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MAY 2, 2021



**Pope Francis urges Catholics to pray in May for end to Covid-19 pandemic**

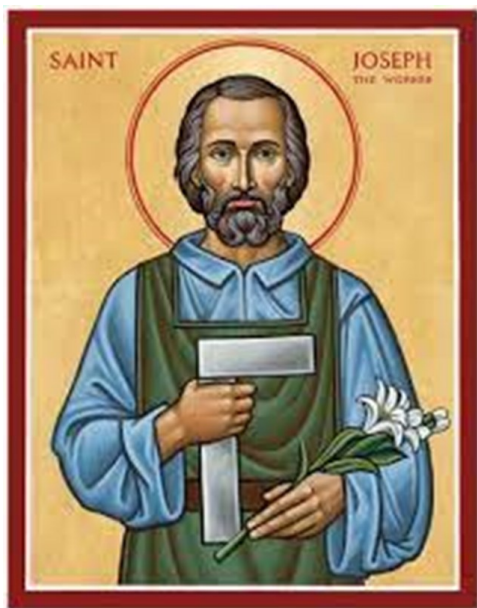
Pope Francis invites Catholics and Marian Shrines around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic. *By Devin Watkins of Vatican News 22 April 2021*

Catholics across the globe are encouraged to dedicate the Marian month of May to praying for an end to the pandemic. The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. The Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization announced the news with a press release on Wednesday afternoon. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

**Prayer initiative:** "The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic," read the statement. Pope Francis opened the Marian month of prayer on 1 May with a Rosary broadcast across Vatican Media's platforms.

Each day will see Vatican News broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 p.m. Rome time from the various Shrines taking part in the initiative. The Pope will also close the initiative on 31 May with another specially-broadcast Rosary.

**End to the pandemic:** This year's dedication of May to pandemic-related prayer recalls a similar occurrence during the first wave in March 2020. Pope Francis led the world in prayer during that confusing and difficult time, celebrating a live-streamed, daily Mass in the Casa Santa Marta. After more than a year, and with the world still in the grips of the pandemic, the Pope and the Church around the world are once again leading the way in imploring God for an end to the suffering which so many people are forced to bear.



# 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 Liturgy  
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 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

[prep@saintpeterchurch.net](mailto: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.



## THIS WEEK AT SAINT PETER PARISH



*Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily*

### **Sunday**

10 -10:30

12:30 p.m.

12:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

### **May 2**

PREP Family 'Car Parade' PJPII Car Loop

RCIA "Virtual"

Sacrament of Baptism - Church

Sacrament of Baptism - Church

### **Monday**

12:00 p.m.

### **May 3**

Prayer Shawl - SS. Drexel & Neumann

### **Tuesday**

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6 - 6:30

7:30 p.m.

### **May 4**

Reserved - Bethany Rm

Reserved - St. Joseph A & B

Confessions - Shrine Rm

PREP Family 'Car Parade' PJPII Car Loop

KEPHAS "Zoom"

### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m.

### **May 5**

Cantor Practice - Church

### **Thursday**

12:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

### **May 6**

Reserved - St. Joseph A & B

Never Give Up (A/A) - Bethany Rm

Boy Scouts - SS. Drexel & Neumann

### **Friday**

5:00 p.m.

### **May 7**

Pre-Order Meat Pie Pick-ups - SS. Rooms  
(Until 8 p.m.)

### **Saturday**

3:30 p.m.

### **May 8**

Confessions - Shrine Rm



# 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 5/3/2021*

Monday	8:30 a.m. John Samoylo
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Sylvia Matkovich
Wednesday	No Morning Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m. John Hayes
Friday	8:30 a.m. Damian and Tristin Lucas
Saturday	8:30 a.m. Meg Vanaskie 5:00 p.m. John & Posey Cerra and all living & deceased members of the family
Sunday	7:00 a.m. Susan Mostyn Antos 9:00 a.m. Molly McConnell 11:00 a.m. Steven Sherlock

Also in your prayers please remember: John Moran, Sr., Ellie Kelly, Rev. Francis J. Cornely, and Msgr. Paul F. Curran, 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.



