



St. Peter's Church

Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

MAY 22, 2022

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

7:30 am, 11:40 am and 1:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

*Lower Level of the Church
Across from Book & Gift Shop*

Mondays through Fridays

10:30 am until 3:00 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

No Confessions on Sunday

ADORATION

Fridays in the Church

after the 1:15 pm Mass until 4:15 pm

DEVOTIONS

St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays

After the 7:30 am, 11:40 am and

1:15 pm Masses

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays through Fridays

9:00 am until 4:30 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Sundays - Office Closed

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN

Mondays through Fridays

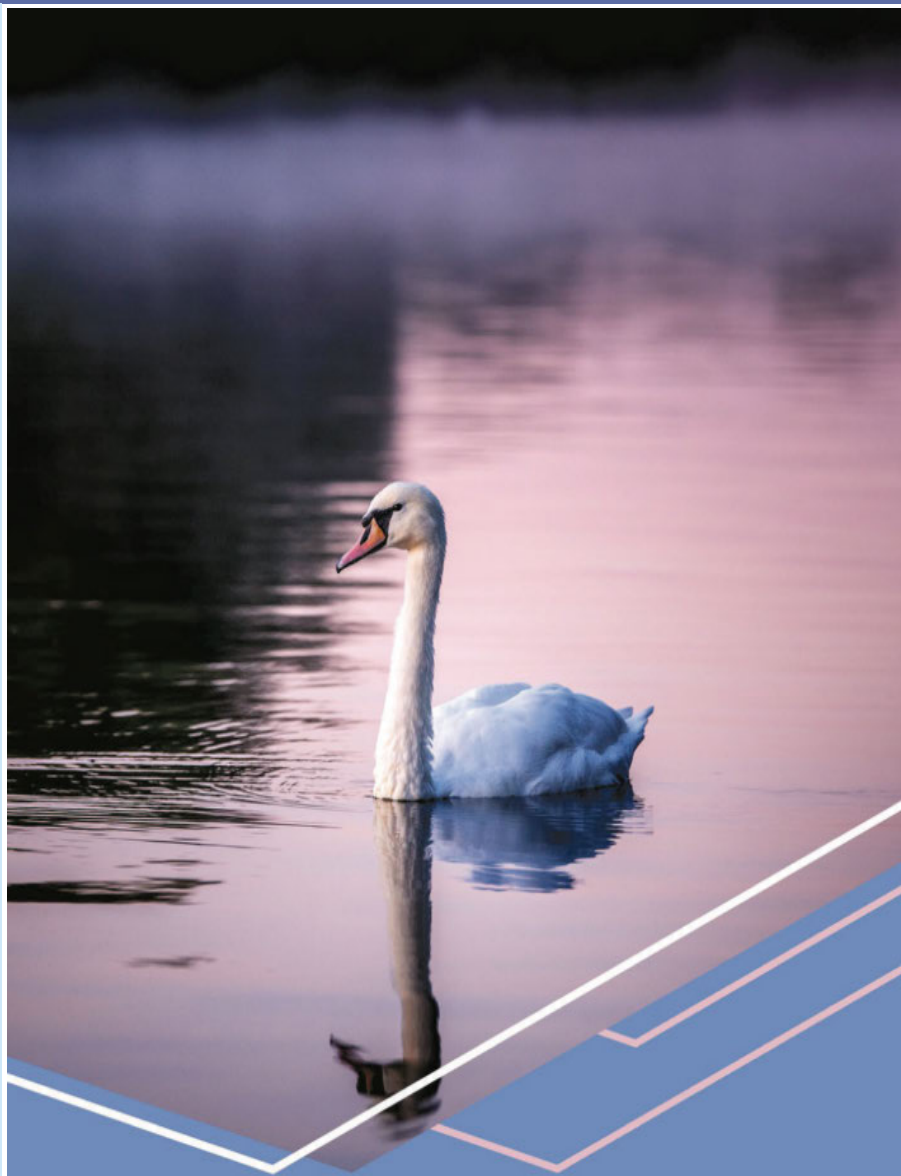
7:00 am until 4:30 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 6:00 pm

Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

- Jn 14:26-27a

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
- www.relevantradio.com

Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., May 22:** Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Mon., May 23:** Easter Weekday
- Tues., May 24:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
- Wed., May 25:** Easter Weekday
- Thurs., May 26:** St. Philip Neri
- Fri., May 27:** St. Augustine of Canterbury
- Sat., May 28:** Easter Weekday

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FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF THE SACRED HEART

ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

Weekly Goal	\$12,000
May 8-14	\$ 4,666
Difference	-\$ 7,334

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



Since the time of St. Francis of Assisi, the Friars of the Franciscan Order have been called to gather periodically to discuss our common life of prayer, ministry and our faithfulness to our Rule of Life. These gatherings are called "*Chapters*." When the Franciscan Order was young, the friars would all gather together in Assisi usually around the time of Pentecost. As the Order grew expanding throughout the world, the Order was divided into provinces. Each province would hold a "*Chapter*" to discuss the living of Franciscan life and ministry in their province and area of the world. Here in the United States, we have been seven provinces for many years. Due to diminishing numbers and a need to better focus on what should be our ministry today, six of those provinces, under the guidance of the head of the Franciscan Order (Minister General), decided to merge into one entity that would oversee our presence and ministry throughout our country and the missions we staff and support throughout the world.

Since the decision to restructure the six provinces into one, all of us friars have been involved in many meetings, much prayer and also a concern that we continue to serve the People of God and the Church in the best way we might in our times. The official beginning of the new province will be in October 2023. A new name for our province will be chosen by the General Administration of the Order. The location of the headquarters of the new province will also be announced soon.

The six provinces who will combine to form one province in October 2023 are having for the last time a Chapter gathering for our individual provinces sometime in the coming months. For Sacred Heart Province (the province of the friars who staff St. Peter's Church and Friary) we will gather together for prayer, brotherhood, and discussions in St. Louis, Missouri (site of our present Provincial headquarters) on June 13-17. As you might imagine these last provincial "*chapters*" of the six provinces will be bittersweet. Our coming together as one province will offer us new challenges and opportunities. We will be able to continue serving others in places we are presently at and also will be able to branch out into new areas and opportunities that we presently cannot staff. But our coming together as one province will mean our accustomed ways of doing ministry may have to adapt to different approaches.

This is an early alert to everyone who comes to St. Peter's that because many of the friars from St. Peter's will be attending our "*Chapter*" meeting June 13-17 we need to make a significant change in our daily schedule

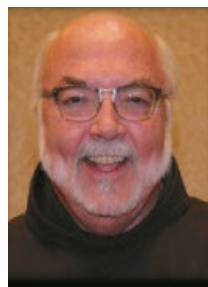
for that week of June 13-17. There will be very limited services that week. The exact schedule will be published for June 13-17 soon as well as available on our website.

I ask that you keep all of us Franciscans in your prayers as we step into the unknown future. As the Franciscan Order has adapted and spread throughout the world ever since the time of St. Francis, our present age also calls us to rely upon the guidance of God's Spirit. As St. Francis often reminded his followers in the 13th century, the Holy Spirit is the true Minister General (Head) of the Order. God's Spirit is guiding us all on a new journey of how to live the Holy Gospel and how best to bring the Gospel message to others in the 21st century.

