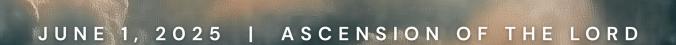


"As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up

to Heaven."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 31

8:00am †Josie Bustamante 5:00pm †Isabell & Patrick

Wagner

Sunday, June 1

6:45am People of SSPP 8:30am †Tran Dinh-Le &

Nguyen H. Tien

10:30am †Gregory Giachetto 12:30pm †Sulaiman Mansour 4:30pm †John Zavodny 7:00pm †Mary Bower

Monday, June 2

6:45am †Matthew Tusinski 8:00am †Bob Zerban 5:15pm †Justin Davis

Tuesday, June 3

6:45am All Souls in Purgatory

8:00am †Les Woulf 5:15pm Michael Davis

Wednesday, June 4

6:45am Paulette Wojtecki 8:00am Fr. William De Salvo

Anniv. of Ordination

5:15pm †Mary Blum

Thursday, June 5

6:45am Int. of Dudek Family 8:00am †Virginia McCaskey 5:15pm †Ah Mao Wong & Foo Chung Wong

Friday, June 6

6:45am Mike & Kathy Moran

8:00am Michael Lenz

Saturday, June 7

8:00am Fr. John McGeean

Anniv. of Ordination

5:00pm †Jozef & Ludwika

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Thursday

6:45am, 8:00am and 5:15pm

Friday

6:45am and 8:00am

Saturday

8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

6:45am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

& 7:00pm

Tridentine (Latin) Mass

4:30pm

RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Held in Holy Family Chapel located in the Ministry Center

Monday

4:15pm - 5:15pm

Thursday

11:00am - 12 noon

Saturday

3:00pm - 5:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Held in the St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in the St. Paul Center (Access code needed after hours)

Adoration Hours-

Sunday at 5pm- Saturday at 5pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

ear Parish Family,

Ascension of the Lord Jesus into Heaven — traditionally celebrated forty days after Easter, as found in the Gospels. In the United States, the feast is moved to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Today's feast looks backward and forward at the same time. Just forty days ago we sang joyful Easter Alleluias as we recalled the Lord's Resurrection from the dead. As we celebrate today's feast we look forward to next week's celebration of Pentecost and coming of the Holy Spirit, the beginning of the Church's Mission to bring the Gospel to the whole world. Today's feast is like a directional arrow that points us from the first event to the second.

At His Ascension, the Lord Jesus, Risen triumphantly from the dead, returns to the Father in glory. But, as He leaves the Apostles he makes a promise. He promises His continued presence through the Holy Spirit, Who He will send on Pentecost. With the coming of the Spirit, the mission of the Church begins and the Gospel is brought to the ends of the earth.

At His Ascension the physical, earthly, bodily life of the Lord Jesus comes to an end. If Christ is going to be heard, and felt in this world, it's up to us. In His Ascension Jesus gives us our mission — to make Him known in the world. At Pentecost, He sends the Holy Spirit to give us what (or rather WHO) we need to fulfill our mission in this world. We are to use our time, talent, and treasures to let the Lord be seen, heard, and felt in all that we say and do. And while we "preach" the Gospel with our lives, I truly believe that WE are the ones receiving, WE are the ones being given the opportunity to grow in holiness. What a blessing, what a privilege, and what an honor it is to be able to put the message of the Ascension into action in a very real way, every day of our lives. Saint Francis of Assisi would say: Preach the Gospel constantly, and only occasionally use words! That's the message, the challenge, and the invitation of today's feast. Will you accept the Lord's challenge?

By now, registered parishioners should have received the mailing containing information and the appeal to repair the broken marble Main Altar in our church, as well as the pews, kneelers, and refinishing of the wooden floor under the pews. As I told you when I spoke at Mass, and in the information sent to parishioners, and also available on the Parish Website, in all honesty... I've never been assigned to a parish with such large, old, and numerous buildings. The upkeep of them is daunting to me. I don't know what else to do... I plan, but reality changed those plans. The original plan I formulated with our Parish Council to establish a committee to plan for and fund the ongoing capital improvements that are part of such a large parish complex, are still in place, and are in my mind and intention. But, "things happen." Now I have to come before you and ask, yet again, for money to repair our facilities, our church... the House of God.

