

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*)



RELIGION THAT IS
PURE AND UNDEFILED
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER
IS THIS:
TO CARE
FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

For the last five Sundays, we have listened to the “Bread of Life” discourse from St. John’s Gospel. We now return to the Gospel according to St. Mark. Today’s Gospel contains Jesus’ condemnation of the Pharisees for their hypocrisy. Generally, the Gospels do not speak well of the Pharisees; even the very word has become a synonym for “hypocrite.”

“The Pharisees were, for the most part, fine people. They were deeply concerned about avoiding sin and keeping God’s commandments. They believed that the Torah was the ultimate Word of God, and they distinguished 613 precepts in the Torah for their fellow Jews to follow. The problem that Jesus had with some of them, specifically the ones that were trying to condemn him, was that they not only believed in the written Torah. In addition, they also believed that their interpretations were equally binding as the written Torah. Thus, their religion often became a meticulous observance of innumerable precepts and interpretations often void of the real meaning of God’s Word. Their personal interpretations burdened their fellow Jews and compromised the Torah’s very purpose, which was to liberate. This is what Jesus means when he speaks of their “human traditions” which have distorted the Torah.

“The Gospel speaks directly to those of us who are in fact serious about the requirements of religious observance. For us, the Pharisees serve as clear examples of the grave danger of careful but superficial observance. We may be scrupulously concerned with all kinds of pious practices, some indeed of our own devising. But at the same time we may be seriously lacking in compassion and forgiveness. We may very well be, like the Pharisees, self-righteous and judgmental. Such a situation provides us with the illusion of virtue but it is in fact far removed from the deep personal conversion preached by Jesus.”

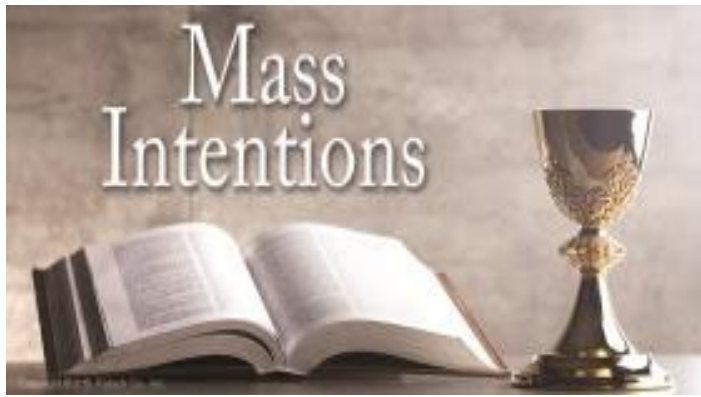
(Source: *A Practical Commentary on Holy Scripture*)

In our Gospel, today Jesus reminds us that what makes us unclean or what makes us sinners is not what we eat, not what enters our mouth, but rather it is what comes from our hearts. Jesus teaches, “Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. From within our hearts, comes evil thoughts of lack of charity and chastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, and folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.” Without the closeness of Christ, evil can grow within us.

Today, we find ourselves in the midst of evil. There is so much corruption in our land from our local surroundings all the way up to the highest level in government. If we want to struggle against evil, we need Christ so that He may help us root out the evil within us. As Catholics, we have the beautiful Sacrament of Reconciliation. Always seek personal conversion and the sacramental grace that comes from this gift of forgiveness and purity. May we seek to serve God with sincerity and humility recognizing that we are sinners in need of redemption.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday August 29 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:30 am †Gerardo Alfano
 10:00 am †John Devine
 11:30 am †Salvatore Cirrioncione
 †Sofia Dlugosz
 †Tim Loeffler
 †Agnes Mandrek
 For an End to Abortion
 People of the Parish

Monday August 30 (Weekday)
 8:00 am Rae Pok on her 101st Birthday - *Special Intention*

Tuesday August 31 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Russ McNeil

Wednesday September 1 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Dorothy Agosto

Thursday September 2 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Dorothy Agosto

