

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*)

November 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY

of
Advent

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**You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.**

Matthew 24:44

*From the Administrator...***IN VERITATE ET IN CARITATE**

This weekend, we begin the Advent Season, a time to prepare the way of the Lord. We must begin our preparations for the coming Christmas season, both materially and spiritually. If we are blessed with good weather, we should get our outdoor decorations set-up. But we need to show restraint in lighting them too early. I have sets of violet and rose-colored lights I place on a large wreath set up in my front yard. Each week, I plug in one additional band of lights on the wreath, marking the passing of the weeks of Advent. My lighted nativity set is set-up in place, but remains unlit until Christmas Eve. The three wise men are present, but again, until Epiphany Sunday, they remain unlit.

Everywhere we look, we see signs of the coming Christmas season, but sadly our culture seems to "jump the gun" with Christmas events scheduled throughout December. The time of Advent should be a time of preparation, prayer, and reflection. The liturgical color of the season is violet, a penitential color. While our thoughts are being turned toward Christmas and the great Solemnity of the Nativity, we need to focus on the present more than on the presents. As we work to make our homes ready for this wonderful holiday time with family and friends, we also need to work on our own spiritual "homes".

Advent should be a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. If you have an advent wreath, gather as a family every night, and offer up prayer together as you light the candle(s). On clear nights, step out briefly and look to the sky, find a bright star, and remember the star that led the magi to Jesus. Take time in the coming weeks to go to confession, preparing your spirit to receive the Christ Child into your heart. Along with our regular schedule of confessions, our local Deanery is offering a special Day of Reconciliation. On Saturday, December 17th, priests from the Eastern DuPage Deanery will be available at Visitation parish, 779 S. York Road, Elmhurst from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm to hear confessions.

In the spirit of giving, we encourage you to stop in the narthex and visit our Giving Tree. Each year, our parish connects with hundreds of people, young and old, who are in need. The Advent season is a wonderful time to reach out to those who are less fortunate, and work to brighten their season. Many need warm clothes, or other basic necessities. If you are in a position to help, we encourage you to take an ornament (or more than one), and bring joy and hope to someone in need.

As we enter this Advent season, let us remember the purpose of this season, and work to prepare the way of the Lord.

In Truth and in Love,

Deacon Fred Maier

Acting Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week

**Sunday**

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

November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

†Gilda Lazzaro
†Andrzej Szymikowski
†Elizabeth Bowkowski
†Dorothy Cubellis
†Thomas Domain
†Maria Lombardo
†Fr. Robert Noesen
People of the Parish

Monday

8:00 am

November 28 (Advent Weekday)

†John and Emma Laraia

Tuesday

8:00 am

November 29 (Advent Weekday)

†Ted and Betty Hemstreet

Wednesday

8:00 am

November 30 (St. Andrew, Apostle)

†George Kveck

Thursday

9:00 am

December 1 (Advent Weekday)

†Wladyslaw, Richard and Zofia Chlopecki

Friday

8:00 am

December 2 (Advent Weekday)

†Jack A. Ryan

Saturday

8:00 am

December 3 (St. Francis Xavier)

†Bruce Gariti

Saturday

5:00 pm

December 3 (Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent)

†Robert Hoffman
†Georgia Ann Los
†Fr. Robert Noesen
†Eileen Owczarzak
†Elizabeth Prochnicka
People of the Parish

Sunday

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

December 4 (Second Sunday of Advent)

†Luigi Alfano
†Giuppina Fiorante Cirrincione
†Katherine Arge
†Michael Campanella
†Ann Marie Rossi
†Rosa Sciuillo
†Andrzej Szymikowski
Special Intention of Anthony and Reetha George

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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!

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION...

will take place at St. Peter's Church
on December 2.

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

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

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

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



St. Peter the Apostle
Women's Club

Thursday, December 8, 2022
7:30 pm

**NOTE: Start time is delayed to accommodate those
attending the 7pm Mass for Immaculate Conception**

Take some time to unwind and enjoy some Christmas spirit.
The ever-popular Christmas BINGO is back!! Please bring a
REGIFT item for the prize table. Look around and find an
item (**NEW—NOT USED**) that you may have purchased or
received as a gift, but haven't found a use for; wrap it;
and bring it along for a REGIFT prize. This is a great way to
REGIFT, without the worries of getting caught!

There will also be a collection of **baby and toddler items** to
help a family in need from the Christmas Giving Tree. Please
bring **UNWRAPPED, NEW clothing, diapers and accessories**
(ages 3 months through toddler) to support this outreach.

Pizza will be served. Ladies are invited to bring a side and/or
favorite holiday Christmas cookies or dessert.

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

Feel free to contact Rose Ann Roll to help with hospitality.

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME!

