

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

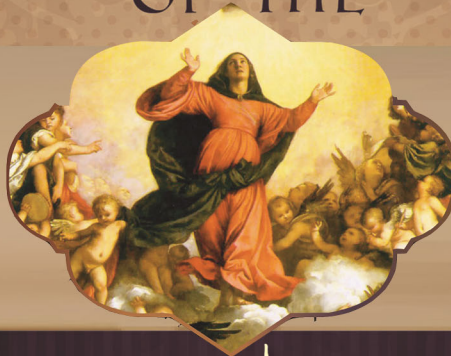
Saturdays | 4:15 pm - 4:45 pm

Wednesdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

First Saturdays | 8:30 am (*following 8:00 am Mass*)

AUGUST 15, 2021

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE



Blessed Virgin Mary

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Revelation 12:1

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

This Sunday we celebrate with all Catholics the great Feast and Mystery of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. As the chosen daughter of God our Father, the mother of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, The Second Vatican Council declared her to be the “Mother of the Church.” And her entry into heaven, her Assumption, the completion of God’s triumph in Mary, is what we celebrate on August fifteenth.

The question of whether or not Saint Mary experienced bodily death is the subject of centuries of discussion among Christians and theologians. But, in 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Doctrine of the Assumption, bringing together the Church’s Tradition and beliefs spanning over two thousand years — since the time of the Apostles. Simply put, our belief in the Assumption says ***that having completed the course of her earthly life, the Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.*** And so, the Dogma of the Assumption, that all devout Catholics must believe, was nothing new in 1950, rather it was a formal pronouncement of what was always held since the time of the Apostles. In fact, the story is told of her, that when she knew her end was near, The Blessed Mother sent word to the Apostles. They all came to her side, except for Thomas, who arrived three days too late. Thomas asked permission of the others to open the tomb... when they did, they found only her burial shroud wrapped in flowers, and the tomb overflowing in blossoms.

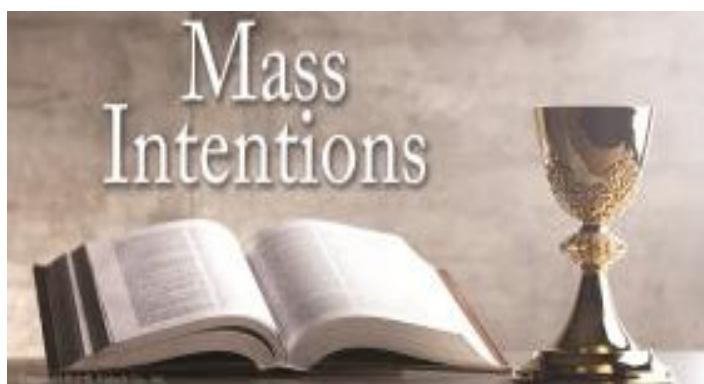
The belief in Saint Mary’s Assumption flows from the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (which we celebrate on December 8), and completes it. Since Saint Mary was immaculately conceived (that is, conceived in the womb of her Mother without the stain of original sin), she should not have to suffer the ultimate penalty for sin which is the corruption of the grave. And so, at the end of her earthly life, the Lord Jesus gave to His Mother Mary the gift of the glorified body of Resurrection, because she was preserved from sin from the moment of her Conception. She was given the gift of resurrection before the rest of creation, because she was chosen to be the Mother of God. Mary was given a special gift, a special grace from the Lord.

The Assumption merely means that, to honor His mother, Christ anticipated in her case what will happen to all of us at the end of time... if we, like The Blessed Mother, remain faithful to the Lord, and all that He asks of us in this life.

May the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ pray for us!

Fr. Noesen





Sunday	August 15 (<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>)
8:30 am	†Edward Kryger
10:00 am	†Gloria Medow
11:30 am	†Mary Sipp Lulling People of the Parish
Monday	August 16 (<i>Weekday; St. Stephen of Hungary {Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time}</i>)
8:00 am	†Dora Pontillo
Tuesday	August 17 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Mary Lou DuBouis
Wednesday	August 18 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	†Joe Trejo
Thursday	August 19 (<i>Weekday; St. John Eudes, Priest</i>)
8:00 am	†Bruce Gariti
Friday	August 20 (<i>St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>)
8:00 am	†Frank Pellegrino
Saturday	August 21 (<i>Vigil: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
5:00 pm	†Hazel Fleming †Anthony "Tony" Morizzo †Jean Sroka †Andrzej Szymikowski †Lillian Ziemba For an End to Abortion
Sunday	August 22 (<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Maryann Koback
10:00 am	†Jerry Riordan
11:30 am	†Mary Frawley †Christopher Kosk †Carol Mazzucchi People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69

WHY DOES GOING TO MASS REALLY MATTER?

