

Saint Peter Catholic Church

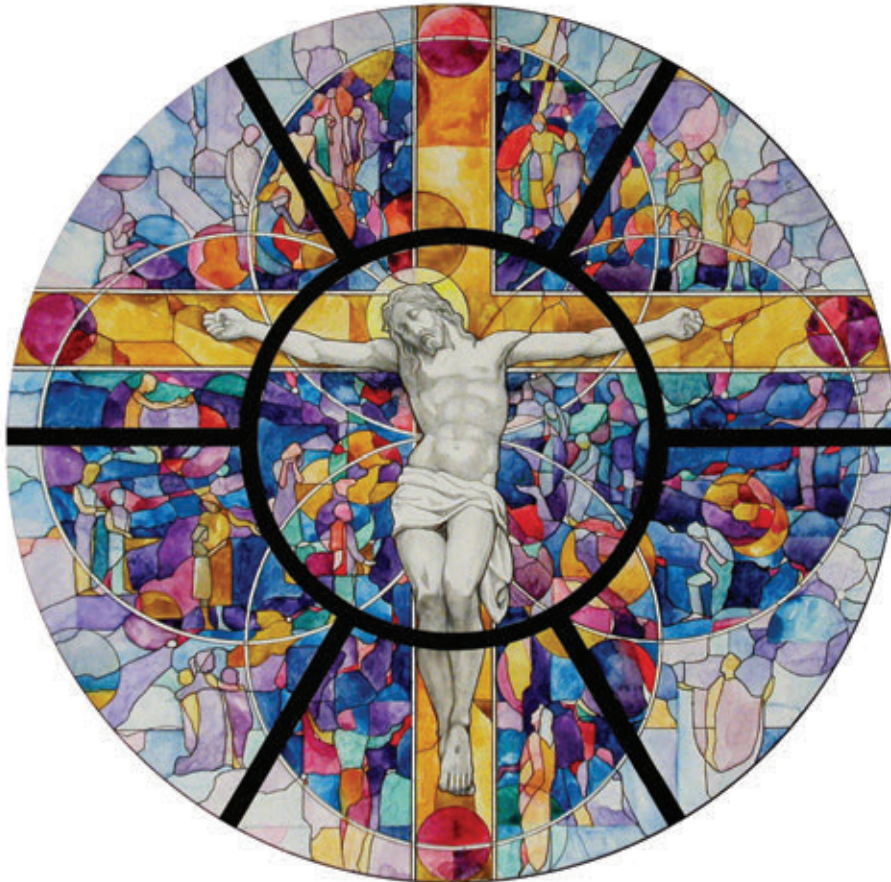
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April 18, 2021



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
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Mr. Austin Flinn: Music Director, Coordinator of Liturgy
musicdirector@saintpeterchurch.net
Ryan Morris: Media Director
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Mr. Steve Forrest: Buildings and Facilities
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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

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OFFICE AND CLASSES AT POPE JOHN PAUL II SCHOOL:

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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. PREP "Zoom" Classes
12:30 p.m. RCIA "Virtual"
2:30 p.m. Sacrament of Baptism - Church

April 18

Monday

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

April 19

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. Reserved - Bethany Rm
12:00 p.m. Reserved - St. Joseph A & B
6:15 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm
6:15 p.m. PREP "Zoom" Classes
7:00 p.m. The King's Men - Bethany Rm
7:30 p.m. KEPHAS "Zoom"

April 20

Wednesday

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

April 21

Thursday

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

April 22

Friday

April 23

Saturday

April 24

10:00 a.m. 1st Communion - Church
3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm



Saint Peter Parish Apostleship of Prayer

APRIL 2021



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Fundamental Rights: We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even in democracies in crisis.

Please join in prayer for those remembered in our Mass Intentions for the Week of 4/19/2021

Monday	8:30 a.m. James Clark
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Adrienne Mensak
Wednesday	No Morning Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Intention of Linda Saylor
Friday	8:30 a.m. Grace Bernardi
Saturday	8:30 a.m. Ed Waddell 5:00 p.m. Pat Wellock ~ 6th Anniv.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. Donald K Basner 9:00 a.m. Patrick J. Doyle ~ 17th Anniv. 11:00 a.m. Intention of Robert Peters

