

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*)

Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is
accepted in his
own native place.

Luke 4:24

JANUARY

30
2022

FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

In today's first reading from the Book of Jeremiah, the prophet reflects on what God told him, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you." Jeremiah reveals that he was chosen in the womb by God to be a prophet. However, this passage reminds each of us that God has a plan for us, and he has known it from before we were conceived. Our challenge as God's children is to discern that plan as best we can and to follow it.

The second reading is from Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, in which he extols love. This passage is familiar to most of us. It is often proclaimed at weddings. It is a thorough definition of a good and holy love. Saint Paul originally wrote this epistle in Greek, and the word he used was "agape." Agape is defined as a type of love, which reflects good will, affection, and benevolence. It was then translated into Latin as Caritas, which means Christian love or Christian charity, as opposed to sexual love. It is love in its purest form.

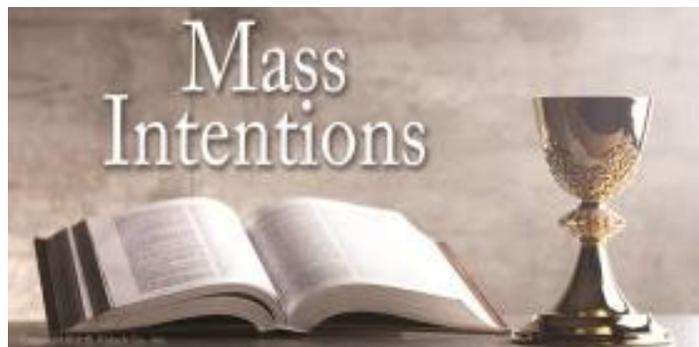
In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus is speaking in the synagogue in Nazareth. Just like Jeremiah and Paul, Jesus too encountered opposition and lack of faith. Even when those in the temple turn on Jesus, and seek to kill him, he calmly walks away and moves through them to depart.

Today's three scripture readings are closely tied together. In the first reading we are urged to identify our own role as Catholic Christians; the second reading makes it clear that love of those around us is the way to live out that mission; and, the Gospel makes it plain that there will be obstacles, but our proper response is to remain strong and committed to what the Lord calls us to do even when faced with great opposition and threat.

Let us pray that we will hear what God wants of us. And when obstacles or hardships come, even if people reject us, let us do as Jeremiah, Paul and Jesus did, and have the same and proper response. Take to heart today's opening prayer at Mass: "Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honor you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart."

Have a prayerful and blessed week,

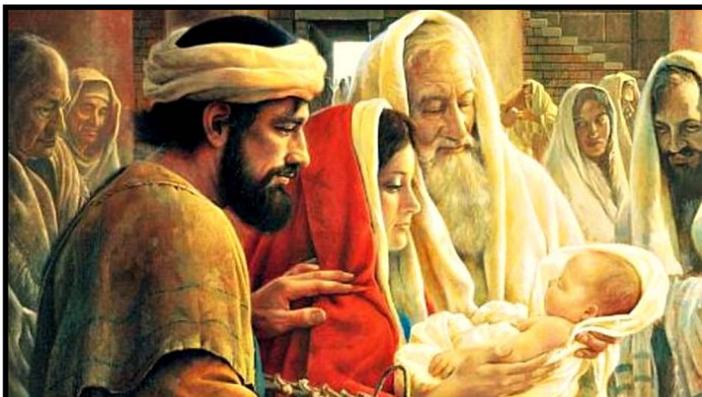
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Sunday	January 30 (<i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Gilda Lazzaro
10:00 am	†Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Mastrodonato
11:30 am	†Nina Aivaz
	†Frances Browne
	†Helen Koziol
	†Peter Williams
Monday	January 31 (<i>St. John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder</i>)
8:00 am	†Jerry Carmody
Tuesday	February 1 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	For an End to Abortion
Wednesday	February 2 (<i>The Presentation of the Lord in the Temple</i>)
8:00 am	†Biagio Gariti
Thursday	February 3 (<i>Saint Blasé, Bishop/Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop; Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Michael Pellegrino
6:30 pm	For all who are seriously ill
Friday	February 4 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Beverly Balke
Saturday	February 5 (<i>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Jose Razon
Saturday	February 5 (<i>Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
5:00 pm	†Annette Cardone
	†Robert Hoffman
	People of the Parish
Sunday	February 6 (<i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†John Sepka
10:00 am	†Michael Mulcahy
11:30 am	†Victoria Abbatecola
	†Giuseppe Fricano
	†Richard Middendorf
	†Rose Pignataro
	†Peter Williams