We're here in our beautiful church because of the faith and sacrifices of past generations of Cath-



olics. Like them, we should want to do our part to further the truth of our Catholic Faith. What will be your response... your response of faith, your response of love and dedication to Saints Peter and Paul Parish. The money we receive will determine what we can do in this emergency. Marble work, work on such old, substantial and large buildings, cost. Contractors have been contacted, scope of work determined, and bids received. The total project to repair the church will cost \$500,000. I can make you aware of the needs and coordinate the effort. But, like I've said... it's up to you. Please pray, allow the Lord to direct your generosity and do what you can to help us.

This coming Wednesday, June 4th, I celebrate my 37th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I'm grateful to God for the gift of Faith He has given me, and to my good and providing parents who passed our beautiful Catholic Faith on to me. Most especially, like so many priests celebrating their anniversaries at this time of year, I am aware of the beautiful vocation the Lord has called me to— to be His priest. I entered the seminary in 1977 as a high school freshman, and was ordained a priest June 4, 1988. Forty-eight years have passed since I entered seminary formation, discerning and living my vocation. God has been good to me, it's been a wonderful life in the Church.

I'm hoping and praying that many more young men from Saints Peter and Paul Parish will answer the Lord's call and give themselves to the Church as priests. I know God is calling, but they have to answer the call. He doesn't force such a gift of the "self," such a gift of love. Love has to be freely given. I think Saint John Paul II was correct when he said, there is no shortage of call... God is calling... there is a shortage of courage, willingness, and ability to answer the call

I see in so many of our parishioners outstanding qualities which would make them good, wonderful priests— let's all encourage the young men of our parish to consider the priesthood. Let's pray that they will answer the Lord's call. For myself, I've been happy as a priest these many years and I couldn't see myself doing anything else. I thank God for having called me as His own. And, I'm always ready and willing to speak to any young man interested in learning more about our life. Let's all pray and work for more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life from Saints Peter and Paul Parish.

God's Blessings!



Father De Salvo

The Sick

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are seriously ill, and others who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:

Chris Bruni Michael Condon Deacon Michael Crowell Carmen De Poalo Linda Gentzen Dennis Gorecki Jim Gratzke Rita Guill Lynn Higgins Donald Hinterlong Sr. Penny Holtz Bob Hoole Tori Hudgins Grace Humphrey Maria Irittria Jeffrey Johns Chris Johnson Sarah Kukulski Edmund Kurzawa Iames Lohse Michael Luft Catherine Magee Joseph Marchese Christine Marra Mike Marra

Sam Marra Samuel Mulav Jillian Navarro John Pisut Carter Polizzi Carolyn Preston Joy Quinn Ramona Race Walter Rafacz Lauren Reirson Gina Rovito Betty Ryan Mary Sagen Dr. Derek Speten Randall Stall Barbara Strugalla Marty Szczech Nancy VanderHye Marino Verdico Theodore Weber Matthew Weidner Jim Weidner Pam Willis Janis Wozniak Kristin Zwirkoski

Prayers for the sick and for our beloved dead are included in every Mass celebrated in our church, and are in the daily prayers of our priests. If you would like the name of a family member or friend included in the list published in our Sunday Bulletin, please call Kayla Knisley at 630-718-2131. When adding someone to the list of the sick, please make sure you have permission from the person you want listed, before you call us to add their name. The list of the deceased will ordinarily carry the names of those who were buried from our church that past week, or will be buried from our church the coming week. Ordinarily, names of the sick will be kept on for three months. The publishing of the names in the Sunday Bulletin will be the ordinary way to request prayers for specific loved ones.



Please Remember in Prayer Those Serving in the Military

U.S. Air Force Sgt. Cory Bassett Staff Sgt. Joseph Burns 2nd Lt. Daniel Caddigan Lt. Col. Frank Girdwain Lt. Theodore M. Jackson Master Sgt. Mike McDonnell Sgt. Zachary McKenty Sr. Airman Patrick Neis Sr. Airman Daniel Shea Sr. Airman Amanda Shea Sgt. Dan Steenstra

