

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*)

FEBRUARY 6, 2022



JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
“PUT OUT INTO
DEEP WATER AND
LOWER YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH.”

Luke 5:4

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Pastor

Dear Parish family,

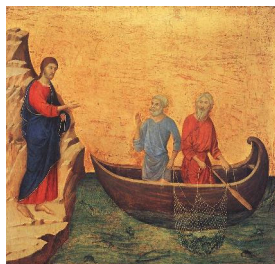
Today we read in the Gospel of Saint Luke (5:1-11), Peter and His companions had labored all night and had caught nothing. All their work had been useless. They had done everything they could, but it was not enough. Something was missing. Then Jesus entered the picture, and everything changed. **ONCE YOU LET THE LORD INTO YOUR LIFE, THINGS ARE NEVER THE SAME...** that's the simple point of all the miracle stories of Jesus. Once the Lord entered the picture, Peter and his companions discovered the answer to their problems. They had been missing the most important ingredient of all: The help and the power of God. The Gospel contains an important lesson for all of us: Our human efforts are important, but they aren't enough... God must be a part of everything we do and are. The Apostles of Jesus were often amazed at his power and wisdom. Yet, at the same time, the Divinity of Jesus amazed them and made them aware of their sinfulness.

HE REALLY CAN DO ALL THINGS! Notice what happens, though... the Lord calls, but the disciples all respond to His call. We, too, must respond to the Lord's call... He doesn't do for us that which we can do for ourselves. He doesn't force Himself on us in any way... He does pursue us and offer us, again and again, **SALVATION**.

To accept the Lord's offer, we need to move beyond ourselves, beyond our sinfulness, to recognize our need for a savior and to accept the gift of salvation and forgiveness in the sacraments of the Church. It's not enough to listen to the Words of the Lord, we must act on His Word. In other words, like the disciples, we have to take him up on his offer of salvation -- to work as though everything depends on us, on our human efforts, but then, to pray as though everything depends on God... because in the end, it does!

Many blessings in the Lord,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday

8:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am

February 6 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

†John Sepka
†Michael Mulcahy
†Victoria Abbatecola
†Giuseppe Fricano
†Richard Middendorf
†Rose Pignataro
†Peter Williams

Monday

8:00 am

February 7 (Weekday)

†Leonard Streich

Tuesday

8:00 am

February 8 (St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; Weekday)

†Joseph Mandel

Wednesday

8:00 am

February 9 (Weekday)

†Ameilia Talalaj

Thursday

8:00 am

February 10 (St. Scholastica, Virgin)

†James W. Willems

Friday

8:00 am

February 11 (Our Lady of Lourdes)

†Zach Linzeman

Saturday

5:00 pm

February 12 (Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

†Michael Fuschetto
†Irene Jaros
For an End to Abortion
People of the Parish

Sunday

8:30 am
10:00 am
11:30 am

February 13 (Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

†Jerry Riordan
†Thomas Cummins
†Hillard Bieschke
†Maria Fricano
†Florencio Padilla Gagni
†Sophie Mandel

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26



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.*



Saint Peter the Apostle Children's Choir

Children's choir has been asked to sing at
the 5:00 pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

Children in grades 2-8 are invited to participate.

**Rehearsals will take place on Tuesdays —
February 8, 15, & 22**

**All rehearsals will take place at 6:15pm - 7:15pm
in the choir loft of church.**

If your child(ren) would like to participate, please complete and
return the permission form that can be found on the parish
website and return it to the parish office to the attention of
Joanna and Michelle Nagle or bring it to the first rehearsal.

For more information or questions please email:
Jnagle212@gmail.com

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

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

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

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

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

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

GRIEF MINISTRY

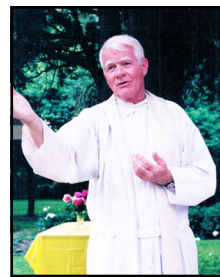
If you have lost a loved one and would like to meet with people
facing similar struggles, consider joining the Grief Ministry.

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

For more information, please contact:

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

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



FATHER JOHN PROJECT

The "Father John Project" will take place
Thursday, February 10, at **8:30 am**
(following morning mass).

