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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 p.m. vigil

**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

**Spanish Mass:** 9:30 a.m.
(School Church)

**Weekdays:** (Monday-Saturday) 8:30 a.m.

**Holy Days:** 5:00 p.m. vigil
8:30 a.m., 12:00 Noon

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 4:00-5:00 p.m. and by appointment.

**BAPTISMS**

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, 1:00 p.m. (English).
2nd Sunday of the month, 1:00 p.m. (Spanish).
Please register at least one month before requested date. Baptismal class required for all first-time parents.

**WEDDINGS**

Please contact Susan Giordano in the rectory office for information (516) 883-6675, ext. 303. No date will be scheduled until the couple has first met with one of our priests or the deacon.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

Please contact the rectory office to request a priest for Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites.

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**November 8, 2020**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dear parishioners and friends in Christ,

I am very pleased to report that attendance at weekend and daily Masses has gradually increased to close to pre pandemic levels. Most notably absent are young families with children, and some of our most vulnerable seniors. Hopefully, as we enter into this holiday/Holy Day season more and more of our regular parishioners will feel comfortable to return. In any event, we will continue the live stream Mass on Sunday at 9:30 at stpeterofalcantara.org.

Congratulations to the young men and women who were Confirmed this weekend. We are catching up on spring Sacraments and will have another Confirmation celebration next weekend. Once again, we ask you to pray for these young parishioners, that they take their place as active participants in the life of the Church. Special thanks to the catechists, parents, MaryChristine Thomsen, Deacon John Hogan, and their staffs for preparing and organizing for these celebrations of Confirmation under these difficult circumstances.

The autumn season is clearly upon us. Our thoughts begin to turn towards Thanksgiving. As is customary, we encourage parishioners to bring non perishable canned goods with them to Mass on the weekends. These canned goods will be collected by our Parish Outreach/Social Ministry and distributed before Thanksgiving. Speaking of Thanksgiving, we will celebrate Mass on Thursday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving will be downsized this year, but we will most appropriately offer thanks to God on this special national holiday.

Thank you for your contributions this year to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). The supplemental envelopes contributed in last week’s collection brought our total contribution to $78,466. The CMA appeal assists many worthy causes, most especially Catholic Charities right here on Long Island. God Bless you for your generosity in all of our fund raising appeals, especially to our Parish Family.

Have a great week and God Bless you!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Monsignor Bob Clerkin
Baptisms
Rhys Osbourn
Briany Gabriella Reyes

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are ready to return to ministering Holy Communion at weekend Masses may contact Mary Nuzzolese of the IHM Center, at 516-883-2782, or by email at marynuzz@aol.com. If you have a particular Mass preference, or a time when you expect to be away, please communicate this to Mary so that the final ministry assignments will not conflict with your personal schedule. Thank you very much.

2021 MASS INTENTIONS

The Parish 2021 Mass Book is open to receive your intentions during regular office hours at the Rectory. The stipend (offering) for each announced Mass (as per Diocesan policy) is $20, with a standard card. Please note that our 7:30 Mass on Sunday morning is already reserved throughout the year for the general intentions of all of the people of the parish.

Facebook Live Stream

9:30 Sunday Mass

Participate in our 9:30 Sunday Mass on Facebook. Simply go to our website, stpeterofalcantara.org and click anywhere on the picture of the statue of Jesus at the top of the site. You will be brought directly to the livestream. If you access this link outside of the Mass time, the video will still be viewable, along with all other previously streamed Masses, the most recent at the top of the list.

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To: 516-271-3338
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The Recently Deceased
Robert T. Obojski
Sr. Agnes Shaw

Please Pray For the Sick

Mary Barry
Anne Bernroth
Ed Brennan
Jeanne Brunner
Fr. Joe Byrne
Rose Demelas
Francine Hudock
Matthew Kerin
Veronica Kirtland
Jeffrey O’Rourke
Rose Osterberg
Linda Paecos
William Sembler
Rita Tanski

To place a name on our prayer list, please contact Susan Giordano at 516-883-6675 extension 303, or susan@stpeterofalcantara.org. Only family members should request names for understandable privacy and confidentiality issues.

Remembering Loved Ones

A special way to remember our loved ones is to dedicate one or more of the altar items for a period of one week. Altar flowers, Eucharist and wine, altar candles, and the sanctuary candle are available for this donation. They may also be dedicated to the living, in honor of a special occasion. If you are interested in arranging for this, please call the rectory. The dedication will be printed in the bulletin, and it is best to plan ahead.

Active Duty Military Personnel

We would like to compile an updated list of the names of current military personnel from our own St. Peter of Alcantara Parish. Please send the name of your family member who is presently on active duty, stateside or abroad, so that we can keep them in our prayers. Names should be sent directly to Susan Giordano at susan@stpeterofalcantara.org.

