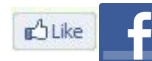


# Saint Peter Catholic Church

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## March 14, 2021

## *Laetare Sunday*



## *Solemnity of the Dedication of St. Peter Church Our 14th Anniversary*



# Leadership Commission

## Our Parish Vision Statement:

We are a Vibrant and Prayerful Catholic Community  
Welcoming you to Worship God in Spirit and Truth.  
Enlivening the Vision of Faithful Stewardship,  
Charitable Outreach and Dynamic Evangelization.

## Our Parish Mission Statement:

Baptized into the Life of the Holy Trinity and called to  
Service in the Name of Jesus Christ, we of Saint Peter  
Parish strongly desire to be united as a Christian Family.  
Together we will make prayer the source and strength of all  
our actions. As a Spirit-Filled Catholic community, we  
commit ourselves to use our individual talents and gifts to  
reach out to one another in love and friendship.

### **REV. MICHAEL J. FITZPATRICK, PASTOR**

Rev. Emmanuel Iheaka (*Chaplain in Residence*)  
*Fr. Emmanuel serves at Coatesville Veterans Hospital*  
Deacon Todd Smith: Permanent Deacon

### **Commissioned in Service of the Parish:**

Mrs. Robin Burckhardt: Coordinator of Parish Ministries  
schedule@saintpeterchurch.net  
Mr. Austin Flinn: Music Director, Coordinator of Liturgy  
musicdirector@saintpeterchurch.net  
Mrs. Dorothy Pepe: Business Manager  
bizmgr@saintpeterchurch.net  
Mrs. Susan Kenna: Administrative Assistant  
stpeterchesco@comcast.net  
Mr. Steve Forrest: Buildings and Facilities  
Mrs. Krystal Snyder: Safe Environment Coordinator  
childsafety@saintpeterchurch.net  
Mrs. Kathy Hoffman: Parish Organist  
Mrs. Veronique Hadfield: Adult Choir Director

### **Commissioners: Serving on the Parish Pastoral Council**

**Outreach:** Lawrence Barron, Carol & Chuck Beebe,  
Joe Lisowski, and Jim Mulry

**Welcome:** Barbara McCleary

**Witness:** Bill & Pat O'Brien, and Chris & Jessica Valentino

**Worship:** Jeff Yoder, Polly Pratt

**Education:** Tim Perry, Kathy Kelly-Borowski, Cathy Turpin,  
and Sharon & Ian Bowman

**Parish Finance Council:** Father Fitzpatrick, Pastor  
Tom Stern, Phil Moran, Natalie Carrozza, Ted Mirenda,  
Don Courtney and Alicia de la Torre-Yoder  
(Dottie Pepe, Advisory Member - Business Mgr.)

### **Our Catholic Education Programs**

#### **POPE JOHN PAUL II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY:**

PHONE: 610-384-5961 FAX: 610-384-5730  
PRINCIPAL: DR. SARAH KERINS  
SCHOOL WEB SITE: [WWW.POPEJOHNPAL2SCH.ORG](http://WWW.POPEJOHNPAL2SCH.ORG)

#### **PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP):**

OFFICE AND CLASSES AT POPE JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL:  
PHONE: 610-384-3145 FAX: 610-679-5985  
DIRECTOR: MRS. PATRICE PETERSON  
[stpeterparishprep@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterparishprep@gmail.com)

**PREP Advisory Council:** Father Fitzpatrick, Pastor, Patrice  
Peterson, DRE, Debbie Boone, David Duva, Karen Givens,  
Jen Murphy, Pat O'Brien, Tim Perry, Tracy Philips, and Ginny  
Fennimore.

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Register with us, and learn about St. Peter  
Parish. Please feel free to call the parish  
office 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday.

***Next Sunday, March 21, St. Peter Parish will celebrate  
the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11 a.m. Mass.***

Because of the current COVID protocol and safeguards,  
we have to limit the number people and their placement in  
church. The vast majority of seats in the church will be  
filled with **Candidates**, their **Sponsors**, and their **Parents**  
(who will be seated together as a group). There will be  
limited additional seats in the church.