The prayer service, will include the Rosary
and Divine Mercy Chaplet. 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 are required.

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 31 (01/30/2022): \$ 10,607.00

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

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	February 6
9:30 am	RCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
Monday	February 7
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (Old PC)
Tuesday	February 8
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	February 9
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 10
9:00 am	"Be Formed" Bible Discussion (MW Parish Hall)
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep Class (PC Conference Room)
Saturday	February 12
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
Sunday	February 13
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)



Schedule

Saturday, February 12 | Sunday, February 13

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm	Anthony George
	Reetha George
8:30 am	Phyllis Cimaglia
	Rose Ann Roll
10:00 am	Mel Gerard
	Deacon Fred
11:30 am	Bill Kolf
	Deacon Bob

Lectors

5:00 pm	Anthony George
8:30 am	Sandie Galuszek
10:00 am	Nancy Magnus
11:30 am	Mary McNamara

Stewardship

a way of life

Ways to Contribute to the parish...

There are a number of options available for parishioners and guests to make donations to support the parish:

- > Use your **weekly envelope** and drop it in the basket during the offertory; or it can be mailed to the parish or dropped in the secure drop box on the west wall of the outside entryway to the parish center
- > Visitors can use the **Blue Envelopes** available in the kiosks in the narthex
- > Sign up with **GiveCentral**, the parish's online giving portal—use it for recurring or single payments
- > Use your **bank account** "Bill Pay" option and add St. Peter's to your list
- > Sign up for **E-basket** to have money withdrawn directly from your bank account on a regular basis

For additional information or assistance,
contact Missy Rubino
by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or
by phone at 630-773-1272, extension 204.

IRA Distributions

Individuals who are **age 70 ½ or older** can make transfers **from their IRA directly to a charity, such as St. Peter the Apostle, and avoid paying income taxes** on the distribution. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution. The donation must be made directly to the charity. It is limited to IRAs, and there are other exclusions and considerations as well.

Contact your IRA plan administrator for additional information or assistance.



"I was glad when they said...let us go into the house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1

welcome

We Welcome These New Parishioners...

Armando and Patricia Barbosa
Sean and Danielle Crosby
Vincent and Sahira Ellis
Frank and Patricia Giuliano
Steven and Deborah Jamrozik
Dakota Mann
Ryan and Adrian Martin
Tom and Maria Rinaldi



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.

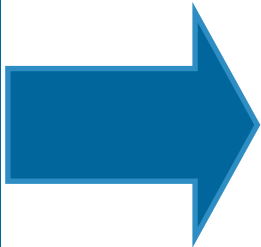
Thank you,

Fr. Noesen



SAVE THE DATE — TOTUS TUUS at St. Peter the Apostle! June 26-July 1, 2022

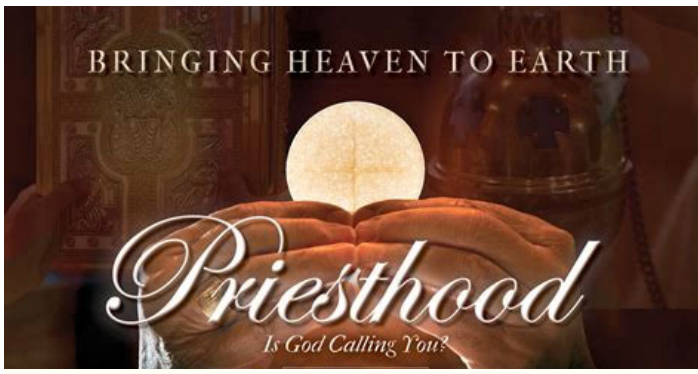
Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic Catholic youth program taught by seminarians and college students throughout the Diocese of Joliet. From catechetical sessions, Sacraments, and Mass to songs, games and skits - your child is sure to have fun while learning more about their faith!



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 religiouised@stpeteritasca.com



Upcoming Vocation Events in the Diocese of Joliet

Is God Calling you to the Priesthood?

To encourage young and not so young men to seek after the heart of Jesus, below are the upcoming events hosted by the Diocese of Joliet Vocations Office for this Spring and Summer and our respective seminaries.

