

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

AUGUST 9, 2020 | NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Kindness and truth shall meet;
justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from

Heaven.

~ Psalm 85:11-12



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PARISH CENTER SUMMER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Friday: CLOSED

**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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

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 11:15 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls are made every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to health issues.

Please call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) to make arrangements.



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.

Dear parish family,

This coming Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Universal Holy Day for all Catholics. You are encouraged to attend Mass. Masses will be celebrated on Friday, August 14, at 6:30 pm and on Saturday, August 15, at 8:00 am.

From the Pastor

The Blessed Virgin Mary, our bishops tell us, is not only the model Christian disciple but also the model of Christian love, obedience and stewardship. As we celebrate her Assumption into Heaven – which prefigures our own reception into heaven at the general resurrection on the Last Day – let us consider how she models the Christian life for us.

As Jesus was preaching one day, we read in Luke 11, a woman in the crowd, impressed by his powerful words, exclaimed, “Blessed is the womb that carried you and the breasts at which you nursed.” Of course, she was right – any woman who was the mother of the Son of God would be privileged indeed! But Jesus, who always taught that earthly ties of blood are less important than our relationship with God the Father, replied, “Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” That was not a put-down of his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. It was a declaration that all who follow his teaching will also receive exaltation from God. He was expanding the circle of those blessed to include us as well.

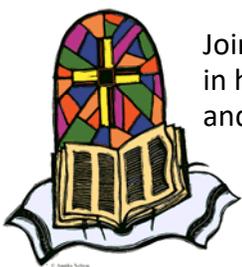
More than 30 years before, when Jesus had just been conceived, Saint Elizabeth had proclaimed to Blessed Saint Mary, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” And what were her grounds for such a statement? “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Saint Mary had heard the word of God; she had believed it; and she had observed in her willingness to obey. “May it be done to me according to your word,” she said to the angel (Luke 1:38), accepting the vocation God had prepared her for.

Her vocation shows us the pattern of an excellent, loving and obedient steward. She offered her time to be with her divine Son at his birth, at his death, and at prayer with the Apostles after the Ascension. She gave her talent when she offered a mother’s care. And what earthly treasure she possessed was of secondary importance compared to her service for God. Her desire for material security was not enough to keep her from fleeing to Egypt to protect her Son or to stop her from coming to Jerusalem for his Crucifixion. Our own sacrifices seem minor compared to hers.

But we too, if we “hear the word of God and observe it,” will one day experience the magnitude of heavenly glory. Please join us for Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption.

Sincerely in Christ our Lord,

Fr. Noesen



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

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

*“Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven”*

— Psalm 85:12



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 5: 08/02/2020	\$ 10,370.00	\$ 43,541.43

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).

If you would like information on using E-basket to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)

SUNDAY OFFERING



This Week at St. Peter's

Tuesday August 11
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (*BVM Statue*)

Thursday August 13
7:00 pm Father John Project (*Church*)

Saturday August 15
4:00 pm Confessions (*Church*)

Sunday August 16
12:15 pm Baptisms (*Church*)



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15

St. Peter's will honor this Holy Day of Obligation with Masses on **Friday, August 14, at 6:30 pm**, and **Saturday, August 15, at 8:00 am**.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Fred Santoro
brother of Gina Santoro
May perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

For the week beginning
Saturday, August 8 | Sunday, August 9



Thank you to
Joe and Ida Sularz
for the beautiful flowers
adorning the Tabernacle
in memory of
Rosa Pensa



Mass Intentions



Sunday August 9 (*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 am People of the Parish
11:00 am †Biagio Gariti
†Mike and Anne Laughlin
†Michaelene Rogus
For an End to Abortion

Monday August 10 (*St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr*)
8:00 am †Victor Casini

Tuesday August 11 (*St. Clare, Virgin*)
8:00 am †Dominic Ciucci

Wednesday August 12 (*Weekday*)
8:00 am †Joan Streich

Thursday August 13 (*Weekday*)
8:00 am †Edward Filipek

Friday August 14 (*St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*)
8:00 am †Biagio Gariti

Friday August 14 (*Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
6:30 pm †Victor Casini

Saturday August 15 (*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
8:00 am †James and Diane Blackburn

Saturday August 15 (*Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
5:00 pm †Dora Pontillo
For an End to Abortion