The Rule of the Friars Minor, approved by Pope Honorius in 1223, continues to guide us friars to our present age. The Rule begins: "*The Rule and life of the Friars Minor is this, namely, to observe the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by living in obedience, without anything of one's own, and in chastity. Brother Francis promises obedience and reverence to the Lord Pope Honorius and his canonically elected successors and to the Roman Church. And let the other brothers be bound to obey Brother Francis and his successors.*"

And shortly before his death in 1226 St. Francis wrote in the conclusion of his Testament to the brothers: "*And whoever observes these things, let him be blessed in heaven with the blessings of the Most High Father, and on earth with the blessings of His Beloved Son with the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, and with all the powers of heaven and with all the saints. And I, little brother Francis, your servant, inasmuch as I can, confirm for you, both within and without, this most holy blessing.*"

SPECIAL CONCERT FOR OUR 175th ANNIVERSARY



I encourage you to come to a very special concert that will be held at St. Peter's Church on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4. Both days the concert will begin at 7:30 pm in church. We are honored to have the Chicago Sinfonietta playing here at St. Peter's. A part of the evening's music program will be the World Premiere of *The Nature Suite* by Robert Hutmacher, OFM. Fr. Bob is a very talented musician and presently serves as the Guardian of the St. Peter's Friar community. Fr. Bob has a number of music recordings and has performed in a number of places in the United States as well as in Europe. He has done extensive research in Assisi on music at the time of St. Francis and St. Clare. See the



posters in church or the flyers available in church for more information. You can also find more information on our web site: www.stpetersloop.org

ST. PETER'S 8th ANNUAL GALA

Celebrating 175 Years of Ministry!

The Franciscan Friars and Lay Staff of St. Peter's Church cordially invite you to

ST. PETER'S 8TH ANNUAL GALA

Thursday, July 14, 2022
5:30 to 8:30 pm

Union League Club of Chicago
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Tickets \$225
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Silent Auction
Live Auction

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After a couple of years of doing our annual fund-raising Gala virtually, we return to the Union League Club on Thursday, July 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. This is our largest fund-raising event of the year and it helps keep our ministry at St. Peter's operating. You can purchase tickets for this event in the church lobby or visiting our website.

Hopefully, we'll see many of

you at this important gathering of supporters of St. Peter's.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY AND WORK FOR PEACE

As I write these thoughts on Sunday, May 15, I urge you to pray and work for peace in our world and an end to the violence in our country. When over 10 people are killed because of racial hatred, when young children are murdered as they gather at Millennium Park or in their neighborhood, as was reported on the news early this morning we all must say.....*"enough is enough!"* While we can continue to pray and lobby for peace it is time for our political leaders to not only express outrage at so much innocent lives being tragically taken from us but it is time for action and not just words. As I preached on Sunday morning Jesus makes it quite clear who is his disciple. *"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* (John 13:35) Perhaps we all need to ask ourselves, "Can people tell we are one of the Lord's disciples?"

ASCENSION



Just a brief reminder that we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord at Masses next weekend. We celebrate Pentecost and coming of God's Spirit the weekend of June 4-5. With Pentecost we end the Easter Season and return to Ordinary time. Let us keep one another in prayer this week.

Fr. Michael



MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATE, HONOR, REMEMBER.

Monday, May 30
Church Open ~ 9 am to 11 am
Mass at 10 am



ST. PETER'S CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays through Fridays
Mass Times:
7:30 am, 11:40 am and 1:15 pm

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St. Peter's Church
CELEBRATING 175 YEARS
 Anniversary Concerts


June 3rd and 4th | 7:30 PM

Concert Program:
 The Chicago Sinfonietta plays Mozart's Violin Concerto in G featuring Paolo Castellani, violin


The World Premiere of The Nature Suite By Robert M. Hutmacher, OFM

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Fridays in the Church
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THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY

Rev. 21: 1-5a

Terry was a delightful young woman – a single mom with two kids in college, although she hardly looked old enough to be out of college herself. She



was the manager of the Quick-Mart where I sometimes stopped for coffee and she knew just about everybody in town. I particularly remember one morning when Terry greeted me with the words, “Look what they did! I didn’t know they were going to do this, but they did!”

