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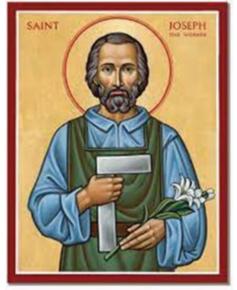


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# MAY 16, 2021





#### A Culture of Missionary Discipleship

The Youth Ministry Priority: There is an awakening among Catholics that we ought to become a Church of missionary disciples. Much is being said and many wonderful programs have arisen to help make that vision a reality. What can each of us do to experience the "needle-moving" outcomes that would result in the transformation of which Pope Francis speaks and for which we all long?

"To create a culture of encounter and witness, we must live explicit lives of discipleship. We are called not only to believe in the Gospel but to allow it to take deep root in us in a way that leaves us incapable of silence: we cannot help but to announce the Gospel in word and in deed. This missionary outreach is at the heart of discipleship." (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization p. 14)

This is how it works. Imagine a single missionary disciple in your parish. They are friends with many others, but their deep seated desire to live as a disciple leads them to form a handful of very deep friendships. This first missionary disciple plays the role of an older brother or sister to a few others — not replacing or competing with the spiritual fatherhood of the pastor, leader, or parents, but rather complementing their roles.

As the missionary disciple begins to work with a few friends who are living from a place of encounter, they all agree that they are going to do whatever it takes to become saints and help each other become saints. As they share life together, they begin to mature in their faithfulness. After some time (typically one to two years...), the original missionary disciple invites the friends they have been mentoring to go beyond faithfulness and also live fruitfulness by going out and repeating the process. Each of those friends then finds a small number of people in whom they can invest, too.

God deeply desires that everyone in each generation would have the ability to come to know His love and mercy. He modeled it for us first, and then He commissioned us to imitate Him by making disciples. We live in a moment of great opportunity. There has never been a time when there have been more vibrant, engaging, and faithful catechetical materials available in such abundance. So, what can be done to light the fire of our culture so that our parishes, apostolates, and families become receptive?

Youth Ministry in St Peter Parish will involve ENCOUNTER AND ACCOMPANIMENT. All our Youth Ministry efforts have the goal of producing spirit-filled missionary disciples who embrace how to become multipliers.



# 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 ministry@saintpeterchurch.net Mr. Austin Flinn: Music Director, Coordinator of Liturav music@saintpeterchurch.net Ryan Morris: Media Director media@saintpeterchurch.net Mrs. Dorothy Pepe: Business Manager bizmgr@saintpeterchurch.net Mrs. Susan Kenna: Administrative Assistant office@saintpeterchurch.net Mr. Steve Forrest: Buildings and Facilities Mrs. Krystal Snyder: Safe Environment Coordinator childsafety@saintpeterchurch.net Mrs. Kathy Hoffman: Parish Organist Mrs. Veronique Hadfield: Adult Choir Director

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

Outreach: Lawrence Barron, Carol & Chuck Beebe, Joe Lisowski, and Jim Mulry Welcome: Barbara McClearv Bill & Pat O'Brien, and Chris & Jessica Valentino Witness: 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: FAX: 610-384-5730 PHONE: 610-384-5961 PRINCIPAL: DR. SARAH KERINS SCHOOL WEB SITE: WWW.POPEJOHNPAUL2SCH.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 prep@saintpeterchurch.net

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.





## Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily

Sunday 12:30 p.m.

**May 16** RCIA "Virtual"

Monday May 17 Prayer Shawl - SS. Drexel & Neumann 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Reserved - Church

Tuesday	May 18
10:00 a.m.	Reserved - Bethany Rm
12:00 p.m.	Reserved - St. Joseph A & B
6:00 p.m.	Gethsemane Holy Hour - Church
6:15 p.m.	Confessions - Shrine Rm
7:00 p.m.	Benediction - Church
7:00 p.m.	Reserved - St. Joseph A
7:00 p.m.	The King's Men - Bethany Rm
7:30 p.m.	KEPHAS "Zoom"

#### Wednesday **May 19** "Mary: A Biblical Walk" - SS. Drexel & Neumann 10:00 a.m. Cantor Practice - Church 7:00 p.m.

Thursday	May 20
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

#### Friday May 21

Saturday **May 22** Confessions - Shrine Rm 3:30 p.m.