Readings for the Week

Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple, traditionally known as **Candlemas Day**.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation. They acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. When Simeon sees the Lord Jesus, he breaks into song, and calls him **a Light to the nations, and the glory of His people**.

In the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession. At the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles, which continues to this day, became part of the celebration, giving the Feast of the Presentation its popular name: Candlemas. In the days before the reform of the liturgy [prior to 1963], all the candles to be used in church for the coming year would be blessed on this day. On this day we also bless the candles to be used for the Feast of Saint Blasé when we have the traditional blessing of throats. It is easy to see why on a feast day when candles are so much a part of the celebration that the popular name for the Mass celebrated is "candle-Mass" — hence the name, Candlemas Day.

Christ Himself says, "I am the light of the world." And we are the light, we ourselves, if we receive it from Him. But, how do we receive it? How do we make it shine? The candle tells us: by burning and being consumed in the burning. A spark of fire, a ray of love, and inevitable immolation are celebrated over that pure, straight candle, as, pouring forth the gift of light, it exhausts itself in silent sacrifice.

[Pope Paul VI]

Candles for use in your home for private devotions will be provided* and blessed at the 8:00am Mass on February 2. The candles will be available to take home that morning, as well as the following day at the celebration of Mass for Saint Blasé.

*Anyone wishing to bring their own candle to have blessed is asked to place it in the sanctuary prior to 8am Mass on February 2 and then retrieve it afterward.



MEMORIAL OF SAINT BLASÉ, BISHOP AND MARTYR

February 3, the day following Candlemas Day, is the Feast of Saint Blasé, a Bishop and Martyr of the early Church. For many centuries, Saint Blasé has been the patron saint of those with ailments of the throat, and likewise, he has been the Saint to ask for his prayers to protect you from throat ailments and every other illness.

We know that the Bishop Blasé, was martyred in Armenia in the year 316. Blasé was a good bishop, working hard to encourage the spiritual and physical health of his people. Eventually, he was arrested for his Christian Beliefs, and when in prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone caught in his throat. At Blasé's command the child was able to cough up the bone. By the year 800 the custom of blessing throats was spreading across Europe.

Saint Blasé is seen as one example of the power those have who give themselves entirely to Jesus. With faith we can follow the lead of the Church in asking for Blasé's protection.



The Blessing of Throats will take place on Thursday, February 3, at the 8:00 am Mass, as well as at an additional Mass to be celebrated at 6:30 pm.

Please bring family and friends and join us to ask for the intercession of Saint Blasé, and for the healing touch of the Lord in our lives.

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 30 (01/23/2022): \$ 16,442.00

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).



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.