Sunday August 16 (*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*)
8:30 am †Ed Kryger
11:00 am †Phyllis Delaney
†Biagio Gariti
†Denis McNamara
†Joe Riggio
†Fred Santoro
People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: *Vigil*: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Communion Ministers/ Lectors/Servers Schedule

Saturday, August 15 | Sunday, August 16

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Valerie Serzen
Deacon Fred

8:30 am Kathy Frank
Deacon Bob

11:00 am Chris Nagle
Deacon Bob

Servers

5:00 pm NA

8:30 am NA

11:00 am NA

Lectors

5:00 pm John Los

8:30 am Mel Gerard

11:00 am Nancy Magnus

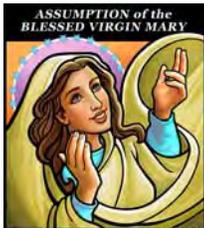
*Liturgical
Ministries*



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Brian Beers	Phil Hatke	Bonnie Pollock
Sue Bobka	Jack Hayes	Megan Putzke
John Booth	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Janet Both	Mary Hosters	Jerry Riordan
Ken Buffo	Shirley Janik	Ann Marie Rossi
Theodora Calip	Brian Josephus	John Rossi
Mike Carey	Anne Keeton	Jennifer Ruffing
Jacqueline Castellano	Debra Kelly	Savannah Rose Russo
Eunice Cleveland	Joe Kryger	Roxanne Ruiz
Regina Conti	Ruth Kryger	Alana Ruiz
Lucy Crocilla	Tom Kryger	Janina Sabat
Joseph Crocilla	Rickie Kruzal	Angela Scanlon
Collin Cummins	Celeste Kucharczyk	Mark Sgarbossa
Mary Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Shauna Sheffer
Michael Cummins	Sharon Laughlin	Marilyn Sieradzki
Paul Cummins	Elizabeth Lisak	Wayne Slowiak
Margaret Del Preto	Pasquale Lopardo	Dan Sobucki
Tom Derma	Eileen Marino	Belinda Sobucki
Angeline DiFranco	Patricia McMahon	Sharon Sowers
Charles DiFranco Jr.	Ann McNally	Karen Stewart
Teresa Dunhac	Jack McNally	Linda Szweda
John Elia	Gene Mikulecky	Pat Tardi
Scott Erickson	Christopher Mizera	James Thompson
Tracy Fink	Rich Mrugacz	Patricia Vitale
Sally Franz	Robert Neumann	Jennifer Weil
Dan Galuszek	Barbara Neumann	Helen Wilczko
Joe Galuszek	Jean Nowobielski	Agnieszka Wisniewska
Geri Gerard	Don Olenek	Grzegorz Wisniewski
Mel Gerard	Vince Oraziotti	Ray Young
Mike Graziano	Fred Oslager	Carol Zell
Joseph Halec	Anne Marie Pagni	Deacon Bob Ziomek
Carole Hatke	Harriett Pinkowski	

Published and/or announced 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.



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – this year...

Next Saturday, August 15, we celebrate The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics to attend Mass. In the United States, however, if the Solemnity falls on a Saturday or a Monday it is not obligatory by the Church to attend Mass.

This was amended in the Church calendar by United States bishops in 1991. That means this year the Feast of the Assumption is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. However, all Catholics are highly encouraged to keep the day holy by attending Mass.

Masses will be celebrated on **Friday, August 14, at 6:30 pm,**
and on **Saturday, August 15 at 8:00 am.**

Come and join in prayer as we honor Holy Mary, Mother of God.

**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 Stephen Grabinski, 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
SGT Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
Cpl MacLane Read, US Army
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

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

Join the Rosary group as they gather outside near the Blessed Virgin Mary statue to pray the Rosary Tuesday evening. Please plan to arrive at 7:00pm in order to allow sufficient time to set up and begin praying at 7:15pm.

If you will need to sit, please bring your own chair.

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

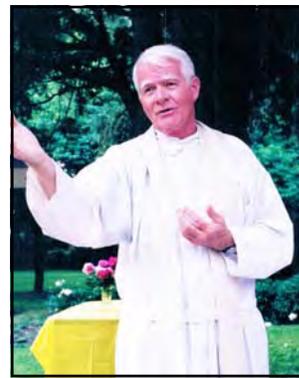
Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice.

