:00 am	For an End to Abortion
11:30 am	†Shalemon Aivaz
	†Florencio Padilla Gagni
	†Franklin V. Narbert
	Pete and Angie Fricano - 50th Wedding Anniversary
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday:	Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



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!

GRIEF MINISTRY

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

Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room**.

For more information, please contact:

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

THIS WEEKEND—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 9:30 am



Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry has resumed meeting **IN CHURCH** to pray the Rosary beginning at 7:15pm.

Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and called to do so.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

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

Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed. Assistance with cleaning will be needed once concluded.



Saint Joseph's Table

**Planning Meeting:
February 16 at 6:30 pm**

Margaret Woods Hall

On Saturday, March 19, the parish is planning to host a Saint Joseph's Table in Margaret Woods Hall following the 5:00 pm Mass. The event is held in honor of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, whose Feast Day we will officially celebrate that day with all Catholics.

The tradition of a St. Joseph's table began when there was a severe drought in Sicily in the Middle Ages. In desperation, people asked St. Joseph, their patron, to intervene. They promised, if rain came, they would prepare a big feast in his honor. The tradition says these prayers were answered with rainy weather. In gratitude, huge banquet tables were set-up in public and poor people were invited to eat as much as they wanted.

Generosity marks this day, as it did the character of Joseph himself. In our parish, it will not only be a day of sharing with the poor and needy but a day of celebration for all that St. Joseph has done for us. I invite all parishioners to participate in this wonderful and blessed event.

If you would like to participate in organizing this event, please plan to attend the meeting on **Wednesday, February 16, at 6:30 pm in Margaret Woods Hall.**

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 32 (02/06/2022): \$ 11,890.67

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

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.

*“The human person is thus called to work
with his hands, mind and heart
for the coming of God’s kingdom into the world.*

*This is especially true of those who are called
to the apostolate and are, as St. Paul says,
‘fellow workers for the kingdom of God’ (Col 4: 11),
but it is also true of every human person.”*

— Saint John Paul II

**Schedule**

Saturday, February 19 | Sunday, February 20

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi
Deacon Fred
8:30 am Dorie Calip
Deacon Fred
10:00 am Edgar Garcia
Deacon Bob
11:30 am Mary McNamara
Deacon Bob

Lectors

5:00 pm Diane Blackburn
8:30 am Lou Casolari
10:00 am Kathy Laken
11:30 am Stella Capobianco

This Week at St. Peter’s...

Sunday February 13
9:30 am Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)

Tuesday February 15
10:00 am Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (MW Parish Hall)
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)

Wednesday February 16
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
6:30 pm St. Joseph’s Table Planning Meeting (MW Parish Hall)

Thursday February 17
9:00 am “Be Formed” Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)

Saturday February 18
9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)

Sunday February 19
9:30 am RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)



The Knights of Columbus will be praying the Rosary for Life next weekend beginning approximately 25 minutes before each Mass.

