

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*)



There appeared to them
tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest
on each one of them.
And they were all filled
with the Holy Spirit.

ACTS 2:3-4

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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MAY 23, 2021

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

Today, we celebrate with the Universal Church the great Solemnity of Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit came upon the Blessed Mother and the apostles in the upper room of the Last Supper. It bestowed upon them the gifts that would guide them and all the faithful, and thus the Church was established. Many were baptized that very day. This is also referred to as the birthday of the Church. It is the last day of the Season of Easter.

These once simple and frightened men, mostly simple fishermen, had been commanded by Jesus Christ on the day of his ascension into heaven... "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have taught you." After His Ascension, the Apostles, along with the Blessed Mother, to guide them took refuge in the upper room praying together. Ten days later the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of a strong, driving wind and with tongues of fire. Wind and fire — which symbolized the great power with which they were now endowed and the burning zeal they had in their hearts to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.

These are the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** that confirmed and strengthened them:

Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord

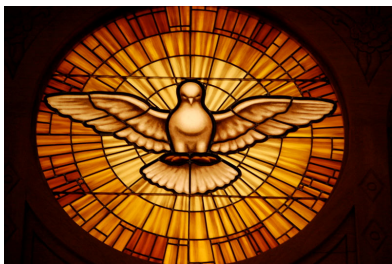
The sacrament of Confirmation is our own Pentecost. When we receive a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit an increase of our baptismal grace and of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are bestowed. This happens in order for us to do two things: "to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ."

In order to effectively fulfill our responsibility to both spread and defend our Catholic faith, two things are necessary. First, we must know our faith. One cannot give what one does not have; one cannot communicate truths which one does not know. If we wish to effectively communicate the beauty of the truths of our Catholic Faith we must know it and live it.

But besides knowledge, something else is necessary to be a good disciple and defender of the Faith: we must be imbued with the Holy Spirit. This requires that we develop a deep, personal relationship with the Holy Spirit, just as we must have an intimate, personal relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ. So as we pray to the Holy Spirit, let us make him the beloved of our soul...let us adore him so that he may continue to enlighten us, guide us, strengthen us, and console us. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to tell us what we should do as disciples of Jesus. And let us renew our promise to do as Jesus would want us to do on this birthday of the Church... to always seek to be united in the Faith of the Lord's Church ~one that is One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. Let us submit our wills to all that the Holy Spirit desires of us and to accept all that he permits to happen to us. Let us only seek to know the will of God the Father through the Holy Spirit.

Unfortunately, the Holy Spirit is often the neglected person in the Holy Trinity. Perhaps that's because it's rather easy to form an image in our mind's eye of God the Father, and of Jesus Christ. But with the Holy Spirit, this is more difficult. He is often represented as a dove, or as fire. However, we must avoid thinking of him as some impersonal "force" like that spoken of in "Star Wars" films. He is a divine person just as much as the Father and the Son are Divine Persons.

How can we think of the Holy Spirit as a divine person, and develop a personal relationship with him? The best way is to pray to the Holy Spirit. This can be done by means of specific prayers. Saint Augustine has a beautiful prayer:



"Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work too may all be holy.

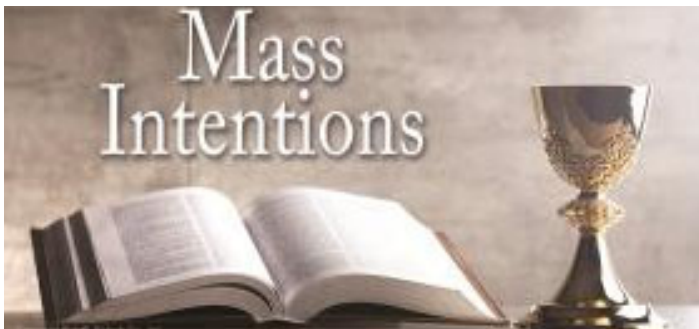
Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy."

Happy Birthday, Holy Mother Church!

