

Saint Peter Catholic Church

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April 11, 2021



Divine Mercy Sunday

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:

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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,
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Our Catholic Education Programs

POPE JOHN PAUL II REGIONAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY:

PHONE: 610-384-5961 FAX: 610-384-5730

PRINCIPAL: DR. SARAH KERINS

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Jen Murphy, Pat O'Brien, Tim Perry, Tracy Philips, and Ginny
Fennimore.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Register with us, and learn about St. Peter
Parish. Please feel free to call the parish
office 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday - Friday.



THIS WEEK AT SAINT PETER PARISH

Pray the Rosary & the Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily

Sunday

9:15 a.m. PREP "Zoom" Classes
11:00 a.m. Divine Mercy - Church
12:30 p.m. RCIA "Virtual"
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church

April 11

Monday

April 12

Tuesday

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

April 13

Wednesday

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

April 14

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Never Give Up (A/A) - Bethany Rm
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - SS. Drexel & Neumann

April 15

Friday

April 16

Saturday

3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm

April 17



Saint Peter Parish Apostleship of Prayer

APRIL 2021



PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

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

Please join in prayer for those remembered in our Mass Intentions for the Week of 4/12/2021

Monday	8:30 a.m. Robert Mervine
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Grace Bernardi
Wednesday	No Morning Mass
Thursday	8:30 a.m. Burnetta Gae Barry
Friday	8:30 a.m. Richard Lamb
Saturday	8:30 a.m. Eleanor Poli 5:00 p.m. Sharon Andrews ~ 8th Anniv.
Sunday	7:00 a.m. Richard Massironi 9:00 a.m. Intention of Robert Peters 11:00 a.m. Lydia Blevins

Also in your prayers please remember: Edna Sweeney, Joseph Pomrunk, III, Mary Elizabeth Hannan, Msgr. William A. Dombrow, and Magdalena Maldonado, 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, Robert Anderson, Jr., Steven Craig Anthony, Henry Assetto, Carol Beebe, Linda Belmonte, Haydee Rodriguez Bonhomme, Sister Bonnie, MSC, William Boyd, Melanie Boyle, Jim Bree, Larry Bridge, Anthony Buonom, Donna & John Byrne, Michael Cervone, Jack Clarkson, Leeann Clevestine, Elizabeth Dunn Couch, Jenna Cummings, Joseph D'Angelo, Ramsey DiLibero, Megan Dixon, Jenny Doyle, Dave Dunlap, Walter Dworecki, Kate Fiore, Laurie Flynn, Margaret Gentry, Diane Goschler, Bud Griffin, Jenn Giunta, Patti Hackett, Dick Harbaugh, Bill Harkness, Keri Herbert, Dave Horger, Bruce Katz, David Kelley, Jerry Kelly, Kathleen Kelly, Kristy Fiore Kennedy, Peter Knebel, Richard Kern, Deborah Kirkwood, Bernard Korch, Fr. Andy Lasko, Frank Laurento, Larry Lawrence, Sr., James Leger, Sr., Daniel & Kate Lewis, Marianne 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, Rosie Roberts, Helen Barker Romano, Louise Sabo, Tom Sandri, Joe Santo, Joseph Scheuren, Barbara Schober, Sr. Irene Setlow, Toni Sharpless, Frank Sherlock, Andy Smith., Ruth Soto, Sally Stieber, Mary Jo Tracy, Brandon Twiss, Tony Vabre, Chris Valentino, George & Kim Walton, George Warihay, Edelgard Warwas, Billy Weingartner, and all the residents of our nursing homes.



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

Brandon A'Hara, Ron Jon Annaballi, Timothy M. Bruce, Justin Chandler, Anthony Christof, Sean Douglas Cobourn, Dillan T. Duvall, Geoffrey Finch, Timothy Givens, Cristin A. Goerlitz, Brittany Kessler, Brendan Kessler, Mallory Kessler, Tim Laurento, Jr., Ryan McGuckin, Molly McGuckin, Ian Miller, Brandon Mistretta, Kevin & James Moran, Timothy R. Powledge, Camilo Ramirez, Zachary Schaeffer, Mark Thompson, Claudia Twiss, Jason Twiss, Matthew Twiss, Brian Weightman, Erick Williams, and Jodi Zellers.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

	Sunday, March 28	19,876.55
	April 4	23,252.32
	Easter to date	24,383.00
	Annual Fund 3/28	2,690.00
	4/4	2,803.00
	Annual Fund to date	59,419.20

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.



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!



