

# Saint Peter Catholic Church

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## March 28, 2021

# PALM SUNDAY

# THE PASSION OF THE LORD



# 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  
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Mr. Austin Flinn: Music Director, Coordinator of Liturgy  
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Mrs. Dorothy Pepe: Business Manager  
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Mrs. Krystal Snyder: Safe Environment Coordinator  
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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  
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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 WEEK AT SAINT PETER PARISH

*Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily*

### **Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Virtual PREP Class "Zoom"

**March 28**

### **Monday**

**March 29**

### **Tuesday**

**March 30**

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"

### **Wednesday**

**March 31**

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

### **Holy Thursday**

**April 1**

No Morning Mass  
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper  
7:00 p.m. Never Give Up (A/A) - Bethany Rm  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - SS. Drexel & Neumann  
10:00 p.m. Reposition of Blessed Sacrament - Chapel

### **Good Friday**

**April 2**

No Morning Mass  
Parish Office Closed  
12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
3:00 p.m. Proclamation of the Passion / Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. Proclamation of the Passion / Holy Communion

### **Holy Saturday**

**April 3**

No Morning Mass  
No Confessions  
No 5 p.m. Mass  
10:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food - Celebration Center  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

### **Easter Sunday**

**April 4**

No PREP Classes  
7:00 a.m. Easter Mass  
9:00 a.m. Easter Mass  
11:00 a.m. Easter Mass

### **Easter Monday**

**April 5**

Facilities and Parish Office Closed

# 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 3/29/2021*

Monday	8:30 a.m. Art Norek
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Joan Verdi
Wednesday	No Morning Mass
Holy	No Morning Mass
Thursday	7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Chapel until 10 p.m.)
Good	No Morning Mass
Friday	12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The Passion and the Veneration of the Cross (Holy Communion Distributed)
Holy Saturday	No Morning Mass
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
Easter	7:00 a.m. Rev. George Magee
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Nora Groban ~ 1st Anniv. 11:00 a.m. Peter Crikelair ~ 1st Anniv.

Also in your prayers please remember: Cesaio Edward Esmilla and David MacIntosh, 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.

## 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.

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

Jay Algier, Thomas Alvord, Jean Anderson, Robert Anderson, Jr., Steven Craig Anthony, 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.




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

Brandon A'Hara, Ron Jon Annaballi, Timothy M. Bruce, Justin Chandler, 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 21</b>	16,706.57
	Latin America	1,513.00
	Annual Fund	990.00
	Annual Fund to date	53,926.20

**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!



Dear brothers and sisters, good morning!

After many months, we meet each other again face to face, not screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all connected to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to emerge from this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Not alone, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: *solidarity*.

As a human family we have our common origin in God; we live in a common home, the garden-planet, the earth where God placed us; and we have a common destination in Christ. But when we forget all this, our interdependence becomes dependence of some on others — we lose this harmony of interdependence and solidarity — increasing inequality and marginalization; the social fabric is weakened and the environment deteriorates. The same way of acting.

Therefore, the principle of solidarity is now more necessary than ever, as Saint John Paul II taught (“Sollicitudo rei socialis,” 38-40). In an interconnected world, we experience what it means to live in the same “global village”; this expression is beautiful. The big wide world is none other than a global village, because everything is interconnected, but we do not always transform this interdependence into solidarity. There is a long journey between interdependence and solidarity. The selfishness — of individuals, nations and of groups with power — and ideological rigidities instead sustain “structures of sin” (“Sollicitudo rei socialis,” 36).

“The word ‘solidarity’ is a little worn and at times poorly understood, but it refers to something more than a few sporadic acts of generosity.” Much more! “It presumes the creation of a new mindset which thinks in terms of community and the priority of the life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few” (“Evangelii gaudium,” 188). This is what “solidarity” means. It is not merely a question of helping others — it is good to do so, but it is more than that — it is a matter of justice (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1938-1949). Interdependence, to be in solidarity and to bear fruit, needs strong roots in humanity and in nature, created by God; it needs respect for faces and for the land.

In the midst of crises, a solidarity guided by faith enables us to translate the love of God in our globalized culture, not by building towers or walls — and how many walls are being built today! — that divide, but then collapse, but by interweaving communities and sustaining processes of growth that are truly human and solid. And to do this, solidarity helps. I would like to ask a question: do I think of the needs of others? Everyone, answer in your heart.