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	May 23 (Pentecost Sunday)
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
Monday	May 24 (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church)
8:00 am	†Kenneth Derma
Tuesday	May 25 (Weekday; St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi)
8:00 am	†Joan Streich
Wednesday	May 26 (St. Philip Neri)
8:00 am	†Cheryl Fisherkeller
Thursday	May 27 (Weekday; St. Augustine of Canterbury)
8:00 am	†Vincenzo Amitrano
Friday	May 28 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Hilard Palace
Saturday	May 29 (Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity)
5:00 pm	†Jerry Grimaldi †Andrzej Szymikowski
	†Elizabeth Lisak †Maria Terracciano
	†Fred Nievera †Elisandro Trejo
Sunday	May 30 (The Most Holy Trinity)
8:30 am	†Minnie LaMendola
10:00 am	†Mario and Sal Russo
11:30 am	†Ellen Cullinane
	†Margaret DelPreto
	†Jim and Maryann Koback
	The Cali Family - <i>Special Intention</i>
	For an End to Abortion
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday:	Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday:	Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-9; Mk 10:46-52
Friday:	Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday:	Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8-11; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday:	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



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

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 46: 05/16/2021	\$ 9,573.00	\$ 428,604.46

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...

Tuesday May 25
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)

Wednesday May 26
8:30 am Confessions (Church)

Saturday May 29
4:15 pm Confessions (Church)

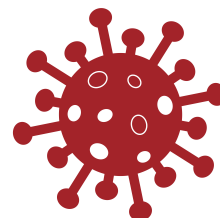
Sunday May 30
12:30 pm Motorcycle Blessing (Parking Lot)



Schedule

Saturday, May 29 | Sunday, May 30

Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Reetha George Nancy Riley	5:00 pm Chris Kunze
8:30 am Sandie Galuszek Rose Ann Roll	8:30 am Lou Casolari
10:00 am Anthony George Greg Papuga	10:00 am Kevin Grisamore
11:30 am Bill Kolf Deacon Fred	11:30 am Chris Nagle



Covid 19 UPDATES

State's COVID Response Plan - Bridge Phase -

As we enter into the Bridge Phase of the State's COVID response plan, the Diocese of Joliet has issued the following new guidelines for attending mass:

- Masks, hand sanitizer and advance registration will still be required for the immediate future.
- The use of hymnals and congregational singing is still not allowed.
- There is no in-pew exchange of peace by the congregation.
- Social distancing will no longer be required at most masses, though we will still offer a safe seating, social distancing mass at 10:00 am every Sunday.
- Attendance limits at masses will be increased to 250 people per mass, except the 10:00 am mass, where the current limit will remain in place.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to transition toward a more normal celebration of mass.

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.



TO SUPPORT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH

The Tardi Family is hosting a GARAGE SALE with proceeds to be donated to the parish.

Friday - Monday, May 28-31, 2021

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

**The Tardi Resident
440 S. Walnut
Itasca**

Stop by to see what treasures await you!



The Solemnity of Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Apostles. At His Ascension, celebrated 40 days after Easter, the Lord promised that He would send the Holy Spirit [the Paraclete] to His Apostles to fill them with His life, His Spirit, so that they will be able to courageously and faithfully proclaim His Gospel and give witness to Him. On Pentecost, 50 days after Easter, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with seven-fold gifts.

The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Holy Fear of the Lord, Counsel, Piety, and Fortitude. These same gifts, given to Mary and the Apostles at Pentecost, were given to each of us at Baptism, and sealed or poured forth in abundance upon us at Confirmation. By nature, the gifts are supernatural "habits" because they dispose us to do something easily. They incline us to steadily and constantly follow the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

The **gift of wisdom** enables us to judge rightly the things of God; this gift gives us a kind of divine "taste" for the Lord and His Will. The **gift of understanding** empowers us to better understand and enter into divinely revealed truths and the connections between them in the Catholic Faith. The **gift of knowledge** enables us to see and judge rightly about created things, and to use these as stepping stones to glory while we see God in all things. The **gift of counsel** gives us the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to judge rightly about particular events; what is to be done or avoided on the road to heaven. The **gift of piety** enables us to form a childlike affection for God as our Father; it also supports our universal love for others. It enables us to grow in holiness, devotion, and in our love for God. The **gift of fortitude** moves us under the power of the Holy Spirit to heroic practice of virtue and to overcoming all dangers on the path to heaven. Finally, the **gift of a holy fear of the Lord** empowers us to be teachable and submissive to God's will out of respect and reverence for the divine majesty of the infinite God. This gift teaches us to love God and to remember death and judgement.

Let our prayer this Pentecost Day, be in our hearts always...
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in us the fire of Your Love!



After Pentecost: What Happened to The Twelve Apostles?

It seems beyond dispute that the original 'apostolic college' consisted of Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, James, Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot. There is a problem with Bartholomew (cf. Matthew, Mark, Luke), generally considered to be Nathaniel (mentioned only by John), while the other Judas (Jude), the son of James, was likely the one called Thaddeus (cf. Matthew, Mark).