After we have reached our limit in the church, everyone  
else will be seated in the Celebration Center to participate  
via livestream.

Everyone entering our parish buildings is to be properly  
masked and practice social distancing.

NOTE: The Mass will be livestreamed and archived to  
view at a later time.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT PETER PARISH



***Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily***

### **Sunday**

#### **March 14**

"Daylight Saving Time Begins"

9:15 a.m. Virtual PREP Class "Zoom"  
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice - Church  
12:30 p.m. RCIA "Virtual"

### **Monday**

#### **March 15**

### **Tuesday**

#### **March 16**

10:00 a.m. Reserved - Bethany Rm  
12:00 p.m. Reserved - Rms A & B  
6:00 p.m. Gethsemane Holy Hour - Church  
6:15 p.m. Confessions - Chapel & Sacristy  
6:15 p.m. Virtual PREP Class "Zoom"  
7:00 p.m. Walking With Purpose - Rms A & B  
7:00 p.m. The King's Men - Bethany Rm  
7:30 p.m. KEPHAS "Zoom"  
7:30 p.m. Reserved - Hall

### **Wednesday**

#### **March 17**

10:00 a.m. "Mary: A Biblical Walk" - SS. Drexel & Neumann  
7:00 p.m. Cantor Practice - Church  
7:00 p.m. Bereavement "Zoom" Mtg

### **Thursday**

#### **March 18**

12:00 p.m. Reserved - Rms A & B  
6:00 p.m. Never Give Up (A/A) - Bethany Rm  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - SS. Drexel & Neumann

### **Friday**

#### **March 19**

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

### **Saturday**

#### **March 20**

8:30 a.m. Reserved - Hall  
3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm



# Saint Peter Parish Apostleship of Prayer

MARCH 2021



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

*Please join in prayer for those remembered in our Mass Intentions for the Week of 3/15/2021*

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Carole Przychodzien
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Stephanie Brewer
Wednesday		No Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Tom Burckhardt
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Michael Murphy ~ 45th Anniv.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Donna Cabry
	5:00 p.m.	William Rice
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Kevin Golden
	9:00 a.m.	Intention of Robert Peters
	11:00 a.m.	Albert Mammarella

Also in your prayers please remember: Michael Oakes, who has recently died.

The publication of the intention of the Mass in the Parish Bulletin fulfills the obligation to "announce" the intention of the Mass.

*In your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish including...*

Jay Algier, Thomas Alvord, Jean Anderson, Robert Anderson, Jr., Henry Assetto, Bahr, Carol Beebe, Linda Belmonte, Haydee Rodriguez Bonhomme, Sister Bonnie, MSC, William Boyd, Melanie Boyle, Jim Bree, Larry Bridge, Anthony Buonom, Donna & John Byrne, Michael Cervone, Jack Clarkson, Leeann Clevestine, Elizabeth Dunn Couch, Jenna Cummings, Joseph D'Angelo, Ramsey DiLibero, Victor DiMartino, Jenny Doyle, Joan Dugery, Dave Dunlap, Walter Dworecki, Tom Ennis, Kate Fiore, Laurie Flynn, Margaret Gentry, Diane Goschler, Bud Griffin, Patti Hackett, Tom Hanna, Dick Harbaugh, Bill Harkness, Keri Herbert, Dave Horger, Karen Irwin, Bruce Katz, David Kelley, Jerry Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Krissy Kennedy, Peter Knebel, Richard Kern, Deborah Kirkwood, Bernard Korch, Barbara Larkin, Fr. Andy Lasko, Frank Laurento, Larry Lawrence, Sr., James Leger, Sr., Daniel & Kate Lewis, Marianne Lewis, Andrew Lis, Barbara Lombardi, Bailey Lynch, John Lynch, Kurt Martin, Maryann Brown-Martin, Clara Melitz, Ed Morris, Beverly Mueller, Samuel Narisi, Louis Neal, Steven Pennock, Patrice Peterson, Angelo Pezzulo, Geri Phillip, Edward Pristernik, Kathy Przychodzien, Helen Ramaley, Kathy Reaney, Mike Reber, Rosie Roberts, Helen Barker Romano, Louise Sabo, Tom Sandri, Joe Santo, Joseph Scheuren, Barbara Schober, Sr. Irene Setlow, Toni Sharpless, Frank Sherlock, Andy Smith., Ruth Soto, Sally Stieber, Mary Jo Tracy, Brandon Twiss, Tony Vabre, Chris Valentino, George Walton, George Warihay, Edelgard Warwas, Julie Watson, Billy Weingartner, and all the residents of our nursing homes.



## FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2021

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals on that day are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese, as well as throughout our nation and our world.




**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED SERVICES:**

Brandon A'Hara, Ron Jon Annaballi, Timothy M. Bruce, Anthony Christof, Sean Douglas Cobourn, Dillan T. Duvall, Geoffrey Finch, Timothy Givens, Cristin A. Goerlitz, Brittany Kessler, Brendan Kessler, Mallory Kessler, Tim Laurento, Jr., Ryan McGuckin, Molly McGuckin, Ian Miller, Brandon Mistretta, Kevin & James Moran, Timothy R. Powledge, Camilo Ramirez, Zachary Schaeffer, Mark Thompson, Claudia Twiss, Jason Twiss, Matthew Twiss, Brian Weightman, Erick Williams, and Jodi Zellers.



## STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

	<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	23,793.41
	Churches in Africa to date	2,092.00
	Annual Fund	2,913.00
	Annual Fund to date	50,267.20

**Thank you to those who are financially supporting us during the pandemic. We are praying for all our families, especially those facing financial stress.**

The practice of tithing provides a regular reminder of your dependence on God. In good times, tithing helps you remember that God is the source of all blessings, and it allows you to demonstrate your gratitude for His care. In hard times, tithing motivates you to remember God's faithfulness and enables you to demonstrate trust in God to provide for all of our needs.



**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** For information, please email the parish at [stpeterchesco@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterchesco@comcast.net).

**Throughout the time of the pandemic there will be “no” anointing of the sick on the 1st Saturday of the month, during morning Mass.**



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION  
OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA'S

**PARISH  
SUPPORT  
INITIATIVE**

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

**If you are able, please support  
Saint Peter Parish  
through the Parish Support Initiative.**

This initiative is made possible through a partnership with The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia. **Scan this code and select “Saint Peter West Brandywine” from the drop-down menu.** Your support will ensure that we can continue our work through these uncertain times. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family and God bless!



The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is launching a novena to St. Joseph this month during the year that Pope Francis has dedicated to meditating on the saintly foster father of Jesus and husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Beginning on March 19 and extending through November on the 19th of each month, everyone is invited to unite in a single petition of confident prayer to the Lord through the heavenly intercession of St. Joseph. I will be praying for our parish and all our families as we engage a post-COVID renewal moving forward.

The novena can be prayed in any setting, especially before or after Mass, but not as a part of the liturgy, at parish meetings, in the classroom, and in the family home.

A special archdiocesan prayer intention is included with the novena for each month. See the entire archdiocesan novena prepared by the Office for Divine Worship along with the Litany to St. Joseph. The following is a St. Joseph Prayer from that Litany which might present a great opportunity for our families and our parish in acknowledging the Year of St. Joseph.

*O Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of the Divine Child, you were entrusted as the protective guardian of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Give today this same protection to the family of the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.*

We plan to place an icon of St. Joseph near the Shrine of Our Lady in the church for the Year of St. Joseph. In November, at the end of this special year, we will install the icon in the current Meeting Rooms 'A & B' and rename them the St. Joseph Meeting Rooms. Honoring the saints by designating rooms helps us all enhance the Catholic atmosphere of the parish facilities and provides opportunities for catechesis.

