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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.

November 15, 2020
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are not in darkness. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert. The day of the LORD will come!
Dear parishioners and friends in Christ,

Along with all of you, our thoughts are looking forward to the holiday/Holy Day seasons. We will celebrate Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 in the main church. Most appropriately, before we begin feasting, let us join together in prayerful thanks to God for His many blessings. Yes, it’s been a difficult and challenging year, and yet there are many blessings that we can be truly grateful for. Please consult the Parish Social Ministry column in this bulletin for suggestions on how you can assist with providing holiday baskets of food for the needy. And, thank you for your generosity to the hungry poor of our community all throughout the year.

Christmas is posing several challenges in light of the pandemic protocols. We will be operating at 50% capacity in both the lower church and the main church. With this reduced capacity, we will schedule Christmas Eve Masses, Thursday, December 24th, at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and the final Mass, in English, at 8:00 p.m.; Mass in Spanish at 9:30 p.m.. All of these Christmas Eve Masses will take place in the lower church to accommodate what we expect to be larger attendance. Christmas morning Masses on Friday, December 25th will take place at 7:30 and 9:30 in the main church, and at 11:30 in the lower church; Mass in Spanish on Christmas morning at 9:30 in the lower church. This year, our Parish Social Ministry will be collaborating with Halo Helpers, in memory of Rosie Beagan, to provide gift cards and gifts for needy families. Again, please see the Parish Social Ministry column in this bulletin for details.

At this point, we are preparing for a modified scale to our holiday/Holy Day celebrations due to the pandemic restrictions. We will livestream these celebrations for the health and safety of those who feel uncomfortable or vulnerable about being in large crowds. With your cooperation, we will be able to work things through under these unique circumstances in this most difficult year.

All Liturgical Ministers - Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers - will be called upon to assist at this important time of the year. Please look for emails sent to your attention in the coming week.

Have a great week and God Bless you!
Devotedly yours in Christ,

Monsignor Bob Clerkin
Baptisms
Rhys Malcolm Osbourn
Briany Gabriella Reyes
Andrew Spotteck

Weddings
Congratulations to the Newlyweds!
Shannon Caldarola and Michael Scancarello
November 6, 2020

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.

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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Rose Demelas
Francine Hudock
Matthew Kerin
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.

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.

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
• Spectrum channel 162/471

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
**The LORD is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusts. I am helped, so my heart rejoices; with my song I praise him.**

~ Psalm 28:7

**Thanksgiving Food Drive**

**Thanksgiving Deadline is Extended Through This Weekend Only!**

**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:

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**NO Turkeys please!**

Both Sullivan’s Quay AND Finn MacCool’s ARE confirmed for Thanksgiving Dinners to seniors and the homebound so we will need drivers to make deliveries for Wednesday, November 25th late afternoon, 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 due to health restrictions.

**Senior Corner**

**The Best Ways to Protect Yourself from the Influenza and Minimize Its Complications.**

To reduce your risk of getting sick from the flu, it’s best to combine two approaches:

1. Minimize your exposure to people spreading the influenza virus in the winter.
2. Take steps to bolster your immune system, so that if you do get exposed to the influenza virus, you’ll be less likely to get very sick.

Older adults should also make sure they are up-to-date on pneumococcal vaccination (these are one-time, not yearly). Pneumococcal vaccination helps reduce the risk of certain types of bacterial pneumonia and other potential complications of influenza. A 2016 meta-analysis concluded that being vaccinated for both influenza and pneumococcus was associated with a lower risk of pneumonia and death. The pneumococcal vaccine recommended for all adults aged 65+ is the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (“PPSV23”), brand name Pneumovax - it can be administered at the same time as the annual influenza vaccination.

**Minimizing your exposure to influenza virus**

The main way people get exposed to influenza is when they breathe in air droplets containing the influenza virus. These droplets are created when people infected with influenza virus talk, sneeze, or cough. The CDC estimates that a person infected with the influenza virus may be contagious for one day prior to developing symptoms, and 5-7 days after getting sick. Influenza virus can also survive on hard household surfaces for up to a day. The virus survives for much less time on soft surfaces, such as used tissues and bed linens. Based on these facts, the best ways to minimize exposure to influenza are to:

- Avoid exposure to people who may be infected with influenza.
- Clean household surfaces, especially hard surfaces such as counters, and especially if someone living with you has been sick.
- Wash your hands often, especially before touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Minimize your time near people who have not been vaccinated for influenza.
- Your risk of influenza exposure is reduced if people around you — family members, co-workers, fellow residents of your living facility — are vaccinated for influenza.