“What did they do?” I asked, wondering not only “what they did” but who “they” were. “My employees - they nominated me for ‘Merchant of the Year’ – and I WON! Can you believe it? The Chamber of Commerce chose *me!*”

I assured Terry that I absolutely could believe it and that they couldn’t have made a better choice. On the way to work I remembered some of the things Terry had done since I had known her. I remembered the people she had hired, mostly high school kids who needed after-school hours and young moms who needed hours during the school day. Terry had always taken the time to figure out what best suited the needs of her employees; then she took the hours that nobody else wanted. I remembered the conversations I had overheard while waiting in line and the genuine concern in Terry’s voice when people shared their problems with her.

I didn’t, however, ever remember Terry talking about what church she went to; but, then, I didn’t ever remember her talking about what churches other people *didn’t* go to either. I didn’t ever remember hearing Terry talk about the Bible; but I didn’t ever remember her refusing to listen when others wanted to talk about it. Mostly I remembered Terry simply doing what she felt was the right thing to do.

Terry knew what was necessary in life. “It is the decision of the Holy Spirit...not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities...” The apostles and the elders – and Terry - chose not to *place* burdens but to *lift* them. Can we say as much? What do we consider necessities in the spiritual life?

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Sponsors & Auction Items Needed For St. Peter's 2022 Gala!

Please help make this year's gala a success. We are seeking sponsorships and auction items including: vacation getaways, unique experiences, dinners, gift cards, jewelry, sports memorabilia, and golf packages. All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

For more information, please contact Fr. Mario DiCicco, Gala Coordinator at 312-372-5111 or email mmdicicco@gmail.com.

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June 6: Learn to Trust Your Intuition

Now is the time to *breathe new life into your living*. Listen to your *little voice* to guide your journey. Learn ways to discern and act.

June 20: Hesitation: Stop Waiting for Permission to Live

What is the *purpose* of waiting for *permission to dare to live* with your Creator's gifts!

June 27: "If Only I Had More Courage"

Distinguish bravery from courage—to do what life requires without worrying about approval. What's different about the times when you act in spite of anxiety? Realize, and take in, *everyday courage*.

July 11: 6 Ways to Reduce Your Vulnerability to Anxiety

Identify life patterns that make you more vulnerable to anxiety; discover healthy alternatives.



Psychologist Dr. Jerry Hiller and Marilyn Rochon MA, LCPC guide participants in the pursuit of stress relief, self-acceptance, self-efficacy, and developing a sense of purpose.

Participants learn to increase self-confidence, navigate through loss and depression, and improve relationships with themselves, others and God. The sessions combine practical psychology with the life-giving ways of St. Francis of Assisi.

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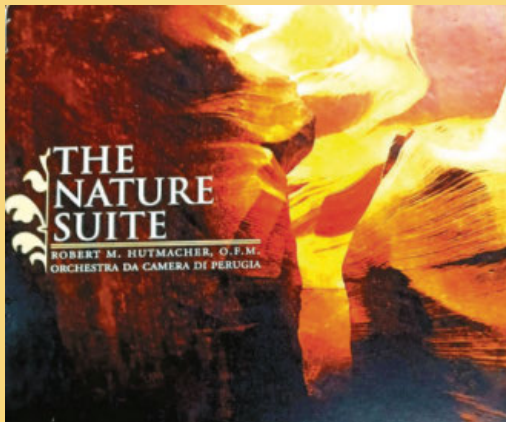


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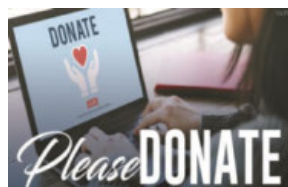


St. Peter's is currently accepting reservations for the memorial votive candles within the Church. Once lit, the candles burn 24 hours a day for one year. A plaque in front of your candle notes who it is lit in honor of. Applications are available at the front office of St. Peter's. The cost is \$150. Please call 312-372-5111 for further information.

St. Peter's Church Safety Guidelines




The Archdiocese of Chicago has made mask wearing optional for all those entering the church building. It is encouraged to continue to wear masks and to stay safe while inside St. Peter's Church. Visitors should sanitize their hands upon entering the building. Thank you.



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