In the midst of crises and tempests, the Lord calls to us and invites us to reawaken and activate this solidarity capable of giving solidity, support and meaning to these hours in which everything seems to be wrecked. May the creativity of the Holy Spirit encourage us to generate new forms of familiar hospitality, fruitful fraternity and universal solidarity. Thank you. — *Pope Francis*

From Fr. Fitzpatrick: Please consider joining us for in person celebrations of the many in church events of Holy Week. If you prefer, join us on our YouTube Live Streams. This church family celebrates the saving events of Christ in his suffering, death and resurrection. Please pray for me and for one another as we move forward in God's generous grace!



## 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 regarding wheat and wheat products. Directions for receiving the low-gluten hosts will be given at the time of the Communion Rite.*




**First Reading** Isaiah 50: 4 - 7  
The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 22  
**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading** Philippians 2: 6 - 11  
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Gospel**






## *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**

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### *Wedding Anniversary Mass*



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 1**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Perez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds or celebrating a 5, 10, 25, or 50 year wedding anniversary milestone. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. To register call 215-587-0500 or visit [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org).



## Community

**Spiritual Support for Addiction: Hope in Christ:** Seeking spiritual support in the journey towards recovery? Many parishes around the Archdiocese are extending God's merciful and loving hand to those who have an addiction as well as their families and loved ones. The Hope in Christ: Spiritual Support for Addiction webpage provides a central location for resources, ongoing support, testimonies and events that are happening throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Visit [archphila.org/hope](http://archphila.org/hope) for details and new postings.



**Joni and Friends**, a faith-based charity serving the disabled, is requesting donations of mobility equipment (**wheelchairs, walkers, crutches.**) The equipment is restored and then delivered to those in need in developing countries. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or to donate, contact Larry Easton at [leaston78@gmail.com](mailto:leaston78@gmail.com) or 315-416-1716.

### **RETROUVAILLE: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage:**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16 - 18, 2021 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 / 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **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 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 inquires to [Mmarep@aol.com](mailto:Mmarep@aol.com).

## ~ 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



Have you heard about our newly-launched email newsletter **Stepping Stones**? Just a couple weeks ago we kicked off an



email newsletter to help keep everyone up-to-date with what's going on at Saint Peter Church. **Now you can scan this code to subscribe!** Join our newsletter email distribution list by scanning this code to the **Stepping Stones** subscription form, then complete and submit the form to sign up. The newsletter emails have been broadcasting about once a week.

## 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.

### 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 & 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.

### ***Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed!***

These 54 students were confirmed by Archbishop Perez on Sunday, March 21.  
May you continue to experience the full grace of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in your lives!



## 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. McCordle, Principal

3/29 - Green Day

3/30 - White Day

3/31 - Faculty Retreat "No Classes"

4/1 - Holy Thursday "No Classes"

4/2 - Good Friday "No Classes"

4/3 - Holy Saturday

4/4 - Easter



## Pope John Paul II

### Regional Catholic Elementary School

[www.popejohnpaul2sch.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:ecerritelli@comcast.net) or call Ellen at 484-678-6602.



Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. **During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St.**

**Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting numerous families, providing an abundance of food, marvelous gifts, and remarkable funds for utility and rent bills. Thank you! Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090.**



**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.



**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).

## 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.



**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).



**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).



**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.**

## 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  
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Pizza Hut—Regal Theater—Red Lobster—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.*

## Welcome

*In February St. Peter Parish was pleased to welcome the following new & returning parishioners to the parish family:*

*Alexander and Patricia Giroult*

*Danielle Giroult & family*

*Thomas and Kathleen Gutherman & family*

*John and Marsha Kotanchik*

*Juan Lemus & family*

*David and Connie Otteni*

*Lela Wulderk*



**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!!

## 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!***



**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

*"The Gospel of Life is not for believers alone; it is for everyone. The issue of life and its defense and promotion is not a concern of the Christian alone. Although faith provides special light and strength, this question arises in every human conscience which seeks the truth and which cares about the future of humanity. Life certainly has a sacred and religious value, but in no way is that value a concern only of believers. The value at stake is one which every human being can grasp by the light of reason; thus it necessarily concerns everyone."*

St. John Paul II





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