Simon Peter: The rock on whom Christ founded His Church, with the help of the Holy Spirit, united 120 confused and dispirited followers of Jesus and within days had built a Church numbering more than 5,000. Peter's ministry from the start was accompanied by miracles and two periods in gaol. Before ending up in Rome, he embarked on an extensive preaching tour of Asia Minor (some sources say he was accompanied by his wife, Perpetua). Arrested yet again, tradition holds that Peter was held in prison for nine months, chained to a column in a filthy dungeon. On 29 June 67, he was crucified upside-down.

Andrew: Already a disciple of John the Baptist, he was one of the first to be invited by Jesus to "come and see", but little is known of him thereafter although he did figure prominently in the feeding of the 5,000. After Pentecost, Scripture is silent about Andrew except to say that most of the apostles remained in Jerusalem until about AD 42, the time of the persecution of Herod Agrippa. Afterwards, it is thought that Andrew ministered around the Black Sea, then in Armenia before travelling to Asia Minor and finally into Patrae in Greece where, in 69, he was martyred by the lingering death of a crucifixion without nails. His remains, as one legend has it, lie in the cathedral in Amalfi, Italy.

James the Great: Brother of John, son of Zebedee and Salome, may have been one of the oldest of the apostles. Although one of the "inner circle" of Peter, James and John, those apostles closest to Jesus, nothing more is heard of James until his death ten years later during the short reign of Herod Agrippa, in 42 or 44 (Acts 12). The Spanish have a long tradition that it was this James, who introduced the Christian faith to Spain, but this is disputed. His remains are believed by some to now repose in the cathedral at Compostela in northern Spain.

John – "The Beloved": Born into a fishing family, he was at the foot of the Cross when Jesus entrusted his mother Mary into his care. After Pentecost, John is mentioned by Paul as being one of the pillars of the Church (Gal 2:9). Although he journeyed to Samaria with Peter, he seems to have been one of the least-travelled of the apostles. He did later travel to Rome, however, to meet Peter and was almost martyred there, reputedly walking unscathed from a cauldron of boiling oil.

Around AD 66 or 69, following his exile in Patmos, he is thought to have gone to Ephesus where he remained for the rest of his life. Afflicted with a crippling illness, he died at an advanced age, around 100, and is best remembered for his sublime gospel, his letters and the Book of Revelation.

James the Less: The son of Alphaeus. While one tradition holds that James was the first bishop of Syria, more reliable sources claim that he remained in Jerusalem and was stoned to death by an angry crowd, probably in 62.

Philip: Following Stephen's death in 36, Philip is reputed to have gone to Samaria and afterwards to Gaza, encountering on the way the Ethiopian minister of finance (Acts 8). He lived for more than 20 years in Caesarea where Paul and Luke visited him (Acts 21:8). Following much missionary activity in Asia Minor and surrounding areas, Philip incurred the ire of the Roman governor and was crucified upside-down around AD 90.

Bartholomew: If Bartholomew was indeed Nathaniel, he was the one invited to meet Jesus by his friend Philip, eliciting the response *Can anything good come from Nazareth?* In later years Bartholomew preached for a time in Lycaonia (part of present-day Turkey), in Armenia and possibly in Persia in the early 40s. The firmest traditions, however, place Bartholomew in India circa AD 60, but his ministry did not last long as, caught up in a campaign against the new Christians, he was clubbed, skinned alive and finally beheaded.

Thomas: Almost all of 'Doubting' Thomas's ministry took place outside the limits of the Roman Empire. Immediately after Pentecost, Thomas evangelised the nation of Osroene (now eastern Turkey). He also travelled into Armenia and may have returned to Jerusalem in the late 40s before moving to the north of India, possibly the Punjab. In the early 60s, Thomas embarked on a long series of missionary journeys, settling finally in Mylapore. Most traditions agree that Thomas died from stab wounds inflicted by Hindu priests near Madras on 3 July AD 72.

Matthew: Known as the 'Phantom Apostle', because so little is known about his life, he was a son of Alphaeus (Mk 2:14) and brother of James. Matthew appears to have ministered to the Jewish communities in Palestine for many years. Some accounts claim that he lived and was martyred in Ethiopia, others that he died a natural death in about AD 90.