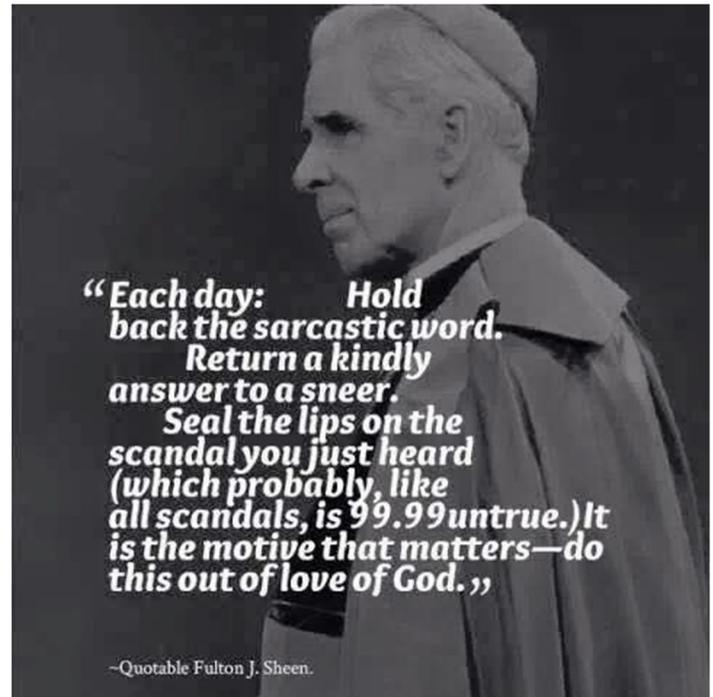
You can also connect directly by visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of January 12, 2022, our capital project debt stands at \$322,967.81 . Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning. Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

This Week at St. Peter's...

- Tuesday February 1**
 10:00 am Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday February 2**
 8:30 am Confessions (Church)
 5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
 6:15 pm Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
- Thursday February 3**
 9:00 am "Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
- Friday February 4**
 8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (Church)
- Saturday February 5**
 8:30 am Confessions (Church)
 9:00 am Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
 4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday February 6**
 9:30 am RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)



Schedule

Saturday, February 5 | Sunday, February 6

<i>Communion Ministers</i>	<i>Lectors</i>
5:00 pm Beth McKenna	5:00 pm John Los
Frank McKenna	8:30 am Chris Aument
8:30 am Kathy Frank	10:00 am Kevin Grisamore
Deacon Fred	11:30 am Paul Gennuso
10:00 am Bill Kolf	
Deacon Bob	
11:30 am Carmela Graziano	
Michael Graziano	



Cross Bearers

Thank you to the following for serving as cross bearer this weekend:

5:00 pm **Vivianna Holguin**

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for Confirmation .

The Knights of Columbus

presents

Long-Term Care Planning Seminar



Preparing for a long and healthy future begins with understanding risks that you and your family may face later in life.

While we all hope to remain healthy in our later years, the reality is that most of us will need long-term care at some point in our lives.

In this seminar, we will discuss some of the challenges that you may face and the solutions that you and your family should consider. We'll go through what long-term care is and how the Knights of Columbus can help you prepare.

Register today to save your spot.

Date: February 2, 2022 Time: 7 pm

Location: Virtual

RSVP: Christopher.hamelly@kofc.org or use QR code



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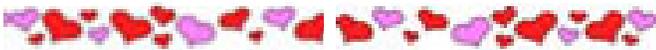
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St. Peter the Apostle Women's Club

Thursday, February 10* | 7:00 pm



Warm your heart with the sweetness of fellowship!

We will play Left-Right-Center, so bring your quarters! If you're not familiar with the game, come anyway — it's very easy to learn.

Chicken will be provided; feel free to bring a side or sweet.

Coffee, tea and water will be served or feel free to bring a beverage of choice.

Contact Rose Ann Roll to assist with hospitality.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US.

**In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather, notification will be sent via email and the parish website.*

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church on February 4.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin following 8:00 am Mass and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

Come spend quiet time with Jesus before this Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

This is a wonderful time to offer your prayers of thanksgiving or prayers of petitions for yourself or loved ones.

To ensure that two people are present at all times, anyone able to commit to a one-hour time slot is asked to sign up using the link available on the parish website at stpeteritasca.com



New Life for Old Bags Crochet for a Cause!

A MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP DEDICATED TO MAKING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Tuesday, February 1 | 10:00 am

(Margaret Woods Hall)

The crochet group makes plastic sleeping mats for the homeless using grocery type plastic bags. New Life for Old Bags is a collaboration of volunteers coming together to make sleeping mats for the homeless. The mats help insulate from the cold and damp, but also making laying on cement a bit more comfortable. The process of making "plarn" involves cutting plastic bags and rolling them into balls to crochet. Volunteers are need to both cut and crochet. If you are an experienced crochet hobbyist, bring a P or Q hook, and bags will be provided. If crocheting isn't in your wheelhouse, but would like to help, then come with a pair of sharp scissors to cut plastic bags to roll into balls. In addition to helping over a thousand homeless people sleep more comfortably, and recycling thousands of plastic bags, this ministry brings people together in fellowship as well.

The group meets the **first and third Tuesday** of the month. Masks and hand sanitizer are required. Work spaces will be set up for safe distancing of 6' apart.

Please contact the Parish Center if you have any questions.

EDITORIAL: THE LIE PROJECTED ONTO THE NATIONAL SHRINE*Our Sunday Visitor* Editorial Board

January 21, 2022

It was an appalling sight. As the annual National Prayer Vigil for Life was taking place on the inside of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., Thursday night, a pro-abortion group that for some reason calls itself “Catholic” was desecrating the building on the outside.

Through the darkness, pro-abortion organizers projected the following phrases on the shrine’s usually stunning 329-foot bell tower: “1 in 4 abortion patients is Catholic,” “Pro-choice Catholics you are not alone” and “Pro-choice Catholics” in a cruciform shape. Only if these “protesters” had proffered the proverbial “bird” to the Eucharist could they have been more obscene.

The group responsible, “Catholics for Choice,” succeeded in partially disrupting the events surrounding today’s March for Life not only with its “light show” but with its subsequent “victory lap” on social media.

“I know that my faith teaches Catholics to honor personal conscience. And yet, the Catholic hierarchy seeks to polarize pro-choice Catholics and villainize people who make the moral choice to have abortions,” tweeted Ashley Wilson, the communications director for the organization, Thursday night. “I am tired of feeling the shame and stigma for being a pro-choice Catholic. And I’m not here for people to judge my own personal relationship with God.”

Jamie Manson, the president of the organization, followed up with a morning-after rationalization, if there can be such a thing. “We went to the Basilica to draw attention to the fact that women in the church have abortions,” she tweeted. “These are likely the women who serve as his lectors and Eucharistic ministers; who sew his vestments and wash his dishes. To ignore them is to betray them.”

What a complete and utter lie. Catholic women who have had abortions are not villainized. They are not betrayed by their Church. They are beloved — by the Church and by the God whose love and mercy is infinite for each of his flawed children. Multiple ministries within the Church are available to post-abortive women, filled with empathetic staff and volunteers who offer necessary healing, support and counseling. And the door to returning to full communion with the Church for our sisters (and our many brothers who also actively participate in abortion) is always open through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The absolution received in the confessional leaves no shame or stigma behind. It brings only peace.

Furthermore, how many testimonies have been offered by Catholics who regret their abortions — stories that have been a moving part of the March for Life? These are women who would leap at the chance to be able to make a different decision, and they are not represented by the self-aggrandizement of a group that claims to represent all Catholics who have had abortions. They are not victims; they are strong, brave women of God.

Countermarchers are always an unfortunate part of the March for Life experience, but never has an anti-life message been broadcast in such a brazen, disrespectful and sacrilegious manner — and, more shamefully, by those who claim to profess the same faith that in no uncertain terms calls for the protection of life at all stages.

That the group’s vile display made use of the outside of a church building certainly serves as a parallel to reality: The members of such an organization and their supporters stand outside the Church — and by their own choice.

“The true voice of the Church was only to be found within the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception last evening,” Cardinal Wilton Gregory of Washington said in a statement on Friday. “There, people prayed and offered the Eucharist asking God to restore a true reverence for all human life. Those whose antics projected words on the outside of the church building demonstrated by those pranks that they really are external to the Church, and they did so at night — John 13:30.”