Friday September 3 (Weekday)
 8:00 am †Rev. Father Paul Mankowski

Saturday September 4 (St. Gregory the Great,
 Pope and Doctor of the Church)
 8:00 am †Bruce Gariti

Saturday September 4 (Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 5:00 pm †John Barry
 †Robert Hoffman
 †Christian Serpe
 For an End to Abortion

Sunday August 29 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
 8:30 am †Luigi Alfano
 10:00 am †Nino and Maria DiTusa
 11:30 am †Fr. Thomas Dieter
 †Steve Heale
 †Andrzej Szymikowski
 People of the Parish
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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
 Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

FIRST FRIDAY
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church
 on September 3.
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 will begin following 8:00 am Mass
 and will conclude at 8:00 pm.

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

To ensure that two people are present at all times,
 anyone wanting and 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



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!

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm. Weather-permitting, during the summer months, the group meets outside at the Blessed Mary Grotto (next to the school). Please bring a chair if you prefer to sit. In the event of inclement weather, the group will meet in the church. Attendees are welcome to lead one of the decades if comfortable and inspired to do so. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Bring your Rosary, your personal intentions and your voice. **Invite friends to be a part of this beautiful and powerful gift of prayer.**

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 8: 08/22/2021	\$ 8,205.00	\$ 79,040.70

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 July 31, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$391,921.52 . 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...

- Sunday August 29**
8am-2 pm Parish Blood Drive (MW Parish Hall)
- Tuesday August 31**
9:15 am Morning Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday September 1**
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
6:30 pm RE Catechists Meeting (MW Parish Hall)
- Thursday September 2**
7:00 pm Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
- Thursday September 3**
8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass
- Saturday September 4**
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)



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Religious Education Registration...

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

CATECHISTS and TEEN HELPERS NEEDED!

Each year we rely on about 20 people of the parish to pass on the faith to our children at St. Peter the Apostle parish. No experience is needed. If you are interested in a very rewarding experience, please contact the RE office as soon as possible.



Schedule

Saturday, September 4 | Sunday, September 5

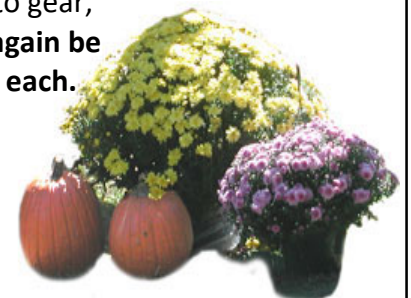
Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Chris Nagle Pat Barbee	5:00 pm Nancy Magnus
8:30 am Maryanne Kveck Deacon Fred	8:30 am Jean Grote
10:00 am Bill Kolf Frank Vale	10:00 am Mel Gerard
11:30 am Carmela Graziano Mike Graziano	11:30 am Stella Capobianco

"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 10!**





St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church – Itasca, Illinois

REVISED Guidelines for Mass Attendance and Parish Activities

(as of August 19, 2021)

REVISED COVID-19 Protocols

The progress of the COVID-19 pandemic in Illinois remains unpredictable. The Diocese of Joliet continues to consult with public health, education, and civil authorities and modify requirements as conditions, mandates, and guidance change. We are committed to providing an integrated, safe, responsible, and balanced perspective. Faithful citizenship is key. We expect individuals to take personal responsibility for the common good, and their own safety. Remember that taking every precaution to reduce the spread of the virus is an act of charity toward others in Christ, particularly toward the sick, the elderly, and those too young to receive vaccine protection.