COME JOIN US AS WE LEARN!

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

- Weekly teaching videos on the Mass from Father Burke Masters delivered via email
- Daily videos of Father Burke Masters' commentary on the readings from Daily Mass delivered via email (supplemental material)
- Local small groups gather to discuss weekly video on the Mass
- Optional monthly large group nights of reflection
- Companion workbook to guide and facilitate discussion
- Prayer partner support
- Commitment card with options for personal growth in four areas of life



DETAILS:



- Start date: September 10
- End date: December 8
- Various small group day/time meeting options available as registration is completed
- Registration open July 21 through August 17
- Register by scanning the code above or visit dioceseofjoliet.org/beformed

Questions? Contact Toni Pietrowski
630-773-1272 (ext. 216)
religiouse@stpeteritasca.com

For Men and Women
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BLOOD DRIVE

Stronger Together

Donate
Blood

Sunday
August

22

8:00AM – 2:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.
BRING PHOTO ID!

See all COVID safety precautions at versiti.org

Any donor related questions:
Call 1-800-770-GIVE

St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church & Knights Of Columbus Council #10884

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
Located at St Peter Church - Margaret Woods Hall
551 N Rush St. Itasca

Be a beacon of hope for those around you who rely on lifesaving blood donations.

Please make an appointment on-line:
<https://bit.ly/Blood-Drive-8-22-21>



Or Scan QR Code ----->

Appointments preferred; Walk-ins are welcome.



Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection**Year to Date**

Fiscal Week 6: 08/08/2021 \$ 10,393.00 \$ 62,599.70

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).

DONATE NOW
 with  **GiveCentral**

**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 June 30, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$403,834.28. Thank you for your stewardship and prayers.

Please keep Saint Peter the Apostle Parish in mind when making out your Will and in doing your Estate Planning. Remembering the Church is a beautiful and fitting way to make a lasting memorial statement of faith for future generations.

This Week at St. Peter's...

- Sunday August 15**
 12:15 pm Faith & Fellowship after all Masses (MW Parish Hall)
 Baptisms (Church)
- Sunday August 16**
 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (MW Parish Hall)
- Tuesday August 17**
 10:00 am Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
 7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday August 18**
 8:30 am Confessions (Church)
- Saturday August 21**
 4:15 pm Confessions (Church)
- Sunday August 22**
 8am-2 pm Parish Blood Drive (MW Parish Hall)



Roman Catholic
Diocese of Joliet

**Diocese of Joliet Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.**

2021 Goal for Saint Peter the Apostle Parish - \$52,400

Amount Pledged to Date - \$51,530

Amount Paid to Date - 48,485

Please help our parish reach our target goal. Pledge envelopes are available in the Narthex. Fill it out with your payment or pledge and drop it in the Sunday collection or mail it to the Diocese. You can also make your gift on-line through the Diocesan website at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org
 God bless you for your generosity and support.

**Schedule**

Saturday, August 21 | Sunday, August 22

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Beth McKenna
 Frank McKenna
 8:30 am Dorie Calip
 Kathy Frank
 10:00 am Chris Nagle
 Greg Papuga
 11:30 am Anthony George
 Mary McNamara

Lectors

5:00 pm Patrick Powers
 8:30 am Chris Aument
 10:00 am Nancy Magnus
 11:30 am Diane Blackburn



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!

NOTE: Sunday Donuts Faith & Fellowship will not take place next weekend Due to the Parish Blood Drive .



Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ!

WHAT IS A CURSILLO?

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning short course. A Cursillo therefore is a short course in Christianity. While Cursillo originated in Spain in the 1940s, today Cursillo Weekends are given in more than 50 nations on 5 Continents. It is estimated that more than 2 million men and women of various races and languages have participated. There are approximately 3,400 Cursillistas in the Joliet Diocese.

To explain a Cursillo to someone who has never experienced it is difficult and somewhat mystifying. The reason behind the mystery is God. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special/unique way throughout the movement. For some, it is a total turnabout in their lives; for others, it is a grand awakening; for yet others, it is an enrichment of what they have already known and have been living. We do not promise anything or judge anyone – we simply offer the program and rely on the grace of God and the openness of the individual to produce its benefits.

The Cursillo is an opportunity to form and live in community with other Catholics and clergy members. It is immersed in Catholic Doctrine and the Sacraments, most importantly it is an encounter with Christ.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS RETURN!

