

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*)

JANUARY 8, 2023 | THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



From the Administrator...

IN VERITATE ET IN CARITATE

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word "Epiphany" can be defined as: "an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being". The Epiphany of the Lord is one of the greatest events in all of human history: God incarnate, both true God and true man at the same time. This manifestation is the key moment in all of history.

The revelation of the birth of our Savior was first shared by the angel of God to shepherds near Bethlehem, considered at the time to be among the lowest caste of the Jewish community. Living with their flocks, hygiene was not a major concern, so they were not often welcome in public or private gatherings. Yet they the lowly were called through God's messenger to be the first to know, honor and celebrate the birth of the Christ child.

Today we celebrate the sharing of this good news to the greater world. Whether we refer to them as kings, wise men or magi, our Savior's birth was made known through heavenly signs to all peoples and all nations. The "Three Kings" represent the entire gentile world and are often depicted as one Caucasian, one Oriental and one Black; signifying that all races were called to celebrate this heavenly manifestation.

The Gospel writings are not precise as to when the magi arrived to pay homage to Jesus. In Matthew's gospel it states: "...on entering the house..." which suggests that some time had passed since His birth in the stable. Either the family was able to move in with relatives in Bethlehem, or Joseph, as a tradesman, was able to acquire a house for them to stay in for a period of time. Scholars suggest that it could have been one to two years after the birth when the Magi arrived.

Tradition holds that there were three magi, though again scripture is silent on the actual number. We use three because there are three gifts mentioned: gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gift of gold recognizes that the child is royal, kingly and is expected to become the ruler of Israel — Christ the King. The frankincense was traditionally used during worship in the Holy Temple. This symbolizes Jesus' divinity and His role as High Priest. Myrrh was a spice used in anointing the bodies of the dead. It foreshadowed His passion and death on the cross for the redemption of mankind, fulfilling all prophecy: Priest, Prophet and King.

Epiphany Sunday is, in many cultures, a day of gift-giving. For many Christmas is more of a purely religious celebration, and Epiphany is when gifts are exchanged. However you celebrate these holidays, we hope that you will remember that today we celebrate the revelation and manifestation of the birth of our Savior to the entire world. This week we are called to share the story of the Nativity with our family and friends, and offering up prayers of thanksgiving to God for the gift of His precious Son and the promise of our heavenly salvation.

In Truth and in Love,

Deacon Fred Maier

Acting Administrator, St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week



Sunday	January 8 (The Epiphany of the Lord)
8:30 am	†Chuck Fuscone
10:00 am	People of the Parish
11:30 am	†Shalemon Aivaz
	†Rita Bacik
	†Deanne Bernacchi
	†Giuseppina Fricano
	†Luka and Nevenka Lovric
	Special intentions of the Lillian Janssens
Monday	January 9 (The Baptism of the Lord)
8:00 am	†Robert Van Alstine
Tuesday	January 10 (First Week in Ordinary Time begins)
8:00 am	†Bill Franz
Wednesday	January 11 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Al and Lupe Trejo
Thursday	January 12 (Weekday)
8:00 am	†Michael Pensa
Friday	January 13 (Weekday; St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church)
8:00 am	†Judy Maggio
Saturday	January 14 (Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
5:00 pm	†James Berardi
	†Judy Maggio
	†Fr. Robert Noesen
	†Linda Wuerffel
	For an End to Abortion
Sunday	January 15 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
8:30 am	†Marguerite Hower
10:00 am	†Rosemary Kobielus
11:30 am	†Rosemary Kobielus
	†Eileen Owczarzak
	†Walter Shaban
	†Illuminada Tionsgon
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wednesday:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

GRIEF MINISTRY

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

Please meet in Margaret Woods Hall for refreshments before heading to the **Parish Center Conference Room**.

For more information, please contact:

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

THIS WEEKEND—SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 | 9:30 am



Thursday, January 12 | 10am
BIBLE STORYTIME
 Join us for faith, fellowship, and fun –
 exploring God's Good News
 through stories, songs, and crafts.

Geared toward children ages 0-6
 and their caregivers,
 but **ALL ARE WELCOME!**
 No registration required.

Storytime is held at St. Peter's School
 (across the parking lot from the Church)
 524 N. Cherry Street | Itasca
 Questions?
 Please contact Rachel Scheck at 219-308-3007.