- **We encourage everyone to get vaccinated.**
- **WEARING A MASK is STRONGLY recommended for everyone – vaccinated or not – while INSIDE the church and parish facilities.**
- **Masks are required for everyone participating in religious education program-related activities, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Continue to use hand sanitizer.**
- Because Bishop Hicks has NOT yet reinstated the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, live streaming of one weekly Sunday Mass will continue until the obligation is restored.
- For those not comfortable with seating close to others, “safe seating” in every other pew is available on the west side of the church toward the front. Signs are in place and may not be removed.
- **Congregational singing is once again NOT ALLOWED.**
Hymnals are in the pews to use if needed to read the prayers and readings.
- **Once again, Holy Communion is to be received ONLY by hand.** The option of Communion on the TONGUE is NOT ALLOWED until we are given permission from Bishop Hicks. This will hopefully be temporary. The priest, deacon or communion minister will direct you to receive in the hand.
- **NO Holy Water will be in the fonts at the doors of the church, for the foreseeable future.** Holy Water is available in the Baptismal Font. This water is purified and cleansed by a system built into the font.
- **NO “usual” Exchange of Peace at Mass.**
The “Sign of Peace” comes in the Mass when the priest says, *“The Peace of the Lord be with you always”* and the congregation responds, *“And with your spirit.”* That is the “Sign of Peace.” However, there has always been the option for the priest (at his discretion) to add... *“Let us offer each other the Sign of Peace.”* Over the years, we’ve become accustomed to this option always being added. For the foreseeable future, we are NOT to exchange the Sign of Peace with those around us by shaking hands or making the personal contact we are accustomed to. A simple bow or wave is sufficient. Since the priest may NOT invite the exchange, please do not add it to the liturgy, since no one should add to the liturgy anything of their own accord.

As changes and revisions are made by the Government and Church leadership, we will continually keep parishioners informed, and changes will be made as the situation allows.

Our goal is to maintain a safe, responsible, cooperative, and healthy operation of the parish in these difficult times.

You are cordially invited to
“Sing With the Angels”

In honor of
Blessed Mother’s Birthday

Friday, September 10

6:30 pm

(please arrive on time)

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
551 N. Rush Street, Itasca

Don’t forget to bring your rosary.

*- please register on the parish website -
 (or call Maria at 630-373-4710)*

*Dinner will be provided.
 Please bring an appetizer to share.*



“SING WITH THE ANGELS”
Catholic Ministry

*If you need a change in your life
 right here and right now, then come.*

Come as you are and “Sing with the Angels”

The Lord has been calling your name.

“Sing with the Angels” is a program designed to inspire people of all ages to worship and praise Jesus in a new way. Through this program, you will discover a new passion for Christ that will pour out of you and seep into the world around you. You will become Disciples of Christ.

“Sing with the Angels” is a series of mini-retreats designed to enrich your body, mind, soul, and spirit. Each program is presented with a specific theme that may correspond with the Catholic liturgical year.

All of these programs will include either the recitation of the Most Holy Rosary or The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There will be music and a time for silent reflection. Most of the programs also include videos, speakers, fellowship and much more.

The Lord is calling your name to “Sing with the Angels.” Whether you choose to worship and praise Him with one loud voice or just join us in the silence of your hearts, you are always welcome. You will find this to be a Heavenly experience like no other.

Just come.

**Catholic charity concerned
 for safety of Christians in Afghanistan**

Rome Newsroom | 08/16/2021 | (CNA)

A Catholic charitable organization working in Afghanistan said Sunday it fears for the safety of Christians in the country, and that the group may need to suspend its activities as instability increases.

Caritas Italiana, a charity of the Italian Catholic bishops, has been present in Afghanistan since the 1990s. In a press release Aug. 15, the organization said its current focus in Afghanistan is helping vulnerable minors. “But the instability of the situation will lead to the suspension of all activities,” the statement said, adding that “fears are growing about the possibility of maintaining a presence even in the future, as well as for the safety of the few Afghans of Christian belief.” Caritas Italiana also said the few Catholic priests and religious in Afghanistan are also being left with no choice but to leave.

Taliban insurgents have taken over many cities in Afghanistan in the past week following the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the country. With the collapse of Afghanistan’s government, Taliban fighters seized the capital city of Kabul Aug. 15, taking control of the presidential palace and declaring the war in Afghanistan to be over. The Kabul airport has reportedly been in chaos since Sunday, as Afghan men and women rushed runways in an attempt to flee the country.

The Christian community is very small in the Islamic country, where Afghan people can be ostracized or can even face violence and death for professing the Christian faith. In 2018, there were an estimated 200 Catholics in the country. There is a single Catholic Church, located in the Italian embassy in Kabul, which is operated under the Catholic mission sui juris of Afghanistan.