We are excited to announce the return of Cursillo weekends this fall at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, Illinois. The fall schedule is as follows.

Men's 139th Weekend **September 23-26, 2021**

Women's 131st Weekend **November 4-7, 2021**

These 72-hour Cursillo weekends begin on Thursday evenings with meditation and silence. Daily Mass is celebrated. There will be morning and night prayer, rosary, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Reconciliation and spiritual direction are also available. You will listen to Apostolic talks given by laity and clergy.

There is plenty of food, fun and fellowship as well! Transportation to and from the weekend will be provided.

The Men's team are having their Formation (Preparation) Meetings here at St. Peter the Apostle on Tuesday evenings.

To learn more about the Cursillo movement, or if you have an interest in attending a Cursillo Weekend, please contact Jim Hahn at jimhahn6@gmail.com or 847-736-8975. You will also find additional information on our website www.jolietcursillo.org.



Thank you to all who attended and to those who helped with the outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic last Sunday. Special thanks to the Picnic Committee and Knights of Columbus and many parishioners who helped organize, set up and clean up. Special recognitions to all the generous businesses and services in our area who helped to make this special event happen. We are grateful for their financial gifts and foods and services. Please patronage and thank the following:

7-11

Helen's Deli - Wood Dale

Itasca Foot & Ankle - (Dr. Marie Schlund)

Lions Club of Itasca

Loren Gent - FunFunFunDJs.com

McDonald's - Itasca

The Oaks Funeral Home

Village of Itasca

Itasca Fire Department

Itasca Police Department

...and the many parishioners who donated financially and in other ways

Our volunteers are a valuable and integral part of the parish – you are always welcome here, and more help will certainly be needed for future parish events and gatherings! Thank you to everyone who brought side dishes and desserts to share! It was a great way to welcome back all of our parishioners and neighbors and friends who have been away since the pandemic shutdown.

We hope to see you at Mass as we praise the Lord. Even though the coronavirus is still with us, and even the best of scientists do not know when this worldwide plague will end, that should not stop us from doing what is right and just before God as we seek to live actively as disciples of Jesus Christ. We should not be paralyzed from attending Mass and participating in parish ministries and services offered. As the history of Catholicism teaches, our ancestors experienced plagues in their time. Persecution and hardship did not keep them from their proper worship and praise of God. The celebration of the Eucharist was even done in secret years ago. For example, in the underground catacombs when Christians faced adversity and everything contrary to Christ and the Catholic Faith, Masses were celebrated secretly. Nothing should keep us or deter us from the Mass as long as we keep vigilant and cautious of each other's health and well-being.

Again, welcome back to Saint Peter the Apostle Parish for Mass and the life of this Roman Catholic community. Remember, the only thing that can fill each of us with happiness and hope is God. His Word and the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation bring us back to living as His children. Therefore, take courage and faith! Let us pray for each other every day.



8 Things Catholics Should Do Every Day

Catholic Link

1. Start the day with prayer, your Bible, and a talk with your Mother. It sounds so simple, yet I don't understand why some days I can't seem to "fit" in prayer. **Our days need to be centered around this habit.** Make a date of it. Set your cell phone alarm to a time when you can pray and don't leave God stranded. Mornings are best, but if it doesn't work for you find a time that does. Pull out your Bible and read a line or two. The daily Mass readings are a great place to start. A goal for every Catholic is to say the rosary every day, but some of us are in a season of life when this isn't possible. If you can't do a rosary, start with at least a Hail Mary and work up to a decade or a chaplet.

*"Prayer is nothing else than union with God.
When the heart is pure and united with God
it is consoled and filled with sweetness;
it is dazzled by a marvelous light."*

— St. John Vianney

2. Smile. Use your manners. Be kind. Give out hugs. Have you heard the old Hymn, "They will know we are Christians by our love, by our love..."? It's not necessarily true today. Christians have become just as rude and inconsiderate as everyone else, sometimes even more so! Let's reclaim our Christian love by smiling, letting others go first in line or helping old ladies cross the street.

*"Let us always meet each other with smile,
for the smile is the beginning of love."*

— Blessed Mother Teresa

3. Go on Social Media (i.e., communicate!), call a friend, visit a friend. Yes, I know we have a bunch of posts about how social media is overused, but go ahead, use it! However, **use it in a way that glorifies God.** Share a scripture verse with a friend. Check-in on an old classmate. Daily connect with people to build relationships. (Don't stop there though, make it a weekly goal to get together in person with a friend or family member.)