As an example, we installed the icons of SS. John Neuman and Katherine Drexel in the large meeting room in the Celebration Center some time ago. We refer to that space as 'The Saints Room.' These two saints were renown for building churches and schools in the Diocese of Philadelphia and throughout the United States. For various reasons these two saints are also emblematic of the contribution of immigrants, as well as racial and ethnic minorities, in the history of the Catholic Church in America.

Have you noticed the images of Saints, Blessed, and Venerable who are acknowledged in the Shrine Room? We intentionally focused on racial and ethnic diversity when selecting these saints. There may be more images installed in the future. Each has a 'QR' coded next to them which connects their story to their image. Technology here at St. Peter is being used to promote the Mission of our parish!

Interested in joining the Catholic Faith? Looking for more information on how to encourage others to become members of the faith? Contact us at [office@saintpeterchurch.net](mailto:office@saintpeterchurch.net) The RCIA process is conducted both virtually and in-person utilizing the 'Google Classroom' technology. Google Classroom allows participants to work at a time convenient for them and to connect with the whole group on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Here at St. Peter, the RCIA accepts person 16 years of age or older anytime throughout the year and adapts to the needs of the individual. Persons who were never baptized, as well as persons baptized in a denomination other than Catholic, can be part of the RCIA. We also welcome Catholics who, after their Baptism, may not have received Holy Communion or Confirmation.

Primary school-aged children, from 1st through 8th grade, follow a curriculum designed for their varied and individual needs through the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP). Contact for the Director of PREP: [prep@saintpeterchurch.net](mailto:prep@saintpeterchurch.net).

Fr. Fitzpatrick

## 4th Sunday of Lent

March 13 & 14, 2021

### First Reading

2 Chronicles 36: 14 - 16, 19 - 23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

### Responsorial: Psalm 137

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

### Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 4 -10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

### Gospel

John 3: 14 - 21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For 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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

## WORSHIP COMMISSION

### TUESDAY:

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Gethsemane Holy Hour (6 - 7 p.m.)  
(Rosary and Intercessory Prayer)  
Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7 p.m.

*The Chapel is open 6 a.m. - 3 p.m. weekdays  
for Adoration and prayer.*

### Parish Sacramental Celebrations

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)

Tuesdays 6:15 to 7 p.m. / Saturdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Sacrament Anointing of the Sick:** The Pastor should be notified as soon as possible when a family member or friend becomes ill, is hospitalized, or is in danger of death.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Infant Baptisms are usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month at 2:30 p.m. Prior arrangements for Baptism are made through the parish office at least one month before the celebration of the sacrament. Please call the parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage.** Arrangements for Marriage are made with the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding.



*Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in  
battle, be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil;  
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl through the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.*

*Amen*



*In full compliance with Vatican directives  
and Archdiocesan guidelines, low-gluten  
communion hosts are offered at each  
Mass for those who have special concerns regard-  
ing wheat and wheat products. Directions for receiv-  
ing the low-gluten hosts will be given at the time of  
the Communion Rite.*

# 2021 Outreach for Lent

## Saint Peter Catholic Church

### Socks, Sweats & Underwear Collection

benefitting Veterans in residence  
at Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center

LARGE COLLECTION BOXES will be inside the LOBBY  
of the Saint Peter Celebration Center to receive  
your donations of NEW socks & underclothes

on 5 Weekends in Lent: February 20 - March 21, 2021

Requested items include Men's Socks (all sizes); Men's Underwear (boxer briefs all sizes);  
Men's Undershirts (all sizes); Sweatshirts & Sweatpants (all sizes)

Thank you for remembering our Veterans!

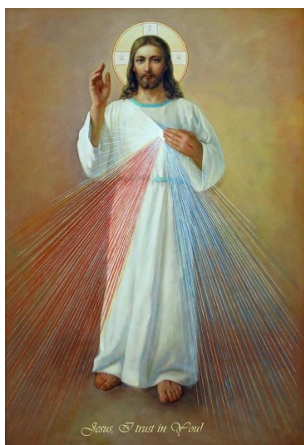


## Bereavement Support Group

The spring session of the Bereavement Support Group started Wednesday, March 10, 2021.