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

In the event of inclement weather, the group will gather in the church. Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed. Assistance with cleaning will also be needed once concluded.

“The Rosary is a contemplative prayer, and it has great intercessory power: whoever recites it, is united to Mary in meditating the mysteries of Christ, and is led to invoke the proper graces to these mysteries in the multiple situations of life and history.”

(Pope John Paul II)



FATHER JOHN PROJECT RESUMING

The next “Father John Project” will be take place at 7:00 pm on Thursday, August 13. The evening prayer service, will include the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Confessions will also be available from 7:00 pm to 7:45 pm.

The focus of the “Father John Project” is to take action through prayer for conversion. Father John’s desire was to welcome new and returning Catholics to their home in the Church. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend, as well as to reach out to invite anyone who may be struggling to find their way “HOME.”

Masks and hand sanitizer will be required.

Advance registration is requested, but not required. (visit the parish website for a link to register).

“Mums” the Word— But Don’t Keep it a Secret!

Fall and it’s glorious colors are around the corner.

To help kick things into gear, **St. Peter’s will once again be selling Mums for \$10 each.**

SALES BEGIN September 11!



Grief Ministry Meetings RESUMING

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

Grief Support Ministry is resuming monthly gatherings and will meet at 9:30 am in Margaret Woods Parish Hall on Sunday, August 16.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be required. A circle of chairs will be set up at a safe distancing of 6' apart.

Advance registration is requested, but not required. (visit the parish website for a link to register)

For more information, please contact:
Sharon Laughlin (630-212-0304) or Fred Maier (630-773-4412)

NEXT WEEKEND—Sunday, August 16 at 9:30 am





Religious Education Registration is



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

Class Time Offerings*:

Wednesdays 5:00 - 6:20 pm

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:20 am

**We will continue to monitor and plan classes accordingly based on Covid19 guidelines and recommendations of the Diocese and the health department.*

Toni Pietrowski

Director of Religious Education

phone ext. 216

e-mail: religioused@stpeteritasca.com

Kathy Frank

DRE Assistant

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e-mail: religioused@stpeteritasca.com

CATECHISTS and TEEN HELPERS NEEDED!

The original meaning of the word Catechist is “teacher,” or one who “echoes” God’s word. Each year we rely on about 20 people of the parish to pass on the faith to our children in the small classes that we find so effective at St. Peter the Apostle parish. This coming school year, we need more catechists and teen helpers. No experience is needed. If interested in this rewarding experience, please contact the RE office.

LOOKING FOR HELPING HANDS



SCHOOL CLEANING ALERT!

Volunteers will be needed to prepare the school facilities for the upcoming Fall Religious Education session.

Scheduling will be determined at a later date; however, anyone interested is asked to contact the Parish Center to sign up.

For more information, contact the parish center — by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by email at office@stpeteritasca.com.



HELP NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PARISH GROUNDS!

Volunteers are needed to help maintain sections of the parish grounds.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact the parish center — by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200) or by email at office@stpeteritasca.com.

The more the merrier and likewise quicker!





The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In 1950 Pope Pius XII officially proclaimed the doctrine of the Assumption: “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This doctrine, which has its roots in ancient Catholic belief, shows the connection between Mary’s unique role as God’s Mother preserved from original sin and the reality of our final resurrection in Christ.”

In Her assumption, Mary was preserved from the decay of death. Mary, the mother of the Savior, is the first to share in the Lord’s resurrection. She is the living model for all people whose future destiny is union with the risen Lord. Her assumption into heaven is an anticipation of our own resurrection.

However, since Mary was truly the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus, and since she was preserved from sin from the first moment of the conception within the womb of Saint Anne [her mother], it only stands to reason that she should not have to undergo the ultimate price for sin... the corruption of the grace. And so, She was given the glorified body of resurrection that awaits all of us at the final judgment. The doctrine of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven “completes the story” of the Immaculate Conception of Mary which we celebrate on December 8.

*Come celebrate our Mother's joy...
and our own hope of Heaven!*

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Catholic Bible Study for Adults



A program of the
Office of Adult Formation
Diocese of Joliet

PREVIEW OUR DIOCESAN BIBLE SCHOOL!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for two sites this fall — at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year 1 classes on Saturdays at 9:00-11:00 am, and at The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet) for Year 2 classes on Wednesdays at 7:00-9:00 pm.

