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Sunday, August 18, 2024 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. PETER'S MISSION STATEMENT
As parishioners of St. Peter's
Catholic Church, we strive to imitate
Jesus' example of prayer, fellowship,
love and service.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
(10:00 a.m. Mass livestreamed)

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - Sunday 7:45 a.m.

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Mass for
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Sunday Mass
will be
Live-Streamed
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at 10:00 a.m.

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Military Prayer List

Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States:

Lee Jones, US Army

Benjamin Leali, US Air Force

Sebastian Moritz, US Army

Ryan Noonan, US Army

Cameron Schmitt, US Air Force

Christa Schmitt, US Air Force

Dylan Szumanski, US Navy

Austin Vance, US Navy

Connor Vance, US Air Force

To submit the name of a loved one to our prayer list, which will be published in our bulletin, please send their name and branch of service to Steve and DeAnne Besetzny. Their email address is:

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in Him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about Him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in Him as **the "bread of life come down from heaven."** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **"eat My flesh and drink My blood"** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood – He Himself, truly, really, substantially – has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart and the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on both, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts and our bodies, faith and the Eucharist.

~ Father John Muir ~



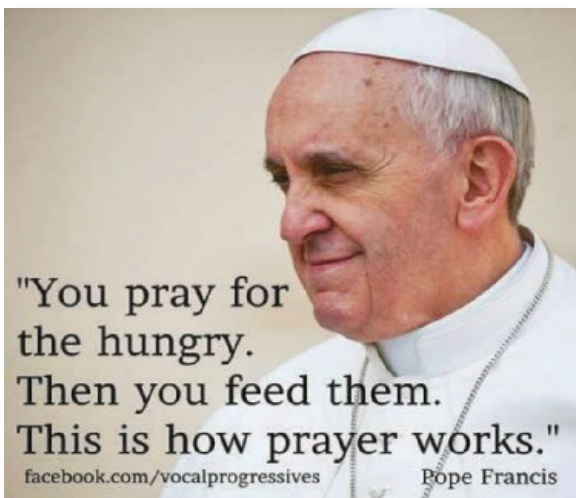
Our prayers are with you, Deacon Mark.

May your upcoming surgery be successful and your recovery quick. We look forward to your return to St. Peter's.

Another successful St. Peter's Golf Outing. The Knights of Columbus say thank you, to everyone who participated in this year's golf outing!



Pope Francis has something to say about prayer. ❤️



Let's respond to Pope Francis call to prayer with charitable giving by giving to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Spring Grove.

ARE YOU OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?



While OCIA (*the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults*) was developed for those interested in becoming Catholic as an adult, it is also ideal for those who are seeking to learn more about the Catholic faith and grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus.

OCIA is also a tremendous resource for people who are already Catholic but would like a refresher course on what the Church teaches.

OCIA is a great opportunity for each participant to meet others who are interested in growing closer to our Lord, Jesus, and who also want to be part of a community of faith.



By engaging in the Mass and prayers offered by the Catholic Church, and through studying the truths revealed by Christ and handed down by the Apostles and their successors. The best way to do this is through OCIA.

Is Christ calling you to become Catholic?

In preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (*Baptism, the Eucharist, or Confirmation*) administered at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Starting in September, OCIA will be held on Sunday mornings, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will meet in the parish office conference room. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to either Karyn or Paul Leali. Their number is 847-337-5043.

(Practicing) Catholic The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills.

But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied. In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat—whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments—maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments—that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fulness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

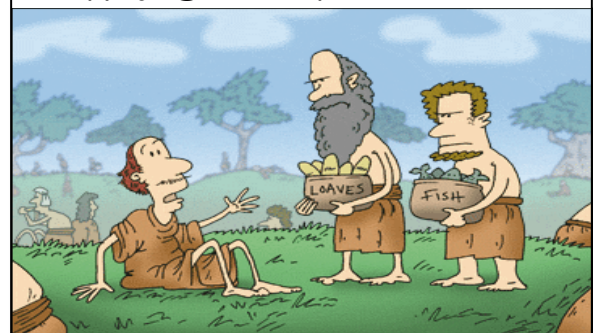
Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fulness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue. "My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink." (John 6:55)

~ Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ~

The Mass			For		
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.</i>					
<i>ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>					
Sat	4 pm	†	John Popelka		
Sun	8 am (1)	†	Joe Carey		
	(2)	†	Steven Michael Umbricht		
	10 am	†	Eleanore Straley		
Tues	8 am	†	Ted Trzaskowski		
Wed	8 am		Dave & Kathleen Harms		
Thur	8 am	†	Joe Carey		
Fri	8 am		Yager, Kucia & Dziezak Families		
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
<i>CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.</i>					
<i>ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.</i>					
Sat	4 pm	†	John & Betty Rygiel		
Sun	8 am	†	Mary Lou May		
	10 am		Witek Family		

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(See Matthew 14:14-21)

I'M ON A NO-CARB, VEGETARIAN DIET

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DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE JUMPER CABLES?

