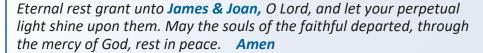


On Wednesday, December 14th

James M. Keating

was united with His Lord in Eternal Life.
In Christian charity, please pray for the consolation of his daughter Michele, and his two sons James & Brian.

Our Sister in Christ, **Joan S. Polak**was born into eternal life on Monday, December 19th.
Please offer a prayer for her son Martin and the entire
family that their hearts will be consoled in their grief by the Lord Himself.



CATHOLIC

She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

What is the history of the rosary? Where did this prayer come from?

Answer:

Although a longstanding tradition attributed the rosary to Saint Dominic and the Dominican Order, the practice of using beads to count prayers predates the Dominicans by a few hundred years. In fact, it seems that what we now think of as the rosary (which means "garland of roses") was first developed by illiterate peasants and religious brothers and sisters as a way of offering 150 "Our Fathers" to replace the praying of the 150 psalms in the Divine Office.

The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10 Hail Marys) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary began to flourish in the nineteenth century, especially as new devotions to Mary began to spread throughout Europe and the New World. An annual liturgical celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary was introduced into the Church calendar in 1573 and it has been observed on the date of October 7 since 1913. In the apostolic letter On the Most Holy Rosary, Pope Saint John Paul II not only added five new mysteries to the traditional fifteen, but he also reminded Catholics that the rosary is, at its core, an opportunity to go deeper into the life of Jesus: "The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer ... It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium. It is an echo of Mary's prayer, her perennial Magnificat ... With the rosary, the Christian people sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love" (no. 1).





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER

QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

COUNCIL #12302

Grand Knight Shaun Gosselin Deputy Grand Knight Michael Gordon
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To our fellow parishioners.

At our meeting December 6th held in church, the first item of business was to renew the commitment we made as Knights of Columbus to uphold our four principles of the order, *Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism*. Deacon Mark Raz prepared an excellent presentation.

We had a good representation of our membership and in addition two guests attended the meeting, Joe Bridge, and his son Jackson. Walter Jones was not in attendance but recognized as a new member of our council. When the meeting ended, Joe and Jackson became new members by watching an online presentation taking them through the steps to become Knights of Columbus through the third degree. We all welcome Walter Jones, Joe Bridge, and his son Jackson to our council.

Our first principle is charity. The funds we donate derive from our yearly dues and activities. In November, our council made a charitable donation to Helping Hands Food Pantry. Our council also disbursed the proceeds from our Tootsie Roll Drive to three honorable recipients, Pioneer Center, Main Stays Therapeutic Farm and GiGI's Playhouse.

We will be holding a membership drive in January, where we will hold a degree ceremony in the Church Hall for new members following the pancake breakfast after the 9am mass.

We appreciate the support we receive from all our parishioners and Brother Knights and wish everyone a blessed New Year.

Fraternally, Officers of Council #12302 Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

Edition 2

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Shepherds returned from Bethlehem "glorifying and praising God." They were affected deeply by the sight of the infant Messiah and the message of the angels. What would the world look like, if we allowed ourselves to be likewise impacted by the Word of God?

START THE NEW YEAR
OFF BY
GIVING JESUS
A CLEANSED HEART!

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. until 3:45 p.m.

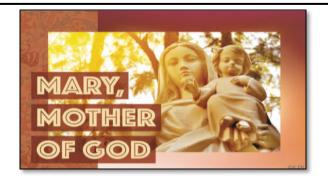
Or call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment with Father!

The Next Knights of Columbus Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 8th after the 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Masses.

Are You a Catholic
Gentleman over the age
of 18 and
Interested in becoming a
Knight of Columbus?
During the Breakfast
find a member of the
Knights and introduce
yourself.



The Knights are having a degree ceremony right after the breakfast for new memberships.



What's Your New Year's Resolution Is it Saying, Yes to God?

Is Jesus, calling You, to sit with Him at the 3:00 a.m. hour?

Every Saturday evening after the 4:00 Mass, the Blessed

Sacrament is placed upon the altar for exposition in a sacred vessel to be adored by all until the following morning just before the 7:00 a.m. Mass when Benediction is celebrated.



Throughout the night hours someone must always be physically present in keeping Jesus company.

Our Adoration Team has an open hour that must be filled for this wonderful ministry to continue.

Will you prayerfully consider keeping Jesus company at the 3:00 a.m. hour every Sunday morning.

If you're available or wish to share that hour with another individual, please call Carrie Shannon at 815-687-6734 or Fr. Joe at the Parish Office.



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns from January 1st through January 14th for † **Geri Stack**

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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2023 Spiritual "DAY" Retreat Schedule

- January 16th God the Potter and we the clay, Fr. Daniel & Br. Matthew.
- January 21st, Saturday with a Saint, Br. Matthew

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FOR THE WEEKENDS OF 12/31 - 1/8/2023

The Mass			For		
(New Year's Eve)					
Sat	4 pm	†	Joseph Carey		
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S DAY)					
Sun	7 am	†	Mike Frer		
	9 am	†	Ann Kretchmer		
	11 am	†	Bill & Joyce Keith		
Tuesday - Friday, Rosary Prayed at 7:30 a.m.					
Tues	8 am	†	Rita Chinni		
Wed	8 am	†	Jack Schmitt		
Thur	8 am		Ashlyn Anderson		
Fri	8 am (1)	†	John & Christine Weidemann		
	8 am (2)	†	Theresa Poletto		
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD					
CONFESSIONS OFFERED ON SATURDAY'S, 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.					
ROSARY PRAYED AT 3:30 P.M.					
Sat	4 pm	†	Patricia Eckman		
Sun	7 am	†	Rose & Gene Miller		
	9 am	†	Larry Janousek, Jr.		
	11 am	†	Juan Beltrandy		

EXPERIENCE LOVE & ACCEPTANCE BY COMING HOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

There's an old saying that goes, "Once a Catholic, always a Catholic." Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back to the Catholic Church. Listen to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear, hoping to draw you home.