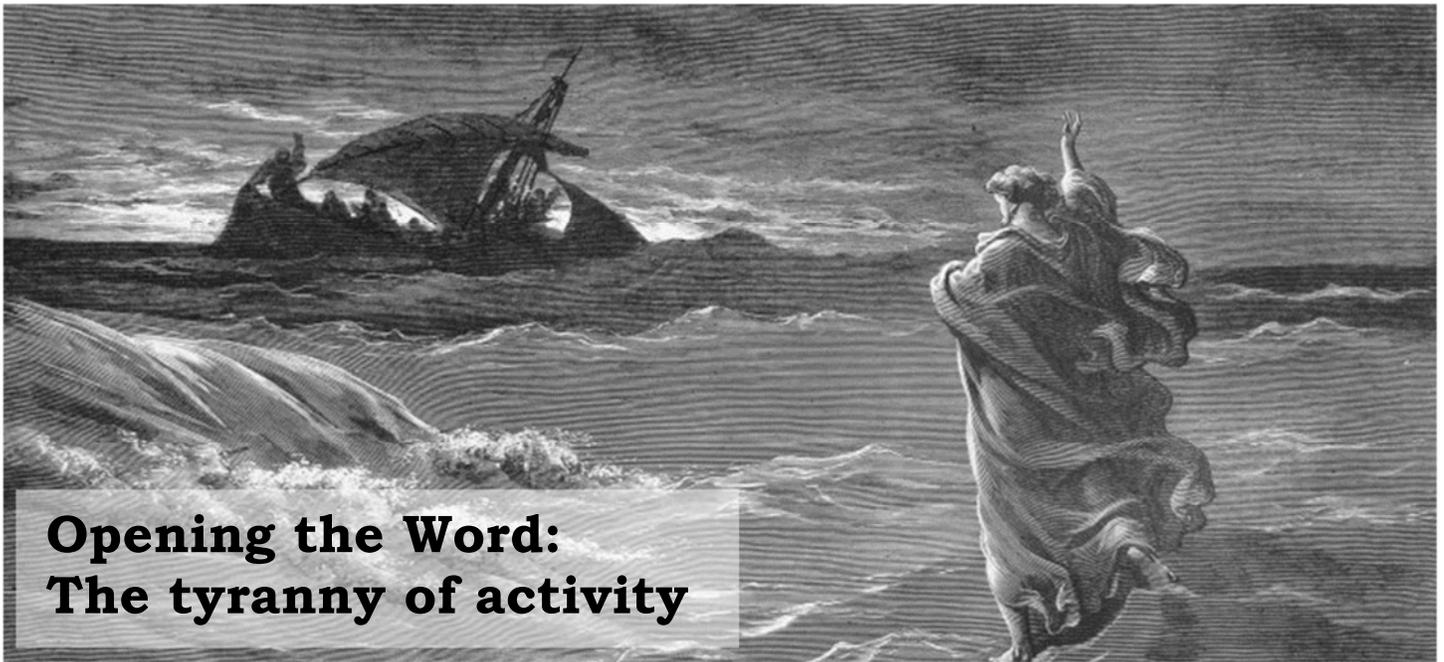
If you want to learn the Bible from a catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

Three preview nights will be held in August and September:

- August 22 | 9:00-10:30 am — Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora)
- August 26 | 7:00-8:30 pm — The Cathedral of St. Raymond (Joliet)
- September 12 | 9:00-10:30 am — Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora)
- Recorded Zoom Preview available at dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, view the books, and get an overall feel for a typical class.

For more information, visit dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj or call 815-221-6147.



Opening the Word: The tyranny of activity

In March 2020, the world shut down. There were no more concerts, no more sporting events, no more school and no more extracurriculars. The frenetic activity that characterizes the hustle and bustle of life in the United States ceased.

And yet, almost immediately, many began to ask, “When can we go back to normal?”

Now, some degree of normality is good. When can we go back to public worship? When can our brothers and sisters once more work, gaining a paycheck, rather than fretting about rent month to month? When will so many of those most on the margins stop suffering from this illness?

And yet, there are other dimensions of this normality that reveal a malaise that inflicts the United States. It is the sickness that perceives economic growth as the consumption and production of endless goods. It is the sickness that looks for infinite entertainment, a ceaseless motion where we can never be alone with our own thoughts. It is the illness in which many families never share a meal together because they are too busy running here and there and everywhere.

