

St. Peter Catholic Church

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BAPTISM

Second Sunday of each month. Please call the Parish Office to set a date and to register for a Baptism class.

MARRIAGE

Couples contemplating marriage are reminded not to set a wedding date before arranging an appointment with the Parish Priest. Please schedule this at least **one** year before the intended marriage.

SICK CALLS

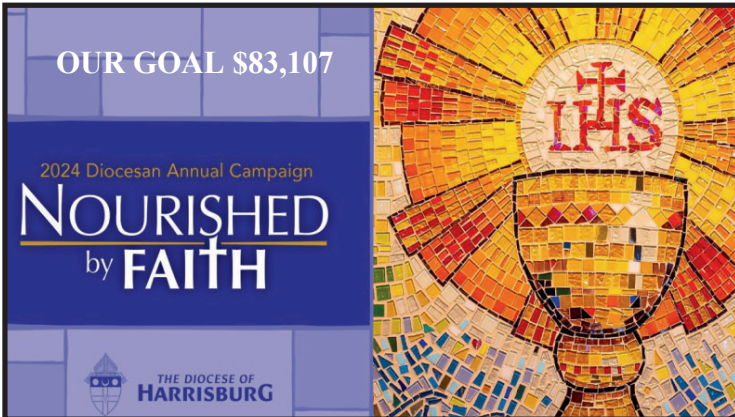
Please notify the Parish Office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins and those hospitalized.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to parishioners who are registered, active, and fulfill the requirements of Church law.

SCRIP

Gift certificates are available in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Proceeds from the sales benefit our Guardian Angel program.



- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Street: _____ Email: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER-APRIL 14, 2024

St. Peter Forty Hour Devotions

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Through

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Guest Homilist
Bishop Emeritus Ronald Gainer

Mark Your Calendar



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM FRIDAY CLOSED

TEL: 717-367-1255 FAX: 717-367-1270

PARISH WEBSITE: www.stpeteretown.org

PARISH STAFF

Deacon Gregory Amarante ~

DGamarante@hbgiocese.org

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cre@stpeteretown.org

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL - CHURCH

5pm - April thru October

4pm - November thru March

SUNDAY - 8:30AM & 10:30AM - CHURCH

DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH & CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am

Thursday 6:00pm Church Confession 5:00 pm &

Rosary 5:30pm

HOLY DAYS

Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm Church

Holy Day - 7:00am Historic Church / 7:00pm C

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-4:30pm - April thru October

Saturday 3-3:30pm - November thru March

New Parishioners: If you are new in the area of our Parish, we invite you to register as members. Please drop this information into the Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.



Beloved in Christ,

"You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24: 48). This Sunday, we hear again about the appearance of the Risen Christ to his disciples. The resurrection of Jesus is a pivotal and life-changing event in Christianity that warrants its celebration for the fifty days of Eastertide. This past week, on Monday, the sun's total eclipse had an impression on the entire country. Many of us looked at the sky to witness this tremendous celestial event. It impacted our lives, and many bore witness to what they saw on social media. The appearance of Jesus is a billion times more impactful on our world and life and demands our witness.

The disciples on the way to Emmaus bore witness to the risen Christ who made his resurrection known to them in the breaking of the bread and the Scripture. He made himself known to the disciples and showed them he was not a ghost but a bodily person. He showed them his hands and feet as evidence that he is flesh and blood, not a phantom figure. He even ate a piece of baked fish they had prepared. In addition, Jesus opened their minds to understand from the Scripture that he is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus revealed enough of his resurrected body to his disciples to empower them to bear witness to the power of the resurrection, the forgiveness of sin, and grace-filled life in union with him.

The resurrection of Jesus is a life-transforming event the disciples bore witness to, as we read from the first reading, Acts 3. Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Scripture about the suffering Messiah who will be put to death but whom God raised from the dead: "Of this we are witnesses," Peter says. We are witnesses to the crucified and risen Christ in our own lives. We have experienced victories over the darkness of sin. Jesus has been our joy and peace. In many ways, we are not depressed or hopeless at the reality of death. The resurrection of Jesus is life-changing. Do we believe this truth and share that faith with others? We are witnesses to this sacred event, and we must let others know about it.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Alayode Bernard, OP

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

"Peace be with you." His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR:

~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of

Agnes Haggarty

From Eileen Hill

~ CHURCH ~

In Celebration of

Jacob Rider's Birthday

From Mom & Dad





Mass Intentions

SAT APRIL 13

5:00 PM Our Parish Family

SUN APRIL 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM + John Papp (C) Azzalina Family
 10:30 AM Living Intentions of Lucas Worrall (C) Worrall Family
 1:00 PM + Marie Koval (HC~College Mass) Dennis Hollern

MON APRIL 15

8:00 AM + Sally Shuster (HC) Jane Lennox

TUE APRIL 16

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Jake Rider (HC) Rider Family

WED APRIL 17

8:00 AM + Molly Munko (HC) Gary & Kathy Drace

THUR APRIL 18

6:00 PM + Vincent Lombardo (C) Velazquez-Ruiz Family

FRI APRIL 19

8:00 AM + Sommer Perez (HC) Azzalina Family

SAT APRIL 20

5:00 PM + Kevin Williams (C) Jean & Lear Williams

SUN APRIL 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM Living Mary Ann Penatzer (C) Evelyn Weston
 10:30 AM Our Parish Family (C)
 1:00 PM + Brian House (HC~College Mass) Bill & Adele Tooms

Scripture Readings

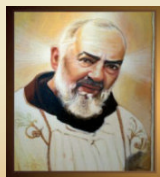
For the Week of April 14, 2024

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Statue Flowers Still Available

Joseph ~ October 6
 Mary ~ October 27
 Joseph ~ November 3

Flowers are \$35 and the office will send a bill. If you would like to memorialize the flowers please call the office, 717-367-1255.