Also in your prayers please remember: Rosy Papiol-Pérez, Anthony Buonome, Robert Anderson, Jr., Sister Bonnie, MSC, and Deacon James Elliott, 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, Steven Craig Anthony, Henry Assetto, Carol Beebe, Linda Belmonte, Haydee Rodriguez Bonhomme, William Boyd, Melanie Boyle, Jim Bree, Larry Bridge, Donna & John Byrne, Michael Cervone, Jack Clarkson, Leeann Clevens, Elizabeth Dunn Couch, Jenna Cummings, Joseph D'Angelo, Ramsey DiLibero, Megan Dixon, Jenny Doyle, Dave Dunlap, Walter Dworecki, Kate Fiore, Laurie Flynn, Margaret Gentry, Diane Goschler, Bud Griffin, Jenn Giunta, Patti Hackett, Dick Harbaugh, Bill Harkness, Keri Herbert, Dave Horger, Bruce Katz, David Kelley, Jerry Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Kristy Fiore Kennedy, Peter Knebel, Richard Kern, Deborah Kirkwood, Bernard Korch, Fr. Andy Lasko, Frank Laurento, Larry Lawrence, Sr., James Leger, Sr., Marianne Lewis, Daniel & Kate Lewis, Barbara Lombardi, Bailey Lynch, John Lynch, Kurt Martin, Maryann Brown-Martin, Clara Melitz, John Moran, Sr., Ed Morris, Beverly Mueller, Samuel Narisi, Louis Neal, Judy Orr, Steven Pennock, Patrice Peterson, Angelo Pezzulo, Geri Phillip, Edward Pristernik, Kathy Przychodzien, Mike Reber, Anne Riley, Rosie Roberts, Helen Barker Romano, Louise Sabo, Tom Sandri, Joe Santo, Joseph Scheuren, Barbara Schober, Sr. Irene Setlow, Toni Sharpless, Frank Sherlock, Ruth Soto, Sally Stieber, Mary Jo Tracy, Brandon Twiss, Tony Vabre, Chris Valentino, George & Kim Walton, George Warihay, Edelgard Warwas, Billy Weingartner, and all the residents of our nursing homes.



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



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



Sunday, April 11	16,805.23
Easter to date	28,273.00
Annual Fund	2,850.00
Annual Fund to date	62,269.20

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.

Pope St. John Paul II: A NEW EVANGELIZATION: "...new in ardor, new in methods, new in expression..."

Writing about the mission of the church eight years ago Pope Francis "...quotes from the Vatican II document, On the Mission Activity of the Church (Ad Gentes), saying that this is a challenge for all the baptized, "Since the people of God live in communities, especially in dioceses and parishes, and become somehow visible in them, it is up to these to witness Christ before the nations" (No. 37).

He points out that the Church is often accused of imposing... an assault on freedom. But he stresses that the mission of the Church is not to impose, but simply to propose. "It would be an error to impose something on the consciences of our brethren," he quotes Pope Paul VI as saying.

But to propose to their consciences the truth of the gospel and salvation in Jesus Christ, with complete clarity and with total respect for free options which it presents... is a tribute to freedom," he continues. But it is a testimony of life that illuminates the path, which brings people love and hope." From <http://sundayex.catholic.org.hk/node/1515>

What are the Media Ministry Components of St. Peter Parish Media Ministry?

For a decade and a half Sue Kenna has produced one of the finest parish bulletins in the Archdiocese. This staple of parish communication is available in both virtual and print versions. A weekly printed Sunday Bulletin is very helpful to folks who participate 'in person' at weekend liturgies.

By far the three great innovations of parish outreach and Media Ministry which emerged during the pandemic are the Stepping Stones email blasts, the 'QR' code access to music and virtual bulletin which includes the readings for weekend liturgy, and the more robust presentation of Live Stream via YouTube. Robin Burckhardt prepares the weekly Stepping Stones, Austin Flinn along with Ryan Morris update the 'QR' codes weekly, and Chris Perry along with Rachel Bowman produce the Livestream of Mass on the weekends. We hope you have appreciated the projection of liturgical music and prayer on the walls of the church and the 'QR' codes which make the music and scriptures available on your personal electronic devices.

By including flat screen monitors in the Narthex and the Celebration Center (pre-pandemic installations) we are able to expand 'on-site' participation, including reception of the Most Holy Eucharist, by persons in the buildings.

We more recently expanded to include special editions of Stepping Stones, such as the Moving Forward Increased Offertory Program. Social Media was crucial to our invitations to participate in Benediction from the rooftop, Eucharistic procession through the neighborhoods, and the special Mass after the January U.S. Capitol incident. Livestream of sacramental celebrations, devotions, and funerals can sometimes be accommodated, but are dependent on the availability of Chris and Rachel to operate the technology. Contact us at office@saintpeterchurch.net to see how you might be able to help the Media Ministry to 'Move Forward.'

