

Saint Peter Catholic Church

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March 21, 2021



*St. Peter Parish Welcomes
Archbishop Nelson J. Perez
for Confirmation*

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
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Mrs. Dorothy Pepe: Business Manager
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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.POPEJOHNPAPUL2SCH.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

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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.

THIS 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

9:15 a.m. Virtual PREP Class "Zoom"
11:00 a.m. Confirmation - Church

March 21

Monday

12:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - SS. Drexel & Neumann

March 22

Tuesday

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"

March 23

Wednesday

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

March 24

Thursday

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

March 25

Friday

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

March 26

Saturday

9:30 a.m. 1st Communion Retreat (Last Names A - L)
11:30 a.m. 1st Communion Retreat (Last Names M - Z)
3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm

March 27



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 3/22/2021

Monday 8:30 a.m. Tomas Cahue
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Joseph Yanak
Wednesday No Mass
Thursday 8:30 a.m. Lee Brown
Friday 8:30 a.m. Joseph Fitzpatrick ~ 5th Anniv.
Saturday 8:30 a.m. Ram Kakaiya ~ 3rd Anniv.
5:00 p.m. Jim Cresmer
Sunday 7:00 a.m. Chris Garbely
9:00 a.m. Michael J. Wilkinson
11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Convery family

Also in your prayers please remember: Kathy Reaney, Annette Mabel Howe Hall, Joseph P. McGuinn, and Helen Maciejski, who have 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, 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, Kristy Fiore 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, 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, Billy Weingartner, and all the residents of our nursing homes.




The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of Thomas Burckhardt 1st Anniversary



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

 **Sunday, March 14** 28,257.61

Annual Fund 2,669.00
Annual Fund to date 52,936.20

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.

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!



BIOGRAPHY OF

ARCHBISHOP NELSON JESUS PEREZ, D.D.

Nelson J. Perez was born in Miami, Florida, on June 16, 1961 to David and Emma Perez and is the brother of the late Dr. David Perez and Louis Martin Perez. He was raised in West New York, NJ. Bishop Perez earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Montclair State University in 1983. He taught at Colegio la Piedad, a Catholic elementary school in Puerto Rico, prior to entering Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, where he earned Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theology degrees in 1988 and 1989, respectively.

Bishop Perez's first assignment after ordination to the priesthood was as parochial vicar of Saint Ambrose Parish, Philadelphia (1989-1993). He also served as assistant director of the Office for Hispanic Catholics (1990-1993), founding director of the Catholic Institute for Evangelization (1993-2002), Pastor of Saint William Parish, Philadelphia (2002-2009), and Pastor of Saint Agnes Parish, West Chester, PA (2009-2012).

His work in education included teaching courses in psychology and religious studies at LaSalle University, Philadelphia (1994-2008). Bishop Perez also taught Developmental Psychology at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary (Fall, 2011) in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. In 1998, he was named Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor. In 2009, he was named a Prelate of Honor by Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope Benedict XVI appointed Reverend Monsignor Nelson J. Perez Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre in New York on June 8, 2012. He was ordained a bishop on July 25, 2012 in Saint Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY by Bishop William F. Murphy.

Bishop Perez was appointed by Pope Francis as the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland on July 11, 2017. He was installed at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist on September 5, 2017.

On January 23, 2020 Pope Francis appointed him the 14th Bishop and 10th Archbishop of his hometown, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

As a part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Perez serves as Chair of the Bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church, a member of the Administrative Committee of the USCCB, and a member of the Bishops' Committee of Religious Liberty. He is former Chair of the Bishop's Sub-Committee for Hispanic Affairs and former member of the Bishop's Sub-Committee for the Campaign for Human Development. He speaks English and Spanish.

Archbishop Nelson J. Perez was named by Pope Francis to the Pontifical Commission for Latin America on March 10. He is the only American prelate among the five new members of the 15-member commission, formed in 1958. The function of the Commission is to 'advise and help the particular Churches in Latin America' on behalf of the Roman Curia at the Vatican.

5th Sunday of Lent

March 20 & 21, 2021

First Reading

Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial: Psalm 51

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5: 7 - 9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel

John 12: 20 - 33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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
 benefiting 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!

Last weekend to participate!



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 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

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Community



Outdoor Stations of the Cross: Join CYACC - Catholic Young Adults of Chester County on March 24 at 7:15 p.m. for an evening of Outdoor Stations of the Cross. The event will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Malvern Retreat House. For a map of the grounds, visit malvernretreat.com. For parking look for CYACC signs. Those who are arriving late, the event will be down the "C" path on the grounds. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information about our organization: find us in Facebook / email us at cyacc1@gmail.com or check www.cyacc.org.



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.