What are we looking for in this activity? Why are we afraid of slowing down, living a more humane life?

The prophet Elijah knows what we fear. He is sheltering in a cave, burdened by his vocation as prophet to Israel. In his suffering, the Lord offers Elijah the promise of his presence. This presence is not revealed through the force of heavy wind, of crushing rocks, in the frantic movement of an earthquake, or in the spectacle of fire. It is the still, small voice where Elijah perceives God’s presence.

To hear this whispering voice, the presence of God in the smallest breeze requires attention and solitude. Elijah’s first task is to make himself present to God, rather than continue his frenetic movement from town to town proclaiming the word of God. He must be alone to hear the comfort of this voice.

Amid all his activity, all his teaching, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ craves this solitude. Having fed the multitudes, he goes to a mountain to be alone. He seeks to pray. As God, he wants to be alone with the Father, to experience the communion that is at the heart of his being. As man, he wants to know solitude, to listen to that small voice.

The disciples are still in the boat, continuing their ceaseless activity. There is a storm. The God-man, Jesus Christ, quells the raging waters. The one who ordered the chaos of creation, the watery abyss of nothingness, again controls the seas.

Peter wants Jesus to prove himself to him. Let me walk on the waters, he says, then I will know that it is you. Jesus agrees. And yet at once, Peter is frightened. The wind is too strong. He knows through his activity, he cannot continue. Peter sinks, and Jesus saves him.

We are afraid of the precise same thing that Peter is. We are afraid of giving our will over to God. Our projects, our plans, our activity is how we imagine ourselves to be saved. The still small voice whispers give up on your plans, your projects, your security, and trust in God alone.

So, let us stop wishing for a return to normal. And let us instead find a way forward beyond the tyranny of perpetual activity.

For if we listen carefully, with attention, in solitude, we may hear the voice of the Lord speaking to us once more: “I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word” (Ps 130:5).

Credit: Timothy P. O’Malley, Ph.D., is the director of education at the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame.

Credit: Our Sunday Visitor (Timothy P. O’Malley, August 3, 2020)

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique .



— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"



For confidential help call
888-456-HOPE
 or visit hopeafterabortion.com

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

- Real Alternatives 888-543-3243
- First Way National Life Center 800-848-5683
- Aid for Women 312-621-1100
- National Pregnancy Hotline 800-521-5530
- National Adoption Hotline 202-463-7563
- Teen Parent Connection 630-790-8433
- Natural Family Planning 815-838-1002
- DuPage Catholic Charities 630-495-8008
- The Nurturing Network 800-866-4666
- Crisis Pregnancy Hotline 800-672-2296
- Waterleaf Women’s Center 630-701-6270
- The Gabriel Project 877-734-2444

AVENUE WOMEN'S CENTER

Avenue Women’s Center is a local ministry that serves anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy. If you suspect that you may be pregnant, you can reach out to the Avenue Women’s Center helpline at 630-455-0300. Pregnancy test and consultations are offered at no charge. Most women also receive a free ultrasound.

The caring staff will walk with you through your decision and beyond, connecting you with practical resources wherever needed—from emergency funding to housing to childcare to job training, and much more.

Visit their website at AvenueWomensCenter.com.

Centers are located in
 Naperville, West Chicago, Glen Ellyn,
 Darien, Wood Dale, and Elmhurst.

The Avenue Women’s Center in Wood Dale is located at
 132 East Irving Park Road.



WILL YOU HELP SAVE UNBORN BABIES?
NorthWest Families for Life
 together with the *Respect Life Ministries*
 at *St. Peter's and Surrounding Parishes*
 invite you to pray and save lives outside of
 the Wood Dale abortion facility.

One of the main reasons women give for changing their mind about having an abortion is the presence of someone there outside the clinic praying for them.

Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale
Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:30am to 1pm

Could you be there one day a month? One hour a week?

- Any time you can sacrifice will make a difference!
- You DO NOT need to sign up to come out to pray.
- Just show up any of the above days and times
- You DO NOT need special training

For more information and more ways to be involved in this pro-life ministry, email Maria Goldstein at NWFL526@gmail.com or call Laura 847-651-4877, or call parishioner, Nancy Magnus 630-606-5197.

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