**Throughout the time of the pandemic there will be "no" anointing of the sick on the 1st Saturday of the month, during morning 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, Kelly Felins, Kate Fiore, Laurie Flynn, Margaret Gentry, Diane Goschler, Bud Griffin, Patti Hackett, Dick Harbaugh, Bill Harkness, 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, Larry Lawrence, Sr., 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, 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, Edelgard Warwas, Billy Weingartner, Ron Yavorka, and all the residents of our nursing homes.




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

Brandon A'Hara, Ron Jon Annaballi, 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

	<b>Sunday, April 25</b>	19,968.05
	Easter	29,303.00
	Annual Fund	3,202.00
	Annual Fund to date	66,316.20

**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@saintpeterchurch.net](mailto:office@saintpeterchurch.net).



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!



## The Year of Saint Joseph

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph." It is a wonderful opportunity to increase our love for St. Joseph and knowledge, "to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal" (*Patris Corde*).

May 1 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

This noble saint, who was given the noble task of caring and watching over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now cares for and watches over the Church and models for all the dignity of human work. Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St. Paul VI.

And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St. Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people," says Pope Francis. In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," – because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us."

Our parish purchased an Icon of St. Joseph to be venerated throughout the Year of St. Joseph in our church. The Icon was installed on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19. Archbishop Nelson J. Perez on the occasion of his pastoral visit to our parish, March 21, 2021, blessed the icon. Ultimately, at the conclusion of the year of St. Joseph, November 26, 2021, the Icon will be placed in the current "A + B" meeting rooms which will be renamed the St. Joseph Room.

At the conclusion of his Letter, Pope Francis adds a prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
In you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
defend us from every evil.  
Amen*

Fr. Fitzpatrick

## 5th Sunday of Easter

May 1 & 2, 2021

### First Reading

Acts 9: 26 - 31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

**Responsorial:** Psalm 22

**R.** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

### Second Reading

1 John 3: 18 -24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

### Gospel Reading

John 15: 1 - 8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



## 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.*



Congratulations to all of our parish children who received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday, April 24.



Thank you to all who assisted with this celebration: **Mary Ann Vanicola, David Duva, Mari Slavik, Jessie Coppa, Robin Burckhardt, and Krystal Snyder.**

Our Extraordinary Ministers: **Rubi Holloway, Dorothy Brambauch, Stella Baker, Carl Capato, Dennis DeMarco, Judi McCulley, Tim Perry, and Ryan Morris.**

Special thanks to our Newly Confirmed volunteers: **Addison Hertzog, Louis Jones, Eliza Kurzyna, Alyssa Perry, and Edwin Schofield.**

**Your help is much appreciated. It takes many hands for a successful celebration like this!  
May God Bless ALL of you!**



#### **MOVING FORWARD: ENHANCED OFFERTORY PROGRAM GUIDE**

Thank you for showing such kindness to St. Peter Parish. As we move forward together, we are overjoyed at the extraordinary display of stewardship that our parishioners and parish community have shown through their support of our sacred home.

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

# Community



**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 licenses. Interested and qualified applicants please contact Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal: [skerins@popejohnpaul2sch.org](mailto: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 qualified applicants please contact Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal: [skerins@popejohnpaul2sch.org](mailto: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 Cleaner St. Joseph School:** 16-18 hrs. per week, "Evening Hours Only" (after 3 p.m.) For more information please contact: Allan Anderson at 610-269-8294 x207 or [aanderson@stjosephrc.org](mailto:aanderson@stjosephrc.org).

**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. 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 please contact Allan Anderson, Business Manager, at [aanderson@stjosephrc.org](mailto:aanderson@stjosephrc.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](mailto:birthrightwestchester@gmail.com).



**Fundraiser for St. Mary of Providence Center**  
227 Isabella Rd. Elverson, PA 19520 - 610-942-4166

**Providence Pies**  
*For Mother's Day*

You may order home-made 9" pies in one of the following three ways:

- ☐ Send a text message to 610-942-4166 with your name, number and type of pie desired
- ☐ Drop off the form below at St. Mary of Providence office with your check
- ☐ Use the QR Code above to order your 9" pies.