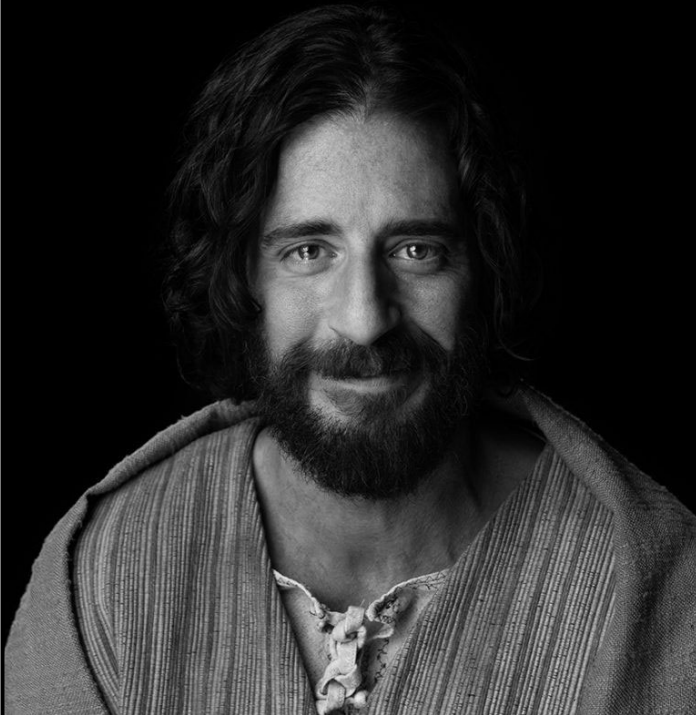
**Presentation of Offertory Gifts**

Thank you to the following First Holy Communion candidates and their families for presenting gifts at this weekend’s masses:

10:00 am Kyla McDonald

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for First Holy Communion in May.

The CHOSEN



You're invited to the watch party... "The Chosen"

"The Chosen" is the first-ever multi-season series about the life of Jesus. The series allows us to see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him.

St. Peter the Apostle is offering the opportunity to view this popular series. The "watch party" begins on Wednesday, **March 9, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**, and will run for 16 weeks covering each of the current episodes.

An open discussion will follow each weekly viewing.

If interested, contact Deacon Bob at chapxyz@yahoo.com

***No matter where you are
in your journey with Jesus Christ,
this show is for you.***

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SAVE THE DATE — 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 religiously@stpeteritasca.com

ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE 2022

An invitation to strengthen your Marriage relationship!

**7 WEEKS OF DATE EXPERIENCES
to enrich and explore your marriage**

The Alpha Marriage Course is designed to help strengthen relationships, keep the spark alive, and keep couples connected — regardless of how long you have been married!

THE COURSE COVERS -
Strengthening the Connection
The Art of Communication
Resolving Conflict
The Power of Forgiveness
The Impact of Family
Good Sex
Love in Action

The EASTERN DUPAGE DEANERY OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET is offering
Alpha Marriage Course at NO COST to you

The course begins **Tuesday, MARCH 1, at 7pm**

Attend the course via **Zoom**
in the comfort of your own home as
wonderful date nights to renew your relationship!

*Registration is required at least 24-hours in advance of session to receive Zoom link
To register, fill out the form found at <https://forms.gle/W7IQxC14uXUNHGV7I>

QUESTIONS? Contact the team by email at easterndupagemem@gmail.com



Bishop Hicks' Column

February 2022

Kindness: the antidote to a cold heart



February can be one of the coldest months of the year. While we may differ on our preference between cold or hot weather, I think we can all agree no one wants a cold heart. St. Catherine of Siena reminds us that, "The human heart is always drawn by love." However, without attending to our relationship to Jesus, it is all too easy for our hearts to turn cold or even lukewarm. In a homily by Pope Francis given in 2016, the Holy Father exhorted, "A lukewarm heart becomes self-absorbed in lazy living and it stifles the fire of love."

So, how do we keep our hearts from turning cold or lukewarm until the spring comes? In other words, how do we keep our hearts on fire with our love for God and neighbor? While there are many possible ways to accomplish that, let me suggest one yet profound way: namely, the practice of kindness.

Recently in our Blanchette Catholic Center, one of our employees was asked what she wanted for her birthday. She replied with one word, "Kindness." Why did she ask for the gift of kindness? I think it is because she has been inundated with what so many of us have been experiencing, specifically a growing amount of rudeness, anger and unforgiving spirit in an increasingly polarized world. Anyone who works specifically in customer service, or just with "people" in general, reports a rise in angry outbursts, both verbally and physically.

While we all want others to be more kind to us, we all also need to work on how to be more kind to others. To do this, a few years ago, someone introduced me to the "FIVE" rule. If you are ever provoked to respond to someone in an unkind way, ask yourself, "Before any nasty words leave my mouth, how will I feel about what I am about to say in the next five seconds? In five minutes? In five hours? In five days? And in five years? It is possible that we might feel better in the next five seconds, five minutes or even five hours. However, it is always good to take a wider perspective and ask, "Is what I am about to say something I will be proud of or regret in the next five days or five years?"

