

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*)



Men of Galilee,
why are you standing there
looking up at the sky?
This Jesus who has been taken
up from you into heaven
will return in the same way.

ACTS 1:11

THE
ASCENSION
OF THE LORD

MAY 16, 2021

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

After forty days of appearing to His disciples and spoken to them of the Kingdom of God, Jesus appears for the last time. This we call the "Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven." Jesus ascended to take his place at the Father's right hand. We profess these words every Sunday in the Profession of Faith, the Nicene Creed ~ "He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end." The Father has crowned His Son, Jesus the Christ, with the glory he merited by his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and in turn, he is eternally asking the Father for each of us—by name—to receive the graces we need to join him one day in eternity and to help others get there too.

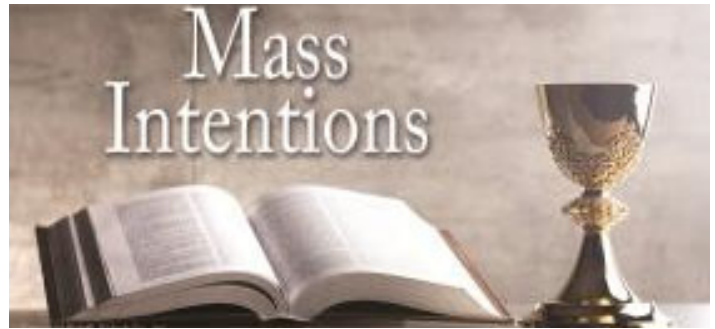
The Lord's Ascension is just as important for the Church as his Incarnation, Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Like the disciples in today's First Reading, we are awaiting the Lord's return in glory. In the meantime, He sends the Holy Spirit to His Church and on all the Baptized. He doesn't stop imparting His blessings and graces upon us. Once again we say this belief in the Profession of Faith, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets." This Holy Spirit will come down upon the Church in a marvelous way on the Solemnity of Pentecost. Through the power of the Holy Spirit may we as Saint Peter the Apostle Parish continue to be made One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church together with all Catholics throughout the world.

Blessings in the Lord, who renews the face of the earth.

Fr. Noesen



They went forth and preached everywhere



Sunday	May 16 (<i>The Ascension of the Lord; Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>)
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Gilda Lazarro
11:30 am	†Bruce Gariti †Megan Marie Riley †Carol Mazzucchi †Maria Terracciano †Vince and Rosa Priolo For an End to Abortion
Monday	May 17 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Herb and Harold Grote
Tuesday	May 18 (<i>Easter Weekday; St. John I, Pope and Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Mary Lou DuBois
Wednesday	May 19 (<i>Easter Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Helen Sularz
Thursday	May 20 (<i>Easter Weekday; St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest</i>)
8:00 am	†Zbigniew Bielczyk
Friday	May 21 (<i>Easter Weekday; St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>)
8:00 am	†Philip Poltarak
Saturday	May 22 (<i>Vigil: Pentecost</i>)
5:00 pm	†Margaret Del Preto †Elizabeth Lisak †Jerry Grimaldi †Andrzej Szymikowski †Lucy Gonzales For an End to Abortion
Sunday	May 23 (<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>)
8:30 am	†Carol Keegan
10:00 am	†Maria DiTusa
11:30 am	†Frank and Concetta Graziano †Robert "Rocky" Irsuto Sr. †Todd Sandeno †Maria Terracciano Bob and Judy Ziomek - <i>Special Intention</i> People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday:	Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Tuesday Rosary Ministry

The Tuesday Rosary Ministry meets weekly at 7:15pm in 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.

Please visit the parish website to review guidelines to be observed.

The Month of May— Celebrating our Blessed Mother

PILGRIM VIRGIN OF FATIMA

As May is a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother, the **Pilgrim Virgin of Fatima** will be at St. Peter the Apostle during the month of May.



Everyone is encouraged to embrace this opportunity to respond to Our Lady’s call and spend time in prayer, in particular, to pray the Rosary.

