

Saint Peter ^{the} Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Monday-Friday: 8:00 am (Mass)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm | Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:15 am

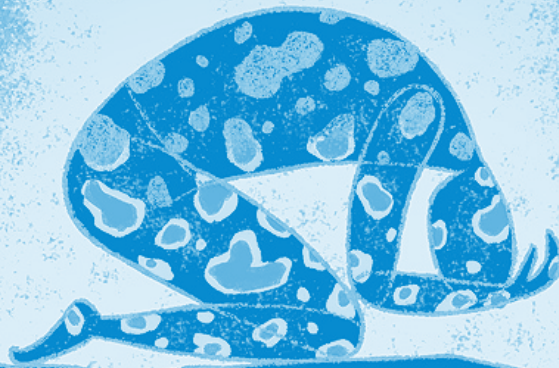
HOLY DAY MASSES

Day of: 8:00 am, 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm and by appointment | First Friday of every month following 8:00 am Mass

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THE LEPROUS
LEFT HIM



AND HE WAS MADE CLEAN

February 15, 2015

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Monday and Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Friday: 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

(closed daily for lunch: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)**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. 201) 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.**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

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 11:15 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.**THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

If you or someone you know is in need of this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Center at any time. Upon admission to the hospital, please make it known you are a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

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.

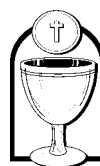
IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED...

If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, please contact the Parish Center to let us know. Due to federal regulations, most hospitals will not contact parishes unless you specifically request it. We want to visit parishioners in the hospital, but are often unaware of their hospitalization.

FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS

Fr. Slawek makes communion calls every Friday for those unable to attend Sunday mass due to illness or bad health.

Please call Fr. Slawek at 630-773-1272 (ext. 208) to make arrangements.



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.

From the Pastor

This Wednesday we begin Lent. Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular days of the year among Catholics. Having been at three parishes, it was a common remark among the priests that on Ash Wednesday, people would like there to be a drive through for them to receive their ashes. They were more concerned about the outward sign of their ashes than the attendance at holy mass.

Ashes are a symbol. We shouldn't receive ashes just for the sake of people being able to see us walk around with ashes on our foreheads. If we do, we run the risk of doing exactly what Jesus warn us about in the gospel; "take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them". Rather, what is most important is the kind of decisions we make in what we will do to become closer to Jesus during this Lenten season. We need to change what is inside of us which will be reflected on our outsides. We need to pray as to how we can become the very image of Jesus Christ, himself.

Many people during Lent ask for dispensations for one reason or another. Rather than looking for a dispensation, it would be better to show others the sacrifice we are willing to do out of love and respect of Our Lord. Jesus died for love of us on the cross; we need to ask ourselves how we can die for love of Him.

Of course, we are not going to be able to make these sacrifices and changes on our own. We need to pray for the grace and ask Jesus how we can accomplish them, knowing He will help because He has put the inspirations in our hearts. We also know we are strengthened by the reception of frequent confession and holy communion.

This Lent with so many Christians suffering throughout the world, let us join our sufferings and sacrifices to theirs. Let us place them on the paten at each holy mass. In this way, we will not only grow in Jesus' likeness but help to make the world a better place for all to live.

The Ash Wednesday Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes schedule is: 8am, 12noon, 5pm and 7pm.

I would like to thank Gary and Jean for again supplying the "Little Black Books" to aid us on our Lenten journeys. I know many parishioners enjoy them. I would also like to thank Mary Ber for repairing the altar server albs. Mary had the albs repaired the very next day. I am sure the servers will appreciate the clean and mended albs.

Let us begin this holy Lenten season by attending holy mass on Ash Wednesday to receive the strength to fulfill our Lenten intentions for asking God for his help and mercy.

Have a blessed week.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Stawek



St. Peter the Apostle Parish offers the following spiritual and social opportunities during Lent. We hope you will join us as we prepare our hearts for the great Easter feast.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - FEBRUARY 18

8:00 am | 12:00 noon | 5:00 pm | 7:00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All Fridays during Lent | 1:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SOUP AND SALAD

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: All Fridays during Lent

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

All Saturdays during Lent | 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Friday, March 6 | 8:30 am Friday until 7:30 am Saturday

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

Sunday, March 15 | following 11:15 am Mass

PALM SUNDAY | March 29 | Regular Mass Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY | April 2

7:00 pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.