In the Gospels, Jesus gives us an example of what it looks like to be grounded in kindness. In the times that he is dismissed, criticized, opposed, jeered, mocked, and even tortured physically, he responds

with a cumulative and resounding, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." As we lean into Jesus, our daily prayer lives help to connect to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we appeal to his love and mercy.

We may be tempted to reject this movement toward kindness because it may be interpreted as a sign of weakness. We might think, "Fine, I am willing to be kinder to others. But that will not help change the rude and angry behaviors of so many other people out there!" However, never forget that kindness is wonderfully infectious. As St. Augustine wrote, "One loving heart sets another on fire." In other words, when we speak and act with kindness, it can spread and multiply in others.

At the Diocese of Joliet, we model and multiply the kindness that Jesus displayed in his life and his works in our ministries. Our Catholic schools teach kindness when students are instructed in Catholic social teaching as part of the regular curriculum. Our Catholic Charities teaches kindness when providing a room for the homeless at Daybreak Shelter or delivering food to the needy through its mobile food pantry. Our adult formation program teaches kindness when accompanying individuals through a study of the Gospels. And our vocations program teaches kindness when helping young men and women discover the fullness of a life devoted to the Lord.

The need for kindness is why the theme for our **2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA)** is "Devoted to the Works of the Lord." It is through the kindness found woven throughout our works dedicated to God that we find peace and salvation. I encourage you to learn more about our ministries and how you can multiply the kindness of our works through the CMAA by going to the following website: www.jolietdioceseappeal.org.

I hope you agree that none of us wants to have cold or lukewarm hearts. We long for hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor. As we wait for the spring, might we consider to be the change we want to see in the world by practicing kindness frequently. As St. Teresa of Kolkata said, "Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle C

Gospel Reading: *Luke 6:17,20-26*

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

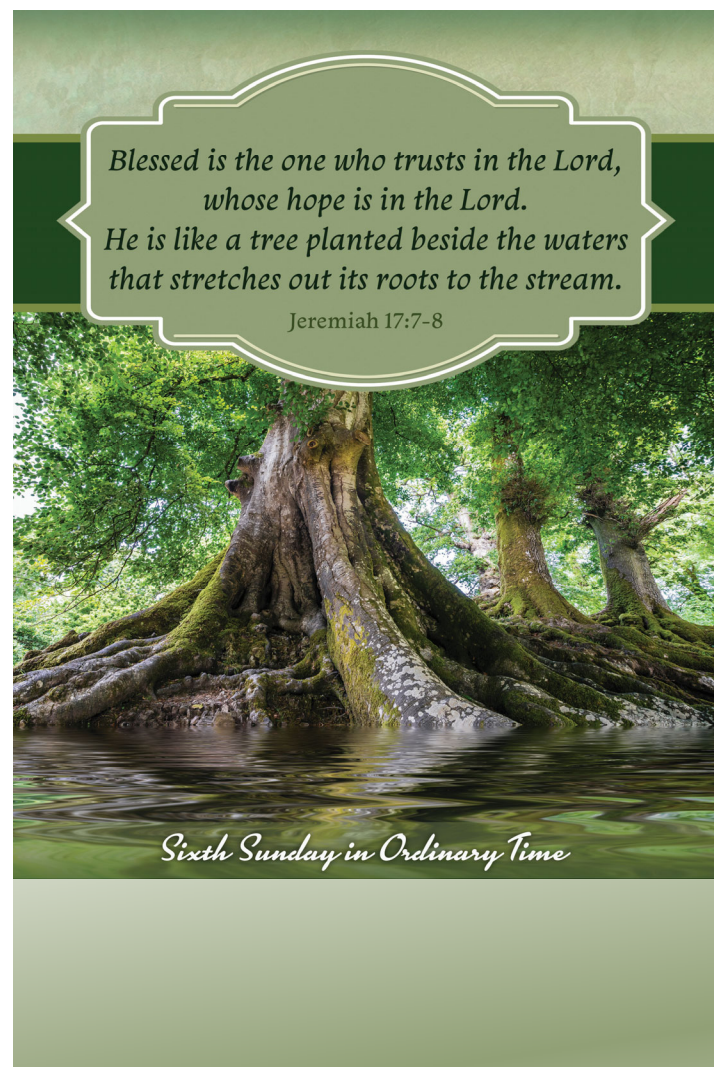
Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you," whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation. . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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Valentine's Day is marked each year as a celebration of human friendship and romantic love. In some people's minds, romantic love is quite different from love of God or God's love for us. Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical [*Deus Caritas Est*] tries to show how every example of love feeds into every other. "God is love," the Pope tells us again, echoing St. John the evangelist; and God's love for us shows itself in the love of husband and wife.