Moving Forward: Saint Peter Church Emerging From the Pandemic

From an interview regarding retired Archbishop Charles Chaput's recent book "Things Worth Dying For" published in The Pillar, March 30, 2021

"...I would say without a doubt, that the young people today who become serious Catholics are much more serious about it than the young people who were Catholics in my day—much more serious (Archbishop Chaput is 76 years old). It's harder to be serious about it because the Church is much more criticized today than it was in those days. The sins of the Church are much more publicly known than they were in those days, but nonetheless, we find many, many young people committing themselves to Christ and to the community of his followers: the Church. And so I still have a lot of hope for the Church.

"I don't think we should cling to the images we have of how the Church is going to look from the past, because it's going to look very different from the past. And I think one of the problems we have today is trying to maintain that past heritage in the face of decreasing numbers and decreasing abilities financially to support it.

"And that's dangerous because if you use all your financial resources maintaining the old decaying institutional structures of the Church, you don't have any resources to put into the creativity that's really necessary to be evangelists in the 21st century.

"So I don't know what we can do about it. I live in Philadelphia where we have lots and lots of churches that would be cathedrals in any other parts of the country, but here they're just ordinary parishes, and in parts of town where you have very few Catholics anymore. And [those parishes] just have huge problems in terms of the structures of the buildings. And we're putting so much money and attention and creative priestly ministry into those dying expressions of the faith."

From Father Fitzpatrick...A theme for this period of our parish life has emerged: 'Moving Forward'. As good stewards of the resources of our families and our parish we can appreciate all that was accomplished in the past. Moving forward, and building on firm foundations, our parish will have to proceed with 'new ardor, new methods, and new expression' in the "The New Evangelization" vision of Pope John Paul II.

Already we have developed, out of necessity and creativity, virtual classrooms for Catholic School, Parish Religious Education, Adult Faith Formation, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. We are reorienting our Parish Pastoral Council in the model of 'Revive Parishes' with the purpose of evaluating, reviewing, and reformulating the Parish Strategic Plan. As a parish of the 21st century we have expanded our evangelization to robustly and broadly embrace 'Media Ministry.' Our charitable outreach efforts are supported consistently, generously and with a focus on the most needy and the most vulnerable.

You are also being asked to prayerfully consider making an intentional financial commitment to the parish in a way that is planned, proportionate, and sustainable. Moving forward we will continue our commitment to each other so that you will rely on our transparency, responsibility, and accountability.

Divine Mercy

April 10 & 11, 2021

First Reading

Acts 4: 32 - 35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial: Psalm 118

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

1 John 5: 1 - 6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Gospel Reading

John 20: 19 - 31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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.*



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

First Sunday after Easter Each Year

**11 a.m. Mass ~ Confession ~
Adoration ~ 3 p.m. Chaplet**

**Rejoice in the Resurrection ~
Rejoice in God's Mercy**



"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet." (Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary*, 699)

**"The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive."
(Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary*, 1578)**

**Please go to www.thedivinemercy.org for information on
Divine Mercy Sunday
The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday**

**Participate daily at The National Shrine of Divine Mercy
Mass 9 a.m. EST ~ The Chaplet 3 p.m. EST ~
The Rosary 5 p.m. EST**

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RESPONSIBLE ~ ACCOUNTABLE ~ TRANSPARENT

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

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

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

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



MOVING FORWARD: ENHANCED OFFERTORY PROGRAM GUIDE

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

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

Community



resume to birthrightwestchester@gmail.com.

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

RETRouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage:

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Ret-ro-vy). Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program begins the weekend of April 16 - 18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 / 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 1**, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 p.m. Vigil Mass with Archbishop Nelson Perez presiding. This Mass will be commemorating all married couples who are newlyweds or celebrating a 5, 10, 25, or 50 year wedding anniversary milestone. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. To register call 215-587-0500 or visit www.phillycatholiclife.org.



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.

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 for details and new postings.



Joni and Friends, a faith-based charity serving the disabled, is requesting donations of mobility equipment (**wheelchairs, walkers, crutches.**) The equipment is restored and then delivered to those in need in developing countries. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or to donate, contact Larry Easton at leaston78@gmail.com or 315-416-1716.

Have you heard about our newly-launched email newsletter *Stepping Stones*? Just a couple weeks ago we kicked off an



email newsletter to help keep everyone up-to-date with what's going on at Saint Peter Church. Now you can scan this code to subscribe! Join our newsletter email distribution list by scanning this code to the *Stepping Stones* subscription form, then complete and submit the form to sign up. The newsletter emails have been broadcasting about once a week.

Looking for Peaceful Retirement Living?

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

PREP - Parish Religious Education Program

This program is for all children who attend Public, Charter Schools, or are Homeschooled.

Grades 1 - 8 offered at both sessions:

Sunday: 9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

Tuesday: 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.