**Next Week:** Bolstering Your Immune System

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**Parish Social Ministry**

Peace, Lourdes & the Social Ministry Team
His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy!' Matthew 25:21

In this month of November, there is an overflowing abundance of reasons to be thankful each and every day. Consider counting your blessings leading up to Thanksgiving Day in a Blessing Book, or even a refrigerator reminder list. Simply jot down reasons to smile, to be thankful of daily graces we often take for granted. Your day will be more colorful as you thank God for all your blessings in life.

Feast Days of the Week
† Tuesday, November 17th: St Elizabeth of Hungry (1207-1231). Known for her devotion to caring for the sick, she is depicted in Christian art as a symbol of Christian charity, with a bread basket, roses, and a crown.
† Saturday, November 21st: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, when Sts. Anne and Joachim brought Mary to the temple to consecrate her life to God in thanksgiving for her life. They had been childless and received a message from angels in their old age that they would have a child.

New release from Paulist Press
Gazing on His Face. A Christ Centered Spirituality by Robin Ryan, CP
You may recall that Fr. Robin was an engaging, funny, and deeply spiritual Passionist retreat director at Bishop Malloy Retreat House, where St Peter’s parents retreated for many years. This 100 page book, written in a retreat style, invites you to examine your life with Christ as Friend, Healing Presence of God, Caller of Disciples, Bread of Life, Good Shepherd, Priest, Brother, Prince of Peace, and Good Samaritan.

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.

Advent Season is in 2 weeks. Time to think, pray, wait and prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord this COVID-19 Christmas.

Grace and Peace be yours in Abundance. (1 Peter 1:2)

Mary
Saint of the Week

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary  
Feast Day - November 17

Elizabeth’s short life was nonetheless full; she had a happy marriage and children, was a secular Franciscan, and was so devoted to the poor and sick that she gave away royal robes and founded hospitals. The daughter of a Hungarian king, Elizabeth married a nobleman of Thuringia, Louis, at age 14.

He complained about the expense of her many charities until he witnessed a miracle involving Elizabeth, bread and roses. After he died during a Crusade, she became a Third Order Franciscan at Marburg, Germany, where she founded a hospital to care for the sick. Elizabeth, who was declared a saint in 1235, is the patron of bakers, young brides, widows, those falsely accused, countesses and secular Franciscans.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next weekend, our special collection supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. 25 percent of funds we collect will stay here in the diocese for antipoverty projects.

Thank you for your generosity!
As we enter the final months of 2020, it is important to take a look back and see how the Catholic Ministries Appeal was present in our Church and community. In June and September, the DRVC celebrated the ordinations of 2 men to the priesthood and 9 men to the Permanent Diaconate. Throughout the lockdown, our youth and young adult ministries were virtually and spiritually connected thanks to the efforts of our DRVC ministries. Catholic Charities along with local parish outreach offices provided care and resources to individuals in need.

It is thanks to people like YOU who make the sacrifice to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal so that the Good News of Christ can be spread across Long Island. If you have not made a gift yet for this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal, it is not too late! Every gift makes a difference because every gift is restricted to the ministries the Appeal serves.

On behalf of everyone who is touched by your gift, thank you so much.

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The Kids’ Bulletin
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2020

Use Your Talents!

God has given each of us talents, or things that we're good at. In today's parable, Jesus tells about a master who gave three of his servants large amounts of money, which were also called talents. Two of the men used the talents and earned more, but one just hid his talent and didn't use it at all. When the master returned he rewarded the men who had used theirs, but punished the man who hadn't.

Some people have many talents and can do lots of good things. Other people can only do a few things well. But no matter what you can do, God wants you to do your best.

What are some things you're good at? What are some things you are not very good at? Rather than think about the things we can't do, we should be happy to do the things we can, and do them for God! Some people are good at drawing or writing. They can make people happy and teach people about God by drawing pictures or writing stories or letters. Some people are good at talking to people and making friends. They can show God's love and make people happy. Some people have a talent of being patient with others, and show Jesus' love that way. What are your talents? How can you use them to bring people closer to God?

Using the Master's Talents
- sort out the pictures -

How well do you know the parable from today's Gospel? Put the numbers 1 to 6 in the boxes in the correct order of the story.
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