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 the front desk. Good customer service and people skills a must. Must be dependable, able to multi-task, be courteous, and possess proficient computer skills. Will train the right candidate. Duties include: Answering phones and scheduling appointments, checking patients in and out, collecting monies and posting to patient accounts, updating and maintaining electronic medical records, obtain insurance verification and authorization. Please submit resume or inquire to Mmarep@aol.com.

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.

Palm (Passion) Sunday

Proclamation of the Passion and Distribution of Palm at all Masses



Saturday, March 27

Mass 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 28

Mass 7, 9, and 11 a.m.

~ Holy Week ~

Monday, March 29

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 30

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Confessions 6:15 - 7 p.m.

Benediction 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

No Mass

Thursday, April 1

Holy Thursday

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.

Adoration / Reposition at 10 p.m.

Friday, April 2

Good Friday

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

Parish Office Closed

Stations of the Cross 12 Noon

Proclamation of the Passion

3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Holy Communion

Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday

No 8:30 a.m. Mass

Blessing of the Easter Food 10 a.m.

(in the Celebration Center)

No Confessions ~ No 5 p.m. Mass

Easter Vigil 8 p.m. Only

Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word,

Sacraments of Initiation, Liturgy of the Eucharist



Easter Sunday

April 4

Mass 7, 9, and 11 a.m.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises at all Masses

Easter Monday

April 5

8:30 a.m. Mass

Office & Facilities Closed

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

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.

CONFIRMATION - ALL Candidates and Sponsors are to be seated in their pew in church at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 21. Only Sponsor and parents will be seated with the candidates.

1st EUCHARIST -

Parent & Child Retreat - Saturday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Family Last Names A - L come at 9:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Family Last Names M - Z come at 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Due to Covid restrictions, only one adult (over the age of 18) must accompany the child on Retreat Day.

Please make every effort to have your child experience this special day.

**NOTE: This day is both Retreat
AND
the one and only Practice.**

Class Celebration of the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist will take place at 10a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

OR

Individual Family Celebration of the Sacrament may be scheduled by contacting the PREP Office and selecting a regularly scheduled weekend Mass during the Easter Season.

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



Bishop Shanahan High School

www.shanahan.org

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

Sr. Regina Plunkett IHM, President

Mr. Michael J. McCordle, Principal

3/22 - White Day

3/23 - Green Day

BOD Mtg 7:30 a.m.

3/24 - White Day

3/25 - Green Day

3/26 - White Day

3/28 - Palm Sunday



Pope John Paul II

Regional Catholic Elementary School

www.popejohnpaul2sch.org

Phone: 610-384-5961 **Fax:** 610-384-5730

Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal

Mrs. Patty Tarquinio, Vice Principal

PJP II 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.

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

Faithful Stewardship

Saint Peter Catholic Elementary School Families at PJP II
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



Caring for Friends: Cooks: Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support for **Caring for Friends**. There is an ongoing need for no salt-added meals. In-

stead of salt, such meals can be seasoned with spices, herbs, lemon, garlic, ginger, vinegar, and/or pepper. Foods with 400 mg or more of sodium are considered high. Examples of high sodium foods are: smoked, cured, salted or canned meat, fish or poultry; bacon, cold cuts, ham, frankfurters, sausage, frozen breaded meats and dinners such as burritos and pizza; canned entrees such as ravioli, spam, chili, beans canned with salt added.

Please tie a ribbon or special string around these meals to make it easier to identify them for the visitor. Thanks for your help in this matter. **Visi-**

tors: Thank you for your continuing care for your friends. For any problems or questions, please contact ecerritelli@comcast.net or call Ellen at 484-678-6602.



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.



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 or Cathy: 484-433-9705; 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.

St. Peter Parish Food Drive

Please help feed the hungry!



NEXT WEEKEND

March 27 & 28

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



In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor. **As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.** Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090.



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.



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. We meet every other Monday at noon as noted in the bulletin calendar. **Pease join us Monday, March 22, at 12 p.m.**

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; **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

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/ or 40daysforlife.com/chestercounty



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Respect Life

"That special power of loving that belongs to a woman is seen most clearly when she becomes a mother...So anything that destroys God's gift of motherhood destroys His most precious gift to women - the ability to love as a woman"

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Welcome Commission

SILVER LINING SENIORS: Can't believe it has been more than a year since we have been able to have a meeting. There is still no news about when a group as large as ours will be able to get together. I hope to hear something in the near future as to the guidelines with regard to our ability to meet at church again. Please keep checking your emails as we have several members who need our prayers. When I have more information, I will communicate it to all of you! Please feel free to call Pat Currie at 610-913-0721 if you have any questions or concerns. Stay healthy and keep praying!!

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:

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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.*

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