The group will meet virtually for seven sessions on **Wednesday evenings from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.** The Support Group is a peer ministry that offers information about the grief process while providing an opportunity for people to share their thoughts and feelings in a supportive environment. If you have any questions or would like to register for this program, please contact Shavaun McGinty at 484-356-5211 or [shavaunmcginty@gmail.com](mailto:shavaunmcginty@gmail.com).



## Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

First Sunday after Easter Each Year

11 a.m. Mass ~ Confession ~ Adoration ~ 3 p.m. Chaplet  
Rejoice in the Resurrection ~ Rejoice in God's Mercy

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary*, 699)

"The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive."  
(Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary*, 1578)

Please go to [www.thedivinemercy.org](http://www.thedivinemercy.org) for information on Divine Mercy Sunday  
The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday

Participate daily at The National Shrine of Divine Mercy  
Mass 9 a.m. EST ~ The Chaplet 3 p.m. EST ~ The Rosary 5 p.m. EST



# Community

**Looking for a way to enrich your Lent? Consider helping “Partners in Outreach” with Operation Easter Outfit 2021!** This year we are using Sign-Up Genius for a virtual egg distribution. Just scan the QR code or click on the link that will take you directly to the site to begin to make your selections. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49ACA82FA6FB6-easter>. You will receive an email to confirm your selection. *Please return the clothes on a hanger to the lobby of the Celebration Center by THIS weekend of March 13 -*



14. Please include the name of the child with the code ID with the clothing. We suggest dresses for girls and khaki style pants and collared button-down or polo shirts for boys. If you want us to do the shopping for you, just mail your donation to Partners In Outreach, P.O. Box 21, Chester Springs, PA 19425 or donate online at [www.partnersinoutreach.org](http://www.partnersinoutreach.org). Any questions, please contact Susan Lamb at [susanlamb310@gmail.com](mailto:susanlamb310@gmail.com).



**Spring Food Sale** Saturday, March 27, from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Holy Ghost Ukrainian Orthodox Church, 392 Charles Street, Coatesville.

Orders will be taken from March 4th - 23rd. **Perogies:** Potato/cheese, Sauerkraut, Apple, Cherry; Halupki (stuffed cabbage), Haluski (cabbage & noodles), Kielbasa, Nut Rolls, Poppy Rolls, Apricot Rolls, Paska (Easter bread).

**Pre-Orders Only ~ Curbside Pickup.**  
To place an order visit [www.holyghostuoc.org](http://www.holyghostuoc.org).

## EMPLOYMENT

**Part-Time Medical Receptionist:** Monday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (approx. 10 hours a week). Busy medical office seeks an organized individual to work. Good customer service and people skills are dependable, able to multi-task, be courteous, proficient computer skills. Will train the right duties include: Answering phones and scheduling, checking patients in and out, collecting posting to patient accounts, updating and maintaining medical records, obtain insurance verification. Please submit resume or inquires to .com.

*St. Peter Parish Adult Education Program is pleased this Spring to offer:*

MARY



*The Great Adventure Series,*  
Ascension Press

Starts this Wednesday!

## A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

## Why is Mary so Important to Us?

As Catholics, we have a profound reverence for the Blessed Mother. We turn to her in prayer, the Mass, the Rosary, and Marian devotions. We honor her with feasts celebrating significant events in her life. We place images of her in our churches and homes.

Join us for **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**, an eight-week course from Ascension Press led by Biblical scholar Edward Sri. Through beautiful DVDs filmed in the Holy Land, we will take an extraordinary pilgrimage to learn about Jesus's Mother through Scripture and to reveal her unique role in God's Kingdom and our lives. Be immersed in the powerful drama of her earthly life—her joys and her sorrows. Discover how she continues to work in our lives to draw us ever closer to her Divine Son.