Experience the EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBIT



Based on the
Blessed Carlo Acutis

Hosted by

St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church
 551 N. Rush Street | Itasca, Illinois 60143



This traveling exhibit has been created to assist those who will experience it to affirm belief in the Real Presence of the Jesus in the Eucharist. It is based upon the website created by Blessed Carlo Acutis to catalogue all the eucharistic miracles that have taken place worldwide.

The exhibit is circular and is divided into seven sections or rooms. In the first six rooms, information about the Eucharistic miracles is displayed. Each panel names a miracle, recounts the story of its occurrence and the country where it took place. The panels are arranged in chronological order from the early Third Century to 2013.

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EXHIBIT DETAILS

The exhibit is open to the public and will take place in Margaret Woods Hall at St. Peter the Apostle Parish.

This is a **FREE** event. Bring your family and friends!

Wednesday, January 4
 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Friday, January 6
 8:30am - 8:00pm

Saturday, January 7
 9:00am - 10:30am
 6:00pm - 6:30pm

Sunday, January 8
 9:00am - 1:00pm



Stewardship of Treasure

St. Peter the Apostle

Fiscal Week 26 - Sunday Collection (12/25/2022)	\$ 5,366.00
Christmas Collection 2022.....	\$ 35,295.50
Fiscal Week 27 - Sunday Collection (01/01/2023)	\$ 13,937.50
Solemnity of Mary (01/01/2023)	\$ 2,791.00

If you have any questions concerning the collection numbers, please feel free to contact the Business Office by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or by phone at 630-773-1272 (ext. 204).



Please visit the parish website and look for the GiveCentral icon to link to the secure online giving portal.

You can also connect directly by using the QR code provided or visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251



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

This Week at St. Peter's...

Sunday	January 8
8 am - 1 pm	Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit (MW Parish Hall)
9:30 am	Grief Support Group (PC Conference Room)
Monday	January 9
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Officer's Mtg. (AFCM/KOC Hall)
Tuesday	January 10
7:00 pm	OCIA Class (PC Conference Room)
7:15 pm	Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
Wednesday	January 11
8:30 am	Confessions (Church)
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
Thursday	January 12
8:30 am	Father John Project (Church)
10:00 am	Bible Story Time (School)
Friday	January 13
6:20 am	Communion Service (Church)
Saturday	January 14
9:00 am	Religious Education Classes (School/Church)
4:15 pm	Confessions (Church)
6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Council Epiphany Party
Sunday	January 15
	Faith & Fellowship (after all masses) (MW Parish Hall)
12:30 pm	Baptisms (Church)



SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14 | Sunday, January 15

Celebrants

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

Lectors

5:00 pm Lou Casolari
8:30 am Chris Aument
10:00 am Nancy Magnus
11:30 am Paul Gennuso

Communion Ministers

5:00 pm Nancy Ferenzi
Kay North
8:30 am Kathy Frank
Deacon Anthony
10:00 am Greg Papuga
Deacon Bob
11:30 am Mary McNamara
Deacon Fred



Epiphany and Giving...

The Epiphany celebrates the coming of the Magi, who were non-Jews, to worship the child Jesus. It is thus a missionary feast because Jesus is not only the Jewish Messiah but also the Savior of the whole human race.

The Epiphany is a stewardship celebration, as well, for the Magi did not come empty-handed. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to offer him. Gold represents the Treasure that we present to our spiritual King for the spread of the Kingdom of God. Frankincense symbolizes our Time that we devote to prayer and the worship of God. And myrrh conveys our willingness to offer our Talent to serve others.

The Epiphany challenges us to be good Christian stewards and to bring our time, talent, and treasure to worship Jesus, just as the Magi did, and to invite others to join us in worship.



Deacon Anthony is offering a Communion Service weekly on Friday mornings at 6:20 am.

The Communion Service does not replace the 8am mass, but rather is an alternative for those unable to attend Mass.



Transitional Housing Ministry

Thanks to parishioner support donations, Transitional Housing has now raised enough money to cover 7 months of rent. The family will be moving in next week. Thanks to parishioner donations of furniture and labor, the apartment is furnished for the family. At this time the main needs are as follows:

- Small kitchen table (less than 4 feet long) and 3 chairs
- Girls 4T pants and long sleeve shirts
- Size 9 kids girls shoes
- Size 3T girls pull ups
- Size 4 boys diapers
- Baby Wipes
- Ironing board
- Quarters for laundry

Donations can be left at the Parish Center. For additional information, please contact Adam Stephan at adam.stephan@gmail.com or 847-715-8326.