Phone: 610-384-3145

E-mail: prep@saintpeterchurch.net

Director: Mrs. Patrice Peterson

Assistant: Mrs. Krystal Snyder

Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) continues to be completely VIRTUAL for this year. Each class in each session has a presentation from the Catechist at the regular class time; 9:15 a.m. on Sundays and 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays, through our Zoom classrooms. The rest of the chapter work is done at home with the parents. Then the chapter test or quiz along with any other assigned homework is sent electronically to the catechist before the next PREP Class. Some classes have work assigned before the class meets each week.

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



1st Eucharist:

Parent & Child Retreat - Saturday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Family Last Names A - L come at 9:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Family Last Names M - Z come at 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Due to Covid restrictions, only one adult (over the age of 18) must accompany the child on Retreat Day.

Please make every effort to have your child experience this special day.

NOTE: This day is both Retreat **AND** the one and only Practice.

Class Celebration of the Sacrament of 1st Eucharist will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 24.

OR

Individual Family Celebration of the Sacrament may be scheduled by contacting the PREP Office and selecting a *regularly scheduled weekend Mass during the Easter Season.*

Please follow the instructions in the email you received.

Thank you!



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



Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope John Paul II

Regional Catholic Elementary School

www.popejohnpaul2sch.org

Phone: 610-384-5961 **Fax:** 610-384-5730

Dr. Sarah Kerins, Principal

Mrs. Patty Tarquinio, Vice Principal

PJPII School Enrollment 622 ~ St. Peter Students 324

Registration is now open to new families and is first-come first-served. Unregistered students will be placed on a waiting list once the grade level is full. The tuition assistance portal through FACTS Grant and Aid is open. Applications are due by January 31, 2021 to be considered for tuition assistance for next school year.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please feel free to visit www.popejohnpaul2sch.org.

Faithful Stewardship 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



Caring for Friends: Cooks: Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support for **Caring for Friends**. There is an on-going need for no salt-added meals. Instead of salt, such meals can be seasoned with spices, herbs, lemon, garlic, ginger, vinegar, and/or pepper. Foods with 400 mg or more of sodium are considered high. Examples of high sodium foods are: smoked, cured, salted or canned meat, fish or poultry; bacon, cold cuts, ham, frankfurters, sausage, frozen breaded meats and dinners such as burritos and pizza; canned entrees such as ravioli, spam, chili, beans canned with salt added. **Please tie a ribbon or special string around these meals to make it easier to identify them for the visitor.** Thanks for your help in this matter. **Visitors:** Thank you for your continuing care for your friends. For any problems or questions, please contact ecerritelli@comcast.net or call Ellen at 484-678-6602.



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" Indeed, the mercy of God centers our heart in peace. **Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor celebrate the peace of Easter, by assisting numerous families, providing an abundance of food, useful and practical gifts, and needed 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.



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



Prayer Shawl Ministry: Do you know someone who is suffering, struggling, facing overwhelming challenges, or major life changes? Consider gifting them with a prayer shawl or lap blanket to bring them comfort and let them know people are praying for them, no matter their age, faith, or problem. Our ministry members are knitters and crocheters of all skill levels and others who deliver our handiwork. All of us weave prayers into our handiwork and pray for all our recipients who live nearby, around the country, and even overseas! If you'd like to join our ministry, our gatherings are fun, inspirational, and optional. To find out more or select a piece for someone, contact Jan Smith at 610-269-1756 or editSmith3@aol.com. We meet every other Monday at noon as noted in the bulletin calendar. **NOTE: Our next gathering will be Monday, April 19, at 12 p.m.**



Spring is here! If you like to dabble in the garden and are interested in helping with the St. Peter Community Gardens this year, please email Lawrence at barronLF@comcast.net.



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

St. Peter Parish Food Drive

Please help feed the hungry!

Next Collection

April 24 & 25

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

Welcome Commission



SILVER LINING SENIORS: Can't believe it has been more than a year since we have been able to have a meeting. There is still no news about when a group as large as ours will be able to get together. I hope to hear something in the near future as to the guidelines with regard to our ability to meet at church again. Please keep checking your emails as we have several members who need our prayers. When I have more information, I will communicate it to all of you! Please feel free to call Pat Currie at 610-913-0721 if you have any questions or concerns. Stay healthy and keep praying!!

We sell gift cards!! Did you know that if you have children or grandchildren in PJPII, BSHS, or the PREP Program, a percent of your "SCRIP" sale can go towards their tuition? We offer GIFT CARDS (SCRIP) to:

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SCRIP may be purchased in the parish office Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. *No children in PREP or PJPII, not a problem! Your percent of the sale can be applied to St. Vincent de Paul, The Scholarship Ministry, Respect Life, or Sponsor-a-Student.*



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

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

Witness Commission



The King's Men meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Bethany Room. This is a group of Catholic men geared towards coming together for weekly formation and accountability to be strengthened in their roles as leader, protector, and provider. **Please join us every Tuesday for fellowship!**



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