*"Friendship is the source of the greatest pleasures,
and without friends even the most agreeable pursuits
become tedious."*

— St. Thomas Aquinas

4. Tell someone you love them and why. I don't know anyone who has ever gotten tired of hearing they are loved. It's even better when they are given a list of reasons why! Whether it is your parents, siblings, or your own children, make it a daily habit to tell at least one person in your life how much you love them.

*"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying,
to run by running, to work by working, and just so,
you learn to love by loving. All those who think to learn
in any other way deceive themselves."*

— St. Francis de Sales

5. Talk about God. Make God a part of your whole day, not just your prayer time. Bring Him into conversations with friends, family, even co-workers if you can. We talk about things we love – movies, restaurants, people... but we often fail to talk about God in the same way.

"But this does not mean that we should postpone the evangelizing mission; rather, each of us should find ways to communicate Jesus wherever we are. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives."

— Pope Francis

6. Sacrifice something. It's so important that we learn to make daily sacrifices and offer them up to the Lord. It doesn't have to be anything crazy. Eat bread with no butter. Turn off the radio and drive in silence. It's the little things that cultivate our holiness and help us to overcome our attachment to things of the world.

*"There is no place for selfishness—and no place for fear!
Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands.
Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice."*

— Saint Pope John Paul II

7. Serve in some way. Look for a way to serve someone every day. Again, this doesn't have to be something major like heading to Africa on a service trip. It can be doing the dishes for your mom, paying for a stranger's coffee, or picking up garbage as you walk down the street. **Don't let a day go by in which you did not do something for someone else.**

"You know that our Lord does not look at the greatness or difficulty of our action, but at the love with which you do it. What, then, have you to fear?"

— St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8. Reflect on your day. At the end of every day, take a few minutes to think back over the day. An examination of conscience is a great way to do this. Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone you need to seek forgiveness from? Think about the ways in which the Lord provided for you and be thankful for His many blessings. Thank Him! Ask yourself, did I move closer to or further from God through my actions today? How can I do better tomorrow? There is even an app for this created by a priest.

"You must strive with all possible care to please God in such a manner as neither to do nor behold anything, without first consulting Him, and in everything to seek Him alone and His glory."

— St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

For your weekly and monthly planning:

Every Week:

- attend Mass on Sunday (and weekdays, if you can)
- go to Adoration of The Eucharist
- meet with a friend in person and/or go on a date with your spouse
- tithe

Every Month:

- go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- do some type of ministry do spiritual reading including the bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church, the lives of the saints, etc.
- meet with a spiritual mentor

Every Year:

- go on a retreat



ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

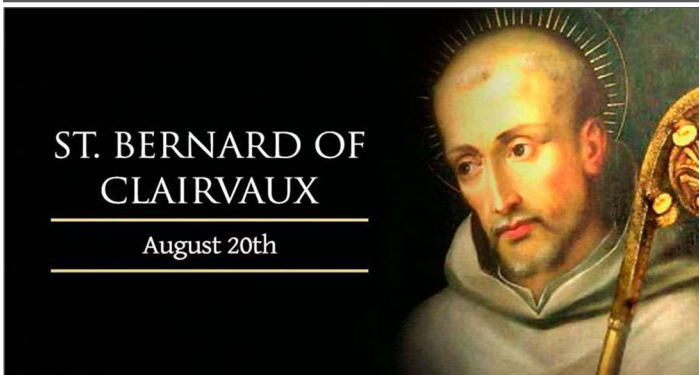
August 16th

St. Stephen was born about 969, baptised about 985, crowned king of Hungary in 1000. Stephen ruled wisely in the country, and did all he could for the establishment of the Church there. He died in 1038.

**Almighty Father,
grant that Saint Stephen of Hungary,
who fostered the growth of your Church on earth,
may continue to be our powerful helper in heaven.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Amen.



ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

August 20th

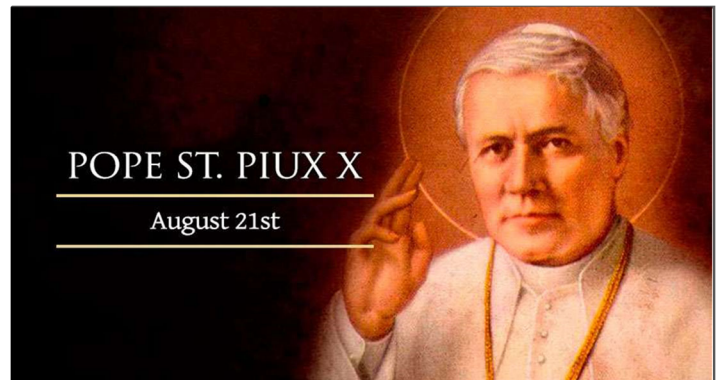
Prayer of Saint Bernard to the Blessed Mother

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone
who fled to thy protection, implored thy help,
or sought thine intercession was left unaided.**

**Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to thee do I come, before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.**

**O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me.**

Amen.