GRIEF MINISTRY

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

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

For more information, please contact:

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

THIS WEEK—SUNDAY, MAY 16 | 9:30 am



Blessing of Motorcycles Sunday, May 30

following the 11:30 am Mass

Saint Peter's Parking Lot

As we celebrate the upcoming Memorial Day weekend, we recognize the unofficial start of summer, and with it, the motorcycling season.

This year, for the first time, St. Peter’s will host a blessing of motorcycles and cyclists in the parish parking lot on **Sunday, May 30, following the 11:30 am Mass, rain or shine.**

If you ride, or know someone who does, please consider being a part of this special ceremony. Though held outside, COVID protocols will be in force; social distancing and the wearing of masks (or helmets).

Anyone interested, is also invited to take a ride to get lunch following the blessing. Details TBD.

You are my Sunshine ☀️ Baby Bottles For Life!



St. Peter the Apostle Parish is participating in a special event to support

Waterleaf Women’s Center.

**It's easy to participate and be the “Sunshine”
in the lives of others!**

The baby bottle campaign will run from the weekend of **May 15-16 through the weekend of June 5-6.**

Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass and fill it with your heartfelt financial donation.

Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus Council #10884** and note **“baby bottles”** in the memo.



Your support is greatly appreciated.



For information call: 630-701-6270 or visit: www.onechoiceonlife.org

Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

	Sunday Collection	Year to Date
Fiscal Week 44: 05/02/2021	\$ 9,739.00	\$ 419,031.46

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 April 30, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$437,670.00. 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 9:30 am	May 16 Grief Support Group (MW Parish Hall)
Monday 6:30 pm	May 17 Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (MW Parish Hall)
Tuesday 10:00 am 7:15 pm	May 18 Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall) Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday 8:30 am	May 19 Confessions (Church)
Friday 6:00 pm	May 21 Sing With the Angels – Pentecost (Outside)
Saturday 4:15 pm	May 22 Confessions (Church)



Schedule

Saturday, May 22 | Sunday, May 23

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm John North Kay North	5:00 pm John Los
8:30 am Maryanne Kveck Deacon Fred	8:30 am Warner Cruz
10:00 am Mel Gerard Deacon Bob	10:00 am Anthony George
11:30 am Carmela Graziano Mike Graziano	11:30 am Paul Gennuso



HELP NEEDED TO MAINTAIN PARISH GROUNDS!

All authentic gardeners know that weekly and seasonal maintenance of any garden landscape is necessary if things are to stay beautiful. We are in need of a seasonal committee of workers and planners that are ready each spring, summer and fall, to take responsible for entire sections of the property. will include weekly and monthly weeding and trimming of annuals and perennials, weekly watering and fertilizing, mowing the lawn, and addressing overall beautification needs that are already in place. To make things easy, we will divide up the property into "areas of responsibility." In this way, the job will not be too overwhelming for any of us.

If you desire to help in this service to the parish, please call me at your convenience. Even if you only have an hour or two a month to donate, your time would be very helpful to the parish. Being part of our Garden Committee is a great way to make a significant contribution of your time, talent and energy to St. Peter the Apostle Parish...it's a great way to put "proper stewardship" into action. At the same time, you'll make some new friends with similar interests, help the parish keep our property in good order, get some much needed exercise through your care for the environment, invest yourself more fully in the life of the parish, and make a proper return to the Lord for the bounty He has given us. If interested in helping, give Father Noesen a call!

Thanks for your consideration, and God's blessings!

The more the merrier and likewise quicker!



You are cordially invited to
“Sing with the Angels”

THEME: PENTECOST

NEXT WEEKEND - Friday, May 21

7:30 - 9:00 pm

(please arrive on time)

The program will be held outside around a bonfire.

Please dress for the weather and bring your own chair.

In case of inclement weather, the program will take place in the church.

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church

551 N. Rush Street, Itasca

Don't forget to bring your rosary.

- please register on the parish website -

Come Holy Spirit; kindle in us the fire of Your love..



“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.