Watch Mass on The Diocese of Rockville Centre’s Catholic Faith Network:
CFN on TV; catholicfaithnetwork.org on the Web
Optimum channel 29/137 • Verizon FiOS TV channel 296
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St. Agnes Cathedral
Sunday at 11:00AM, and 7:00PM
Mon-Fri at 8:30AM, and 12:30PM

St. Patrick’s Cathedral
Mon-Fri at 6:30PM
Sunday at 3:30PM

La Santa Misa
Sunday at 5:30PM
THANKSGIVING DEADLINE IS NEXT MONDAY, 11/9! AND...WE ARE SHORT ON TRIMMINGS!

COLLECTION OF NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR THANKSGIVING BAGS! If you are able to donate any of the following items for our Thanksgiving Drive it would be greatly appreciated:

Stuffing
Pies (not frozen or refrig.)
Canned Vegetables
Potatoes (small bags)
Rice (3-5 lb bags)
Dried Beans
Gravy
Apple Cider (shelf-stable)
Dinner Rolls (shelf stable)
Canned Yams
Coffee/Tea
Cranberry Sauce

NO TURKEYS PLEASE! These items and the gift cards will need to be in our offices no later than Monday 11/9

BOTH Sullivan’s Quay and Finn MacCool’s are confirmed for Thanksgiving Dinners to Seniors and the Homebound, so we will need drivers for Wednesday, November 25th, late afternoon to make deliveries, and for Thursday, November 26th late morning, as well! We will sign up the first 6 drivers for each day and anyone beyond that will be placed on a back-up list. If you’d like to sign up, call us ASAP at 516-883-0365.

We also MAY need some folks to make deliveries of our regular Food Pantry Thanksgiving Bags with gift cards to those who are unable to pick-up the week of 11/19 due to health restrictions, or being homebound. If you would like to sign up to be part of our Mobile Response Team, and are a parishioner that has gone through Virtus training, please call us at the above number, as well! Please note that this Team is an on-call response team.

Q: What is influenza?
A: Influenza is a contagious respiratory viral illness, caused by influenza A or influenza B virus. It usually causes symptoms such as sore throat, stuffy nose, cough, fever, and body aches. In the Northern hemisphere, influenza is most common in the winter. Peak influenza activity usually occurs between December and February, but it can start as early as October and occur as late as May.

Q: What is the usual impact of influenza, and is it worse for older adults?
A: Influenza is more severe in some years than others. For instance, the 2017-2018 season was particularly severe, with an estimated 61,000 deaths related to the flu. The 2018-2019 season wasn’t as bad, but still had a real impact: the CDC estimates that there were 37.4 million to 42.9 million flu illnesses last year, causing an estimated 36,400–61,200 flu deaths. For 2019-2020, the CDC estimates that there were 24,000-62,000 flu deaths. Now, most people get better without needing hospitalization, but some people get very sick. Older adults are especially likely to get dangerously ill from catching the flu.

Q: Can you get the flu from the flu shot? What are the risks and side effects of influenza vaccination?
A: No, you can’t get the flu from a flu shot. Most of the currently recommended vaccines are made with “inactivated” virus (which means the virus has been killed and can’t become alive again). There is also one vaccine available that was made using “recombinant” technology (which means they have cobbled together virus proteins). It is not possible for these vaccines to give you influenza.

NEXT WEEK: The Best Ways to Protect Yourself from the Influenza and Minimize Its Complications.

Taken/Adapted From: Better Health While Aging: “Flu Shots for Older Adults During COVID Times: What to Know & Do for 2020" by Dr. Leslie Kernisan, MD MPH ©️
St. Peter of Alcantara R.C. Church

RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM

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Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. Wisdom 6:12 14

Feast Days of the Week

† Monday, November 9th: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Founded in the 4th Century to honor St. John the Baptist, it is one of the most famous churches in Rome and is known as the Mother Church.

† Tuesday, November 10th: St Leo the Great. Pope St. Leo I was the first Pope to have the title “the great”. By 431, his reputation was spreading for his great love of the Lord, intelligence, and persuasive manner. He became famous working to reconcile Christian groups at war and brought peace. He was also renowned for his administrative skills.

† Wednesday, November 11th: St Martin of Tours was raised in a Roman military family and followed his father into the Calvary Corps. As a young soldier, he encountered a beggar and shared his cloak with him. It is written that he had a vision of Christ calling him to the Church. By age 20, he left the military and opposed the war. He sought to follow Jesus Christ and bring others to the Church. In 361 he was chosen as Bishop of Tours. Later in life he converted his mother to the Church and was an extraordinary evangelist.

† Thursday, November 12th: St Josephat was an Eastern Rite Bishop who was brutally martyred trying to bring part of the Orthodox Church back into union with Rome. In 1869 he was canonized as the first Saint of the Eastern Church.

† Friday, November 13th: St Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917). Founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. In 1889, Mather Cabrini and 6 Sisters set sail, urged by St Leo XIII, to come to America and minister to the poor Italian orphans and immigrants. They set up schools, orphanages, and hospitals. She was canonized December 22, 1917, the first “citizen saint” of the United States. “Money we have not, but our faith will spring forth miracles.”