Bus pilgrimage to local churches following service.

GOOD FRIDAY | April 3

3:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm: Passion of our Lord Service

HOLY SATURDAY | April 4

9:00 am and 9:45 am: Blessing of food in church

7:30 pm: Easter Vigil Service

There is no 5:00 pm Mass on Holy Saturday

EASTER SUNDAY | April 5

Mass Schedule: 8:00 am | 9:30 am | 11:15 am

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is **bound to fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, **only one full meatless meal is allowed**. Two other **meatless** meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected the law does not apply. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

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A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection Year to Date

Fiscal Week 32nd: Feb. 8, 2015 \$ 11,654.67 \$ 343,671.62

Financial figures reflect the parish fiscal year of July 1st through June 30th.

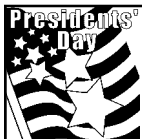
If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).

If you would like information on using **E-basket** to conveniently make your weekly offering, please contact the Parish Center (ext. 200)



This Week at St. Peter's

Sunday	February 15
	MANNA Sales all Masses (<i>Church/Narthex</i>)
12:30 pm	Baptisms (<i>Church</i>)
Monday	February 16
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (<i>PC/Lower Level</i>)
Wednesday	February 18 - ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday	February 19
9:00 am	Morning Bible Study (<i>PC/Upper Level</i>)
Friday	February 20
1:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>Church</i>)
5:30 pm	Soup and Salad (<i>School Hall</i>)
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (<i>Church</i>)
Saturday	February 21
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (<i>School/Church</i>)
4:00 pm	Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
Sunday	February 22
1:00 pm	First Communion Retreat (<i>School Hall</i>)



PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, February 16 in observance of Presidents' Day.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Martha Catalano
May perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

For the week beginning

Saturday, February 14th and Sunday, February 15th



Thank you to
Bernadine Koger
for the beautiful flowers
in the Pope John Paul the Great Eucharistic Chapel
in memory of
Frank P. Koger



Sunday	February 15 (<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:00 am	†John Spiezio
9:30 am	†Tom Cummins
11:15 am	People of the Parish †Tadeusz Mizera
Monday	February 16 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Joseph V. Sularz
Tuesday	February 17 (<i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>)
8:00 am	†Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	February 18 (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>)
8:00 am	†Bea Pabis
12:00 noon	†Tadeusz Mizera
5:00 pm	†Donald Derma
7:00 pm	†Martha Catalano
Thursday	February 19 (<i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>)
8:00 am	Martin and Mary Cahill - Special Intention
Friday	February 20 (<i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>)
8:00 am	†Rose Schlager
Saturday	February 21 (<i>Vigil: First Sunday of Lent</i>)
5:00 pm	†Virginia Golembiewski †Walter Hoffman †Mary C. Quinn
Sunday	February 22 (<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>)
8:00 am	People of the Parish
9:30 am	†Margaret Babinec
11:15 am	†Baby Angel Badalamenti †Rina Carella †Antonia Recchia

If you would like to bring the gifts to the altar at Sunday Mass, please see one of the ushers before Mass begins.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13 R: Offer to God a sacrifice of praise.
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21 R: The Lord will bless his people with peace.
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 R: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25 R: Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15 R: A heart contrite and humbled, O God, you will not spurn.
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32 R: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Communion Ministers/
Lectors/Servers Schedule**

Saturday, February 21st and Sunday, February 22nd

Communion Ministers		Lectors	
5:00 pm	Valerie Serzen Linda Aiani Debie Thude Karen Kunze	5:00 pm	Patrick Powers Chris Kunze
8:00 am	Bill Kolf Rose Ann Roll Ralph D'Andrea Arlene Derma	8:00 am	Jean Grote Don Mago
9:30 am	Frank McKenna Beth McKenna Geri Gerard Mel Gerard	9:30 am	Nancy Magnus Kathy Laken
11:15 am	Nelly Cozzone Mary McNamara Ken Cleveland Pat Cleveland	11:15 am	Mike Blackburn Diane Blackburn
		Servers	
		5:00 pm	Tabeetha George Nathan George
		8:00 am	Michael Piatek
		9:30 am	Erin Mack Laura Blackburn
		11:15 am	Marisa Vandini Julia Burke