The Rite of Peace within Mass

*“What happened with the
Sign of Peace?”*

**To live and love our Catholic Faith,
we have to know it!**

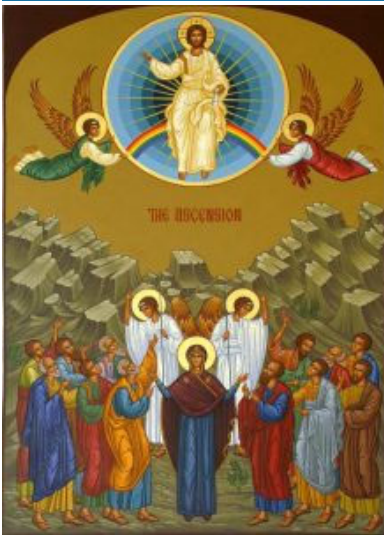
The EXCHANGE OF PEACE by the congregation was done away with because of the pandemic as a matter of health and safety. However, a careful look at the liturgy shows that the familiar Sign of Peace is still there. The absence of the congregational “exchange of peace” actually provides the opportunity to grow in our knowledge of the liturgy, helping us understand the liturgy a bit better.

The ACTUAL “Sign of Peace” happens when the priest says, “the peace of the Lord be with you always” and the people respond, “and with your spirit.” *THAT* is the Sign of Peace. Then the rubric says that the priest/deacon *MAY* - not *MUST* - *MAY* add “let us offer each other the sign of peace.” And, because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Bishops of the U.S. have rightly decided that, since the “exchange of peace” is optional, it is best to dispense with it for the time being. Although, with or without the pandemic, the “exchange of peace” is — and has always been — optional in the liturgy, left to the discretion of the celebrant. The fact is, the SIGN OF PEACE is given in every mass with the priest’s invitation, “the peace of the Lord be with you always,” and the people’s response. The exchange is a different matter; and, right now because of the pandemic, for everyone’s health and safety, it may not be shared among the congregants.

In July 2014, the Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome issued a directive regarding the Sign of Peace at Mass—

The congregation for worship noted that there are several abuses of the rite which are to be stopped: [1] The introduction of a “song of peace,” which does not exist in the Roman Rite; [2] the faithful moving from their place to exchange the sign and waving across the church, turning around and creating a disturbance — thus taking attention away from the Altar; [3] the priest leaving the altar to exchange the sign with the faithful; especially when, [4] at occasions such as weddings or funerals, it becomes an occasion for congratulations or condolences, or “social moments.”

The Sign of Peace, and the exchange of peace, it should be remembered are ritualized moments in the Mass. Being minor ritual actions, they should not detract from the worship of God. The letter reminded us that “the exchange of peace is optional and there certainly are times and places where it is not fitting. It is important that we moderate excesses, which create confusion in the liturgical assembly just prior to Communion and destroy the spirit of peace and reverence which should prevail throughout the liturgy, especially before the reception of Holy Communion.”



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up — quite literally— into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It is recounted in both our first reading, from Acts, as well as the Gospel passage, from Mark. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the first reading tells us that the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’” In other words, “Don’t just stand there, do something!”

This verse is a call to each one of us Christian stewards this very day. We have been given every grace and blessing through the Mass and all of the sacraments, through the Word of God, the rich teachings of our faith, and even our talents and our material possessions — so many gifts and blessings that we should live in a kind of stunned amazement ourselves.

And like those first apostles, we are not meant to just stand here, but to do something with these gifts — in love and gratitude to the One Who gave them to us. We are called, just as much as the first apostles “to be [His] witnesses... to the ends of the earth,” not with our own

power, but through the power of the Holy Spirit in us.

Our second reading, from the Letter to the Ephesians, reminds us of the might and power of God whose witnesses we are. In fact, St. Paul describes “the surpassing greatness of His power.” He reminds us that the Father raised Christ from the dead and has placed Him “far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion... not only in this age but also in the one to come.” This is the mighty God we serve, the One Who has blessed us with every good thing, and the One Who now gives us the privilege of serving as His witnesses to the ends of the earth.