With Ryan Morris on board as Director of Media Ministries we have expanded into the world of Social Media in a big way. Saint Peter Parish is present on the internet through our web page www.saintpeterchurch.net as well as, YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, and on various Podcast platforms.

Additional "Good News" we recently received includes the following: On April 1, 2021 The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia approved a grant to St. Peter Media Ministry in the amount of \$2,000.

The Media Ministry has the mission of assisting with outreach by parish ministries and our associated ministries to inform and invite the parish and the wider community promoting the works of Christ and sharing the mission of our parish.

Catholic Faith Formation, the RCIA, parish meetings and Archdiocesan meetings via ZOOM, Google Meets, and other platforms have become a part of the way we will be a 21st Century parish as we 'Move Forward.' 'Moving Forward' will have the vision of a both/and not an either or strategy. Many activities, programs, and ministries - 'Moving Forward' - will continue with strong 'on site' presence. We have a new re-invigorated Alcoholics Anonymous group "Never Give Up" meeting weekly in the Bethany Rooms, the Prayer Shawl ministry has been meeting through the last months on site, as have the Boy Scouts, the Gethsemane Prayer Group, and the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

'Moving Forward' we hope to see more small groups form on the model of *Christ Life, Reach More, Alpha for Catholics, That Man Is You, Walking with Purpose, The King's Men, Bible Studies*, and a plethora of other possible programs and ministries. Contact us at office@saintpeterchurch.net to see how you might be able to help the Media Ministry to 'Move Forward.'

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 17 & 18, 2021

First Reading

Acts 3: 13 - 15, 17 - 19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Responsorial: Psalm 4

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Second Reading

1 John 2: 1 - 5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24: 35 - 48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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.*



MOVING FORWARD: ENHANCED OFFERTORY PROGRAM GUIDE

St. Peter is an incredible parish, deep-rooted in generosity and love for our entire West Brandywine community and beyond. We prayerfully ask you to take a moment to reflect on your charitable giving for 2021. Being a disciple includes having a servant's heart and reflecting to others God's abundant generosity to us. This is why we, as a parish family, are beginning our *Offertory Enhancement Initiative*.

You should have received, or will soon receive, a letter that invites you to review your charitable giving for this year and share your intention with the parish. As a disciple of Jesus, our hope is that you will consider how you might embrace gratitude for the great abundance of gifts the Lord has provided our parish family. You can share your commitment using the response card or the Parish Support Initiative link included with your letter, or by setting up recurring ACH withdrawals. We hope this Initiative will highlight the critical need for planned, sustained, and proportionate giving. To all who have shared their intentions with St. Peter, thank you for your generosity! Our Church is moving forward, and we are so grateful to have your support. May we all take pride that our parish family is living in gratitude and imitating the generosity of our loving Father.



RESPONSIBLE ~ ACCOUNTABLE ~ TRANSPARENT

WE ACCEPT OUR RESPONSIBILITIES,
OUR DUTY TO DO JUSTICE TO THE TRUTH,
AND TO RADICALLY REJECT EVERY FORM OF ABUSE
OF POWER OR OF CONSCIENCE OR OF SEXUAL ABUSE.

WE WANT EVERY ACTIVITY AND PLACE OF
SAINT PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH
ALWAYS TO BE FULLY SAFE FOR MINORS.

WE WANT ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO
BRING AN END TO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN AND
VULNERABLE ADULTS.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING DILIGENTLY SO
THAT OUR CHURCH IS ABSOLUTELY CREDIBLE AND
TRUSTWORTHY IN ITS MISSION OF SERVICE AND
EDUCATION FOR THE LITTLE ONES, ACCORDING TO THE
TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST.



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!



Community



Coatesville Are Public Library is hosting a safe and fun "Grab & Go" event in the library's outdoor courtyard, rain or shine, from April 23 - April 25 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Books have been sorted by genre and prepacked into sturdy tote bags. \$10 per tote bag, Pick up a bag in your favorite category (i.e., Mystery, Children, etc.). No handling of individual books. Mask wearing and social distancing will be in place with a limited amount of people permitted in the gated courtyard at a time. It will be like shopping at Wawa, but outdoors. Additionally, raffle tickets will be on sale at the bag event and in the library until June 6. Win a "signed" copy of Barak Obama's latest book "A Promised Land." \$5 per ticket.