Communion Ministers		Lectors	
8:00 am	Fred Maier Nancy Riley Rose Ann Roll	8:00 am	Chris Aument Jean Grote
12noon	Mel Gerard Karl Schmidt Bill Kolf	12noon	Diane Blackburn Sandie Galuszek
5:00 pm	Linda Aiani Kathy Frank Arlene Derma	5:00 pm	Children Lectors
7:00 pm	Rene Catalano Phyllis Cimaglia Valerie Serzen	7:00 pm	Francesca Catalano Giuliano Catalano
		Servers	
		8:00 am	Bill Kolf
		12noon	Bill Kolf
		5:00 pm	Julia Burke Laura Blackburn
		7:00 pm	Michael Piatek Elliott Blackburn

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.*

~ 1 Corinthians 10:31



**Please Pray for the
Sick of our Parish Family**

<i>Elaine Appler</i>	<i>Joseph Halec</i>	<i>Giacomina Pesce</i>
<i>Bette Bauman</i>	<i>Ken Hemstreet</i>	<i>Barbara Pierce</i>
<i>Barbara Beers</i>	<i>Brian Josephus</i>	<i>Fred Pollock</i>
<i>Marlene Bejger</i>	<i>Harriet Karas</i>	<i>Megan Putze</i>
<i>Cathy Blair</i>	<i>Daniel Koutsis</i>	<i>Alanna Ruiz</i>
<i>John Carello</i>	<i>Stawomir Krolkowski</i>	<i>Alexandra Ruiz</i>
<i>Ed Cervantes</i>	<i>Loretta Kruszowski</i>	<i>Roxanne Ruiz</i>
<i>Stella Cervantes</i>	<i>Edward Kryger</i>	<i>Sauna Sheffer</i>
<i>Regina Conti</i>	<i>Joe Kryger</i>	<i>Marilyn Sieradzki</i>
<i>Paul Cummins</i>	<i>Pasquale Lopardo</i>	<i>Sharon Sowers</i>
<i>Hayden Daufeldt</i>	<i>Tom Lynch</i>	<i>Karen Stewart</i>
<i>Gina DeLuca</i>	<i>Sandra Maier</i>	<i>Joan Streich</i>
<i>Irene Dial</i>	<i>Eileen Marino</i>	<i>Terry Tardi</i>
<i>Teresa Dunhac</i>	<i>Joanne Merner</i>	<i>Lorraine Thielberg</i>
<i>Scott Erickson</i>	<i>Michael Merner</i>	<i>James Thompson</i>
<i>Cheryl Fisherkeller</i>	<i>Bill McGarr</i>	<i>Linda Ticsay</i>
<i>Debbie Franz</i>	<i>Gene Mikulecky</i>	<i>Jerry Tomaszewski</i>
<i>Sally Franz</i>	<i>Peter Morrissey</i>	<i>Louise Vaglica</i>
<i>Mary Fawley</i>	<i>Rich Mrugacz</i>	<i>Patricia Vitale</i>
<i>Dan Galuszek</i>	<i>Jean Nowobielski</i>	<i>Jennifer Weil</i>
<i>Joe Galuszek</i>	<i>Vince Oraziotti</i>	<i>Vern Weiss</i>
<i>Mel Gerard</i>	<i>Fred Oslager</i>	<i>Irene Wodzinski</i>
<i>Joseph Grabowski</i>	<i>Anne Marie Pagni</i>	<i>Philip Zerante</i>
<i>Jerry Grimaldi</i>	<i>Michael Palello</i>	<i>Deacon Bob Ziomek</i>

Published and/or announced 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 request to remain another six weeks.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

*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**
- LT Kassy Cinatl, US Coast Guard**
- Sgt Felicia Cinatl, US Marine**
- SGT Matt Cinatl, US Army**
- PVT Jacob E. Cleveland, US Army Reserves**
- 2LT Stephen Grabinski, US Army**
- 1LT Steven Gregor, US Army**
- Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines**
- CPT Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army**
- 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 Lauren Twarog-Rocha, US Marines**



8TH GRADERS - HS SENIORS
WELCOME

SATURDAYS | 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS | 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
PARISH CENTER - 2ND FLOOR



Fellow pilgrims—
As we begin our Lenten journey
toward Easter Sunday,
please plan to attend St. Peter's traditional
Lenten Soup and Salad
followed by Stations of the Cross.