“The Christian community is a small but significant community which in recent years has shown attention towards the poorest and most fragile,” Caritas Italiana said. The organization stated that “after a twenty-year war of incalculable human costs and billions of euros in expenditure, the withdrawal of the U.S. military is leaving the country in a tragic void.” “As always, the weakest will pay the highest price, already in the tens of thousands fleeing the combat zones, while the Taliban are now in the capital, Kabul.” “Together with the staff of the embassies, even the very few priests, men and women religious who are in Kabul are preparing for their forced return,” the charity said.

Pope Francis asked for prayers for the people of Afghanistan after praying the Angelus, a traditional Marian prayer, on Sunday.

“I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace so that the clamor of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue,” he said. “Only thus can the battered population of that country – men, women, elderly and children – return to their own homes, and live in peace and security, in total mutual respect.”

Caritas Italiana said it is assessing the situation of Afghan refugees in Pakistan at the Afghanistan border. “In these hours, a growing mass of refugees are fleeing the war zones, increasing the pressure in the direction of the surrounding countries,” it said. “Even Western countries will find themselves facing increasing pressure from people fleeing this country.” The Italian charity said in the 2000s it supported a large program of emergency aid, rehabilitation, and development in Afghanistan, including the construction of four schools and 100 houses, and the return of 483 refugee families to the Panshir valley.

U.S. Catholics urged to give to efforts helping Haitians recover from quake

08/23/2021

(Catholic News Service)

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked bishops across the country to take up a voluntary collection to help Haiti recover from a recent pair of natural disasters.

Saying that Haitians are likely to experience continuing hardships from an Aug. 14 earthquake and a tropical storm that swept through the ravaged southwestern part of the country days later, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles made the request in a letter to bishops.

The magnitude 7.2 earthquake devastated communities in southwestern Haiti. Nearly 2,200 people died, more than 12,000 were injured and hundreds more were missing Aug. 20.

Money collected will be funneled to the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Haitian Catholic Church as well as efforts of Catholic Relief Services and possibly Catholic Charities USA.

The USCCB said in a news release Aug. 20 that if the money collected cannot be distributed in Haiti, funding will be used for other emergency relief where it is needed most as determined by the bishops' Committee on National Collections.

Archbishop Gomez acknowledged in the letter that many U.S. dioceses continue to feel the financial pinch of the COVID-19 pandemic, but recognized that parishioners are generous and harbor deep care for people in need around the globe.

In addition, the bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to three dioceses in Haiti that have been most heavily affected by the disaster.

Workers with CRS, the U.S. bishops overseas and relief agency, continue to distribute humanitarian aid in the affected region.

In the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio has asked all parishes through the New York boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens to schedule a special voluntary collection for victims of the earthquake during the next two weekends.

"We have all seen the painful images of devastation and heard of the deaths caused by the most recent earthquake in Haiti," Bishop DiMarzio said Aug. 19. "Our heartfelt prayers go out to all those affected by this terrible disaster. I ask the Lord to extend His blessings upon our brothers and sisters in Haiti during this difficult time."

The funds raised in the special collection at parishes will be sent by the diocese for distribution and direct assistance to those who have been affected, the diocese said.

The CEO of the Knights of Columbus, Patrick Kelly, announced that his organization has made an initial commitment of \$250,000 to assist those suffering on the island nation.

"Our prayers are with our neighbors in Haiti as they recover from yet another tragedy and seek once again to rebuild," Supreme Knight Kelly said Aug. 19. "Just as we reached out to provide aid following the 2010 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus will again reach out in charity to help our neighbors in need in Haiti."

After the 2010 earthquake, the Knights became active in Haiti, providing over \$1 million in financial assistance to Haitians in need, in particular to help restore mobility to those injured in the quake.

Through its partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission, the Knights of Columbus has delivered more than 1,000 wheelchairs to Haiti. In collaboration with Project Medishare, the Knights contributed major financial support for a sustainable prosthetics and rehabilitation program in Haiti and helped to create the Emilio B. Moure Clinic for Hope in Port-au-Prince.

