

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 16, 2022

Second SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME



[Jesus' mother said
to the servers,]
“Do whatever he tells you.”

JOHN 2:5

From the Pastor



Dear Parish family,

The Christmas Season officially ended last Sunday. The Church has begun Winter Ordinary Time. On the Solemnity of the Epiphany two weeks ago, we celebrated the manifestation or the showing forth of Christ to the Wise men from the East. On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus, the Gospel shared another occurrence focused on Jesus' manifestation as the Christ and the Son of God. This Sunday, the Gospel continues to reveal God's glory in the story of Cana. At this Jewish wedding, Jesus worked his first public miracle by changing water into wine. He shows forth his power to change all things for good. He shows himself as the Son of God, the Messiah, through his first public miraculous deed. Throughout the coming Sundays of Ordinary Time, the Gospel of Luke will continue to reveal to us how Jesus by word and deed began to reveal his identity.

Notice in today's Gospel - it is Mary who notices the problem with the wine and decides to intercede. She does not do so because the couple will be punished for running out of wine. At worst, they would be ashamed by their lack of resources. But Our Lady exemplifies God's tender and personal loving care so well that she wants to protect this young couple from any undue anxiety. She steps in, and is persistent with Jesus, who first denies his mother's request to help. Jesus does not just give this couple ordinary wine but rather provides them the best wine. He lavishes his choice blessings upon them...all at the request of His Mother.

Today's story is a beautiful story of the love and concern of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the compassion and care of God. Mary brings the problem to Jesus saying, "They have no more wine!" Jesus, at first, refuses her request, but Mary, showing us what a good mother does, completely ignores his words, his refusal to help, and is persistent with her son.

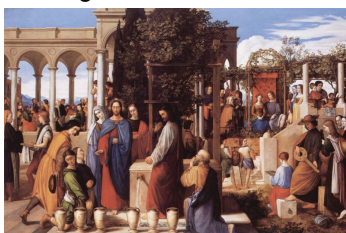
What is the old prayer we say? *To Jesus, through Mary!* Her power of intercession is great! What good son does not ultimately listen to his mother? But, in this beautiful, extremely intimate and human exchange, we hear the final words spoken by the Blessed Virgin Mary as recorded in the Bible. It is great advice to remember and follow: **DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU!**

It really is good advice from a loving Mother.

If we listen to her, we have nothing to fear, and we will never go wrong. Mary is a wise and loving mother. Listen to her!

All good things in the Lord,

Fr. Noesen



Sunday	January 16 (<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Cheryl Fisherkeller
10:00 am	†Margaret Grice
11:30 am	†Scott Erickson
	†Giuseppina Ribaudo
	†Mother Dorothy Urschaltz
	†Virginia Williams
Monday	January 17 (<i>St. Anthony, Abbot</i>)
8:00 am	†Richard Grabinski
Tuesday	January 18 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	Kveck Family - Special Intention
Wednesday	January 19 (<i>Weekday</i>)
8:00 am	For an End to Abortion
Thursday	January 20 (<i>Weekday; St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Tom Guarino
Friday	January 21 (<i>St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</i>)
8:00 am	†Marlene Yuro
Saturday	January 22 (<i>Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
5:00 pm	†Christopher Kosk
	†Craig Padleckas
	†David Suttie
	†Florence Wagner
	Mike and Kris Slaughter - Special Intention
Sunday	January 23 (<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>)
8:30 am	†Henry Aument
10:00 am	†Martin Gaughan
11:30 am	†Vicente Elvas
	†Michael Mulcahy
	†Giuseppe Ribaudo
	†Charles S. Walsh
	†Virginia Williams
	People of the Parish

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Saint Peter the Apostle Parish Welcomes Little Sisters of the Poor
Weekend of January 15 and 16

We have the SPECIAL opportunity to help Jesus, present in his beloved poor! This weekend we welcome the Little Sisters of the Poor from Saint Joseph Home in Palatine. The Little Sisters of the Poor have served the elderly poor of the greater Chicago area and beyond for over 130 years.