This God knows us, His children, so well. He knows that we are prone to fear and weakness just as the first apostles were. In the Gospel passage we read that they went to the mountain as the Lord instructed, and they saw Him there just as He promised. “When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.” The Lord was not angered by their doubt. Instead, He encouraged them with a reminder that “all power in heaven and on earth” had been given to Him. With that, He sent them on their way. “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” He told them and He tells us today. And because He is so loving, He gives us one more powerful, comforting reminder — “I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

On this feast of the Ascension, let us take a moment to “look up at the heavens” and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. Then, let’s do something! Let’s put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God.

The Ascension

The Paschal Mystery culminates in the Ascension of Jesus. After his appearance here on earth in his risen body, and “after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen” (Acts 1:2), Jesus “was lifted up and a cloud took him from their sight” (Acts 1:9):

Christ’s ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus’ humanity into God’s heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11) ... Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father’s glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him forever. Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

(CCC, nos. 665-667)

The Ascension

The death of a member of his family or of a loved friend, must be the saddest event imaginable in the life of an atheist. He is one who really is convinced that there is no God, no future life and therefore that the relative or friend is to turn into dust in the grave, never to be met with again. The thought that every day that passes is bringing him too nearer to that same sad fate, death, which will be the end of all his ambitions, all his enjoyments, the end of everything he thought he was or had, must be something hard to live with.

Thank God, we have the good fortune to know, and reason and faith convince us of this truth, that death is not the end of man. It is rather the real beginning. Today's feast—the Ascension of our Lord in his human nature—to his Father's and our Father's home, is the confirmation and the guarantee of this doctrine of our faith. We shall all rise from the grave with new, glorified bodies and ascend to heaven, as Christ did. There we'll begin our true life of eternal happiness.

While it is true that even for good Christians the death of a beloved one is a cause of sorrow and tears, this is natural as we still are of the earth earthly. Yet the certitude that our beloved one has gone to his true life and will be there to meet us when our turn comes, is always at the back of our minds to console and comfort us. What all human beings want is to live on forever with our dear ones. Death breaks that continuity but only for a little while. That break is necessary for the new life to begin.

It is only in heaven that this natural desire of an unending life with all those we love can be realized and death on earth is the door to that eternal life.

Look up to heaven today. See Christ ascending to his Father and our Father. Say: Thank you, God, for creating me, and for giving me, through the Incarnation of your beloved Son, the possibility and the assurance that if I do my part here, when death comes it will not be an enemy but a friend, to speed me on my way to the true, supernatural life which you have, in your love, planned and prepared for me.



It was written, and foretold, that Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory. The servant is not above the Master. I too must suffer. I too must accept the hardships and the trials of this life, if I want, and I do, to enter into the life of glory. Christ, who was sinless, suffered hardship and pain. I have earned many, if not all of my hardships, by my own sins. I should be glad of the opportunity to make some

atonement for my past offenses, by willingly accepting the crosses he sends me. These crosses are signs of God's interest in my true welfare. Through him he is giving me a chance to prepare myself for the day of reckoning, for the moment of my death which will decide my eternal future. For every prayer I say for success in life, I should say three for a successful death, a death free from sin and at peace with God.

Taken from Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M., *Catholic Culture*



The Meaning of the Ascension

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

What is the meaning of Christ's "ascension into heaven"?

It expresses our belief that in Christ human nature, the humanity in which we all share, has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God.