Simon and Jude: The only two apostles to die together were Simon and Jude. Some of the legends about Simon's later life claim that he ministered in Africa, Egypt and possibly even in Great Britain. Jude is reputed to have been the first apostle into the missionary-field. He travelled to Osroene and then to Armenia where he remained for many years before joining up with Simon in 66 and moving to Iran. Despite fierce opposition from the Magi, Simon and Jude converted 60,000 people to Christianity in Babylon and moved to the city of Suanair in 79. There, a howling mob attacked them with stones; Jude was run through with a spear and Simon sawn into pieces.

Matthias: Mentioned only twice in all of Scripture – in the passage Acts 1: 21-26 where he is elected as a replacement for Judas Iscariot. He was considered by Clement, an early Church Father, to be in the mould of John the Baptist and to have lived a life of austerity. Matthias is usually associated with Armenia, on the north shores of the Black Sea, before his return to Jerusalem where he is thought to have been stoned to death by a hostile crowd in 51, thus probably becoming the second of the twelve to die.

This article first appeared in *The Word* (June 2005), a Divine Word Missionary Publication.

Apostolic Succession

The doctrine of apostolic succession—central to the Catholic Church's identity with the Church founded by Jesus in the first century—involves there being an unbroken line of bishops from the beginning of Christian history to the present. The chain of apostolic succession, of course, started with the apostles themselves. But apostles stopped being commissioned in the first century, and so apostolic succession continues with the bishops, the successors of the apostles. At times there has been confusion regarding the precise relationship between bishops and apostles, as well as the historical origin of the office of bishop, so it's useful to the apologist to further explore these subjects.

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION BEGINS

Christ conferred upon his apostles the original task of shepherding the earthly Church in his absence. As the Church grew, the apostles themselves appointed different kinds of ministers to assist them.

Among the apostles there were two groups. The first consisted of the Twelve, who witnessed the whole of Christ's earthly ministry from his baptism to his Ascension (Acts 1:21-26). The second group of apostles, including Paul and Barnabas (Acts 14:14), was not bound by this condition. Thus Paul had seen and been commissioned as an apostle by the risen Christ (1 Cor. 9:1, Gal. 1:1), though he had not been a disciple of Jesus during his earthly ministry (Acts 9, 1 Cor. 15:8).

Christ could have continued to appear to individuals and appoint them as apostles throughout the Church age. However, he chose not to do so, and so the apostles passed from the scene. The fact that this group has not continued is a Christian teaching, though not found in the New Testament, that is universally honored among Christians, including Protestants (except for certain radical Pentecostals). Thus it can be used as a counterexample with those advocating *sola scriptura*.

As the apostles died, the task of shepherding the Church fell by default upon the highest-ranking ministers appointed by them. This group is known today as the bishops, who are the successors of the apostles as the highest shepherds of the earthly Church.

Due to bishops' role as the successors of the apostles, possession of a valid episcopacy is necessary for a church to claim apostolic succession. Apostolic succession thus involves in the bishops serving as successors to the apostles, not serving as apostles. The bishops are not simply a continuation of the office of apostle; they received the governance of the Church when that office ceased.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN OFFICES

Though modern bishops succeed the apostles as the highest shepherds of the Church, and though they belong to unbroken lines of ordination going back to the hands of the apostles themselves, the office of bishop is not identical to the office of apostle. If it were, Christ would not have allowed the apostles to disappear from the scene but would have continued to appear to and commission new apostles for the Church.

There are differences between the offices of bishop and apostle:

1) The Gift of Miracles. Each apostle was endowed with the gift of miracles to enable him to perform signs validating his ministry as an apostle (2 Cor. 12:12). These manifestations provided motives of credibility showing the divine authority of the apostles and, by extension, those they appointed as successors. Bishops do not typically receive the gift of miracles.

2) Universal vs. particular jurisdiction. Apostles were not limited territorially in the way bishops are. The mission of an apostle was to cultivate and shepherd the Church of Christ wherever he might be, giving him a universal jurisdiction (cf. Matt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:14-15).

The New Testament shows apostles engaging in missionary and church-planting work in overlapping territories around the Roman world. When the apostles entrusted non-apostles with the task of organizing and governing churches, they placed limitations —commonly territorial ones—that gave lower ministers (bishops, priests, deacons) particular jurisdictions for ministry (cf. Acts 14:23; 20:17; Titus 1:5).

3) Personal vs. collegial infallibility. Christ promised the apostles special assistance by the Holy Spirit in remembering and understanding the teachings of Christ (John 14:26). This allowed the individual apostles to exercise the infallible teaching authority of the Church, and any apostle who chose to do so could define an issue. Nevertheless, it was expedient to emphasize the settled character of a teaching that on some occasions definitions not be made by the authority of one, but by the joint authority of all the apostles, gathered in council (cf. Acts 15).