Often, we presuppose that there must be a separation between *eros* understood as human desire, sexually expressed, and *agape*, a selfless, spiritual love. But every genuine love is a form of self-giving. Love is not a thing to be exchanged, but a gift that brings the giver intimately into another's life. Love transforms the lives of both lovers because each receives his- or herself back, transformed by their mutual love. Every love entails sacrifice for the beloved, but love makes even sacrifice a joy.

When being in love means a commitment only to an experience, then love disappears with the experience. When being in love means commitment to a person, then love lasts as long as the person loved. Modern culture has magnified the idea of love as spontaneous over the reality of love as a series of choices. People talk about being "swept away" and losing control of themselves. Yet if passion is the essence of love, then loving brings loss of the very freedom that people claim they want to preserve when they hesitate to make a permanent commitment to one another. During a conference [in Rome to discuss *Deus Caritas Est*], people from the world of films and popular communication spoke about how love as an experience is easier to portray on film than love as a personal commitment.

The Pope's letter also speaks of love's relation to justice. Again, some would separate charity from justice, as others separate God's love from romantic love. And, again, that would be a mistake. A perfectly just world would still need love. An economic and political system is never equal to the dignity of the human person if it is constructed apart from the dynamics of love. Officials of the World Bank and other economic institutions participated in the conference to speak to the connection between charity and economic and social development.

True love asks for nothing in return, for this kind of loving is how God loves us. The Blessed Trinity is a unity created by the total self-giving of the three divine persons, each to the others, for the others, in the others. The giving of oneself to others constitutes the nature of God. A gift of self is feared if it brings with it some kind of onerous demand, an obligation to the person giving. God's love teaches us that there are persons who make no

demands in loving, who are not in competition with those they love. Experiencing divine love prepares us to love fully and gratuitously all those God places on our path of life, our family, friends, and neighbors, even our enemies.

The Church, Pope Benedict explains, is to be a network of charity, a sacrament of God's love in the world. The Church is as committed to the service of charity in the form of Christ-like love as she is to the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments. As Christ commissioned the Twelve to go, baptize, preach and make disciples (Mt. 28, 18-20), so the apostles early in the Church's life commissioned the Seven to the work of charity (Acts 6: 1-7)... Think as well of all the volunteers in every parish and family, giving of their time and goods to help with love the needy, the sick, the stranger, the prisoner, the hungry and homeless. This charity makes credible to the world the Gospel's proclamation that "God is love." Of course, the Church has no corner, no monopoly on work for the poor and for the elimination of economic and political injustice. The work of charity is ecumenical and universal, both in its scope and its workers.

This Valentine's Day, read with someone you love the Song of Solomon (*Canticle of Canticles*) in the Old Testament and the parable of the Good Samaritan in the New Testament (*Luke 10: 29-37*). Pope Benedict reflects on both these passages from Holy Scripture in this first Encyclical. May God's holy word touch your hearts and open them to the divine love that gives us the gift of our being and the promise of eternal life. God bless you.



Prayer for Married Couples

*Almighty and eternal God,
you blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of
Christ with his Church:*

*Look with kindness on them;
Renew their marriage covenant;
Increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
Amen.*

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Jeanette Cannon

sister of Gerri Ciucci

May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**Prayer For Peace**

by Pope John Paul II

O God, Creator of the universe, who extends your paternal concern over every creature and guides the events of history to the goal of salvation, we acknowledge your fatherly love when you break the resistance of mankind and, in a world torn by strife and discord, you make us ready for reconciliation.