These dear Sisters encourage independence, preserve dignity, respect for life, respect individuality, nurture spirit, and involve family and friends. In 1939 the future Pope John XXIII was so struck by what he witnessed in one of their homes that he wrote to the Vatican: "Every day I witness with my own eyes the edifying spectacle of the survival of the spirit of simplicity, humility and inexhaustible and trusting generosity that the Little Sisters still offer today... It is as though certain traits of their blessed Mother Foundress [St. Jeanne Jugan] shine in each one of them." The quiet but eloquent radiance of her life continues to shine out in the lives of the Little Sisters of the Poor today. The homes for the elderly poor, which they sponsor in Palatine and in Chicago, are icons of mercy where Christ is welcomed and served in the elderly poor with the utmost respect for their dignity. The Little Sisters of the Poor welcome the needy elderly into their homes, forming one family with them, enabling them to enjoy life and care for them with love and respect until the moment God calls them home! The care of the dying has always been the summit of the sisters' apostolate and it is an ever more powerful witness of the culture of life. By the look in their eyes or by the silence of their whole being, the elderly person who is near death asks this question: "Does my life still have any value? Is it worth living? To each person the Little Sisters respond with a resounding yes!"

For more information about the Little Sisters of the Poor, check out their website: littlesistersofthepoorpalatine.org

Let us be attentive to their message, and generous in your response.

Fr. Noesen



**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
ST. JOSEPH'S HOME**



Sunday January 16
8:00AM – 2:00PM
Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.
PHOTO ID & MASK REQUIRED.
Call (800) 710-GIVE with eligibility questions.
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St Peter the Apostle Catholic Church & Knights Of Columbus Council #10884
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Stewardship of Treasure

A Way of Life
St. Peter the Apostle

Sunday Collection - Fiscal Week 28 (01/09/2022): \$ 8,357.00
 Christmas Collection (as of 01/12/2022): \$ 40,567.00

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).

There has been great progress made over the last three years towards paying off the original parish debt of \$2 million dollars. As of December 10, 2021, our capital project debt stands at \$334,513.31. 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 January 16**
8am-2 pm Parish Blood Drive (MW Parish Hall)
- Sunday January 17**
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Mtg. (Old PC)
- Tuesday January 18**
10:00 am Crochet Group (MW Parish Hall)
7:15 pm Tuesday Evening Rosary (Church)
- Wednesday January 19**
All Day Buona Benefit Day
8:30 am Confessions (Church)
5:00 pm Religious Education Classes (TBD: Zoom or School)
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Schedule

Saturday, January 22	Sunday, January 23
Communion Ministers	Lectors
5:00 pm Beth McKenna Frank McKenna	5:00 pm John Los 8:30 am Sandie Galuszek
8:30 am Dorie Calip Maryanne Kveck	10:00 am Kathy Laken 11:30 am Kevin Grisamore
10:00 am Greg Papuga Deacon Fred	
11:30 am Ann Fleming Deacon Bob	



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.

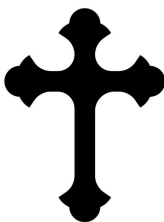
You can also connect directly by visiting the website directly at givecentral.org/location/1251

Remember Saint Peter the Apostle Parish...

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. It is a statement of gratitude to Christ and His Church for the gift of faith and for the nurturing of that faith you have received in this life, which hopefully sustained you and helped you along to eternal life.

Additionally, keep in mind that supporting the parish through regular weekly and holiday giving is also a wonderful way to make a response of faith, help your parish in its mission to make the Lord Jesus known, as well as to assist with your charitable giving deductions for income tax purposes.

Please contact Missy Rubino, Parish Accountant, by email at business@stpeteritasca.com or by dialing extension 204, with any questions or to discuss a variety of ways by which you can remember the parish in your will and estate plans. God Bless you for your generosity.



Cross Bearers

Thank you to the following for serving as cross bearers this weekend:

5:00 pm **David Hosnedl**
10:00 am **Cosimo Barabba**

Please pray for these children and their families as they prepare for Confirmation .



Knights of Columbus Council 10884 - Itasca
presents

Cupid's Ball
EVENT CANCELLED
January 12, 2022
Belvedere Events and Banquets

Unfortunately, due to the recent rise in cases and the high transmissibility of the current Covid variant, this year's Cupid's Ball has been **CANCELLED**.

Watch for information on an upcoming raffle event to help support the fundraising efforts of Knights of Columbus - Council 10884.



*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.*

Amen.

Join the prayer campaign!
stmichaelprayercampaign.org

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New Life for Old Bags Crochet for a Cause!

A MINISTRY OF FELLOWSHIP
DEDICATED TO MAKING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

RETURNING THIS WEEK

Tuesday, January 18 | 10:00 am
(Margaret Woods Hall)

The crochet group makes plastic sleeping mats for the homeless using grocery store type plastic bags. New Life for Old Bags is a collaboration of volunteers of all ages coming together to make sleeping mats for the homeless. The mats help insulate from the cold and damp, but also making laying on cement a bit more comfortable.