U.S. Army PFC Sam Allard Major Angelo Bartocci PVT Justin Bielefeld SPC Ryan Bridgman Captain Michael Caddigan Major John J. Case Major Sydney Case Major Eileen Cassidy Major Mary Cassidy Major Tom Crane SPC Joshua Adam Demerin Captain Reilly Dougherty Col. Edward Fisher 2nd Lt. Matthew Quinton Frame Sgt. Nick Gedvilas Major Thomas E. Goerling SPC Trevor Gomoll SPC Jarred Hampton Lt. Col. Sean Hermick Sgt. Kellen Jones SPC Mark Keough Lt. Colonel Stephen Laz 1st Lt. Connor Mulhere SPC Steven Powell Col. Michael Predny Captain Daniel Rickert 1st Lt. David Rickert Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Schmecht SPC John August Sopuch IV 1st Lt. Winnie Springer Sgt. Craig Vladika

1st Lt. Samuel Wehrli

2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper

C.S. Navy
LCDR Thomas Bock
LTJG Brian Conlisk
LCDR Dustin Flaum
Captain Anthony Giglio
Captain Michael Jelinek
CDR Tom Kuhrt
Commander Chris Kurgan
Lt Andrew Parent
LCDR Patrick Marsh
SN Jenny McLaughlin
LCDR Caleb Moore
LCDR Kasey Scheel
LCDR Matthew Scheel
Ensign Michael Schmitz

U.S. Marine Corps CPL BJ Boren CWO2 John Crites Major Donald J. Carlsen Sgt. Richard DiBiaso PFC Jonathon Dragovan Sgt. Luke Focer 2nd Lt. Robert Gortner 2nd Lt. Eric Hovey Sgt. Ivan Karamysev Major Pete Keough Corporal Joseph Murray LCPL Matthew Prasse LCPL Maddox Ritter Corporal Luke Russell Corporal Joseph Taylor PVT Chris Vazquez

U.S. Air National Guard LTC Scott Paeth

U.S. Coast Guard SR John Aabram P.D. John McNellis

U.S. Space Force Major Nick DuPre

To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at www.welcomeyouhome.org

Daily Readings

Sunday

Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

 $Acts\ 22:30;\ 23:6-11/Ps\ 16:1-2a\ and\ 5,\ 7-8,\ 9-10,\ 11/Jn\ 17:20-26$

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

Pope Francis I



During the Ascension Jesus made the priestly gesture of blessing, and the disciples certainly expressed their faith with prostration, they knelt with bowed heads. This is a first important point: Jesus is the one eternal High Priest who with his Passion passed through death and the tomb and ascended into heaven. He is with God the Father where he intercedes for ever in our favor (cf. Heb 9:24).

As St. John says in his First Letter, he is our Advocate: How beautiful it is to hear this! When someone is summoned by the judge or is involved in legal proceedings,

the first thing he does is to seek a lawyer to defend him. We have One who always defends us, who defends us from the snares of devil, who defends us from ourselves and from our sins!

Dear brothers and sisters, we have this Advocate; let us not be afraid to turn to him to ask forgiveness, to ask for a blessing, to ask for mercy! He always pardons us, he is our Advocate: He always defends us! Don't forget this! The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: In Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Savior, of our Advocate.

There is a second element with His Ascension: Saint Luke says that having seen Jesus ascending into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy." This seems to us a little odd. When we are separated from our relatives, from our friends, because of a definitive departure and, especially, death, there is usually a natural sadness in us since we will no longer see their face, no longer hear their voice, or enjoy their love, their presence. The Evangelist instead emphasizes the profound joy of the Apostles. But how could this be? Precisely because, with the gaze of faith they understand that although he has been removed from their sight, Jesus stays with them for ever, he does not abandon them and in the glory of the Father supports them, guides them and intercedes for them.

Saint Luke recounts the event of the Ascension — at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles — to emphasize that this event is like the link of the chain that connects Jesus' earthly life to the life of the Church. Here St Luke also speaks of the cloud that hid Jesus from the sight of the disciples, who stood gazing at him ascending to God (cf. Acts 1:9-10). Then two men in white robes appeared and asked them not to stand there looking up to heaven but to nourish their lives and their witness with the certainty that Jesus will come again in the same way in which they saw him ascending into heaven (cf. Acts 1:10-11).