Renew for us the wonders of your mercy:

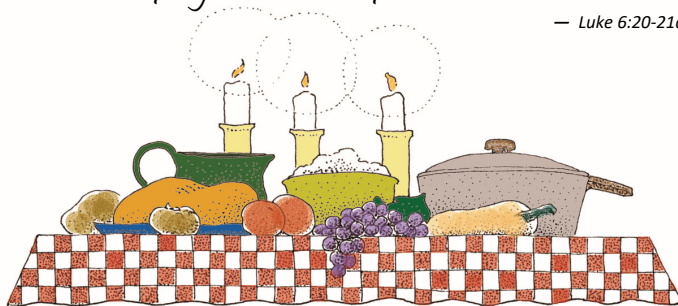
Send forth your Spirit that He may work in the intimacy of hearts, that enemies may begin to dialogue, that adversaries may shake hands and peoples may encounter one another in harmony.

May all commit themselves to the sincere search for true peace which will extinguish all arguments, for charity which overcomes hatred, for pardon which disarms revenge.

Amen.

*Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours.
Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.*

— Luke 6:20-21a



NOTE: The sick list has been reviewed and long-standing names removed if renewal was not recently received. If prayers are still needed, please call to renew. Thank you.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Christopher Mizera	Bonnie Pollock
Ken Buffo	Richard Mrugacz	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	John North	Marlene Torii
Virginia Halac	Don Olenek	Fr. Miroslaw Stepień
Ken Hemstreet	Rich Olenek	Randy Szveda, USMC
Rickie Kruzel	Janina Piotrowski	Linda Wuerffel
Gene Mikulecky	Harriett Pinkowski	Carol Zell

Published prayer requests require permission from the named individual or their family. Names will be listed for six weeks, after which time you may call the Parish Center to renew your request.



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

FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

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

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

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Nick Tenerelli, Pres. phone: 847-224-9324**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)**TRAVELING?**Call 410-676-6000 or log onto www.masstimes.org for the location and schedule of Masses throughout the U.S.**PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT AND BULLETIN DEADLINES****NOTE: Parish staff reserves the right to accept and/or decline, as well as edit, both pulpit announcements and bulletin submissions.****Pulpit announcement** requests are to be submitted to the Parish Center no later than the **Tuesday preceding** the weekend during which the announcement is to be made. Announcements may be submitted by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by e-mail to **office@stpeteritasca.com**.**Bulletin submissions** are to be submitted **no later than 8 days preceding** requested publication date. Notices and full page flyers will run for a maximum of two weeks, and priority will be given to items that are date sensitive. If possible, all items should be typed for legibility and accuracy and dropped off at the Parish Center or sent via e-mail to **bulletin@stpeteritasca.com**.**CONFESSIONS**Weekly on Wednesday at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)

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

First Saturdays at 8:30 am (*following Mass*)**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

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

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either during a weekend Mass or on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm (immediately following 11:30 am Mass). Parents must attend a Baptism Preparation class prior to the Baptism. Classes are held in the Parish Center at 7:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

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

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

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

Due to hospital admitting policies, it is necessary to inform the Parish Center when hospitalized parishioners would like a visit from Fr. Noesen or a deacon. Likewise, please call if you would like a visit while convalescing at home or at a facility.

Additionally, before being admitted to a hospital for surgery, it is advisable to call Fr. Noesen to arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Please contact the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to arrange for communion visits to the homebound.

FUNERALS

It is the responsibility of the parish to bury their dead.

The funeral director will contact the Parish Center regarding arrangements. Funerals are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 am.

For more information, please read guidelines for Funeral Planning on the parish website.



If it is too difficult for you to walk to the front of the church to receive Communion, please know that at each Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion comes to the back of the church to distribute Communion. If you would like to have the Extraordinary Minister give you communion in the back of church, please let an usher know before Mass begins. At Communion time, when you see the Extraordinary Minister come to the back, please raise your hand so that they can see you and give you Holy Communion.



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