

# Saint Peter Catholic Church

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## March 7, 2021



# 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  
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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](http://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  
[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.

## **On 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"  
12:30 p.m. RCIA "Virtual"

#### **March 7**

#### **Monday**

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

#### **March 8**

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **March 9**

#### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Cantor Practice - Church  
7:00 p.m. Bereavement "Zoom" Mtg

#### **March 10**

#### **Thursday**

12:00 p.m. Reserved - Rms A & B  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - SS. Drexel & Neumann

#### **March 11**

#### **Friday**

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

#### **March 12**

#### **Saturday**

11:00 a.m. Cancer Support "Zoom" Mtg  
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat "Virtual"  
3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm

#### **March 13**



# 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 3/8/2021*

**Monday** 8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the Swarcheck & Kaczmarczyk families  
**Tuesday** 8:30 a.m. Burnetta Gae Barry  
**Wednesday** No Mass  
**Thursday** 8:30 a.m. Bill Rooney  
**Friday** 8:30 a.m. Tom Burckhardt ~ 1st Anniv.  
**Saturday** 8:30 a.m. Norman Baker ~ 11th Anniv.  
5:00 p.m. Pat Wellock  
**Sunday** 7:00 a.m. Georgia Dullea  
9:00 a.m. John Samoylo  
11:00 a.m. Nicholas Vassallo

Also in your prayers please remember: Pat McGarvey and Rev. Daniel J. Dougherty, 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., Stephanie 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, February 28</b>	26,231.60
Churches in Africa to date	1,932.00
Annual Fund	4,280.00
Annual Fund to date	47,354.20

***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!



Saint Peter Parish was established on June 3, 1963. Coincidentally, this is also the date when Pope St. John XXIII died. Saint Peter Parish initially served 89 families that had formerly been parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Downingtown and Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Parkesburg. The geographical territory covered more than 130 square miles, larger than the size of the city of Philadelphia. Until property for building a church could be obtained, the first pastor celebrated sacraments at St. Mary of Providence Center in Elverson, through the hospitality of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence.

The original parish site was on North Manor Road and Fairview Road, and the property straddled Wallace and West Nantmeal Township lines. Mail service was generated from the Honey Brook Post Office, and so for more than 40 years the parish was listed officially as St. Peter, Honey Brook. By 2003 it became obvious that insurmountable environmental obstacles would prevent a permanent church from being built on the original parish site.

Between the year 2000 and 2005 significant developments made it possible for the parish to consider building a permanent church. The decision to replace the consolidated Coatesville Area Catholic Elementary School with a state-of-the-art facility at a new site in West Brandywine Township provided the possibility of sharing a new location for St. Peter's facilities.

The parish took advantage of the opportunity to purchase 54 acres of property from the Catholic Cemeteries Office adjacent to the proposed 30 acre location of the relocated Coatesville Catholic School and, through generous support of the existing church construction campaign, undertook phase one of construction in December 2005. Of the parish's registered 750 families, 450 offered some level of financial support to that effort. We remain grateful to these families whose gifts are commemorated on the donor boards in the Narthex.

Both the school construction project and the church construction project were completed in early 2007 and Saint Peter Church was dedicated on March 18, 2007, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday. His Eminence Justin Cardinal Rigali, Archbishop of Philadelphia, celebrated the first Mass on the main altar on that day with more than 1600 clergy, dignitaries, invited guests, and parishioners. Next Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2021, we will celebrate the 14th Anniversary of the dedication of this church, a Solemnity in the Church's liturgical vernacular.

The 21st century Saint Peter Parish community is the spiritual home for nearly 2000 families living in Northwestern Chester County, Berks County, and Lancaster County. The adjacent Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School, with well over 550 students, is the largest Catholic Elementary School in Chester County. Children from 3 months through 8th grade are enrolled in the programs of the school. The PJP II facility also hosts the Saint Peter Parish Religious Education Program, with an enrollment of 345 children from grades 1 through 8. The remarkable collaboration between the separate Parish Church and Regional School programs, though fully independent of each other, is advantaged by the natural synergy of our common religious mission and Catholic identity. The broad and deep authentically Catholic witness benefits all our families through the spiritual, intellectual, and social development of all our children.

In 2020 Saint Peter Parish celebrated 48 infant baptisms, 14 Celebrations of the Sacrament of Matrimony, 25 conferrals of the Sacrament of Confirmation, and 35 Funerals. The current Deacon, Todd Smith and his wife Jan have been with the parish for 8 years. The pastor, Rev. Michael J. Fitzpatrick has served the parish for 17 years, the last 9 years also serving as the Dean of parishes in northwestern and southern Chester County, West Chester, and the Oxford region.

Fr. Fitzpatrick

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 6 & 7, 2021

### First Reading

Exodus 20: 1 - 17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

### Responsorial: Psalm 19

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1: 22 - 25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel

John 2: 13 - 25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

## 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.*



## Bereavement Support Group

The spring session of the Bereavement Support Group begins on 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



**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



**Recess Monitor (Lunch Support Staff):**

 PJPII is seeking an additional lunch support staff whose primary responsibility is monitoring the recess yard. Hours are 11:30 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. The position entails monitoring students at recess and ensuring safe play. This includes outside (weather permitting) or inside on a rotation to give the teachers a break on a below freezing/or rainy day. It may also include helping with some of the sanitization procedures of wiping down tables and the plexiglass barriers as needed. Interested applicants should contact Dr. Kerins: [skerins@popejohnpaul2sch.org](mailto:skerins@popejohnpaul2sch.org). All school employees are required to obtain federal/state/diocesan background checks as well as attend safe environment training.

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

**MARY**



*The Great Adventure Series,*  
Ascension Press

## 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

3/8 - White Day  
First Practice Spring Sports  
3/9 - In-Service day "No Classes for Students"  
3/10 - Green Day  
3/11 - White Day  
3/12 - Green Day



## 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

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



**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 8, at 12 p.m.**



In the Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.** Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090.



**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, March 13, 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:

Wednesday, March 3 & Thursday, March 18

#### Sign up for prayer times:

March 18: <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?

**We welcome your interest!** The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic family service organization dedicated to lives of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Known as the "Strong Right Arm of the Church," Knights contribute volunteer service and charitable outreach to support our parish and to build community. *Membership is open to all Catholic men in good standing.* **OUR FAITH:** Through our programs and resources we strive to help men, their families, and their parishes grow closer to Christ. **OUR MISSION:** We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models. There is much good and necessary work to be done in the world, and that's what we do every day. To learn more about becoming a Knight, contact Roy Staszak at [rjcastas@verizon.net](mailto:rjcastas@verizon.net).

### Respect Life

*"You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion"*

St. John Paul II



## Welcome Commission

**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!!

**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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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.

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