Father Slawek and

Dear St. Peter the Apostle Parishioners:

*The events of the last few weeks have found me
at Alexian Brothers Medical Center & Rehab
Center with many obstacles to overcome. Your
gifts, cards, letters, flowers and well-wishes
are an inspiration to my recovery.*

I am grateful for everything.

Keep up your many prayers.

With love and gratitude,

Patricia Vitale



Fridays during Lent

Soup and Salad (School Hall)

5:30 pm to 6:45 pm

Stations of the Cross (Church)

6:45 pm

**Volunteers and donations are needed.
Sign-up sheets are
in the back of Church.**

**If you have any questions
or would like more information,
contact Nancy Magnus at 630-616-5197**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Catholics who have reached age 18 and are not yet 60 are required to fast on these days. All Catholics who are age 14 and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fast and Abstinence Requirements for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday



- Eat only one regular size meal.
- Eat two smaller meals (or less) that do not equal your main meal.
- Do not eat or snack between meals.
- Do not eat any meat, soup made with meat, gravy, broth, or any other dish prepared with meat.

PARISH GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY

St. Peter's is working on the second annual Guide Book & Directory for our congregation. The updated book will again be delivered by mail directly to parishioners. This will be the **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY AND HOW** of our parish.

The book is provided at no cost to the parish and is supported through advertising by local businesses. A recent survey by Guide Book Publishing showed that 91.1% of families prefer to patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over other vendors. **If you own or manage a business and would like information about advertising in this far-reaching parish resource, please call the parish center at 630-773-1272.**

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Does the parish database have CURRENT contact information for YOUR FAMILY??

Unless otherwise notified, the new directory will list **name(s), address, home phone and e-mail address for ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS AS THEY APPEAR IN THE PARISH DATABASE.**

It doesn't hurt to submit the completed form, even if you think the parish has current information.

If for any reason you would prefer to omit your family or limit information in the directory listing, please check the appropriate box at the bottom of the form at the right. **Regardless of your choice to be listed, we ask that EVERYONE complete the form as a means to update our parish records.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Center by e-mail at bulletin@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 200).

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PARISH CENTER BY FEBRUARY 15, 2015:
Updates can be e-mailed to bulletin@stpeteritasca.com OR return by mail or via Sunday collection basket.

**HAVE A BUSINESS YOU'D LIKE TO ADVERTISE IN THE NEXT PARISH GUIDEBOOK?
CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

PARISHIONER RECORD UPDATE

FAMILY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: ____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL/WORK PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

FAMILY MEMBERS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN HOUSEHOLD:

Name _____ DOB _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Name _____ DOB _____

Name _____ DOB _____

PLEASE PUBLISH OUR FAMILY IN THE DIRECTORY

PLEASE OMIT OUR FAMILY FROM THE DIRECTORY

PLEASE LIMIT OUR INFORMATION TO THE FOLLOWING:

__ name(s) __ address __ home phone

__ cell/work phone __ e-mail address

EMERGENCY CONTACT (optional):

In case of emergency, especially for parishioners living alone, please consider providing contact information for a relative or neighbor who can be called on your behalf:

Name _____ Relation _____

Phone _____

ARE YOU CONNECTED???

Start off the new year by connecting with St. Peter's through electronic newsletter distribution. 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 send your e-mail contact 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:



Join us on
Facebook

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Remember to invite your friends!!!

ASH WEDNESDAY

We cannot appreciate God's infinite mercy if we do not realize we need mercy. We cannot understand salvation apart from our recognition of our need to be saved, rescued, from something namely our sin, which otherwise separates us forever from God. Ashes remind us of this need. When we wear the ashes on our heads, we also acknowledge the sacrifice of Christ, who forever substituted His own death for the "burnt offerings" made by Old Testament priests to atone for the sins of the people.