This is the invitation to base our contemplation on Christ's lordship, to find in him the strength to spread the Gospel and to witness to it in everyday life: contemplation and action, ora et labora [Latin, 'pray and work'], as St Benedict taught, are both necessary in our life as Christians. Dear brothers and sisters, the Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: We have this Advocate who awaits us, who defends us. We are never alone: The Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who, in silence and concealment, in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world the lordship of God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended into Heaven, our own Advocate who pleads for us!

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Keep up with our latest news, events and photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!

Facebook at SSPPnapervilleIL

Instagram at @ssppnaperville

Calling all Gardeners

Hopefully the cold weather is finally behind us and we can all enjoy the signs of springtime! If you plan to still maintain your gardening plot, please contact Paulette Shea at 630-718-2127 or pshea@sspeterandpaul. net.

We would like our volunteer gardeners to begin cleaning up their "adopted" areas to get them ready for planting.

Thank you!



The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.
When we come to this world we are sinful,
The greatest as well as the least;
And the hand that makes us pure as angels
is the beautiful hand of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them; And the hands of a king on his throne Are not equal to them in their greatness! Their dignity stands all alone. For there in the stillness of morning 'Ere the sun has emerged from the east, There God rests between the pure fingers Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

And when we are tempted to wander
To paths of shame and of sin,
'Tis the hand of a priest will absolve us,
Not once, but again and again!
And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast;
But the hand that will bless and unite us
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy
For the host which their fingers caress;
What can a poor sinner do better
Than to ask Him Who chose thee to bless?
When death on our eyelids is falling;
May our courage and strength be increased
By seeing raised o'er us in blessing
The beautiful hands of a priest.

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Pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life; and pray for those who have already given their lives in service to Christ and to His Church!





The retaining wall and landscaping by the side of the church is now complete thanks to Ware Landscaping.









SAINTS PETER AND PAUL HOMECOMING FEST AUGUST 23, 2025

We are in need of chairpersons for Homecoming Fest 2025. Please email sspphomefest@gmail.com for more information.

- · Alumni Tent
- · Overall Event Chair





SSPP SCHOOL



TRACK & FIELD

This is the first time in school history the team has accomplished winning against 30 schools!

All students who participated in the championship meet should be very proud as it took every point earned to win the Championship meet. Congratulations to all of you!



THE MASS EXPLAINED



The Mass: Sacred Music

"So long as it mentions God, doesn't it work?"

To live and love our Catholic Faith, we have to know it!

Each week we will examine the mass, piece by piece, looking at all the elements that go into this great prayer, the greatest act of worship of the Roman Catholic Church.

In the Fall of 2016, Robert Cardinal Sarah, then Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments expressed what the Church has taught for centuries and what all our recent popes and Vatican II has explicitly commanded: "We must sing the liturgy, rejoicing in the treasure of sacred music... most especially in Gregorian chant. We must sing SACRED LITURGICAL MUSIC not merely religious music, or worse, profane songs." For example, this is especially relevant with regards to songs like "The Prayer".... it may be religious in lyric and sentiment, but it is not sacred Liturgical Music, composed for sacred liturgical use. There is a difference. Not all religious/ sacred music is appropriate to liturgical celebrations. And, perhaps, the subtlety is lost on the average Catholic who lacks liturgical and musical training to make such judgements apart from the emotions. Thus, those decisions are left to the priests and liturgical musicians who have formal training in these matters. Saints Peter and Paul Parish will remain faithful to the liturgical law of the Church, and we invite others to join us in fidelity.

Liturgical music, according to the documents of the Church (issued to reform the liturgy), participates in the general scope of the liturgy, which is the glory of God and the sanctification and edification of the

faithful... its principal office is to clothe with suitable melody the liturgical text. Liturgical music should consequently possess the qualities proper to the liturgy, and in particular sanctity and goodness of form, which will spontaneously produce the final quality of universality. According to the mind of the Church, these qualities are to be found, in the highest degree, in Gregorian chant, which is, consequently the chant proper to the Roman Church, the official music of the Roman Catholic Church, and the church organ being the "official" instrument of the Church.

As Pope Saint Pius X recognized over a century ago, "a proper formation in the correct principles is the necessary foundation for a restoration of true sacred liturgical music in the liturgy. When the clergy and their choirmasters clearly realize these principles, good Church music at once begins to flourish.