POPE ST. PIUS X

August 21st

*Oh, Pope Saint Pius X, Pope of the Eucharist,
pray for me to Jesus Christ
that I may get His true Love and live for Him alone.*

*Also pray for me that I get the vigour
and will to live a life full of sanctity
so that I may enjoy the true rewards of the sacrifice
and sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.*

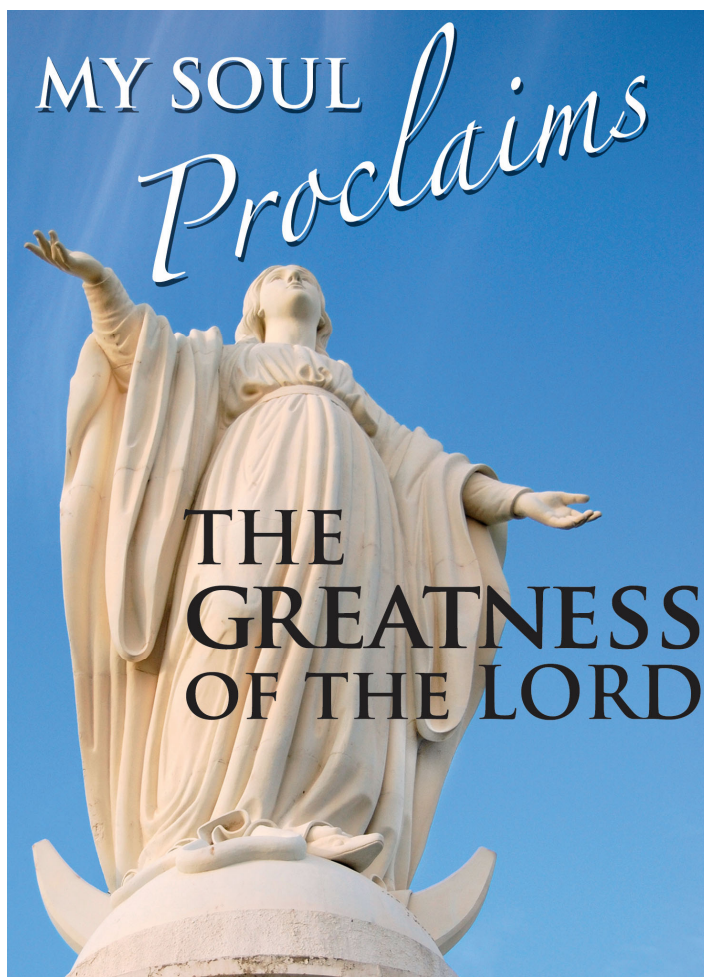
*May I copy your love for the Sweet Virgin Mary,
the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that I may also fill my heart
with utmost love and tender devotion for her.*

*Dear St. Pius X, pray for the Church of Christ
so that we may have an increase in vocations
for religious life,*

*where eventually we will get holy
and dedicated priests and other clergy.*

*We ask you that you pray for peace and tranquility
in our hearts and nations
so that we all dwell under the wonderful regime
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*





Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Gerri Gerard	John North
Michelle Anderson	Mel Gerard	Holly Vana
Sue Bobka	Brad Grabow	Tom Vana
Elio Campanella	Mike Graziano	Harriett Pinkowski
Mike Carey	Gary Grote	Bonnie Pollock
Eunice Cleveland	Virginia Halac	Nikki Recchia
Robert Cleveland	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Regina Conti	Mary Hosters	Ann Marie Rossi
Marie Costable	Anne Keeton	John Rossi
Colin Cummins	Rickie Kruzell	Wayne Slowiak
Mary Cummins	JoLynn Lash	Fr. Mirosław Stepień
Michael Cummins	Lilly Lima	Linda Wuerffel
Paul Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Scott Erickson	Christopher Mizera	Carol Zell

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 August prayers for the Church and for the world:

THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



*Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. .*

— Luke 1:42



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

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

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phone: 847-224-9324**PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS**

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

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

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

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

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

BAPTISMS

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

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

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

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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

FUNERALS

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

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

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



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



MAKE SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME!

Welcome, New Parishioners — Register Today

Week after week, 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.

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Invitation to Register!

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