SUPPORT THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

RESTORE
THE CHURCH
BUILD
THE FUTURE

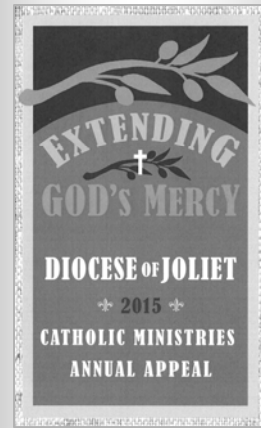


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The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe eases the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, train seminarians, and provide pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today helps to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Visit www.uscb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about the important projects funded by the collection.



The 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal
"Extending God's Mercy"

Please Be Generous

This weekend at each Mass we are privileged to participate in our diocesan-wide Commitment/In-Pew Weekend for the 2015 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The CMAA is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a pledge and pay it in 10 payments.

A significant gift to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides a significant portion of the budget of our Diocese of Joliet. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Diocese of Joliet is no exception.

As you prayerfully consider a pledge to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the diocese, and to the work of the church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you. God extends His mercy to us each day, and you can be a part of "*Extending God's Mercy*" to others through the CMAA.

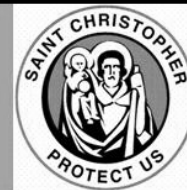
Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our diocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference, because all parishes participate in the campaign, and the gifts of many enable our diocese to deliver needed education, ministry, and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our diocese.

For those of you, who were unable to make a decision about your commitment this weekend, please prayerfully consider doing so online at jolietsdioceseappeal.org or by returning a Commitment/In-Pew Weekend envelope to the parish next week. If you received a pledge form in the mail, you may return it via mail.

After our parish exceeds its CMAA goal of \$53,000 in paid pledges, 65% of any additional funds are returned for use in our parish.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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13 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN & PORTUGAL VIA THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

May 10 - May 22, 2015

WITH FR. SLAWEK IGNASIK
OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH, ITASCA

ITINERARY :

Day 1 - Depart **Chicago** O'Hare Airport.

Day 2 - Upon arrival in **Barcelona** we will meet our tour guide and begin a city tour by bus of the "second capital of Spain". We will see properties built by renowned architect Antoni Gaudi (1852-1926) including the Casa Mila, Casa Batllo, and Montaner. We will visit the still incomplete basilica of Sagrada Familia with a projected completion in 2026. It will have 18 towers: 12 dedicated to the apostles, 4 to the evangelists, one to Jesus and another to Mary. We will drive through Park Guel and stop at the Hill of Montjuic for a beautiful panorama view of the city. **Dinner and overnight in Barcelona.**

Day 3 - After breakfast, we continue our tour of **Barcelona** with a walk through Barrio Gotico (the old town) to visit the Cathedral of St. Eulalia, the Jewish quarter, St. Mark's Square and the church of Santa Maria del Mar. In the afternoon we will visit La Rambla Street with its colorful markets and enjoy a cruise around the Barcelona's harbor. **Dinner and Flamenco show.** Overnight at hotel.

Day 4 - After breakfast we transfer to **Montserrat** and the beginning of our pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostella via the Catalan Camino also referred to as the Ignatius Way. We will visit the dramatic Benedictine monastery and home of the Shrine of Our Lady of Montserrat. According to Catholic tradition the statue was carved by St. Luke around 50 AD and brought to Spain. We will then travel on the camino to **Manresa** where St. Ignatius travelled by foot from Montserrat which inspired "The book of the Spiritual Exercises". We will continue along the camino to **Zaragoza** for dinner and overnight at hotel.

Day 5 - After breakfast we will visit **Zaragoza city**, the magnificent Basilica del Pilar, where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. James. We will also visit the Cathedral of Zaragoza and have a walking tour of the city. Afterwards we will transfer to Pamplona, famous worldwide for the running of the bulls during the San Fermin festival. We will visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria Diocesan Museum, occupying the former refectory, chapter house and convent kitchen. The museum's collection includes relics of the Lignum Crucis and the Holy Sepulchre, both in gilded silver and enamel from the 13th and 14th centuries. Afterwards we will transfer to the Basque Country and San Sebastian (Donostia) which is a part of the Northern Route to Compostella. **Dinner and overnight at San Sebastian.**

***\$2,950**
 (\$300 single supplement)



Price includes: Air/Bus/Transportation// Breakfast/Dinner/Sightseeing per Itinerary// Local guides & Tour leader service/tickets/ hotels/all taxes.

