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## **Saint Peter Parish did NOT close during COVID-19**

- We have enthusiastically and creatively served temporal, sacramental education, faith formation and spiritual needs of the church family and the wider community, during this difficult time.
- We continue to live out the Gospel through corporal and spiritual works of mercy, feeding the hungry and helping persons in crisis.

With intentional emphasis on the concerns of families, celebrations of baptism, first reception of Holy Communion, and the full Initiation of Adults and families into the Catholic Church, your parish never stopped doing the work of Christ. Father Fitzpatrick has been called on to anoint as many as 10 persons each week at the church, at private homes, in hospitals and nursing homes.

### ***This parish church did not disappear or close down at all!***

- We initiated a new 'Media Ministry' which updated or initiated our parish webpage, Live Stream, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube platforms. The young adults leading Media Ministry continue to produce creative content. The former Parish Library has been repurposed as a Media Center allowing us to produce professional quality video presentations across many platforms.
- We support an amazing high quality, diverse and robust 'virtual church' presence in the internet.

### ***Keeping in touch with our parishioners in 'Real Time' is very important.***

The rooftop Benediction, Holy Hours and Eucharistic Procession through the communities with the Blessed Sacrament (from the back of the pick-up truck!) are just a few of the examples of outreach experienced early in the pandemic.

- We continued communication by calling all parish families, opening a virtual directory through the Parish Guidebook and initiating an 'email blast' publication called *Stepping Stones*. If we have your accurate email address you should be receiving *Stepping Stones* each week. By now you should have received our Guidebook and access to a highly secure Online Directory & Mobile App!
- Contact us via [stpeterchesco@comcast.net](mailto:stpeterchesco@comcast.net) to get on board!

Caring For Friends and the St. Vincent de Paul Society never stopped outreach to the most needy and isolated. Honey Brook Food Pantry Collections have broken all previous donation records.

New initiatives like the Birth Right Baby Shower collection launched and ongoing programs like the annual Angel Tree, Respect Life Baby Bottles collection and the Coat Drive for the Honey Brook Community amaze us with generosity.

Saint Peter Parish Religious Education and Pope John Paul II Catholic School adapted to the needs of students and families and utilize virtual education programs and platforms. Our professional and volunteer staff, teachers, administrators and catechists are fully engaged and are growing fast in competence and expertise!

All are welcome and all are called into the transforming grace of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

***The gifts of the Holy Spirit are bearing great spiritual fruit in St. Peter Catholic Church.***

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