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/17 4:00 pm	Jerry Bodden	Heather Justen	Chad Franckowiak Gary Miller
Sunday 8/18 8:00 am	Bill Ledger	Eddie Wells	Tom Fanella Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Jacqui Wold	Marge Ladner Nancy Piggot <i>(Choir)</i>	Stanley Tinsley Mike Wyatt
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 8/24 4:00 pm	Jean Rygiel	Carol Magnine	Rich Wirch Denise Wahls
Sunday 8/25 8:00 am	Karyn Leali	Paul Leali	Paul Leali Larry Hauser
10:00 am	Nettie Toms	Susan Straley Kathie Toms <i>(Choir)</i>	Mike Gordon John Ellicson
<h2 style="text-align: center;">Homebound Ministers</h2> <p>August 18th - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maria Sullivan, Paul Serio, Bev Schmitt & Nancy Piggot</p> <p>August 25th - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Seil, Georgene Keim, Julia Francis & Maria Sullivan</p>			

How do Saints pray?

What do “*holy people’s*” prayers sound like? We imagine sublime and poetic musings on God’s perfection. ***In fact, the saints, while very holy, are also human and intimate with God.*** Here’s a brief glimpse into some saintly prayers to inspire your own:

“If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few!” St. Teresa of Avila uttered this humorous phrase after being thrown from her cart into the mud. It reflects her candid and down-to-earth relationship with God.

“Beware of Philip, Lord. He may yet betray you.” St. Philip Neri, known for his wisdom, humor, and impulsive nature, knew his own weaknesses. Rather than make excuses for himself, he confessed his errors and asked for increased graces to remain faithful to God.

“Jesus, may I put on a good face!” This prayer was recommended by St. Josemaría Escrivá to someone tasked with an ***“unpleasant and repulsive”*** chore. St. Josemaría said that sometimes the hardest cross can be fulfilling our toughest responsibilities with ***“a good face.”***



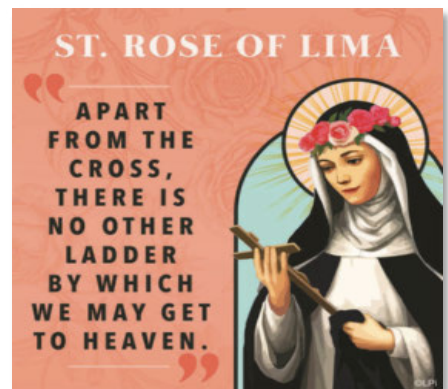
Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from August 11th through August 24th for † **Marcella & Richard Marsh**
May this light which reminds us of Jesus’ True Presence in the Sanctuary Welcome them into eternal peace.



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place into your hands, all fellow parishioners we know and love, who are ill or injured and in need of Your healing touch. Jesus, be with them all, especially:

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| Deanna Adducci | Deborah Maliszewski |
| Gina Adducci | Maria Maziarz |
| Marguerite Baranov | Denise Meyers |
| Debra Cooke | Larry Meyers |
| Phyllis Ehlers | Barbara Miller |
| Deacon Eugene Damian | Sonia Miller |
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| Joseph Keim | Gloria Strzelczyk |
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| Lawrence Lord | Mark Vallango |
| Caroline Madson | Fred Zahn |
| | Jodi Zaremba |

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PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, August 18th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**
- **SVdP Meeting - Parish Hall - After the 10:00 am Mass**

Monday, August 19th - Parish Officed Closed

Tuesday, August 20th

Wednesday, August 21st

- **Spiritual Warfare Rosary - Church - 6:00 pm**

Thursday, August 22nd

- **Choir Rehearsal - 6:00 pm**

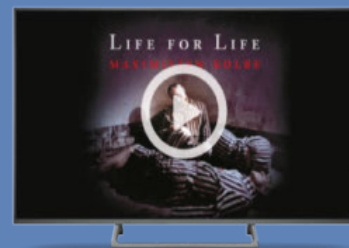
Friday, August 23rd - Parish Officed Closed

Saturday, August 24th

- **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament all night until 7:45 am**

Sunday, August 25th – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:45 am**



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MARRIAGES - Please contact Father before you set a date, at least six months in advance.

HOLY COMMUNION - Parishioners confined to their homes, for an indefinite length of time due to illness or advanced age, may call the Office and request that the Holy Eucharist be brought to them on Sunday mornings.

REGISTRATION - New members should register by either calling the Parish Office or visiting us online at StPeterCatholicChurch.org

HOSPITAL VISITS - If you wish Father to visit during your stay in the hospital, please call him at the Parish Office and he will be happy to do so. Likewise, if you wish to be added to our Prayer Chain, let us know by calling 815-675-2288

FUNERALS ARRANGEMENTS - are to be made in consultation with Father.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - If you or someone you know is sick, injured or being admitted to a hospital and would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick, call the Parish Office without delay.

Should there be an emergency after normal business hours, please call 815-675-2339

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