# Saint Peter Parish Apostleship of Prayer



## **MAY 2021**

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS The World of Finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens

from its danger.

# Please join in prayer for those remembered in our Mass Intentions for the Week of 5/17/2021

Monday	8·30 a m	Joseph Cowan

- *Tuesday* 8:30 a.m. Afif Nicholas ~ 10th Anniv.
- Wednesday No Morning Mass
- *Thursday* 8:30 a.m. Robert Hayes
- *Friday* 8:30 a.m. John Samoylo
- Saturday 8:30 a.m. Diane Franzese 5:00 p.m. Frank Reinke
- Sunday 7:00 a.m. John Bogumill, Sr. 9:00 a.m. Donald Noga 11:00 a.m. Intention of Father Fitzpatrick 38th Anniversary of Ordination

Also in your prayers please remember: Tom Sandri, Rasmi Madanat, Frances Shesko, John Zawacki, and Jeffery Bernauer, 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.

# Sn your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish including...

Jav Algier, Thomas Alvord, Jean Anderson, Steven Craig Anthony, Henry Assetto, Carol Beebe, Linda Belmonte, Haydee Rodriguez Bonhomne, William Boyd, Melanie Boyle, Jim Bree, Larry Bridge, Donna & John Byrne, Michael Cervone, Jack Clarkson, Leeann Clevenstine, Elizabeth Dunn Couch, Jenna Cummings, Joseph D'Angelo, Ramsey DiLibero, Megan Dixon, Jenny Doyle, Dave Dunlap, Walter Dworecki, Kelly Felins, Kate Fiore, Laurie Flynn, Elizabeth Ann Freehling, Margaret Gentry, Diane Goschler, Bud Griffin, Patti Hackett, Dick Harbaugh, Bill Harkness, Liam Hawk, Keri Herbert, Bruce Katz, David Kelley, Jerry Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Kristy Fiore Kennedy, Peter Knebel, Pat Kenna, Richard Kern, Deborah Kirkwood, Bernard Korch, Fr. Andy Lasko, Frank Laurento, James Leger, Sr., Marianne Lewis, Daniel & Kate Lewis, Barbara Lombardi, Bailey Lynch, John Lynch, Kurt Martin, Maryann Brown-Martin, Clara Melitz, 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, Joe Santo, Joseph Scheuren, Barbara Schober, Sr. Irene Setlow, Toni Sharpless, Ruth Soto, Sally Stieber, Mary Jo Tracy, Brandon Twiss, Tony Vabre, Chris Valentino, George & Kim Walton, Billy Weingartner, Mary Wirshup, Ron Yavorka,





Throughout the time of the pandemic there will be "<u>no</u>" 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, Justin Bevan, 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

3	Sunday, May 9	17,638.14
2	Annual Fund Annual Fund to date	2,494.00 71,047.20

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 office@s<u>aintpeterchurch.net.</u>



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!



We are opening the doors and welcoming ministries back to the parish. I want to express specific thanks to the Respect Life Committee and the Catholic School Scholarship Committee. Both of these ministries have been active at St. Peter Parish for more than twenty years. These ministries are great examples of Lay leadership in action. Using social media as well as our more conventional parish communication they organized and implemented programs in the last month. Amazing parishes are not just a philosophical concept...no indeed! Amazing parishes come to life through amazing ministers doing the work of their mission. Our Catholic school students, grades 7 - 12 and all our parish families benefit from the work of the Catholic School Scholarship program. Our parish and the entire region benefit from the work of the Respect Life Committee...and the roses are a nice touch for our mom's!! Well done and thank you!

We are going to do everything we can to make it possible to meet in person for worship, for parish programs and for small groups. The use of internet technology along with in person gatherings will be treated as an 'also/and' methodology, not an 'either/or' choice. It may take us some time to move forward with the full range of ministries and activities we had in the past. We hope and expect new ministries to emerge, too! That is our goal!