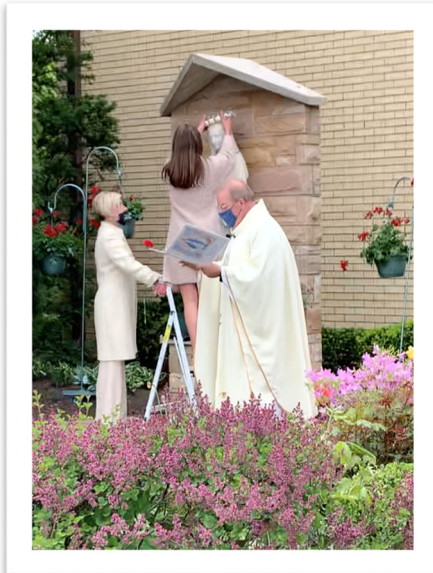
Heaven is not a place beyond the stars, but something much greater, something that requires far more audacity to assert: Heaven means that man now has a place in God. The basis for this assertion is the interpenetration of humanity and divinity in the crucified and exalted man Jesus. Christ, the man who is in God and eternally one with God, is at the same time God's abiding openness to all human beings.

Thus Jesus himself is what we call "heaven"; heaven is not a place but a person, the person of him in whom God and man are forever and inseparably one. And we go to heaven and enter into heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him. In this sense, "ascension into heaven" can be something that takes place in our everyday lives...

For the disciples, the "ascension" was not what we usually misinterpret it as being: the temporary absence of Christ from the world. It meant rather his new, definitive, and irrevocable presence by participation in God's royal power... God has a place for man! ... In God there is a place for us!" Be consoled, flesh and blood, for in Christ you have taken possession of heaven and of God's kingdom!" (Tertullian).

~ Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants ~

May 1-2, 2021



Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Spirit

O Lord Jesus,

Through You I humbly beg the merciful Father to send the holy Spirit of grace, that He may bestow upon us His sevenfold gifts.

May He send us the gift of wisdom, which will make us relish the Tree of Life that is none other than Yourself;
 the gift of understand, which will enlighten us;
 the gift of counsel, which will guide us in the way of righteousness;
 and the gift of fortitude, which will give us the strength to vanquish the enemies of our sanctification and salvation.

May He impart to us the gift of knowledge, which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil;
 the gift of piety, which will make us enjoy true peace;
 and the gift of fear, which will make us shun all iniquity and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty.

To the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit be given all glory and thanksgiving forever.

Amen.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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| Joann Anderson | Mary Hosters |
| Michelle Anderson | Anne Keeton |
| Sue Bobka | Rickie Kruzel |
| Mike Carey | JoLynn Lash |
| Eunice Cleveland | Lilly Lima |
| Robert Cleveland | Gene Mikulecky |
| Regina Conti | Christopher Mizera |
| Dona Corrigan | Holly Vana |
| Colin Cummins | Tom Vana |
| Mary Cummins | Harriett Pinkowski |
| Michael Cummins | Bonnie Pollock |
| Paul Cummins | Nikki Recchia |
| Scott Erickson | Brendan Reidy |
| Gerri Gerard | Ann Marie Rossi |
| Mel Gerard | John Rossi |
| Brad Grabow | Angela Scanlon |
| Mike Graziano | Wayne Slowiak |
| Gary Grote | Linda Wuerffel |
| Virginia Halac | Carol Zell |
| Ken Hemstreet | |

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 April prayers for the Church and for the world:

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

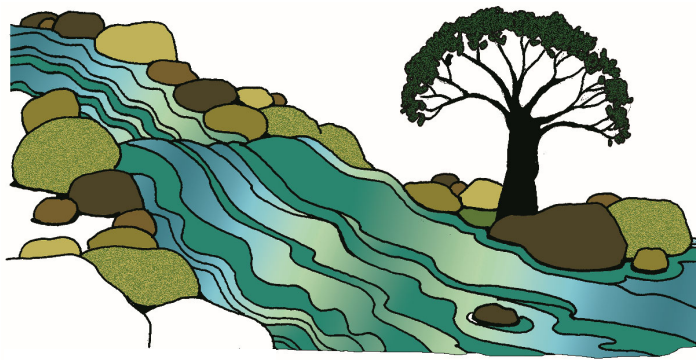
Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

- 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
- 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

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Norman Enderle
husband of Joan Enderle, who passed away June 9, 2020 and whose Memorial was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021
May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. — Mark 16:16



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Italian Catholic Federation (Branch 418) (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)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

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 12:45 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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