If you have any questions, please feel free to
contact the Parish Center —
by phone at 630-773-1272 ext 200
or by e-mail at office@stpeteritasca.com

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE — Light-up someone's holiday

It is time again for St. Peter's parishioners
to pick an ornament from the **Giving Tree**.
This project benefits Catholic Charities
as well as local needy families.



Here is how it works:

Beginning this weekend, the giving tree is up and available
for parishioners to select a "tag" with information about a
gift for a needy person. Parishioners are asked to purchase
a new gift as suggested on the "tag" (please no used items);
wrap the gift and affix the "tag" securely to the package;
and, return to the boxes in the back of church by **Thursday,
December 8**.

Please note that each gift is designated for a specific
individual and if you take an "tag" and do not return a gift,
someone will be disappointed on Christmas.

St. Peter's is again providing the Christmas Giving Tree to
help the less fortunate fulfill some holidays wishes.

In past years, Catholic Charities has provided a list of needy
individuals and families for the Giving Tree program.
This year, in addition to the Catholic Charities list, we would
also like to ensure that those struggling within our own
parish community are assisted.

If you are struggling with finances this holiday season or
know of someone who is, please contact Deacon Fred Maier to
make arrangements to participate in the Giving Tree program.



Stewardship of Treasure**A Way of Life****St. Peter the Apostle***Due to an early publication deadline,**figures were not available in time for this bulletin printing.**Weekly collection information will appear in next week's bulletin**If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).***DONATE NOW**
with 

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 using the QR code provided or 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	November 27
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
12:30 pm	Advent Wreath Family Event (MW Parish Hall)
Tuesday	November 29
7:00 pm	OCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	November 30
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
6:15 pm	Adult Hand Bell Choir (Church/Choir Loft)
Friday	December 2
8:00 am	Eucharistic Adoration begins with Mass (Church)
Saturday	December 3
8:30 am	Father Noesen Prayer Service (Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
Sunday	December 4
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)

**SCHEDULE****Saturday, December 3 | Sunday, December 4****Celebrants**

5:00 pm Fr. Larry Brunette
 8:30 am Fr. David Mowry
 10:00 am Fr. Larry Brunette
 11:30 am Fr. Larry Brunette

Lectors

5:00 pm Lou Casolari
 8:30 am Marie Toalson
 10:00 am Christine Nagle
 11:30 am Kevin Grisamore

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Beth McKenna
 Frank McKenna
 8:30 am Kathy Frank
 Deacon Anthony
 10:00 am Greg Papuga
 Deacon Bob
 11:30 am Bill Kolf
 Deacon Fred

**October 2022 Monthly
Diocesan Loan Payment**

Principal	\$ 11,883.06
Interest	416.94
Total Payment	\$ 12,300.00
Loan Balance	\$ 217,405.59

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of November 15, 2022, our capital project debt stands at \$205,522.53.

Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.



This Tuesday, November 29, St. Peter the Apostle is participating in **#GivingTuesday!**

As year-end approaches, please consider supporting the parish in your charitable giving on this **#GivingTuesday**.

Visit the parish website for a link to online giving or scan this QR code for easy access.

Thank you for your continuing support and commitment to the parish.



Confession



Seven Hours of Confession

Saturday, December 17 | 9 am - 4 pm

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

Was it recently? In the past year? Awhile ago?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas

The priests of 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin!

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace

Hosted by Visitation Church
779 S York Street | Elmhurst, Illinois
630 834-6700



Transitional Housing Ministry

Through the oversight of Bridge Communities, St. Peter the Apostle's Transitional Housing ministry has been paired with a family and will be helping a mother with a 3-year old daughter and 2-year old son. The family is preparing to move into the Bridge Communities apartment which is support by St. Peter's Transitional Housing ministry.

Currently, the family is in need of the following to help furnish the apartment:

- Couch and living room furniture
- Twin bed
- 3 dressers
- High Chair
- Booster for table
- Walmart or At Home gift cards

(NOTE: kitchen items are NOT needed)

If you have any of these items available to donate, please contact Adam Stephan at adam.stephan@gmail.com or 847-715-8326.

THANK YOU... to everyone who supported the recent Religious Education Advent Calendar fundraiser.

The sale raised \$600 which will be donated to support the Transitional Housing Ministry.



UPCOMING ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

December 1, 15, January 12, 26, February 9

3:00-4:00 pm

Boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grade are encouraged to attend altar server training. Participation in at least one session is required to begin serving at Mass.

The late Blessed Pope John Paul II stated, "Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honor, and a genuine holy service." The purpose of this ministry is serving the Table of the Lord, assisting the priest in the celebration of the Eucharist as well as other sacraments or liturgical activities.

Altar serving is putting your in faith action while learning more about it!

Please contact Deacon Fred Maier for more information or to register — phone: 630-773-1272 ext. 201 | email: deaconfred@stpeteritasca.com.