Renewal will be strategically planned in great consultation with Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. The most important part of our renewal will be prayer. First, last and throughout. Prayer as individuals and prayer in our small groups. Prayer in public worship and prayer in adoration.

## THE AMAZING PARISH PRAYER

**Heavenly Father**, We thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and build an amazing parish. **Amen.** 

Beginning with Pentecost Sunday, May 23, everyone in parish ministries will be invited to participate in viewing and praying through the *Revive Parishes* program videos. We want to use the *Revive Parishes* discussions to enliven, over the next two to three years, a strategic planning process and renewal for all our parish ministries and councils.

Parishes are called the 'spiritual home' for all who choose to join us. A spiritual home is there for everyone to enter and we are committed to the reality of welcome. Indeed at St. Peter Parish *All Are Welcome!* 

Fr. Fitzpatrick



# 7th Sunday of Easter May 15 & 16, 2021

#### First Reading

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers-there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place ---. He said, "My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. For it is written in the Book of Psalms: May another take his office. Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

#### Responsorial: Psalm 103

R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.

#### Second Reading

1 John 4: 11 - 16

Acts 1: 15 - 17, 20a, 20c-26

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit. Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

#### **Gospel Reading**

John 17: 11b - 19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

# 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 Prínce 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.



# **Community**



CYACC - Park Night - East Goshen: Join CYACC (Catholic Young Adults of Chester County) on May 19, at 6 p.m. at East Goshen Park, 1661 Paoli Pike, West Chester. Come join us for a fun evening at the park where we will play soccer, frisbee, or badminton, your choice. If you have any outdoor games also feel free to bring them or just come to socialize. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information about our organization: find us on Facebook, email us at cyacc1@gmail.com or check out www.cyacc.org.



#### **Memorial Day Weekend Tribute to Fallen Heroes** May 29 and May 30, 2021

Memorial Day, formerly know as Decoration Day, has been set aside to, first and foremost, remember and give honor to those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf to preserve our freedom.

At the 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses on Memorial Day weekend, we will pay special tribute in music with a very moving flag ceremony to fallen Heroes.

We encourage everyone to reflect on the true meaning of Memorial Day.



Technology & Innovation Teacher: Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic School is accepting applications for a Technology & Innovation Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Pope John Paul has a robust STEM program and is seeking an innovative teacher to join our team. Responsible for teaching STEM concepts using computer technology for grades 5 - 8 and managing the school's Google Workspace and other technology li-

censes. Interested and qualified applicants please contact Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal: skerins@popejohnpaul2sch.org with a resume, cover letter, and updated clearances (FBI fingerprint, Child Abuse, and Criminal Background). Honors Math Teacher: Pope John Paul is seeking an honors math teacher responsible for grades 4 - 8 (including Algebra I) Interested and gualified applicants please contact Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal: skerins@popejohnpaul2sch.org with a resume, cover letter, and updated clearances (FBI fingerprint, Child Abuse, and Criminal Background). Year-Round Maintenance Help needed: Part Time (weekday mornings) year-round maintenance help needed at St. Mary of Providence Center. Call 610-942-4166. Part-Time (Paid) Executive Director: Birthright of West Chester is seeking an Executive 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. This is a part-time paid position. Please send resume to birthrightwestchester@gmail.com.



## **MOVING FORWARD:**

## Thank You for Your Support

Today, we give sincere thanks for your kind and generous support making our Parish Offertory Enhancement Initiative a great success for St. Peter Parish. Our parish family has displayed an extraordinary level of stewardship through offering their time, talent,

and treasure, to help us reach our goal.

These resources allow us to expand our services and ministries, maintain our church and spiritual home, support our growth as a parish, and provide care and resources for those in need.

Your faith and generosity are inspirational, and we are so grateful for your dedication to our spiritual home. Through your good works, our parish remains a beacon of light to all those seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord. On behalf of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, volunteers and staff, your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

## 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

All Re-Registering families have been emailed:

A new registration letter JotForm Tuition sheet Family Handbook Be sure to read the letter thoroughly.