- See what Mary's life was like!
- **Experience** what she felt at each dramatic moment in Scripture.
- **Visit** the grotto of Mary's home in Nazareth, the cave where Christ was born in Bethlehem, the site of Our Lord's victory on the Cross, and other places rarely seen.
- **Explore** the Biblical roots of our beliefs about Mary and her significance in our faith.
- **Discover** our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way and be drawn closer to Christ as she leads us to a more profound relationship with Him. It will change us forever.

**Presenter:** Jan Smith                      **Location:** Saints Room  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.                **(Eight sessions)**  
**Dates:** Wednesday, March 17 – May 5 (participation will be limited to allow for social distancing)  
**Cost:** \$27 (includes study guide and online access to DVDs if you miss a class!)

Registration form:  
[https://saintpeterchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/Mary\\_wreg\\_2021.pdf](https://saintpeterchurch.net/wp-content/uploads/Mary_wreg_2021.pdf)

## Witness Commission



## PREP - Parish Religious Education Program

This program is for all children who attend Public, Charter Schools, or are Homeschooled.

### Grades 1 - 8 offered at both sessions:

**Sunday:** 9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

**Tuesday:** 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

**Phone:** 610-384-3145 **Fax:** 610-679-5985

**E-mail:** [stpeterparishprep@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterparishprep@gmail.com)

**Director:** Mrs. Patrice Peterson

**Assistant:** Mrs. Krystal Snyder

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) continues to be completely VIRTUAL. Each class in each session has a presentation from the Catechist at the regular class time; 9:15 a.m. on Sundays and 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, through our Zoom classrooms. The rest of the chapter work is done at home with the parents. Then the chapter test or quiz along with any other assigned homework is sent electronically to the catechist before the next PREP Class. Some classes have work assigned before the class meets each week.

### FAMILIES OF 1st EUCHARIST CANDIDATES:

All families should be practicing their "Rite of Reconciliation" and "Examination of Conscience."

All Registration forms are now due along with your payment of material fees

### FAMILIES OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

All families should be studying the Confirmation Questions, and choosing a sponsor.

All Registration forms & material fees are due by December 1. Saint reports from ALL CANDIDATES are due to the PREP Office by January 15, 2021.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please contact the PREP Office 610-384-3145

## ST. PETER PARISH SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

**Confirmation** Candidate Retreat ~ Saturday, March 13, 2021  
@ 12 - 5 p.m. (ends with Mass)

**Sacrament** - Sunday, March 21, 2021  
@ 11 a.m. Mass

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion** Parent & Child Retreat ~ 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Saturday, March 27, 2021

**Sacrament** - Saturday, April 24, 2021  
@ 10:00 a.m.

### Faithful Stewardship St. Peter PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) Families Monthly Contribution in Support of Saint Peter Parish

October 2020	110 Families	November 2020	114 Families
No Contributions	74 Families	No Contributions	74 Families
\$5 to \$59	14 Families	\$5 to \$59	12 Families
\$60 or more	22 Families	\$60 or more	28 Families
Total Stewardship	\$ 4,888	Total Stewardship	\$ 6,133

## Bishop Shanahan High School

[www.shanahan.org](http://www.shanahan.org)

**Phone:** 610-518-1300 **Fax:** 610-343-6220

Sr. Regina Plunkett IHM, President

Mr. Michael J. McCardle, Principal

3/15 - White Day

3/16 - Green Day

Confessions

3/17 - White Day

Confessions

St. Patrick's Day

3/18 - Green Day

3/19 - Only Sophomores In School Today

All Other Grades are Virtual



## Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School

[www.popejohnpaul2sch.org](http://www.popejohnpaul2sch.org)

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Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal

Mrs. Patty Tarquinio, Vice Principal

PJPII School Enrollment 622 ~ St. Peter Students 324

Registration is now open to new families and is first-come first-served. Unregistered students will be placed on a waiting list once the grade level is full. The tuition assistance portal through FACTS Grant and Aid is open. Applications are due by January 31, 2021 to be considered for tuition assistance for next school year.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please feel free to visit [www.popejohnpaul2sch.org](http://www.popejohnpaul2sch.org).