Not included: Insurance, alcoholic drinks and tips.

Day 6 - After breakfast we will visit the coastal city of **San Sebastian** situated on the Bay of Biscay and 20 km (12 miles) from the French border. It was a favorite resting place of Queen Isabella II. One of the most beautiful cities around the Camino, it is the beginning of the Northern Route and built around the bay - La mancha (shell). Walk through the city including: the town hall, Boulevard, Basilica of Saint Mary of the Chorus, San Sebastian's Cathedral, and Maria Cristina Bridge. After a short leisure time, we will leave the Northern Route of the Camino and transfer to **Burgos**, located on the French Way (Camino Francés), to visit Burgos Cathedral, one of the three largest cathedrals in Spain and part of the UNESCO World Heritage sites. Afterwards we will visit the ruins of the fortress Castillo de Santa Cruz de la Mota at the top of Urgull hill. **Dinner & overnight at hotel in Burgos.**

Day 7 - After breakfast we will continue along the French Way and depart for **Leon**. We will visit the Cathedral de Leon, another example of Gothic architecture with a delicate, French Gothic style, with nearly 100 well preserved medieval stained glass windows. Walk through the old city as we continue along the camino by visiting the new Episcopal Palace, **the most popular place in Astorga**. It was built between 1889 and 1913 when the original was destroyed by a fire. Bishop Grau decided to assign the design of the new building to his friend Antoni Gaudi. Transfer for dinner and overnight at hotel in Astorga.

Day 8 - After breakfast, we will continue our drive of the camino to **Santiago de Compostela**. Many make this pilgrimage as a form of spiritual path or retreat, for their spiritual growth. The Way of St. James was one of the most important Christian pilgrimages during the Middle Ages; together with Rome and Jerusalem, a plenary indulgence could be earned. In 1985 the city's Old Town was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. **Spending the day** in Santiago de Compostela, we will see the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, a place of pilgrimage since the Early Middle Ages. The building is a Romanesque structure with later Gothic and Baroque additions. Mass and time for private prayer. **Dinner and accommodation at hotel in Santiago de Compostela.**

Day 9 - After breakfast, time for individual prayer and leisure before departing **Santiago de Compostela**, for **Porto**. Transfer to Porto for a short walk through the city and dinner with local wine tasting. Porto wine, is a Portuguese fortified wine produced exclusively in the Douro Valley in the northern provinces of Portugal. **Dinner and accommodation at hotel in Porto.**

Day 10 - After breakfast we transfer to **Coimbra**, the former capital city of Portugal. We will visit Coimbra Old Cathedral (Se Velha de Coimbra) and the cloister, Monastery of Santa Clara-a-Velha. Visit the Carmelite convent where Sr. Lucia lived and died. As we leave Coimbra for **Fatima**, we will visit **Aljustrel**, where the three Little Shepherds were born, and **the Sanctuary**. Mass, time for prayer and walk through the sanctuary. Following dinner at the hotel, we will participate in the rosary at the Chapel of the Apparitions and candlelight procession. **Dinner & overnight at hotel in Fatima.**

Day 11 - After breakfast at the hotel, time for private prayer and leisure. Dinner and overnight at **hotel Fatima.**

Day 12 - After breakfast, before making our way to the airport we will tour the city of St. Anthony - **Lisbon**. We will visit St. Anthony Church (the birthplace of St. Anthony of Padua), the Lisbon Cathedral, St. Roch Church, and Lookout Miradouro Sao Pedro de Alcantara for one of the best views in Lisbon. Walk through the old town. Dinner in Lisbon. Transfer to airport for flight to Madrid. Overnight in **Madrid.**

Day 13 - Transfer to Madrid airport for flight back to Chicago.