The IHM Center continues to remain closed. But, we are looking forward to opening soon and welcome new ideas for programs. There are wonderful opportunities within the parish for sharing and growing your Faith. Please consider joining the various upcoming and updated St. Peter’s Teams, such as Lector, EM’s, Baptism Preparation, and Pre-Cana.

Have a wisdom filled week with all your heart mind and soul.

Mary

GOING TO MASS TOGETHER GUIDE

(Use the two-sided Booklet entitled “Your Guide for the Mass and Welcome to our Church” in your materials)

Parents, (1) review these pages in the flip book with your children before Mass, (2) write the answers to the questions on this sheet, and (3) we will follow up with the questions in class.

PEOPLE AT MASS
(Blue Welcome Side: Pictures and description)

INTRODUCTORY RITES
(Orange Mass Side: commentary page)

This week’s assignment (November 8th):

Priest/Deacon p. 15
Altar Servers p. 14

QUESTION: When the Priest greets us with “The Lord be with you” what do we say?

1. Starting this week, on November 9th and 10th, the LOG IN is via the Zoom invite sent to your email. That email must be connected to a ZOOM account.

2. There are NO CLASSES on Wednesday, November 11th, Veterans Day.

We need some help on Monday evening at 7:00 pm as one of our catechists is ill, AND on Tuesday at 4:00 for 1st grade and 6th grade. Call Mary Christine at 883-5584 or email at dre@stpeterofalcantara.org to find out the details.

GUILD OF ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL

We are once again assisting the Guild of St. Francis Hospital in their fund raising efforts. You will find their chance books (raffles) in both the lower church, on the large table in the lobby, and in the main church, by the doors to the parking lot. To enter their December 8th drawing, please mail in your chances and your donation to the address provided. Your generous support will assist the hospital in the battle against heart disease, the nation’s number one killer.
Veterans Day is November 11!

We remember and pray for all those who have served our country in times of war, including our military chaplains.

O God,
by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest,
look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country.
Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen
This Veterans Day, Help us Support A Place to Call Home

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn’t maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities’ Project Veterans’ Independence, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

“I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around.” Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone’s life.

Thank you!

“Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor.” -Pope Francis

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**The Kids’ Bulletin**

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**Blessed John Duns Scotus**

**November 8**

JOHN DUNS SCOTUS WAS BORN AROUND 1270 IN SCOTLAND. HE WAS A GOOD BOY AND WAS TAUGHT WELL BY HIS PARENTS AND PRIESTS. HE BECAME A FRANCISCAN AND CONTINUED STUDYING.

**He had trouble learning, so he prayed to our Lady. Then he became very intelligent.**

He studied in Paris and England. He received his doctorate and became a professor.

**One of his greatest teachings was that Mary was conceived without original sin.**

Father John, you are being sent to Germany. I will leave right away.

**Blessed John knew that there is nothing more important than knowing, loving, and serving God. He had a great thirst to understand Him better so he studied hard. The more he understood about God the more he could teach others about Him. We should pray for good teachers.**

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**Always Be Ready**

Have you ever thought to yourself that it would be better to have fun and be bad now, and then be good later? That's what some of the bridesmaids in today’s parable were like. They only brought enough oil for their lamps, and didn’t bother to bring any extra. But the other bridesmaids had been wise and took along extra flasks to refill their lamps when it got late. When the bridegroom came, those who hadn’t brought extra oil were gone, getting more oil, and missed the feast!

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Sometimes people say that they have lots of time to change from their evil ways, so they don’t repent right away. This parable shows us that it is very foolish to leave important things until later. Nobody knows when they will die, so we should always be ready.

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The oil of the bridesmaids is like the grace in our souls. We need to make sure that our soul always has sanctifying grace, which we need to get into Heaven. We lose that grace when we do a serious sin. That is why if we ever commit a serious sin, we should go to confession as soon as we can so that we will always have grace and be ready for when we die.

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**Psalm 63 Word-Find**

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this part of today's Psalm. The leftover letters will spell out a little prayer to God when you write them in the blanks at the end.

PARCHED POWER MWYSBANQUETW ITHIRSTSULI SLIPSTOWARDT ALTHPHUFLESH NAMEIGLORYIO CALLNOIRSTWU TGAZEDVSOAT UBLESSEMOUTH ALIFEHANDSER RICHESGOODRT YHEEKNINDNESS

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O GOD, you are my God whom I SEEK;
for you my FLESH PINES and my soul THIRSTS like the EARTH, PARCHED and WITHOUT WATER.

Thus have I GAZED TOWARD you in the SANCTUARY to see your POWER and your GLORY, for your KINDNESS is a greater GOOD than LIFE; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus WILL I BLESS you while I LIVE;
lifting up my HANDS, I will CALL upon your NAME. As with the RICHES of a BANQUET shall my SOUL be satisfied,
and with exultant LIPS my MOUTH shall praise you.
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