The clinic, named for the Knights' late supreme secretary, houses materials and equipment, and it serves as a classroom for training Haitians who are eligible to be hired as prosthetic technicians.

"The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization with a deep sense of brotherhood among our members," Kelly said. "In keeping with the mission of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, we are also deeply committed to a charity which sees all humanity as brothers and sisters."

Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts Weekend of September 11-12

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of September 11-12 for this special collection.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.



SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT Pope and Doctor of The Church

Memorial: September 3

(Patron saint of teachers, popes, musicians, and singers)

Born about 540, Gregory was Prefect of Rome when he renounced the world and entered a monastery about 575. He was ordained deacon, and sent on a papal mission to Constantinople from 580-585. He became pope in 590. It was the time of the barbarian attacks on Rome; he cared for the poor and refugees, made contact with the Barbarians, sent missionaries to England. His writings are extensive, particularly the commentaries on scripture. His liturgies, collected in the Gregorian Sacramentary, have been influential to our own day. He is the Patron Saint of teachers, popes, musicians, and singers.

*Father,
you guide your people with kindness
and govern us with love.*

*By the prayers of Saint Gregory give the spirit of wisdom
to those you have called to lead your Church.*

*May the growth of your people in holiness
be the eternal joy of your shepherds.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

Amen.

We must never forget that the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone.

POPE FRANCIS

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Wednesday, September 1st

Pope Francis asks all Catholics to observe a day of prayer for the care of creation.

In his encyclical, *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis called us to live out an "integral ecology," which in simple terms means having right relationships with God, other human beings and the good things of the Earth. When one relationship suffers, all the others will suffer as well.

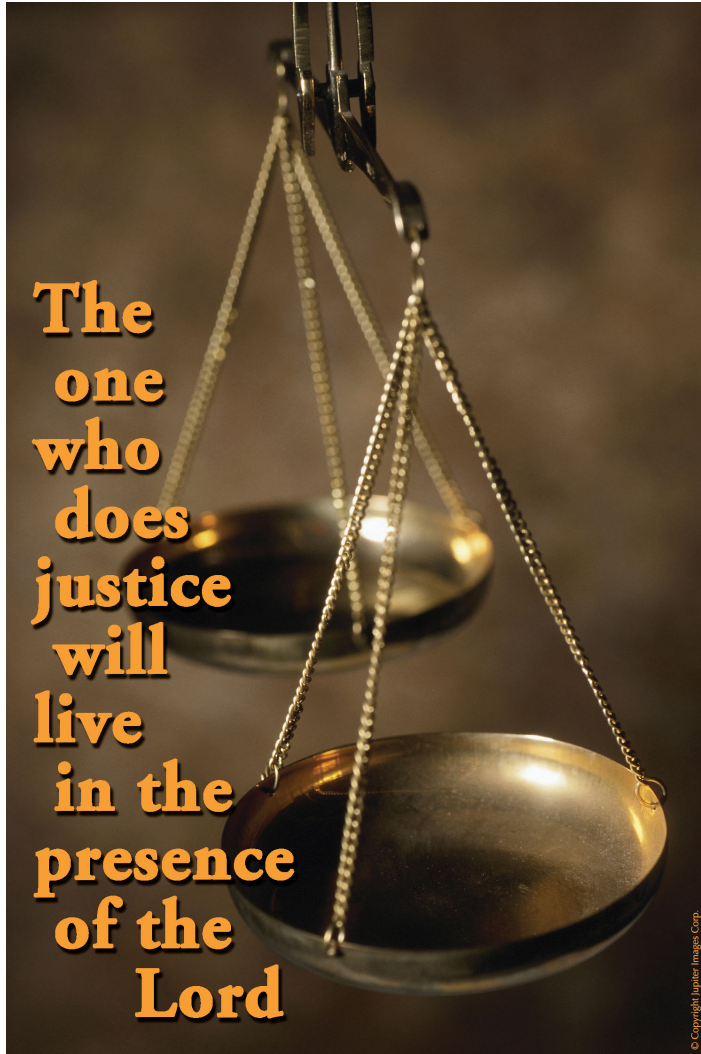
The foundational relationship in our lives is the one with God, who invites us to turn to him in daily prayer. It also reminds us that amidst the great challenges of global climate change, pollution in our local communities, and the deepening ecological and social crises all around us, we can relate to a Creator who is greater than any challenge and for whom "all things are possible" (Mt 19: 26). We can turn, then, in confidence to our Lord in prayer and ask for his grace and assistance.

