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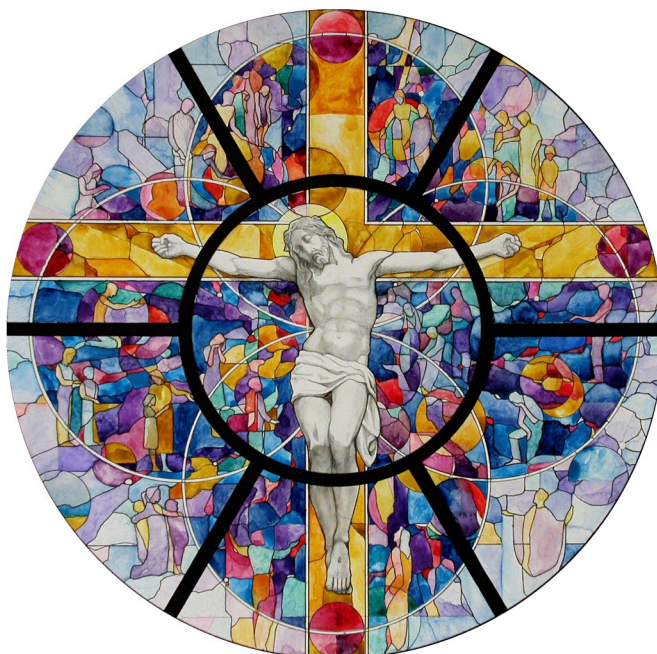


SAINT PETER  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MOVING • FORWARD



JUNE 13, 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  
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.

## **FRIDAY SUMMER OFFICE & FACILITIES HOURS**

The **Parish Office & Facilities** will be  
closed on Fridays, June - September 17.  
(except for previous appointments)

Parish "Facilities" will be open  
approximately 3 p.m. on Saturday



## **THIS WEEK AT SAINT PETER PARISH**



*Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily*

### **Sunday**

2:30 p.m. Sacrament of Baptism - Church

**June 13**

### **Monday**

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

**June 14**

### **Tuesday**

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. The King's Men - Bethany Rm  
7:30 p.m. KEPHAS "Zoom"

**June 15**

### **Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Cantor/ Choir Practice - Church

**June 16**

### **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  
7:00 p.m. Emmaus Road Practice - Church

**June 17**

### **Friday**

Parish Office & Facilities Closed  
(except for previous appointments)

**June 18**

### **Saturday**

3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm

**June 19**

# Saint Peter Parish Apostleship of Prayer

JUNE 2021



## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

**The Beauty of Marriage:** Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness, and patience.

*Please join in prayer for those remembered in our Mass Intentions for the Week of 6/14/2021*

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Andrew Hoertz
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Harry Elliott
Wednesday	No Morning Mass	
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Deceased members of the Ramsey family
Friday	8:30 a.m.	Joanne Cerritelli
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Frank Pieri
	5:00 p.m.	Margaret Kathryn Walls - 2nd Anniv.
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Steven Sherlock
	9:00 a.m.	Matt Heffelfinger
	11:00 a.m.	Nicholas Vassallo

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 Clevestine, Elizabeth Dunn Couch, Jenna Cummings, Joseph D'Angelo, Ramsey DiLibero, Victor DiMartino, 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, 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, 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, Greg Viscuso, George & Kim Walton, Billy Weingartner, Mary Wirshup, Ron Yavorka, 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, Justin Bevan, Timothy M. Bruce, Justin Chandler, Anthony Christof, Sean Douglas Cobourn, Dillan T. Duvall, Geoffrey Finch, Abby Givens, 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, June 6</b>	21,354.95
	Annual Fund	4,218.00
	Annual Fund to date	81,867.20

***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!



**FROM: The Catholic News Agency** by Hannah Brockhaus,  
Vatican City, Jun 7, 2021 / 08:06 a.m.

Pope Francis told a group of young French priests on Monday that weakness is a chance for encounter with God, and not something they should try to overcome by their own strength.