English Advent Events 2022

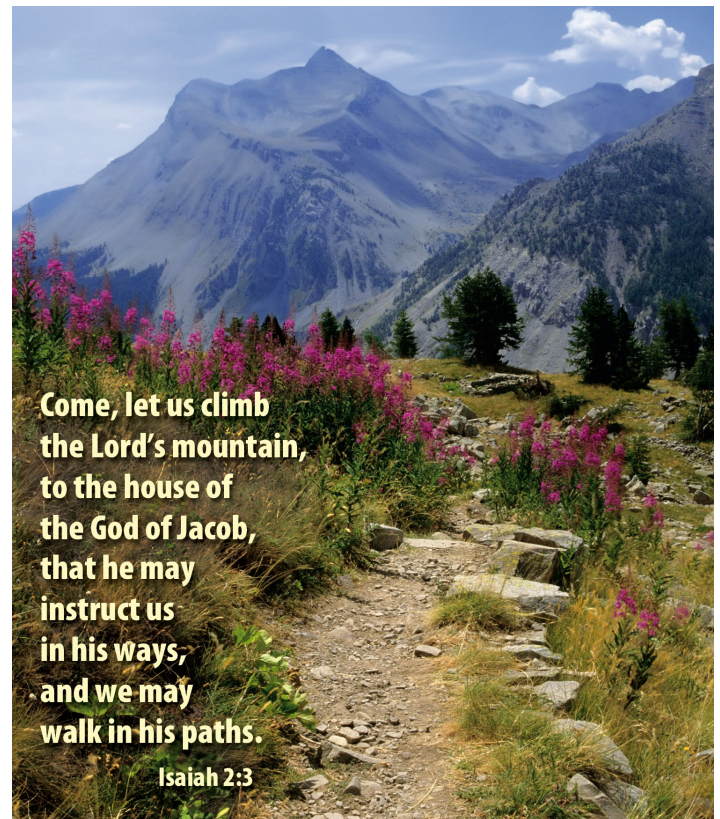
Nov. 30 An explained walk through Mass

Dec. 7 The Sacraments talk with Coffee and Donuts

Dec. 14 English Advent reflection with Adoration and Confession

Dec. 21 Movie Night
"Nativity Story "

St. Alexis Roman Catholic Church
400 W Wood Ave
Bensenville, IL 60106



**Come, let us climb
the Lord's mountain,
to the house of
the God of Jacob,
that he may
instruct us
in his ways,
and we may
walk in his paths.**

Isaiah 2:3



PRAY EVERY DAY THIS

Advent

**Find Peace in Prayer
this Advent with Hallow**

"This app has been an answer for my weary soul. I am finding peace for the very first time."
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Daily Prayers

Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 5,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.



Family Content

Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.



Bible Stories & Sleep Content

Close your day with Christ with an Examen, Night Prayer, or a Rosary with guests like Bishop Barron, Mark Wahlberg, and Jonathan Roumie.

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BEST
Christmas
EVER

The best Christmas of your life is the simplest Christmas of your life.





**YOU CAN HAVE A CHRISTMAS FULL OF PEACE.
HERE'S HOW...**

Most people spend the time leading up to Christmas feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and stuck. Caught in the complexity and busyness of the holiday season, we end up striving for all the things that aren't worth having. It's no wonder the beauty, meaning, joy and life-changing power of Christmas has become lost!

This year, do something different. Reclaim the peace that can only come from simplicity this Christmas.

Sign up for **BEST ADVENT EVER** and receive short, inspiring videos in your inbox every morning for free to help you focus your day on what matters most.

We've created not one, but TWO fantastic experiences for you this year. You can choose one or do both, but one of these paths is perfect for someone in your life. So share them boldly and journey toward a peaceful Christmas together!

Sign up at www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html



Skip the Madness of the Mall...

 **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO** 

St Peter's School Hall

All are invited



Wednesday, December 7 | 6:30 pm
(Immediately following Religious Ed)

for



DINNER and...

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS...oh my!

Bring the kids to enjoy a pasta dinner, followed by cookies, cocoa and time with Santa Claus

Don't forget a camera to capture your visit with Santa!

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with this event, please contact Toni Pietrowski (630-773-1272 ext. 216 / religioused@stpeteritasca.com)

In order to help the planning team prepare for the event, please complete and submit a reservation form along with \$10.00 per family to help offset the cost. Registration is also available on the parish website.

Deadline: December 5

COOKIES and COCOA and CLAUS

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email address: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ ☐ Check ☐ Cash

Please return via collection basket, Parish Center or have your child submit to Religious Ed class.

Deadline: December 5



First Sunday of Advent

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared.

Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

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First Sunday of Advent prayer

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*As I begin this new Season of Advent, help me Christ,
our Savior and our King.*

Renew in me allegiance to Your Kingship.