The cited Scripture passage — “So he took the morsel and left at once. And it was night.” — refers to the very betrayal of Christ himself by Judas Iscariot. Indeed, it is not Catholics who have had abortions who are betrayed by the Church, but groups like “Catholics for Choice” that betray not only the Church but the God who commands his children not to kill. Thankfully, the same merciful Son that brings peace to the former can offer the same to the latter, should they but have the humility to ask.

Our Sunday Visitor Editorial Board:

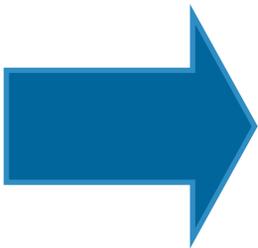
Gretchen R. Crowe, Scott P. Richert, Scott Warden, York Young





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 religioused@stpeteritasca.com



YOUNG ADULTS 18-22

**Apply Now
to be a
Totus Tuus
2022 Leader!**



Totus Tuus is now hiring leaders for the Summer 2022 program! Leaders are college-aged, young adults who are good role models looking for adventure this Summer. The position is a paid internship which pays a \$3,500 stipend along and includes room and board.

Totus Tuus is a parish summer program designed to cultivate a love for the Lord through the sacramental life of the Church and open the hearts of the participants to live out their Catholic faith daily.

If you know of anyone who may qualify, please invite them to apply at www.vocations.com.



Saint Joseph's Table

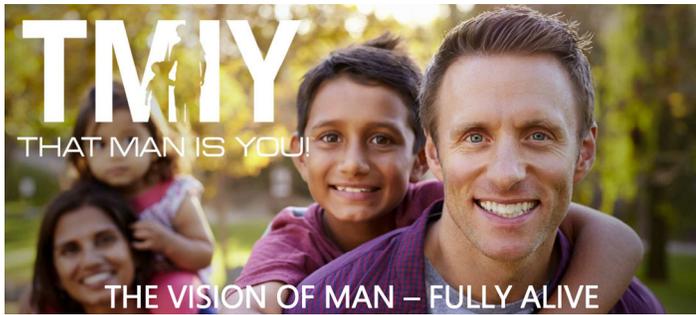
On Saturday, March 19, I would like the parish to have a Saint Joseph's Table in Woods Hall following the 5:00 pm Mass. The table is always in honor of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church whose Feast Day we will officially celebrate that day with all Catholics.

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 and/or contribute financially, please call the parish office this week. A planning meeting will be scheduled very soon.

Thank you,

Fr. Noesen



Throughout these unprecedented times, “That Man Is You!” has continued to provide a 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*. Each week a large group of men gather to learn to become true Catholic leaders in our families and communities.

**Our Spring Semester begins
on Saturday, February 5th
Come try a session and
discover what TMIY has to offer!**

MEETING SCHEDULE

Every Saturday Morning beginning February 5th

6:30am - Breakfast & Fellowship

6:55am - 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.
Or contact Andrew Morgan at 630-276-6401
or Ken Gillie at 847-980-2803

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

To register, visit 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***

Reflections on Healthy Self Care

from Spiezio and Affiliates Counseling Services

These are challenging times for sure. *How do we stay centered, faithful, grateful, and filled with love, rather than fear?*

This is why the daily practice of healthy habits is essential. It means persistently bringing in small moments of peace. Get out in nature - even in the cold. Feed the birds, walk through some pine trees, reflect on positives in your life, listen to music that moves you, seek out a lovely conversation with a friend, seek out professional help to assist, and above all else... use these challenging times, to pray, pray, pray — and draw closer than ever to our loving God and our Savior, Jesus Christ. What an opportunity we have, in many ways, to become deeply connected to the Holiness of this life journey!

All of this isn’t to be mistaken for burying or denying our sadness, anxieties, or challenges. Rather, it is to hope that while we acknowledge and validate our difficult emotions these days... we must also put our fears alongside of the strong power of love. Both can and do exist together. So, my hope for us all, is that we stay persistent, patient, peaceful, positive, and prayerful - even amidst the challenges.