The process of making "plarn" involves cutting plastic bags and rolling them into balls to crochet. Volunteers are need to both cut and crochet. If you are an experienced crochet hobbyist, bring a P or Q hook, and bags will be provided. If crocheting isn't in your wheelhouse, but would like to help, then come with a pair of sharp scissors to cut plastic bags to roll into balls.

In addition to helping over a thousand homeless people sleep more comfortably, and recycling thousands of plastic bags, this ministry brings people together in fellowship as well. The group meets the **first and third Tuesday** of the month. Masks and hand sanitizer are required. Work spaces will be set up for safe distancing of 6' apart.

Please contact the Parish Center if you have any questions.



Bishop Hicks' Column

January 2022 | A New Year's Resolution: Re-educating ourselves on the Eucharist



In the days following Thanksgiving this year, I was with a group of friends who are my age (mid-50s). Most of them have children who recently graduated from or are still in either high school or college. Our conversation turned to the Eucharist. I was shocked that even though they are Catholic, a few of my friends and many of their children believe that the bread and wine we receive at Mass are symbols of Christ's presence. Immediately I went into my teaching mode and emphasized that the Eucharist was instituted by Jesus. With the words of consecration, under the appearance of bread and wine, the whole of Christ is truly present: body, blood, soul and divinity. Now, this was not a theological debate, and I actually did not receive much pushback from my exhortation. However, one of the college students simply responded to me without any contention or guile, "Hmmm. Is that what we believe? I did not know that."

This encounter reflects the data and studies that show many Catholics do not believe in or fully understand the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. As we begin 2022, many of us have made a New Year's resolution. I would like to invite you to join me in a New Year's resolution to re-educate ourselves about the Eucharist. For no matter how educated or faithful we are, we are constantly being invited by our Lord to go deeper in our faith and understanding of the Eucharist.

The document "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church" was developed by the Committee on Doctrine of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It was approved by the full body of the USCCB at its November 2021 general meeting. The document highlights the importance, centrality, and gifts of the Eucharist. If you have not had the chance to read the document, I invite you to learn more about it by going to the following link on the USCCB website:

www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church.

You will notice that you can not only read the document, but also click on a comprehensive online course to learn more about it.

We should continuously strive to grow in our knowledge of the Eucharist and our faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. However, as we learn more, our hearts will hopefully grow with a deep love for God and the Eucharist. Once this love becomes strong, the love of God through the Eucharist will become the central focus and priority of our lives. As St. Ignatius of Antioch said, "I have no taste for the food that perishes nor for the pleasures of this life. I want the bread of God, which is the flesh of Christ, which is love that cannot be destroyed."

Along with the document on the Eucharist, the USCCB also announced a National Eucharistic Congress that will take place in Indianapolis in 2024. Eucharistic congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and the laity to celebrate and glorify the Holy Eucharist while seeking to spread its knowledge and love throughout the world. The National Eucharistic Congress is the culmination of a three-year eucharistic revival in the Catholic Church, which begins on the feast of Corpus Christi on June 16, 2022. For more details about this revival, I invite you to go to the following site: www.eucharisticrevival.org

Hopefully, this eucharistic revival will serve as a spark for Catholics across the United States to help reignite their faith by being healed, converted, formed and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist and to be sent out in mission "for the life of the world." For as we receive Christ in the Eucharist, our desire is to be strengthened to go out into the world and to put our faith into action through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. In other words, the Eucharist nourishes us to be the face of Jesus for those who need him most. This echoes St. Teresa of Kolkata's words, "We cannot say that we love Jesus only in the Eucharist – naturally, we want to put that love into action. We cannot separate the Eucharist and the poor."

As you read this column, perhaps it will motivate you to embrace a New Year's resolution to re-educate yourself on the Eucharist. For if the Eucharist is truly the source and summit of the Christian life, then we will be eager to fully embrace the words of Jesus, who said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." (John 6:51)



Pope Francis tells Vatican diplomats to resist 'cancel culture'

by Christopher White, National Catholic Register
Jan 10, 2022

ROME — Pope Francis on Jan. 10 used his annual address to the Vatican's diplomatic corps to warn against "cancel culture," which he said has been "invading many circles and public institutions."

The pope slammed those who operate under the "guise of defending diversity" and in the process eliminate "all sense of identity," which he said risks "silencing positions that defend a respectful and balanced understanding of various sensibilities."