Except for the pope acting as the successor of Peter, bishops today do not have the ability individually to exercise the Church's infallible teaching office. They can do so only as a body, either in their ordinary teaching or when gathered in an ecumenical council (*Lumen Gentium* 25, *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 891-892).

...to be continued next weekend with "Historical Origin"

Questions and Answers on the Holy Spirit

Who is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is God and the third Person of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Spirit is also called the Holy Ghost, the Paraclete, the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of God, and the Spirit of Love.

From whom does the Holy Spirit proceed?

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit does not proceed from the Father and the Son by spiritual generation. Only the Son proceeds from the Father by generation. This is one of the mysterious truths that we know only from revelation.

Is the Holy Spirit equal to the Father and the Son?

The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son, because He is God. Because of the oneness of nature in the Blessed Trinity, the Father is entirely in the Son and in the Holy Spirit; the Son is entirely in the Father and in the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit is entirely in the Father and in the Son. No one of the three divine Persons is outside the other, for none precedes the other in eternity, nor surpasses the other in power, nor exceeds the other in any way. This indwelling of one divine Person in the others is called circumincession.

What does the Holy Spirit do for the salvation of mankind?

The Holy Spirit dwells in the Church as the source of its life and sanctifies souls through the gift of grace.

Although the sanctification of mankind, like all other outward works of God, is performed by all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, it is attributed to the Holy Spirit, the third Person. The sanctification of mankind is attributed to the Holy Spirit because He is the love of the Father and the Son and because the sanctification of man by grace shows forth God's boundless love.

The Baltimore Catechism, Lesson 9.



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.

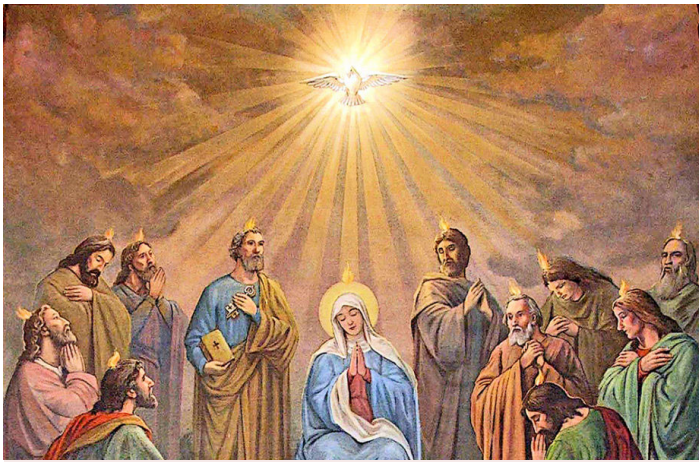
The ACTUAL "Sign of Peace" happens when the priest says, "the peace of the Lord be with you always" and the people respond, "and with your spirit." *THAT* is the Sign of Peace. Then the rubric says that the priest/deacon MAY - not MUST - MAY add "let us offer each other the sign of peace." And, because 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."





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.

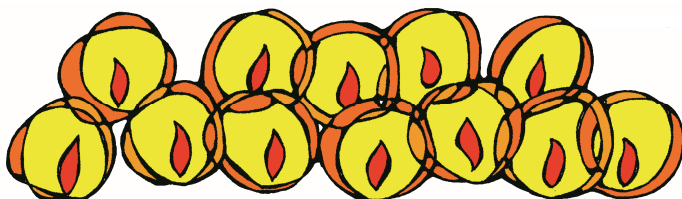
May He impart to us the gift of knowledge,
which will enable us to discern Your teaching and distinguish good from evil;
the gift of piety, which will make us enjoy true peace;
and the gift of fear, which will make us shun all iniquity
and avoid all danger of offending Your Majesty.

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

Amen.

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit.*

— 1 Corinthians 12:4



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Ken Hemstreet
Michelle Anderson	Mary Hosters
Sue Bobka	Anne Keeton
Mike Carey	Rickie Kruzel
Eunice Cleveland	JoLynn Lash
Robert Cleveland	Lilly Lima
Regina Conti	Gene Mikulecky
Dona Corrigan	Christopher Mizera
Colin Cummins	Holly Vana
Mary Cummins	Tom Vana
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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 12:45 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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And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:



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Invitation to Register!

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