We hope you <u>accept this as your invitation</u> to rediscover the truth, wonder and mystery of the Catholic faith. As your brothers and sisters in our worldwide Catholic family, we want you back. We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you.

Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, you can always come home and return to the practice of the sacraments and the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church he founded.

We are Catholic. Welcome home.

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Ushers			
New Year's Eve						
Saturday 12/31 4:00 pm	Elaine Brandstetter	Barbara Galloway	Chad Franckowiak Paul Leali			
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD						
Sunday 1/1 7:00 am	Cyndee Wehrheim	Deacon Mark				
9:00 am	Ardie Arnold	Lori Olmstead	Larry Hauser Jeff Miller			
11:00 am	Aimee Thomas	Marge Ladner	Mike Gordon Mike Rygiel			
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD						
Saturday 1/7 4:00 pm	Chad Franckowiak	Kathie Toms	Chad Franckowiak George Gemberling			
Sunday 1/8 7:00 am	Bill Ledger	Eddie Wells	Dennis Wehrheim David Smid			
9:00 am	Joanne Prato	Deacon Mark	Ron Hlavin Larry Hauser			
11:00 am		Mike Rygiel	Mike Gordon Gary Miller			

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

January 1st - New Year's Day

Maria Sullivan, Peggy Neuman, Bev Schmitt & Georgene Keim

January 8th - The Epiphany of the Lord

Steve Besetzny, Kathleen Van Ella, Mary Seil & Lisa Bilik

The Eucharist

In the midst of the roaring waves of today's times, Jesus Christ invites us to return to the Source and Summit of our faith—
His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Merry Christmas! Echos of those original glad tidings of great joy announced by angels to the lowly shepherds are sounding through hearts around the world today. How much more wonderful to celebrate the Incarnation: that God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (*Jn 3:16*). Let's start 2023 as faithful disciples of Jesus by inviting back those of us who have stepped away from the Mass. To return back to the fulness of our faith, the wonderful gift of Jesus' love in the Eucharist.

Eternal life is available to us who believe, and this life we seek is made possible now through Jesus' sacramental presence in the Eucharist. May Jesus, our Infant King, captivate all of our hearts in a new way this Christmas as we gaze upon his Eucharistic presence with Mary, and may we in turn allow ourselves to radiate his glorious light to the whole world!

FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST IN THE NEW YEAR

At the center of all we do as Catholics must be a close and personal relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

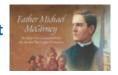
T-Talk: Prayer is an amazing privilege. **Through it,** we have an open invitation: "Call to me, and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). The God of the universe wants to hear from you.

I-Intimacy: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us who He is (*Exodus 34:6*), how He feels about us (*Isaiah 43:4*), what He desires for us (*Luke 12:32*), and how being His will make us happy (*Matthew 5-7*). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M-Meet Him: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass. *E-Everything For Love:* St Thérèse of Lisieu discovered that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say, "I love you, too," in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.

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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.



PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Mass Schedule

• 4:00 pm

Sunday, January 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

- 7:00 am
- 9:00 am
- 11:00 am

Monday, January 2nd

Tuesday, January 3rd

Wednesday, January 4th

• Spiritual Warfare Rosary - 6:00 pm

Thursday, January 5th

• Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, January 6th

Saturday, January 7th

• Adoration After the 4:00 pm Mass until 6:45 am Sunday, January 8th

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- Benediction & Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 am
- K of C Breakfast After the 7:00 & 9:00 am Masses Only
- Sacramental Instruction Classes 6:00 pm

A man decided to go ice fishing. Walking onto the frozen surface, he pitched his tent, propped up his fishing rod, and started to pick at the ice. Suddenly, a booming voice rang out: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

Startled, the man stopped and looked around. Seeing no one, he shrugged his shoulder and started to pick at the ice again. The voice returned: "THERE ARE NO FISH UNDER THE ICE!"

Feeling a bit spooked, the man looked up and said, "God, is that You?"

"No," the voice responded. "I'M THE MANAGER OF THIS RINK, TALKING TO YOU ON THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM!"

A man was hiking on a nature trail when a bear appeared. The bear gave chase, so the man clambered up the nearest tree. But as he was climbing, he slipped and fell at the feet of the beast.

"Lord, please let this be a Christian bear." The man gasped.

And the bear said, "Heavenly Father, I thank You for this food."



PARISH INFORMATION

BAPTISMS - Msgr. Jarmoluk is eager and happy to baptize children whose parent(s) are practicing the Catholic faith and registered members of St. Peter's Parish. Please call the Parish Office for additional requirements and information.

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.

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