Diplomacy, he told representatives from the 183 countries accredited to the Holy See, is "called to be truly inclusive, not canceling but cherishing the differences and sensibilities that have historically marked various peoples."

The pope's pointed remarks came during an address often referred to as his "State of the World," wherein he made a strong plea for multilateral diplomacy at a time of significant global crises amid increased social fragmentation.

The work of diplomacy, Francis lamented, has been "diminished" through a sense of mission creep by international organizations pursuing "divisive" aims unrelated to their founding principles.

"As a result, agendas are increasingly dictated by a mindset that rejects the natural foundations of humanity and the cultural roots that constitute the identity of many peoples," which he said is a form of "ideological colonization" that "leaves no room for freedom of expression."

"A kind of 'one-track thinking' is taking shape," he continued, "one constrained to deny history or, worse yet, to rewrite it in terms of present-day categories, whereas any historical situation must be interpreted in accordance with a hermeneutics of that particular time."

Despite such criticisms, the pope said that greater international cooperation — not less — is key to confronting the multi-pronged challenges facing the world, particularly when it comes to the global pandemic, migration and climate change.

Francis, who has emerged as one of the world's most vocal

proponents of vaccines to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, encouraged greater access to vaccines and sought to refute misinformation about their effectiveness.

"We have realized that in those places where an effective vaccination campaign has taken place, the risk of severe repercussions of the disease has decreased," he said.

Francis also denounced those who are swayed by ideologies, "often bolstered by baseless information or poorly documented facts," which he said had created confusion in the efforts to vaccinate and protect as much of the world as possible.

"Vaccines are not a magical means of healing, yet surely they represent," he said, "the most reasonable solution for the prevention of the disease."

In addressing the challenges posed by migration, the pope reflected on his travels last month to Cyprus and Greece, where the plight of migrants was spotlighted during his time in both Mediterranean countries.

"Before those faces, we cannot be indifferent or hide behind walls and barbed wires under the pretext of defending security or a style of life," said Francis.

As he has done on numerous occasions, the pope said it was incumbent for Europe to better coordinate its response in welcoming new arrivals from Africa and Asia, adding that every country must play a role in integrating migrants and refugees.

"No one can be asked to do what is impossible for them, yet there is a clear difference between accepting, albeit in a limited way, and rejecting completely," he said.

"Sadly, we must also note that migrants are themselves often turned into a weapon of political blackmail, becoming a sort of 'bargaining commodity' that deprives them of their dignity," Francis added.

As Francis addressed the issue of climate change, the pope lamented that last November's meeting of world leaders in Glasgow, known as COP26, produced results that "were rather weak in light of the gravity of the problem to be faced."

The road to tackling the environmental crises is "complex and appears to be long, while the time at our disposal is shorter and shorter," Francis warned.

The world's challenges, Francis said to the diplomats, are interconnected, and therefore, their solutions, he argued, must be faced together through "cultivating dialogue and fraternity among one another."

As the pope concluded his 45-minute speech in the Hall of Blessings inside the facade of St. Peter's Basilica — and as global pandemic enters its third calendar year — Francis pleaded for a different sort of contagion to define the year ahead.

"The gift of peace is 'contagious,'" he said. "It radiates from the hearts of those who long for it and aspire to share it, and spreads throughout the whole world."



JANUARY 19-27, 2022

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!



4 WAYS TO JOIN



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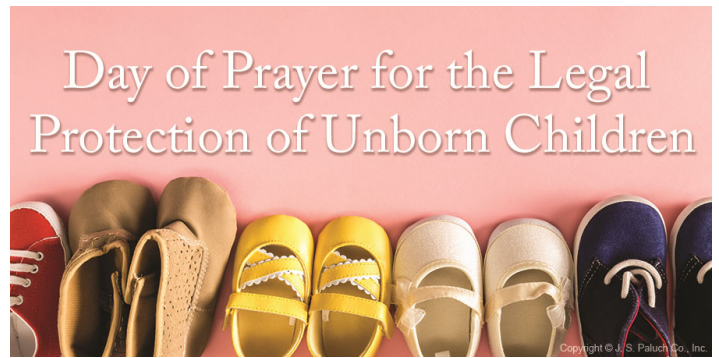
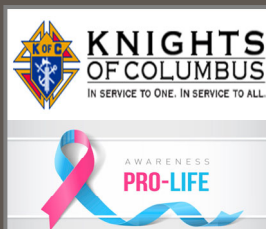
Image: A mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Famiglia at the Vatican, Dec. 15. (CNS photo/Paul Haring.)