"My fragility, the fragility of each one of us, is a theological place of encounter with the Lord," he told a group of around 20 priests at a June 7 meeting at the Vatican. "The 'superman' priests end up badly, all of them," Francis said. "The fragile priest, who knows his weaknesses and talks about them with the Lord, he will be fine."

Pope Francis encouraged the priests, who are in Rome for studies, to be pastors always acting in service of the Catholics under their care.

"Strip yourself of your preconceived ideas, your dreams of greatness, your self-affirmation, to put God and people at the center of your daily concerns," he urged. The pope also warned the French priests against placing the identity of being an "intellectual" above that of being a "pastor."

"You will be a pastor in many ways, but always in the midst of God's people," he underlined. "The studies you do in the various Roman universities prepare you for your future tasks as pastors, and allow you to better appreciate the reality in which you are called to proclaim the Gospel of joy."

The student priests who met with Pope Francis live together at the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi in Rome.

Reflecting on community life, the pope noted the temptation to gossip or to create closed-off groups which can be damaging to fraternity. "May you always welcome one another as a gift," he said. "In a fraternity lived in truth, in the sincerity of relationships and in a life of prayer, we can form a community in which you can breathe the air of joy and tenderness."

"The priest is a man who, in the light of the Gospel, spreads the taste of God around him and transmits hope to restless hearts: this is how it must be," he continued. Francis encouraged the young priests to not be afraid to dream of a Church entirely at the service of its members and the world, stating that each of them has a contribution to make. "Do not be afraid to dare, to take risks, to go forward because you can do everything with Christ who gives you strength," he said. "With him you can be apostles of joy, cultivating in you the gratitude of being at the service of your brothers and of the Church."

A sense of humor is also an important part of joy, Pope Francis said, adding that it can be one of the characteristics of holiness. "A priest who has no sense of humor, does not like it, something is wrong. Imitate those great priests who laugh at others, at themselves, and even at their own shadow," he said. "And cultivate within yourselves the gratitude of being at the service of your brothers and of the Church."



# 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 12 & 13, 2021

## First Reading

Ezekiel 17: 2 - 24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

## Responsorial: Psalm 92

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5: 6 - 10

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 4: 26 - 34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



## 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.*

## Guide Book & Directory Advertising Opportunity



We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries, organizations, committees, activities, functions, and events. This book is being provided and direct-mailed to each family at no cost to our church, and it is again being subsidized by local businesses that advertise. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "will pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book .



### *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

"Legalese puts me ill at ease." That little ditty is my own creation, with the point that the language found in many a legal document that strives to be specific tends rather to be soporific. Reading a statement like "Whereas the party of the first part, herein referred to as 'X' can impact the party of the second part, herein referred to as 'Y', with intimations of motivation proffered as real which in fact remains dubious, if not false, and also tend to be counterproductive for the manifest purpose of the specified case..." I guarantee that you will begin to nod off. Consequently we are glad to pay our lawyer's fee just to read such verbiage and translate for us.

In the time of Our Lord, long before pen on paper was available to most people, and speech was the only medium of exchange of ideas, a good teacher had to use a special talent to get and keep the audience's attention. Our Lord, the Master teacher, made it look easy. St. Mark underscored this when he wrote what we hear today: "With many such parables He (Jesus) spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it."

Even we, as modern listeners to Jesus, jaded as we may be by being talked at by teleprompter readers of hired actors parroting for yet another product we don't really need, we can relate to a lesson of what a small seed planted can produce.

Mark augments that parable with the preceding one Jesus told about the power of the land to yield fruit.

The Lord tells His first listeners and us that this is the way it is for God's kingdom. It is not a physical place, but a community of God's friends living His way. Church history chronicles how the Catholic Church has grown to embrace billions, even though it sprang from an unremarkable band of Twelve. This growth, fertilized and watered by the Holy Spirit, is only still here by His willing it. What has kept it alive ultimately traces back to God's design. The proof is in that very history, which could be called at times a record of human folly.