Part-Time Cook: St. Joseph Parish is looking for a part-time cook to prepare dinners for the four resident priests at the rectory. We are looking for someone who likes to cook, has culinary experience, or is a cooking professional interested in some additional hours. The chef works independently in the rectory kitchen and would also purchase groceries as needed (using business credit card.) Position would occasionally need to cook for large groups/events at the rectory. This position is approximately three hours Monday - Thursday evenings (during the dinner hour), and approximately 3 hours on Monday afternoon for shopping. Pay is \$15 - 19 per hour depending on experience. If interested or for more information contact Allan Anderson, Business Manager, at aanderson@stjospehrc.org if interested. **Office Director:** Birthright of West Chester is seeking an Office Director to oversee administration of the pregnancy center, manage social media content, and promotion of Birthright in the community. A pro-life, compassionate, and non-judgmental attitude is required. Good verbal, written, and collaborative communication skills a plus. Please send resume to birthrightwestchester@gmail.com.



The St. Peter Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here To Help Those in Need within the parish and within our local community.

If you need help or assistance or if you know of someone in need of assistance please have them give us a call.

Our HOTLINE phone number is 610-470-9090.

Contributions can be placed in the SVDP Poor Box just inside the church. See the parish webpage to learn more or to get involved. Thank You.



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 or 315-416-



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.

Looking for Peaceful Retirement Living? Try St. Mary of Providence! Call today for an appointment and a walk-through visit, 610-942-4166.



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

E-mail: prep@saintpeterchurch.net

Director: Mrs. Patrice Peterson

Assistant: Mrs. Krystal Snyder

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) continues to be completely VIRTUAL for this year. 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.

NOTE

Registration for next year, 2021- 22, will be emailed to you soon.



1st Eucharist:

Class Celebration of the Sacrament will take place on Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. The immediate family (those who live in the same house) will be seated with the First Communicant due to Covid precautions. Other guests will be seated elsewhere in the church.

This Celebration will also be livestreamed and archived to view at a later time.

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.

Please follow the instructions in the email you received.

Thank you!

Bishop Shanahan High School

www.shanahan.org

Phone: 610-518-1300

Fax: 610-343-6220

Sr. Regina Plunkett IHM, President

Mr. Michael J. McCardle, Principal

4/19 - White Day

Class of 2022 Senior Portraits

4/20 - Green Day

Class of 2022 Senior Portraits

4/21 - White Day

Class of 2022 Senior Portraits

4/22 - Green Day

Class of 2022 Senior Portraits

Respect Life Rally "Virtual"

4/23 - White Day

Kairos 57 through 4/25



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

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.

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 PJPII
Monthly Contribution in Support of Saint Peter Parish

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

Outreach Commission



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus explains the meaning of the scriptures. Like the disciples, when we offer and receive forgiveness our hearts burn because we encounter the risen Christ within us. **Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?** Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090.



Caring for Friends: Cooks: Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support for **Caring for Friends**. There is an on-going need for no salt-added meals. Instead 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. **Visitors:** 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, May 8, 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.



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. **NOTE: Our next gathering will be Monday, April 19, at 12 p.m.**

St. Peter Parish Food Drive

Please help feed the hungry!

NEXT WEEKEND!

April 24 & 25

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



Spring is here! 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.



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.

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, BSHS, 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.*



Scholarship Committee 2021-22 Catholic School Scholarship Applications are now available. The scholarship committee has published the application for the upcoming school year on the Parish website. Students entering 7th through 12th grades, at an accredited Catholic school, are eligible to apply. Instructions are included on the application for eligibility, completion, and submittal. **Applications are due no later than May 9.** Awards will be determined and successful candidates will receive notification by the end of May.

Treat mom to a holiday from cooking on Mother's Day? The Scholarship Committee is hosting a fundraiser – Delicious Zook's meat pies – chicken, sausage, or beef – and apple dumplings are being sold by the committee in the coming weeks. Meat pies contain peas, carrots & potatoes along with the chosen meat all smothered in a rich gravy. They come in 6" or 9" size and Apple Dumplings can be ordered in single or double packs. All will be frozen and just need to be thawed and popped in the oven to be heated for 30 – 45 minutes. Instructions will be included. Pie crust is exceptional (and that's coming from a fussy baker). Go to Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4FA5AF29A7FC1-scholarship4>. The committee will also be TAKING ORDERS for the meat pies outside the Church the weekend of April 24 - 25. **Orders must be placed no later than April 24.** Pick up is Friday, May 7, from 5 - 8 p.m. in the Saints Room of the Celebration Center. Questions? Contact Karen Drevyanko at 717-419-7129 or email: kdbraider@gmail.com.

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!**



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): For information, please email the parish at office@saintpeterchurch.net.



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