As Cardinal Sarah said "I wish to underline a very important fact here: God, not man is at the center of Catholic liturgy. We come to worship Him!" God must, therefore, be at the center of our liturgical music. The true purpose of liturgical music is the *glory* of God, not the satisfaction of the emotions of the worshipers.





CHRISTIAN SERVICE



Yes, you can be the difference in helping a family get their lives back on track. All it takes is a weekly one-hour meeting to go over basic budgeting and lifebuilding skills. Your everyday knowledge is all that is required to guide single mothers toward the goal of independence and financial freedom. With your help, you'll witness generational change!



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Saint Vincent de Paul

If we are to maintain vision in our lives; if we are to be men and women who worship God with our hearts, we must give attention to our prayer. To give attention to prayer means being ready to waste time, so to speak, in prayer. By wasting time in prayer means being ready to sit still in the presence of God, allowing His presence to seep into us and quietly challenge us. It is through prayer that we slowly make Jesus Christ increasingly a point of reference in our lives, for decisions great and small.

Society of Saint Vincent dePaul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. Call 630-718-2127 to learn more or to request assistance.

Seasons of Hope

At Saints Peter & Paul, Seasons of Hope is a unique, Christ-centered Catholic support group for the bereaved. Sessions are intended for the bereaved who have lost a spouse, family member or close friend through Bereavement Support Group death. The program is divided into four, six-week sessions, called Sea-



sons, which are held throughout the year. Participants may join at the beginning of any Season. Our next Seasons of Hope meeting is on June 2 from 6:30—8:00pm in the St. Paul Center.



Change for Babies

Help save a life! Adopt a baby bottle and fill it with your loose change, a check or cash to support Waterleaf Women Center's CHANGE FOR BABIES campaign, which takes place in our parish from Mother's Day (May 11) until Father's Day (June 15). The proceeds of this event will help support the life-saving work of Waterleaf, a Catholic pregnancy center serving the Diocese of Joliet with its pregnancy medical clinic and education center located in Aurora. Baby Bottles will be available at the exit doors after Mother's Day weekend Masses. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Thank you for your prayers and generous support!

ADORATION CHAPEL TESTIMONIES

When I was in elementary school, I remember that my mom would occasionally take me with her to adoration at the St. Francis Chapel. As a little boy, I found it incredibly boring since it was so simple – all I could do was sit in the pew. However, now this is the exact reason I love adoration so much. In our busy lives where we so constantly run from one thing to the next, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the time when I can abide with Jesus in a time of rest. There is a great comfort in adoration, knowing that God is a living person and that it is Him who leads – there is no real pressure on me to 'pray well. Time in adoration continues to bear fruit in my life, reminding me daily who God is and how good it is to be with Him. On our part, the most important thing we can do is to show up, or better yet, commit to a regular time!

~Seminarian Peter Davis

In College Seminary, we would have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration every morning, and initially I struggled not knowing how to spend the time. After a semester, I realized how much I had grown as a result of these daily hours: I spoke to Jesus more easily, I was more relaxed, the time went by faster. It was like a friendship that when it began, I did not know how to relate to or speak to Jesus, but over time I learned how to do these things as the relationship deepened. If you want help through difficulties in life, if you want the Lord to heal your brokenness, if you desire to know Jesus, then you must spend time with him as you would with a friend and there is no better place to do that then in Eucharistic Adoration. You will likely not see the fruits and growth at the beginning, but in time, you will look back and see how much better your life has become because of that time with God.

Sign up and go to adoration; it will be, after the Mass, the second most productive hour of your week.

~ Seminarian Daniel Obendorf

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For more information go to sspeterandpaul.net/adoration

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Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections (43 Sundays) \$46,336



Offertory

Support the ongoing, operational needs at Saints Peter and Paul. As we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are reminded that every blessing we receive is a gift from God. The Offertory is not only the presentation of bread and wine, but also a moment when we are invited to offer ourselves—our time, talents, and treasures—back to the Lord in gratitude.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship. Your offerings support our parish ministries, outreach efforts, and the mission of Christ in our community. Make a gift online at speterandpaul.net/online-giving.





EVANGELIZATION



Blue Army

June 2 at 6pm in the Holy Family Chapel



The World Apostolate of Fatima is made up of individual members around the world who strive to practice the spiritual requests of Our Lady of Fatima in reparation for sins, for the conversion of sinners, for the salvation of souls, and to obtain the triumph of her Immaculate Heart and peace in the world.