New families will be able to access registration materials on the PREP page of the parish website shortly.

Contact the PREP Office with any questions.



Words cannot express our sincere "Thanks" for the wonderful job this group of Sunday Catechists did with Virtual PREP this year. May God continue to bless you in ministry!

This is a photo of our Tuesday Volunteers (and some of their children) at the Tuesday PREP Car Parade where all students who came received a Free Ice Cream certificate from Dairy Queen.

Our Amazing Tuesday PREP Crew In Balloon Basket: Phil & Janet DiEgidio Front: Alyssa, Kim DiSanti, Krystal Snyder, Jessie Coppa Back: Darlene Barr, Sharon & Tim Perry, Bonnie Jennings, Patrice Peterson, Toni Legarski

not pictured: Janet DeLoretta, Renee Miller, Dom DiSanti

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 Phone: 610-518-1300 Fax: 610-343-6220 Sr. Regina Plunkett IHM, President Mr. Michael J. McCardle, Principal

5/17 - White Day 5/18 - Green Day 5/19 - White Day 5/20 - Green Day 5/21 - White Day No Classes for Seniors Senior Celebration 7 p.m.



#### 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 <u>www.popejohnpaul2sch.org</u>.

#### 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 Page 7 - 0146

# **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 blan-

ket 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. Our next gathering is Monday, May 17, at 12 p.m.



Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." Indeed, by de Paul helping the poor we can "be one" with the

Lord and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor. 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, June 12, 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.



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.

Caring for Friends: Cooks: Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support for Caring for Friends. There is an on-going need for no saltadded 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.



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 care-

giver, 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!!

# Witness Commission



#### Chester County March for Life Saturday June 5, 2021

Mourning 25 years of Abortion at Planned Parenthood in West Chester

9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Mass at St. Agnes Church, West Chester with Most Rev. John J. McIntyre, Aux. Bishop Phila. Protestant Prayer Service - Location TBD March to Planned Parenthood for Prayer March to Historic Courthouse for Program Speakers
Speakers:	<ul> <li>Kathy Barnette (Conservative Commentator, Veteran Author)</li> <li>Rep. Stephanie Borowicz (Prime Sponsor of Heartbeat Bill)</li> <li>Pete DeMaio (Pennsylvanians for Human Life)</li> <li>Domonic Sceski (Generation Life, Pro-Life &amp; Chastity Educator)</li> <li>Pastor Joseph Stigora (Covenant Fellowship Church)</li> </ul>
For more	e details and information on free parking, visit <u>Chescoprolife.org/CCMarchforlife</u>

Sponsored by Chester County Pro-Life Coalition



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

Dan and Lara Alvisi & family

Philip Bucci

Jessica and Colin Corbett & family

Carmel DeCesarís

Nakira Hall & family

Stephen and Caitlyn Hurley & family

Patrick and Megan Lauletta & family

*Imtiaz and Ambreen Peter and family* 

Mark and Karen Reynolds & family



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.

#### Join us June 4 - 6 for "A Theology of the Body Retreat for H. S. Girls"

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, PA. Retreat Leader: Samantha Kelley of Fierce Athlete.org; Priests: Father Timothy Danaher, O.P. of St. Patrick Church, Philadelphia and Fr. Reuben Nuxoll, Legionaries of Christ; Speaker: Marie DiCecco, Speaker on Women's Health in conformity with Theology of the Body; Small Group Facilitators: The Sisters of Life. Arrival time is Friday at 7 p.m. and ends Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner served Saturday & Breakfast served Sunday. Reconciliation offered and Mass celebrated. Cost: \$125 per person (scholarships available). Sponsored by: St. Peter Parish Respect Life Committee. For more information, text Eileen Christian at 610-716-1840; email at eileenchristian@usa.net or Sign up link: https://www.eventbrite.com/ e/wonderfully-made-a-theology-of-the-body-retreat-for-high-school-girls-tickets-148927503171



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