SAVE THE DATE

Make Plans to Attend

Cupid's Ball

Knights of Columbus Council 10884
invites you to an evening of
dinner, dancing, raffles and more!!!

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Belvedere Events and Banquets • Elk Grove Village, Illinois

CASH RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE

1st Prize..... \$1,500.00
2nd Prize..... \$ 500.00
5 Prizes \$ 100.00 each

Please contact Chairperson, Nick Alfano (630-595-9318), or Tom Kryger (630-773-9392) with any questions.
You can also send an e-mail to knights@stpeteritasca.com or
visit us on Facebook at "St Peter the Apostle Knights of Columbus - Itasca"



UPCOMING ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

January 12, 26, February 9

3:30-4:30 pm

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

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

NOTE: Adults wishing to train as servers, are also welcome to attend these sessions

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

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



Dear St. Peter the Apostle Parishioners:

Words cannot express my appreciation for your generosity in "adopting" families from the Itasca Food Pantry Christmas Wish Program.

Many parents were overwhelmed when they picked up the gifts. You were able to give so many children a real Christmas morning.

Blessing to all of you and may 2023 be the best year ever.

God Bless.

Linda Aiani



**Lord, every nation
on earth will adore you**

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

**PRAY TO PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!**

JANUARY 19-27

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!



3 WAYS TO JOIN



9DaysforLife.com

Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican. Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

The Knights of Columbus Council 10884 and St. Peter's Respect Life Ministry are joining with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to promote the 9 Day Novena for Life. A nightly Rosary and Reflection will take place in St. Peter's Church January 19-27 at 7:15pm.

Everyone is invited to participate and join in prayer for the protection of all life and to praise God for the great gift of the recent Supreme Court Dobbs decision, overturning the tragic Roe v. Wade decision made almost a half century ago. If you cannot participate in Church any or all of the nine evenings of prayer, then you are encouraged to pray on your own during the nine days of the novena. There is still a need for prayer because there will be intensified efforts to codify Roe in legislation and policies at the state and federal levels. Many prayers and sacrifices are needed to transform our culture so that all may cherish the gift of human life.

Additional information about the novena can be found at www.9daysforlife.com If you have any questions, please contact parishioner Nancy Magnus at 630-606-5197.





Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2023

Peace be with you



Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a “peace pole” on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

*Peace on Earth Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church Peace in our Hearts*

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, “Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord.” Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, “If you want peace, work for justice.”

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: “We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.”

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word “peace” is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the “Our Father,” the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus’ message throughout the Gospels, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a “peaceful” place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let’s begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to “go in peace.” And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, “Thanks be to God!”



HOME BLESSING ON EPIPHANY

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to hand out blessed chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year.

The home blessing can be done as follows:

Read the following verse from John 1:1-5 –

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Pray the Our Father.

**Use the blessed chalk to write "20+C+M+B+23"
above the doorways**

C, M, B for the 3 Magi – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar –
and for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* –
(Latin for "May Christ Bless this House")

+

2023 for the year

As you are writing, pray the following prayer:

*Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only-begotten Son
to every nation by the guidance of a star.*

Bless this house and all who inhabit it.

*Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect your love.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Epiphany of the Lord

REFLECTION - GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 2:1-12

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod..." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of

Deacon William Bevan

Joseph Bratta

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

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

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 January prayers for the Church and for the world:

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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

PFC Ryan Caspary, US Army 101st Airborne
Cpl James J. Cullotta, US Marines
SGT Michael D'Andrea, US Army
MAJ Joseph DeHaven, US Army
PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Helle, US Army
Cpl Brandon Helm, US Marines
PVT Aleksandra Juzwiak, Army National Guard
CMC Mike Kaszubowski, US Navy
ENS Sean Kaszubowski, US Navy
SGT Jacob Los, US Army
MAJ Ryan L. Morrissey, US Army
1stLt John Kenneth Murphy, US Marines
Kevin Noesen, US Coastguard
MAJ Gary Owen, Army National Guard
GySgt Marcin Platek, US Marines
2LT Megan Putze, Army National Guard
SGT Michael Schatzman, US Army
LTJG Albert J. Schrautemyer III, US Navy Pilot (Persian Gulf)
SSGT Jeremy Schumacher, US Marines
LT Robert P. Woods, US Navy
Thomas Zablocki, US Marines

*The glory
of the Lord
shines
upon you*

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

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

Amen.



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

Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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

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

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

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

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

BAPTISMS

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

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

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

HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS AND SICK/HOMEBOUND ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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

FUNERALS

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

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

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



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



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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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