Pick up your pies May 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> between 10 AM to 5 PM  
Pay at time of pick-up with cash or check.

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Order Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up Date: May. 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>  
(circle one) at \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Cherry Cheesecake \$20.00  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Blueberry Cheesecake \$20.00  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Cheesecake \$20.00  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Frozen Piled High Apple Pie \$15.00  
(bake it in your own home for that home-baked aroma)

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

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



**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.*



## 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](mailto:prep@saintpeterchurch.net)

**Director:** Mrs. Patrice Peterson

**Assistant:** Mrs. Krystal Snyder

**NOTE**

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.

## 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

5/3 - White Day

8 a.m. Art Exhibition

5/4 - Green Day

5/5 - White Day

Student Council Mtg 6:30 p.m.

5/6 - Green Day

May Procession 8:15 a.m.

5/7 - White Day

May Procession 8:15 a.m.

5/8 - SATs @ BSHS 8 a.m.



Many thanks go out to Kristen, the manager at our Guthriesville Dairy Queen, who supplied Ice Cream Gift Certificates for ALL of our PREP Students at the end of our Virtual Year.

Please support this local business that has been so generous to us!

## 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 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 the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything. **In the month of April, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting numerous families, providing an abundance of food, marvelous gifts, and remarkable funds for utility and rent bills. Thank you! Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090.**



**The Cancer Support Group** meets the second Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. in Meeting Rooms SS. Drexel & Neumann. We offer support to anyone diagnosed with cancer, anyone who is presently undergoing treatment, has completed treatment, is a family member and/or caregiver. **Our next "ZOOM" meeting is Saturday, May 8, at 11 a.m.** For information, call 610-857-2342.

## St. Peter Parish Food Drive

*Please help feed the hungry!*

**Next Collection:**

**May 22 & 23**

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



**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).



**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. **NOTE: Our next gathering is Monday, May 3, at 12 p.m.**



**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](mailto:ecerritelli@comcast.net) or call Ellen at 484-678-6602.



**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](mailto:barronLF@comcast.net).



**Nourish for Caregivers** will "not" be meeting at the Church until further notice, but we will be available to support any caregiver who needs a listening ear. We understand that everyday as a caregiver, you lay down your life, your needs, your comfort, for the sake of your loved one. Even in these times you are faithful in your ministry of love. We, Beth and Cathy, are here for you and support you in prayer everyday. If you have any special prayer request, or just need to talk, please call or email us. We are happy to listen. Beth: 330-242-0206; [bethtrubachik@comcast.net](mailto:bethtrubachik@comcast.net) or Cathy: 484-433-9705; [csamoylo@yahoo.com](mailto:csamoylo@yahoo.com).

## Welcome Commission



**Scholarship Meat Pie “Pre-Order” Pick up:** 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](mailto:kdbraider@gmail.com).

**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 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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

### ***A Theology of the Body Retreat for High School Girls June 4 - 6:***

St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Road, Elverson, PA.

**Retreat Leader:** Samantha Kelley of [FierceAthlete.org](http://FierceAthlete.org)

**Priests:** Father Timothy Danaher, O.P. of St. Patrick Church, Philadelphia  
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](mailto: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>



### **THINKING ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**

**Lead with faith, Protect your family, Serve others, Defend your values!** The Knights of Columbus is a

trusted name, tried by time, present where men are, providing inspiring resources and support, for strengthening your faith and living a life of virtue. Knights lead with faith. Protect our families. Knights serve those in need. When the world says men should step aside, Knights Columbus step up. We are Catholic men. We live by principles informed by faith. We are sons, fathers, husbands, and grandfathers. Join us on life's greatest adventure to discover the man God calls you to be. **BECOME A KNIGHT!** Deep within the heart of every man is a call to love with purpose and meaning; a call to lead, protect, to serve, and to defend. Men today need a band of brothers—other Catholic men to share in that call, who walk together on the journey towards something better. To learn more about becoming a Knight, please contact Jeff Yoder at [jay4007@ptd.net](mailto:jay4007@ptd.net).

### *Respect Life*

*“Do one act of kindness each day  
of the year and change 365 lives.”*

Anthony D. Williams