### Faithful Stewardship Saint Peter Catholic Elementary School Families at PJPII Monthly Contribution in Support of Saint Peter Parish

October 2020	145 Families	November 2020	146 Families
No Contributions	84 Families	No Contributions	80 Families
\$5. to \$59.	22 Families	\$5. to \$59.	15 Families
\$60 or more	39 Families	\$60 or more	51 Families
Total Stewardship	\$ 5,604	Total Stewardship	\$ 8,669



## Outreach Commission



In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. **Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar is multiplied by coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.** *Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090.*



**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Do you know someone who is suffering, struggling, facing overwhelming challenges, or major life changes? Consider gifting them with a prayer shawl or lap blanket to bring them comfort and let them know people are praying for them, no matter their age, faith, or problem. Our ministry members are knitters and crocheters of all skill levels and others who deliver our handiwork. All of us weave prayers into our handiwork and pray for all our recipients who live nearby, around the country, and even overseas! If you'd like to join our ministry, our gatherings are fun, inspirational, and optional. To find out more or select a piece for someone, contact Jan Smith at 610-269-1756 or [editSmith3@aol.com](mailto:editSmith3@aol.com). We meet every other Monday at noon as noted in the bulletin calendar. ***Pease join us Monday, March 22, at 12 p.m.***



**Nourish for Caregivers** will "not" be meeting at the Church until further notice, but we will be available to support any caregiver who needs a listening ear. We understand that everyday as a caregiver, you lay down your life, your needs, your comfort, for the sake of your loved one. Even in these times you are faithful in your ministry of love. We, Beth and Cathy, are here for you and support you in prayer everyday. If you have any special prayer request, or just need to talk, please call or email us. We are happy to listen. Beth: 330-242-0206; [bethtrubachik@comcast.net](mailto:bethtrubachik@comcast.net) or Cathy: 484-433-9705; [csamoylo@yahoo.com](mailto:csamoylo@yahoo.com).



**Good Works:** We are St. Peter Parish volunteers who join many other local Christian church groups in performing home repairs. We reach out in love and friendship to transform substandard houses into warmer, safer, and drier homes, and by doing so, turn despair into hope. The team welcomes new volunteers of all skill levels. For more information or to be a part of Good Works, contact Jim at 610-496-1393 or [jim\\_mulry@mcenvironmental.com](mailto:jim_mulry@mcenvironmental.com).



**The Cancer Support Group** meets the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. in Meeting Rooms SS. Drexel & Neumann. We offer support to anyone diagnosed with cancer, anyone who is presently undergoing treatment, has completed treatment, is a family member and/or caregiver. ***Our next "ZOOM" meeting is Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m.*** For information, call 610-857-2342.



**Caring for Friends: Cooks:** Congratulations on your dedication to helping people who are in need and thanks for your ongoing support of this ministry. As you may know, we had a surplus of meals for a while but hopefully we are back to normal. You will be interested to know that there were 3,122 meals and 290 soups donated in 2020 thanks to your hard work. ***Please continue to cover the meals in foil and label the menu with freezer #137.*** Also, there is a continuing need for low-salt meals so please put a ribbon or marker on the package when you close them. **Visitors:** Thank you for your continuing dedication. Anyone interested in helping the Caring for Friends Ministry or if you have questions, please contact [ecerritelli@comcast.net](mailto:ecerritelli@comcast.net) or call Ellen at 484-678-6602.



**Spring will be here before you know it!** If you like to dabble in the garden and are interested in helping with the St. Peter Community Gardens this year, please email Lawrence at [barronLF@comcast.net](mailto:barronLF@comcast.net).