VIANNEY VISIT —

February 17-19, 2022

Take a trip to St. John Vianney College Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota with other men 16 years of age or older to experience the college seminary life.

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD WEEKEND

AT MUNDELEIN SEMINARY —

March 25-27, 2022

The weekend is an "open house" to give men, Junior in College and older, an opportunity to learn about Mundelein Seminary and to hear about the priesthood.

JEREMIAH DAY —

April 2, 2022

Young men between grades 7 and 10 will spend a day at Mundelein Seminary with our seminarians enjoying a day of activities that includes a tour of the beautiful campus, discernment talk on hearing God's call in their lives, lunch, Sports and conclude with Mass.

TOTUS TUUS —

June 12 - July 29, 2022

A faith-filled opportunity for college age men or women to be a Totus Tuus missionary. This week-long Catholic camp includes a day program for youth (grades 1-6) and an evening program for teens (grades 7-12) led by college students and seminarians.

QUO VADIS CAMP —

July 31 - August 3, 2022

Young Catholic men in High School seeking to grow in faith and fellowship will enjoy a 3-day camp learning about the priesthood and how to better discern God's call in their lives. Campers enjoy team games as well as spiritual formation.

For more information and Vocation Discernment:

Father Steven Borello, Diocese of Joliet Vocations

Office Ph: 815-221-6171

Email: vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org

Why Encourage Your Son to Be a Priest?

*[taken from: Why Should I Encourage My Son to Be a Priest?
Father Andrew Carl Wisdom, OP — Ligouri Publications]*

We need physicians of the body for the well-being of our physical lives on earth. But, we also need physicians of the soul for the well-being of our souls destined for eternal life in Heaven with the Lord. As priest and author Stephen Rossetti said: The priest labors in the field of ultimate concern. Therein lies the inherent nobility of the priest: providing a critical service to others who would otherwise spiritually suffer and perish.

All of this is fine, you may say, but why my son?

Sometimes such thoughts betray deeper fears:

Being cut off from your son, never having grandchildren, concern for his happiness, lack of social status for priests in today's world, and more. I'm losing my son: Parents of priests the world over will tell you — you don't lose a family member when your son joins the priesthood; you gain many more. This expanded family includes your son's fellow seminarians, who naturally welcome one another's parents. It also includes your home-parish community — where your son's vocation germinated — and the new parish or religious community where your son will be assigned. This community will embrace you along with your son, knowing his faith originated with you. Blessings abound when your son is a priest. A special bond exists between you that doesn't exist with your other children. The others are involved with their spouses and their own children, but you are always the special person in your son's life because you are his "earthly partners" on his priestly journey.

My son won't have children, and I want grandchildren.

There are different ways to experience paternity and a lack of a biological connection does not impede a paternal one. There is such a reality as "spiritual fatherhood." In this realm, everyone becomes his children... the priest becomes Father to all. Someday it will be their spiritual father who they will turn to, when they can't turn to their own parents for guidance and support.

What about financial security?

The sacrifices of a son who decides to become a priest touch his parents and often call for some sacrifice on their part. This could be letting go of professional aspirations for your son, hopes for grandchildren, and perhaps a financial safety net from the son who has given up all for God and the Church. That's why gifts to the priest, from appreciative members of the faithful, are so helpful and appreciated by priests. In a real way, they acknowledge and affirm the sacrifice the priest has made. But, as Saint Paul says... If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's [Romans 14:8]. And so, yes, parents of a priest [and all of the faithful] are asked to share in a priest's sacrifice and be challenged to rise to an occasion of trusting faith. Encouraging your son to think prudently about his choice is one thing, but to resist it because it is not your will could reflect selfishness. This attitude goes against the trusting faith in God's will we espouse.

What if my son is unhappy and lonely?

Marriage is no guarantee for happiness, nor is it a cure for loneliness. Some parents worry their son will end up living with unhappy, burned-out priests. They believe the nature of the priesthood is to be on the receiving end of daily bad news. But a priest's motivation for his ministry is knowing he can be there for people and make a difference at the most difficult, distressing moments. He is also privileged to experience many often-underestimated, joyful moments. For the priest, being alone doesn't have to be lonely if you love what you do and remember for whose glory you do it. Heaven is our ultimate goal. Anyone who truly dedicates himself to God's work will be rewarded with eternal happiness. So if your son shows signs that he might want to follow this path, let your encouragement be a hundredfold.