Pilgrimage to Italy October 6-16, 2025

Join Fr. De Salvo for a pilgrimage to Italy during the Jubilee Year of 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope! During this trip, you will visit Rome, Florence, Assisi, the house of the Blessed Virgin in Loreto, the tomb of Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo, and Monte Cassino!



Go to sspeterandpaul.net/italian-pilgrimage-2025 for more information!

Legion of Mary



The Legion of Mary group at Saints Peter and Paul Parish is called Our Lady of Sorrows. The Legion of Mary is one of the largest lay apostolic organizations, with over three million active members throughout the world. The Saints Peter and Paul Legion of Mary group has been active since 2007. In addition to devotional prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, we do Spiritual and Corporal works of Mercy, such as visiting nursing homes and parish homes. We also foster Catholic ideals and devotions in our

parish with the Pilgrim Virgin Visitation Home Program. Our members share a fellowship with others who share their ministry, a sound prayer life, and a devotion to Our Lady, who invariably leads all souls to Jesus Christ.

We meet every Tuesday morning at 10:30a.m. at SSPP in the Ministry Center (Room 227).

Are you Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or are you already baptized Catholic,

but have not yet been Confirmed? Classes begin in August!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Participants can be those who are unbaptized and have no Christian background, or those who were baptized and raised in other Christian communities.

This class is also intended for baptized Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed. If you would like more information, please contact Michael Lewandowski, Director of Adult Catechesis and Evangelization, at 630-718-2156 or mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net.



FISHERS OF MEN

From Bar Mitzvah to RCIA

The tongues of fire came to rest on each one of them. As we celebrate Pentecost, come and hear the story about one man's journey from Judaism to Catholicism.

> That is why all men are invited to a CATHOLIC MAN MORNING Saturday, June 7, 2025

Phillip Seeberg is a parishioner at St. Raphael. He is married and the father of two children. Phillip grew up in the Jewish faith but converted to Catholicism. He has told his conversion story on EWTN.

AGENDA

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church (Ministry Center)

6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests

6:30am: Rosary and 1st Saturday Devotion 7:00am: Phillip Seeberg Talk:

From Bar Mitzvah to RCIA

7:35am: Q&A 7:50am: Wrap up and closing prayer 8:00am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul

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MUSIC NOTES FROM NICK



Hello parishioners!
I hope you had a great week as the weather is starting to get warmer!

This weekend at Mass we are celebrating the feast of the Ascension. To observe this feast, at the 10:30am Mass the choir will be singing the contemporary hymn by Eugene Butler "Go Ye Into all the World". Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature.... At communion we will be singing with the congregation the hymn "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" after that the choir will sing "Glory to God" from the oratorio "Susanna" by George F. Handel followed by the Latin motet "Adoro Te Devote" by Charles Gounod. A nice variety of music to sing at this feast of the church.

As I mentioned in the May 18th bulletin, here is a list of the people and where they live, who sing and make up our wonderful and very talented choir. As you can see, the choir members not only come from Naperville but many surrounding cities as well because of the quality of the music that is done here at Saints Peter and Paul each week during the choir season and all the major holidays during the year.

I hope if you see any of them after mass, you will let them know how much you appreciate all their hard work each week! I hope in the fall, after our summer break, some of YOU, who like to sing, will join us to "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord"!

Have a great week!



Choir Members

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First Communion There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

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OCIA To inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults contact Mike Lewandowski, 630-718-2156, mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net.

Marriage Diocese requirements include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding. Wedding dates fill up quickly and you must confirm a date as your first step in the process. Visit sspeterandpaul.net/marriage if you are interested in being married here.

Holy Orders Contact any priest to be connected to others exploring a vocation. For more information on formation events, visit **dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations**.

Reconciliation Confessions are held in the Ministry Center on Mondays (4:15 to 5:15 p.m.), Thursdays (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Saturdays (3 to 5 p.m.).

Anointing of the Sick If you or a loved one are in need of anointing, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

Eucharistic Adoration The St. Francis Adoration Chapel is open Sunday at 5:00pm to Saturday at 5:00pm.

Funerals Most funerals are scheduled through area funeral homes. To inquire about a liturgy, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

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