Knights of Columbus Council 10884 and St. Peter's Right to Life Ministry are joining with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to promote the 9 Day Novena for Life and to observe the anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision which legalized abortion 49 years ago this month.

A nightly Rosary and Reflection will take place in the Church January 19-27 at 7:15pm.

Everyone is invited to participate and join in prayer for the protection of all life. 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.

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.



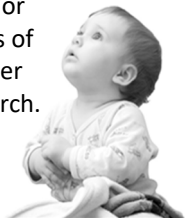
January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throw-away culture." We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help; and, as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children" —

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion...

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Please consider joining the Knights of Columbus and the Right to Life Ministry in prayer and reflection on January 22, at 7:15 pm in church.



If you would like information on Pro-life ministry opportunities or you or someone you know needs assistants, please visit the parish website for information and resources. You may also contact Nancy Magnus, St. Peter's Pro-life Coordinator, at 630-606-5197.

In Memoriam

Our sympathy and prayers are with the family and friends of
Victoria Abbatecola
May she rest in the peace of Christ.



The Winter Seasons

The opening days of January may be cold and nature bleak, but the domestic church still glows warm with the peace and joy of Christmas. We dedicate the New Year to Mary on the January first Solemnity honoring her as Mother of God; and on January 7, the Solemnity of

Epiphany, we rejoice with her, as her Son is adored by the three Wise Men.

Herald John, who ushered in the Advent season, is present once again to close Christmastide on the feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (The First Luminous Mystery), and to open the Season of Ordinary Time. He points to Jesus, the Lamb of God who unites time and eternity in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, and even January's diminishing darkness seems to echo St. John's prayer: "He must increase and I must decrease."

In this liturgical season the Church eagerly follows Our Lord as he gathers his apostles and announces his mission. At Cana's wedding feast (The Second Luminous Mystery) he performs his first public miracle at the request of his Mother, and his disciples saw his glory and believed in him.

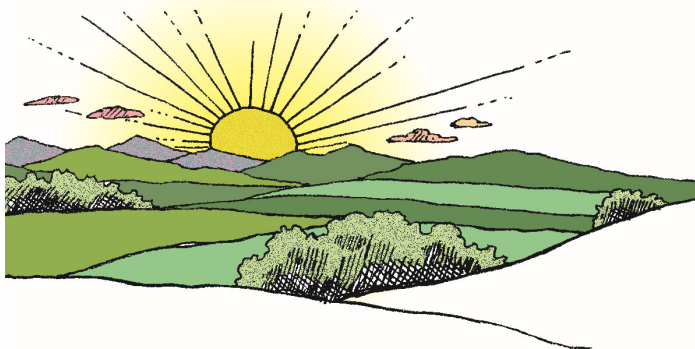
We, his present-day disciples pray for a like faith as we contemplate the eternal wedding feast of the Lamb and the unique role of the Blessed Mother in the plan of salvation. May we wholeheartedly obey her words of counsel: "Do whatever he tells you."

Catholic Culture

*Nations shall behold your vindication,
 and all the kings your glory.*

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— Isaiah 62:2



Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish Family

Joann Anderson	Gerri Gerard	John North
Michelle Anderson	Mel Gerard	Raffaela Olenek
Sue Bobka	Mike Graziano	Holly Vana
Ken Buffo	Gary Grote	Tom Vana
Elio Campanella	Virginia Halac	Harriett Pinkowski
Mike Carey	Martha Hayes	Bonnie Pollock
Gerri Ciucci	Ken Hemstreet	Brendan Reidy
Eunice Cleveland	Mary Hosters	Ann Marie Rossi
Robert Cleveland	Rickie Kruzel	John Rossi
Regina Conti	JOLynn Lash	Wayne Slowiak
Marie Costable	Lilly Lima	Fr. Miroslaw Stepien
Colin Cummins	Anthony Mazzucchi	Randy Szweda, USMC
Mary Cummins	Gene Mikulecky	Linda Wuerffel
Michael Cummins	Christopher Mizera	Barbara Jean Zecchin
Paul Cummins	Richard Mrugacz	Carol Zell
Jeanne Finn	Julie Mulcahey	

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 TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**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
- PFC Collin Ensing, US Marines
- CW3 Gordon Goodwin, Army National Guard
- 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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PARISH CENTER BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday-Sunday: CLOSED (or by appointment)



TRAVELING?

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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.



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And don't forget to connect with the parish on Facebook:



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