The prophet Ezekiel's image of a tender shoot planted atop a cedar on a high mountain and Jesus' picture of a tiny mustard seed planted in the earth tell us both of God's power and our own worth in His eyes. Each of us is an integral part of God's grand design, and Faith in Him helps us to believe it. We make a big mistake placing our faith elsewhere. But our cooperation with God can bring about something truly wonderful.

Sir Donald Malcolm Campbell, the British car and boat-racer and holder of several world speed records, lost his life while racing a fast boat on one of the lakes of Scotland. The boat exploded and rapidly sank. The only thing that ever surfaced was a toy stuffed animal, Campbell's alleged "good luck charm." The toy was powerless to help him in the final and fatal crisis of his life.

Very realistically, and in clear easy to understand language, there is no better demonstration of faith than a person planting seed in a field. God love you, and give you His peace.

# Community



**CYACC - Valley Forge National Historical Park Walk:** Join CYACC - Catholic Young Adults of Chester County, on June 16, at 6 - 8:15 p.m. at Valley Forge National Historical Park, 1400 N Outer Line Dr, King of Prussia, PA. Make sure to drive through the park until you see the Arch. Come join us for a fun evening and walk around the park. There will also be opportunities to say the rosary during the walk as well, so feel free to also bring a rosary. Mask usage for the event is also encouraged. We will all be meeting at the Arch and will start the walk around 6:15 p.m. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information about our organization: check out [www.cyacc.org](http://www.cyacc.org), find us in Facebook, or email us at [cyacc1@gmail.com](mailto:cyacc1@gmail.com).



**We will NOT be hosting vacation bible camp at Saint Peter this year.** Unfortunately, we did not get enough volunteers. We know this year has still been a struggle and hopefully by this time next year we will be back to a more "normal" life and vacation bible camp can be an activity that gets back up and running!



**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 SVPD 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](mailto:leaston78@gmail.com) or 315-416-1716.



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

## EMPLOYMENT



**Colonial Woods Personal Care Home** in Glenmoore has FT/PT positions available - kitchen manager, maintenance, direct care staff, and cook. Flexible shifts available in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, call 610-470-4590 or feel free to email us at [colonialwood-spch@gmail.com](mailto:colonialwood-spch@gmail.com). **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).

**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.



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**Save the Date!** We are pleased to announce our speakers and the opening of registration for the 2021 Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, October 23, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA. CWC2021 will be a highly modified version of our usual event due to continued pandemic limitations. This year, for the conference in English, you are invited to attend one, 2-hour, in-person mini-conference - morning or afternoon - and then enjoy four video talks at home at your leisure. All talks in English will be interpreted in American

Sign Language. The Spanish Track will be in a different location, Holy Innocents Parish in Philadelphia, in order to keep crowd sizes smaller. For full details visit our website, [catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org).





## 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

### All Re-Registering families have been emailed:

A new registration letter

JotForm

Tuition sheet

Family Handbook

Be sure to read the letter thoroughly.

**REGISTER NOW!**

**New families** Please go to the PREP Page of our Parish Website. At the bottom is the Registration form, Tuition sheet, and Family Handbook.

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

6/14 - All 9, 10 & 11 Report for Exams  
Underclassman Exams 10:45 a.m.  
Early Dismissal

6/15 - All 9, 10 & 11 Report for Exams  
Underclassman Exams 10:45 a.m.  
Early Dismissal

6/16 - Underclassmen Special Schedule  
End of Year Prayer Service & Awards

6/17 - No Classes for Students  
Clerical Day

Behavior Modification Summer School June 21 - 25

*Bishop Shanahan High School*



*Congratulations Class of 2021*

*Pope John Paul II Elementary*



*Congratulations Class of 2021*

## 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.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please feel free to visit [www.popejohnpaul2sch.org](http://www.popejohnpaul2sch.org).