In friendship with Christ, we begin to look upon creation in a renewed way. Pope Benedict XVI spoke of a certain "reciprocity" between God and our care for creation, a concept which is developed further by Pope Francis in *Laudato si'*: as we care for the environment, we encounter God, and in this encounter we are moved to care for creation. We are reminded of the Pope's insistence on practicing what we preach (and pray), and the need for Christians to be visible witnesses of the care for creation. We are called to an "ecological conversion" (no. 217), which must be rooted in Jesus' invitation to a change in lifestyle, reverence for others and a renewed simplicity of life. These personal transformations pave the way for the work we must do together in order to address the global concerns of our day.

Finally, we would like to suggest a few tangible ways in which we can turn our prayer into witness. In *Laudato si'*, Pope Francis reminds us of the "nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions," and suggests various practical steps such as recycling, turning off unnecessary lights and using public transportation. So many of these "daily actions" occur in the context of our families and in our places of worship and work. We can begin, in these ordinary settings, to care in deeper ways for the good things God has given us. This attitude of stewardship, forged in daily life, will, in turn, allow us to participate in the greater national and international efforts to care for the Earth and for future generations.



*Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Rich and Raffaella Olenek
on their 58th Wedding Anniversary*

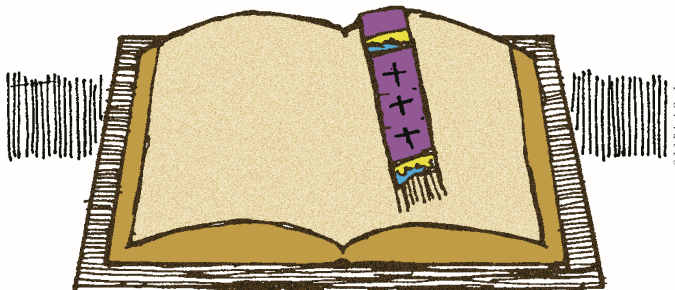


**The
one
who
does
justice
will
live
in the
presence
of the
Lord**

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*Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.*

— James 1:21b



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Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Gerri Gerard	John North
Michelle Anderson	Mel Gerard	Holly Vana
Sue Bobka	Brad Grabow	Tom Vana
Elio Campanella	Mike Graziano	Harriett Pinkowski
Mike Carey	Gary Grote	Bonnie Pollock
Gerry Ciucci	Virginia Halac	Nikki Recchia
Eunice Cleveland	Martha Hayes	Brendan Reidy
Robert Cleveland	Ken Hemstreet	Ann Marie Rossi
Regina Conti	Mary Hosters	John Rossi
Marie Costable	Anne Keeton	Wayne Slowiak
Colin Cummins	Rickie Kruzal	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Mary Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Linda Wuerffel
Michael Cummins	Lilly Lima	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Paul Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Carol Zell
Scott Erickson	Christopher Mizera	

*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 August prayers for the Church and for the world:

THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**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
- 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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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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Do you receive St. Peter's electronic newsletters??

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If you have access to e-mail, but do not receive the parish's electronic newsletters, then please visit the parish website at stpeteritasca.com to sign up; you may also send your e-mail information to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com. Please be sure to provide your name together with your e-mail address.

And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:



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Remember to invite your friends!!!

Invitation to Register!

We're so glad you are here and invite you to walk the path to faith with us. The community of St. Peter the Apostle strives to grow closer to Christ in all that we do. We care for one another and together with Christ, we make a difference. If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please fill out the information below and drop it into the collection basket at any mass or call the Parish Center at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

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