Contact Toni Pietrowski at 630-699-3482 or Fr. Slawek at 773-1272 ext. 208 for further information.

"The challenge is to make the Church's "yes" to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!"

~Pope Saint John Paul II, Homily, World Youth Day, August 15, 1993
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The Women's Center

February 2015

In our nation over 1 million abortions are performed each year. The babies aren't the only victims of abortion. The other victims are their mothers, who in many cases were pressured into the abortion. Sooner or later they experience horrible grief and depression. At the Women's Center we try to help women struggling with a problem pregnancy and save them from grieving later.

Please consider hosting a diaper drive through your school, church or youth group. **Diapers in size 1, 4, 5 and 6 and baby hygiene products are always urgently needed.** We always need maternity and gently used teenage boy clothes. These items must be delivered to us unless accompanied by baby furniture. The clients and their families who receive these resources are so grateful for your generosity. Please contact Paige at 773-794-8807 or pscarlett@womens-center.org

Have you felt God calling you to serve in the pro-life mission field? The Women's Center is looking for new volunteers Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. Areas of need include lobby reception, furniture distribution, print room copying, and occasional mailings. We always need people to clean the baby bottles that we use to collect spare change at churches. This is actually our main fundraiser and keeps our doors open. For details, contact Paige at 773-794-8807 or pscarlett@womens-center.org.

We also need 4 walkers, 3 toddler beds, 4 strollers, 2 double strollers, 4 swings, crib sheets, 2 changing tables, and 4 infant car seats/carriers. It will be a great help if you can deliver these to us. **For our address, or if a pick-up by a volunteer is needed, please call 773-794-1313.** The families who receive these things are grateful for your generosity.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Birthright of DuPage	630-355-9888
National Birthright	1-800-848-LOVE
Aid for Women	630-896-8600
National Pregnancy Hotline	1-800-535-9947
National Adoption Hotline	1-202-463-7563
Greater Dosage MYM (Teen Parent Service)	630-790-8433 x 266
RETURN (Post Abortion Counseling)	1-815-838-7171
Natural Family Planning	1-815-838-1002
DuPage Catholic Charities Children's Services	630-495-6864
The Nurturing Network	1-800-TNN-4MOM
Crisis Pregnancy	1-800-67-BABY-6
	1-800-NO-ABORT
Women's Choice Services	630-261-9221
The Gabriel Project	1-877-734-2444

PRAY OUTSIDE WOOD DALE ABORTION CLINIC

Please join the Life groups of St. Peter and St. Walter's in outside of Advantage Clinic, 203 East Irving Park Road, Wood Dale, on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays from 6:00 am to 8:00 am and Fridays from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.

THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC BIOETHICS CENTER

If you are facing emergent medical situations regarding end of life decisions, the National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org/emergency_consultation.asp) will respond ASAP with help from an ethicist, doctor, etc. The number to call is **215-877-2660**. Even though the site states "Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm" for emergency consultation questions, calls are returned even after hours.



Welcome

Guests and Visitors!

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).

Family Name _____

Family Member Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL THE GREAT EUCHARIST CHAPEL DONATION

If you or your family would like to be responsible for the "Flowers of the Week," just fill out this coupon, put it in an envelope marked chapel flowers and drop it in the collection basket with \$25.00 or more. Your name will be printed in the bulletin the week your gift purchases flowers for our Eucharistic Chapel.

Specific weeks cannot be guaranteed, but we will try if possible.

Donor's Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parish Envelope Number (optional): _____

Amount \$ _____ Check # _____

What would you like the acknowledgement to read?

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In Memory of

Food Pantry Needs Restocking

On your next trip to the grocery store, please consider adding a few non-perishable food items to your shopping cart to contribute to the **Itasca Food Pantry**.

The following items are needed:

- coffee
- cereal
- paper towels
- toilet tissue
- toothpaste
- laundry detergent



If you would like more information about the food pantry, please call Pat Tardi at 630-773-4703.

Do You Need Help with Food?

Catholic Charities has resources available to help those who are in need of food. Even if you may not have qualified for assistance in the past, Catholic Charities can help.

Please call our DuPage County office located in Lombard at 630-495-8008. To learn more about Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet, visit our Web site at **www.cc-doj.org**