Who would want to be a priest in today's culture?

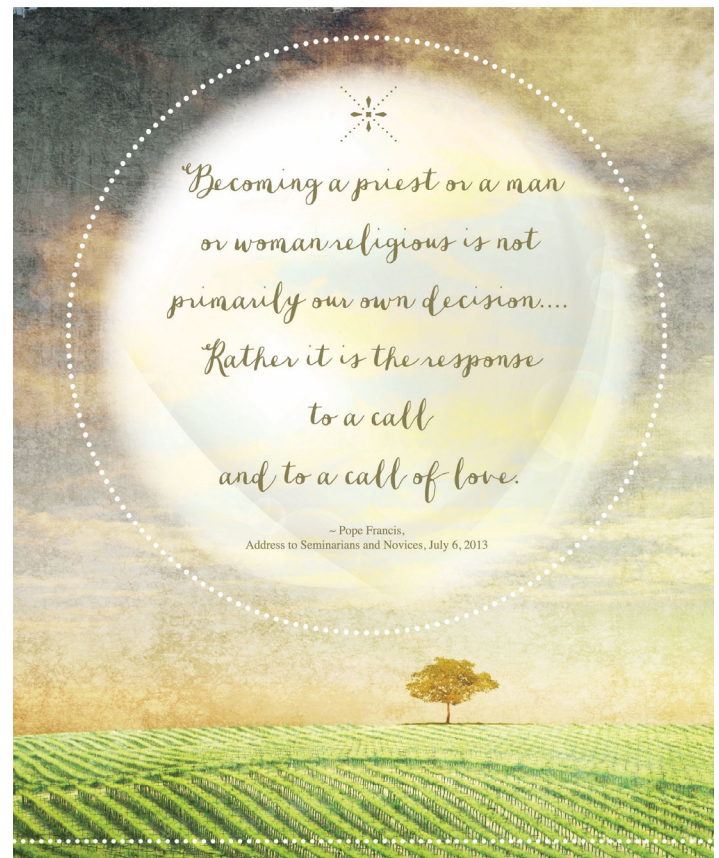
Saint Paul tells us we are called to take on the mind and heart of Christ. Many young people looking at vocation today have taken him at his word. They hear Saint Paul's challenge to focus not on the things below, but on the things above. Disillusioned with the empty promises of a consumer culture, they opt to go deeper, to think higher, to reach further. They don't simply want something more — they want to be something more. Having a son who wants to be a priest may be uncomfortable because his journey suggests ideals different from societal norms. His values and vision of a meaningful life may conflict with his parents' notions of success. But our standard of success should be what Jesus taught and lived: What does GOD want of me? The most important thing in life is the salvation of our souls. Nothing should keep us from reaching that goal!

What about celibacy?

In a culture of radical individualism that promotes what I want, when I want it, the vocation of celibate priesthood is easily misunderstood. Celibacy is a way of loving compelled by the desire to imitate Christ. We are conditioned to grow-up and have a family. When a son doesn't follow that path, his parents wonder if he can be happy living an unmarried and celibate life. But we have to remember marriage and natural sexual expression for procreation and marital unity is only a medium for spiritual communion with God. Intimacy with Him is the goal of any vowed religious commitment. Reactions to celibacy are often rooted in misunderstanding and a different set of contemporary values, which are often at odds with the mind of Christ and His Church.

And so, why should YOU encourage your sons to become priests?

Success is ultimately following your heart and being happy with your life. For us as Catholic Christians, that means putting on the heart and mind of Christ and being faithful to Him. Encouraging someone means inspiring a person with hope, courage, or confidence, building them up and giving support. This is at the heart of what parents do best. It is the duty of parents who recognize and perhaps have known the anguished spiritual cry for "a doctor in the house" to see that the house of God has physicians of the soul. How many parents, after watching their son celebrate the sacred Mass, receiving Communion from his hands and a blessing from his lips, could walk out of the church and say they wish he had chosen another profession? Could you? If you have never broached the topic of considering the priesthood with your son, ask yourself, "Why not?" ... and then, encourage your son, grandson, cousin, nephew, or friend to consider the possibility!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



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.