## Outreach Commission



**Summer is almost here!** There is still plenty of time to help out with our community garden. 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).



In the Gospel, Jesus says: "This is how it is with the reign of God. A man scatters seed on the ground. He goes to bed and gets up day after day. Through it all the seed sprouts and grows without his knowing how it happens."

**Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. Your gift placed in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box brings Christ's love and compassion to the poor.** Society of St. Vincent de Paul Helpline is 610-470-9090



**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. **Our next gatherings are June 14 and 28, at 12 p.m.**



**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, July 10, at 11 a.m.** For information, call 610-857-2342.



**Caring for Friends: Cooks** - You may have noticed that at times no trays have been available. Recently there has been a delay in acquiring the trays from **Caring for Friends** thus explaining the lack of supply which caused our meal supply to dwindle to the point where they had to be imported. The good news is that trays are now available. Hopefully people will get back to cooking before the weather is too warm keeping the meal supply sufficient in the summer months. Our Friends will still need food so please keep the meals coming. **Visitors:** Thanks for your continuing dedication to the **Caring for Friends** ministry. **Please take note that the building will be closed on Fridays June through September 17.** All parishioners: If you are interested in helping with this ministry as a cook or visitors, please call Ellen at 484-678-6602 or email [ecerritelli@comcast.net](mailto:ecerritelli@comcast.net) for information.



**Good Works:** We are St. Peter Parish volunteers who join many other local Christian church groups in performing home repairs. We reach out in love and friendship to transform substandard houses into warmer, safer, and drier homes, and by doing so, turn despair into hope. The team welcomes new volunteers of all skill levels. For more information or to be a part of Good Works, contact Jim at 610-496-1393 or [jim\\_mulry@mcenvironmental.com](mailto:jim_mulry@mcenvironmental.com).

## St. Peter Parish Food Drive

**Please help feed the hungry!**



**Next Collection**  
**June 26 & 27**

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



**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



**Softball Payers Needed for the St. Peter Church Team!** Prior playing experience is required. Interested men and women please reply promptly to Mike Medvidik text or phone to 610-999-2826. There is typically 1 game per week at local Downingtown/Coatesville Church Softball fields. All games start at 6:30 p.m. and are Monday - Thursday. The season is about to start and runs until the end of July.

# WE'RE BACK!

**SILVER LINING SENIORS:** After what seems like an eternity, our group will gather on Tuesday, July 13, at **NOON** for lunch and socialization with our many members. We ask that you all bring your own lunch (with a beverage) and dessert. We will meet in the Celebration Center. If occupancy numbers change, we will meet in the Saints Room as we have in the past. We look forward to seeing as many as can come! Masks will be optional: use them at your discretion. Hopefully we will be able to do some planning, as we hope to get back to "normal" by September. If you have any questions or concerns, email me at [grandmomcurrie@gmail.com](mailto:grandmomcurrie@gmail.com) or give me a call at 610-913-0721.

## Witness Commission



**The King's Men** meet "every other" 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 for our next meeting Tuesday, June 8, at 7 p.m.**



**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).

### *A Parents Prayer*

*O Heavenly Father, make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they have to say and to answer their question kindly.*

*Keep me from interrupting or contradicting. Help me to be as courteous to them as I want them to be to me.*

*Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes or resort to shame or ridicule. May I never punish them out of anger or spite, or show my power.*

*Help me, dear Lord, to demonstrate by all that I say and do, that honesty does produce happiness. Reduce dear Lord, that meanness in me. And when I am out of sorts, help me to hold my tongue.*

*May I ever be mindful that my children are merely children and that I should not expect them to have the maturity and judgment of adults.*

*Let me not rob them of the opportunity to do things for themselves or to make their own decisions. Help me to grant them all reasonable requests and give me the courage to deny them the privileges that I think may be harmful.*

*Help me to be fair and just, and kind, O Lord, so that I will earn their love and respect and they will want to imitate me. This is the supreme compliment.*

*Amen*