*I pray for the grace to place You above the powers
of this world in all things.*

I pray for the grace to obey You before any civic authority.

*I pray for the grace to fervently bring about
Your Kingdom in my family and community.*

I pray that You will reign in my mind.

*O Prince of Peace may Your reign be complete in my life
and in the life of the world.*

*Christ, my King, please answer these petitions
if they be in accordance with Your Holy Will...*

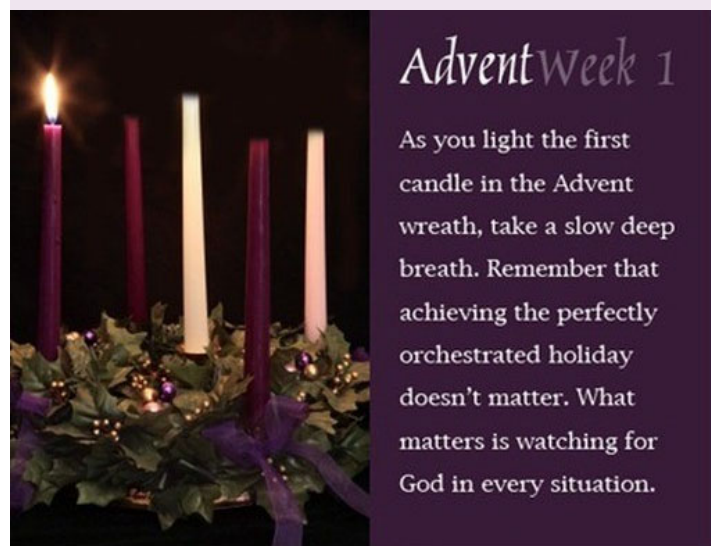
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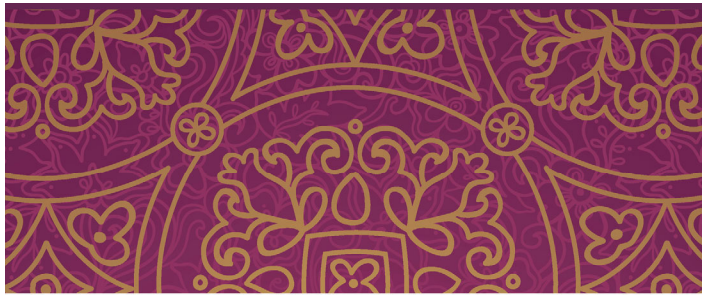
*As I reflect on Your second, glorious coming and the
judgment of all mankind, I beg You to show me mercy
and give me the grace to become a great saint.*

*I pray that not only will I spend eternity with You
but that You may use me – a sinner –
to bring others into Your Kingdom for Your glory.*

Christ the King, Your Kingdom come!

Amen.





They shall beat their swords
into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
*one nation shall not raise the sword
against another.*

~ Isaiah 2:4

Prayer for Those Who Cannot Receive Communion AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Dave Bigott	Virginia Halac	John North
Sue Bobka	Martha Hayes	Frank Nunez
Rosaleen Bradley	Cambria Helle	June Pautsch
Grace Brown	Ken Hemstreet	Bonnie Pollock
Elio Campanella	Michael Jasiak	Brendan Reidy
Danny Clements	Sylvia Kleinedler	Wayne Slowiak
Regina Conti	Rosemary Kobielus	Belinda Sobucki
Mary Cummins	Rickie Kruzel	Dan Sobucki
Mike Cummins	Judah Kuhlman	Randy Szwed, USMC
Paul Cummins	Patrick Linsner	Dennis Torii
Beth Dobose	Sue McNamara	Marlene Torii
Geri Gerard	Maria Mizera	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Mel Gerard	Carmine Molfese	Linda Wuerffel
Gary Grote	Richard Mrugacz	Carol Zell
Joe Halac	Loretta Nicolini	

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 November prayers for the
Church and for the world:

Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

**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
Cpl 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
SGT Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
SA Chris Kaszubowski, US Navy
CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard
GySgt 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)
SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

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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 12:30 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 a priest 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 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.



MAKE SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

Welcome, New Parishioners — Register Today

Many people worship with us on a regular basis, and, in fact, regard Saint Peter the Apostle Parish as their "spiritual home." Part of the Catholic life and our Catholic identity is that we as Catholic people identify ourselves not only with the Universal Church - with over one billion other members, but we are also part of a "local Church."

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.

Welcome to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish!

ARE YOU CONNECTED???

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

This is a great way to stay informed and receive reminders about events that you may have forgotten about or overlooked in the bulletin.



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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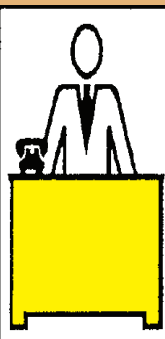
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