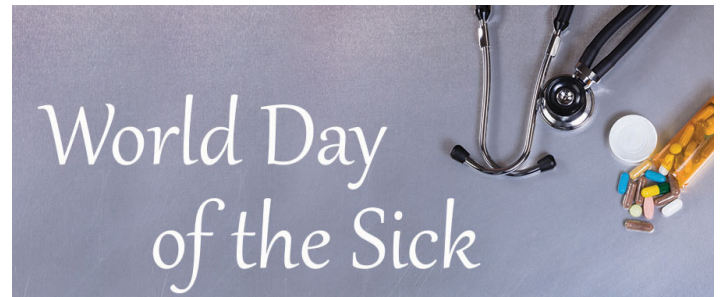
Spiezio and Affiliates Counseling Services is available in our Parish Community. If you'd like assistance along the way, contact us.

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annettes4@yahoo.com
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*



The Message of Pope Francis for the 30th World Day of the Sick

February 11, 2022

“Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36)

*Standing beside those who suffer on a path of charity —
the Message of Pope Francis for the XXX World Day of the Sick*

“Jesus’ invitation to be merciful like the Father” - writes the Pope - “has particular significance for healthcare workers.

I think of all those physicians, nurses, laboratory technicians, the support staff and the caretakers of the sick, as well as the numerous volunteers who donate their precious time to assist those who suffer. People who have made their service a mission. Because Your hands, which touch the suffering flesh of Christ, can be a sign of the merciful hands of the Father”.

The Pontiff recalls “the progress that medical science has made, especially in recent times; new technologies have made it possible to prepare therapies that are of great benefit to the sick; research continues to make a valuable contribution to eliminating old and new pathologies; rehabilitation medicine has greatly expanded its expertise and skills. None of this, however, must make us forget the uniqueness of each patient, his or her dignity and frailties.” However, he issues a warning and calls for the patient to always be treated as a person with his own dignity. “None of this, however, must make us forget the uniqueness of each patient, his or her dignity and frailties. Patients are always more important than their diseases, and for this reason, no therapeutic approach can prescind from listening to the patient, his or her history, anxieties and fears. Even when healing is not possible, care can always be given. It is always possible to console, it is always possible to make people sense a closeness that is more interested in the person than in his or her pathology.”

The Holy Father reaffirms the importance of Catholic healthcare institutions and their commitment to caring for and treating people. “At a time in which the culture of waste is widespread and life is not always acknowledged as worthy of being welcomed and lived, these structures, like ‘houses of mercy,’ can be exemplary in protecting and caring for all life, even the most fragile, from its beginning until its natural end.”

Finally, He concludes by recalling the indispensable service of the health care ministry, especially in spiritual assistance to the sick, and the commitment that each of us should have in making ourselves close to those who suffer. Because “the ministry of consolation is a task for every baptized person, mindful of the word of Jesus: ‘I was sick and you visited me’ (Mt 25:36).”



If you would like information on Pro-life ministry opportunities or you or someone you know needs assistants, please visit the parish website for information and resources.

You may also contact Nancy Magnus, St. Peter's Pro-life Coordinator, at 630-606-5197.



Caitlin Frech and Reiner Paul DeGuzman
*who celebrated the Sacrament of Matrimony
 on Saturday, January 21, 2022*



***O Lord, bless these couples,
 keep them holy and pure in their lives,
 deepen their spirit of prayer
 and love for you and each other.***

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

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Sue Bobka	Richard Mrugacz	Bonnie Pollock
Ken Buffo	John North	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	Don Olenek	Marlene Torii
Ken Hemstreet	Rich Olenek	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Rickie Kruzel	Janina Piotrowski	Randy Szveda, USMC
Gene Mikulecky	Harriett Pinkowski	Linda Wuerffel
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 February prayers for the Church
 and for the world:

FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS AND CONSECRATED WOMEN

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

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

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



*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
 for you have heard the words of my mouth.*

— Psalm 138:1



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

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

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

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

BAPTISMS

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

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

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

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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

FUNERALS

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

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

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



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



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