***Please help feed the hungry!***

**St. Peter Parish Food Drive**  
**Next Collection**  
**March 27 & 28**



The Food Drive takes place on the 4th full weekend of each month.

## Witness Commission



**The King's Men** meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Bethany Room. This is a group of Catholic men geared towards coming together for weekly formation and accountability to be strengthened in their roles as leader, protector, and provider. **Please join us every Tuesday for fellowship!**



### HELP SAVE LIVES IN CHESTER COUNTY

**40 Days for Life** is an internationally coordinated campaign to end abortion. The campaign runs through **March 28**. The mission of **40 Days for Life** is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40-day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil, with repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion.

#### Many Ways to Participate:

**PRAY** - At home, in the Chapel at Adoration or in front of Planned Parenthood. Sign up to receive a Daily Devotional at [40daysforlife.com](https://40daysforlife.com)

**FAST** - Offer your Lenten fast to end abortion.

**PEACEFUL VIGIL** - Join with others in front of Planned Parenthood, 8 S. Wayne St., W. Chester 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday

**St. Peter Parish Vigil Days at Planned Parenthood:** THIS Thursday, March 18

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/StPeter40DaysMar18> or contact Jo Christof at 610-662-8290; [jochristof@verizon.net](mailto:jochristof@verizon.net)

**Results from Past Campaigns:** 18,000 lives saved from abortion, 211 abortion workers quit their job, 107 abortion facilities closed. Campaigns have taken place in 953 cities and 62 countries with 1,000,000 individual participants.

For other ways to be involved visit: [saintpeterchurch.net/respectlife/](https://saintpeterchurch.net/respectlife/) or [40daysforlife.com/chestercounty](https://40daysforlife.com/chestercounty)



### THINKING ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

**Lead with faith, Protect your family, Serve others, Defend your values!**

The Knights of Columbus is a trusted name, tried by time, present where men are, providing inspiring resources and support, for strengthening your faith and living a life of virtue. Knights lead with faith. Protect our families. Knights serve those in need. When the world says men should step aside, Knights Columbus step up. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be. **BECOME A KNIGHT!** Deep within the heart of every man is a call to love with purpose and meaning; a call to lead, protect, to serve, and to defend. Men today need a band of brothers—other Catholic men to share in that call, who walk together on the journey towards something better. To learn more about becoming a Knight, please contact Jeff Yoder at [jay4007@ptd.net](mailto:jay4007@ptd.net).

### Respect Life

*"Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every human person with courageous determination, Christ is with you: be not afraid!"*

St. John Paul II



## Welcome Commission

**We sell gift cards!!** Did you know that if you have children or grandchildren in PJPII or the PREP Program, a percent of your "SCRIP" sale can go towards their tuition? We offer GIFT CARDS (SCRIP) to:

American Eagle—Barnes & Noble—Bath & Body Works  
Bosco's—Buffalo Wild Wings—Carters/Oshkosh—Crop's  
Express—Gap/Old Navy—iTunes—JCPenney (2 - \$25 cards)  
Lane Bryant—Macy's—Panera Bread—Pizza Hut  
Regal Theater—Red Lobster—Royal Farms—Staples  
Starbucks—Target—T.G.I. Friday—Walgreens  
Wal-Mart (\$25 cards)

SCRIP may be purchased in the parish office Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. *No children in PREP or PJPII, not a problem!* Your percent of the sale can be applied to St. Vincent de Paul, The Scholarship Ministry, Respect Life, or Sponsor-a-Student.

**SILVER LINING SENIORS:** Have missed seeing all of our members since our last meeting way back in March!! Due to the size of our group and the age of our membership, we will not be having a meeting until the beginning of 2021. We will revisit the idea of a meeting as we continue to monitor the current pandemic and the risks involved. If any of you have any prayer requests or other matters you want to discuss, please contact Pat Currie at 610-913-0721 or [grandmomcurrie@gmail.com](mailto:grandmomcurrie@gmail.com). We continue to pray for all in our parish and ask for your prayers as well!