Spiezio and Affiliates Counseling Services is available in our Parish Community. If you’d like assistance along the way, contact us.

708-743-9729

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spiezioandaffiliates.com

We are conducting safe in-person sessions and tele-health sessions as well. Both are fully available to you.

Stay well faithful friends,

Annette Spiezio, LCPC

Spiezio and Affiliates

Day of Recollection Retreat

February 26, 2022

Our Lady of Peace Catholic School
701 Plainfield Rd., Darien, IL 60561

Scouts K-12 with age appropriate sessions
RSVP Required, Visit Diocesofjoliet.org/scouting

Save the Date!

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

George Kveck
and

Vincent Pacelli

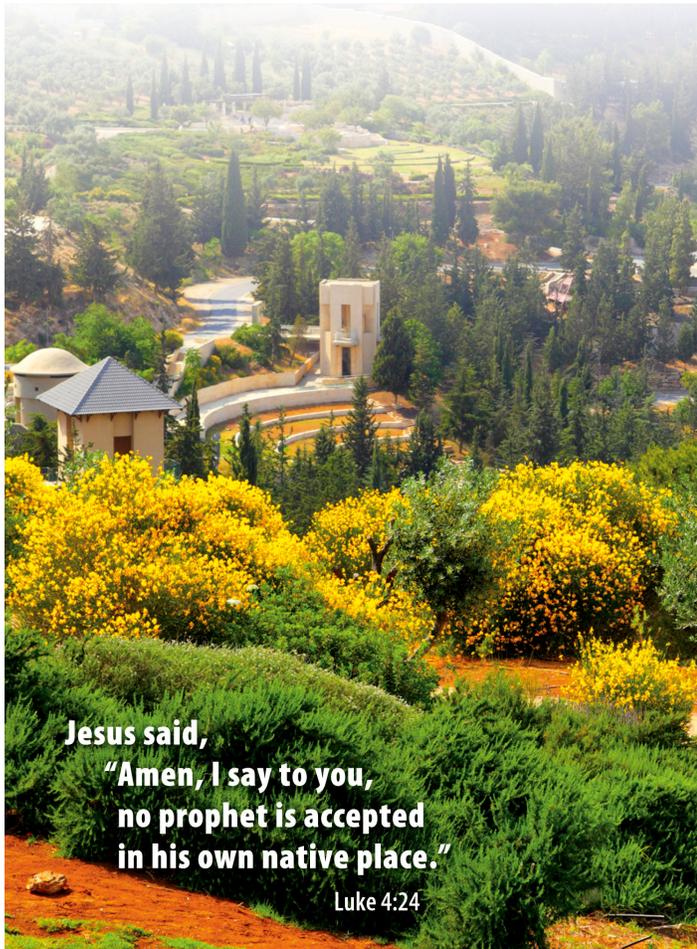
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

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

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| Sue Bobka | Christopher Mizera | Bonnie Pollock |
| Ken Buffo | Richard Mrugacz | Wayne Slowiak |
| Regina Conti | John North | Fr. Miroslaw Stepien |
| Ken Hemstreet | Don Olenek | Randy Szweda, USMC |
| Rickie Kruzel | Janina Piotrowski | Linda Wuerffel |
| Gene Mikulecky | Harriett Pinkowski | |

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.



**Jesus said,
"Amen, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted
in his own native place."**

Luke 4:24



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

FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**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

*Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
but the greatest of these is love.*

— 1 Corinthians 13:13



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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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If you attend Saint Peter the Apostle Church on a regular basis, and regard this parish as your “spiritual home,” we encourage you to register as a parishioner. You are most welcome as part of our Parish Family.

Please fill out the form below and someone from the Parish Office will contact you to complete your registration. Return this form either through the mail or drop it in the Sunday collection. You can also register by calling the parish office or by visiting the parish website.

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