SAVE THE DATE!!

Saturday, May 11, 2024 is our Annual Parish Pilgrimage! This year, we will travel to the Saint Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA.

“We love our Mothers”
Save the date!

Sunday, May 12th from 8:30am to Noon, the Knights of Columbus will be having an **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**. Mothers are free and \$5 per person, \$15 for a family of 4 or more (mom, dad and 2 children). Watch the bulletin for more information.



Our Nursery Room is open and equipped with speakers that allow parents to hear Mass while attending to their children in the nursery. The switch is on the wall. All children must be in the care of their parents during Mass.

MASS ATTENDANCE ~ APRIL 6 & 7

5:00 PM = 101
 8:30 AM = 148
 10:30 AM = 169
 TOTAL = 418

Second Annual Ladies Spring Social

Join us in the Parish Social Hall for 'High Tea' Sunday, April 28th, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Enjoy hot, or cold, Tea, Tea Sandwiches and Sweet Treats. Break out your favorite tea pot and decorate your "TABLE". Tables will seat 6; work as a team or choose your decorator. Wear your Sunday best and your prettiest hat, or feel free to go business casual. Prizes will be awarded for the best dressed table and best hat.

Second Annual Ladies Spring Social ~ Please RSVP by Sunday, April 21

Reserve your table now/Name: _____

Expected total number of ladies for your table: _____

Expected number of ladies 10 years of age, or younger in your group: _____



**PLEDGE TO PROTECT
Youth Protection Program**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the toll free PA Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-932-0313. To report suspected abuse of a minor by a church official, employee or volunteer, also please call the Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection toll free number: 1-800-626-1608 or email: ReportAbuse@hbgdiocese.org.

MEN'S CONFERENCE

ST. JOSEPH: THE CARPENTER'S TABLE

FEATURING

JON LEONETTI
CATHOLIC SPEAKER,
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KEYNOTE

REVEREND JOSHUA CAVENDER
BREAKOUT
DEACON ARMANDO TORRES
BREAKOUT



APRIL 20, 2024

7:30 AM - 3:30 PM | DIOCESAN CENTER
REGISTER TODAY: WWW.HBGDIOCESE.ORG/MEN

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

**Never Alone – Young Adult Retreat
May 24-May 26**

Come join other young adults, married or single, in their 20s and 30s from the Diocese of Harrisburg for an overnight weekend retreat. This year's retreat focus will be on the theme Never Alone. We will discuss the many ways that Jesus is still present in our lives and walking with us every step of the way, just as He promised. Not only that, but He provides us with companions for the journey in the form of each other. The retreat will include Mass, prayer, Confession, teachings, small groups, fellowship, and fun! Check-in will start on Friday, May 24 from 7-8pm and the retreat will conclude on Sunday, May 26 around 12pm. The cost includes all retreat activities, three meals on Saturday, Sunday Brunch, and lodging. For more information or to register, visit: <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/neveralone>

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SUNDAY ENVELOPES \$ 11,414.07
YOUTH \$ 69.00
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING \$ 15,566.07
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL \$ 485.00
EASTER as of 4/7/2024 \$ 10,483.00

Total Collections

Mar-24		Y-T-D	
Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
\$ 61,096	\$ 55,774	\$ 412,026	\$ 501,966

DAC 2024 "Nourished by Faith"

GOAL = \$83,107
GIFTS & PLEDGES RECEIVED = \$ 59,152
NEEDED = \$ 23,955

WE'RE CLOSING IN ON OUR GOAL!

Our campaign participation rate is at 15%, so I know that we still have more gifts coming. I am confident that we can meet our goal early this year.

FIRST TIME GIVERS CHALLENGE!

If this is your first time giving, your gift will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 by Abel & Son's Roofing. Have you checked with your employer about charitable gift matching? This is a great way to add to your gift. Checks can be made out to St. Peter Church with DAC 2024 in the memo line and dropped in the collection basket



May God bless you for your generosity!
Father Bernard

**Volunteers Needed for Catholic Charities
Immigration & Refugee Services Program**

Catholic Charities of Harrisburg needs volunteer classroom aides to assist one day a week in our adult English classes for immigrant, refugee and asylee families. Classes meet online Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings and evenings. All necessary training is provided; must be over 18 years of age. If you or any family or friends are interested, please contact Katie at KMartin@cchbg.org (717)-329-6139

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Saturday~ April 20, 2024

**Toni Vasquez, Bill Frantz, Sue Keener,
Rick & Sandy Brill**



If you have not had the chance to read your copy of Beautiful Eucharist by Matthew Kelly yet, now is the perfect time. This book has twelve short, personal stories about how the Eucharist changed the lives of the writers. It is an easy and inspirational read that reminds us of WHY we are set apart as Catholics. As Matthew Kelly states, “Those who believe don’t leave.” It’s time to unleash God’s goodness in your life!

Please pray...

...for our nine Second Grade RE students who are receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend. May they always come joyfully and gratefully to the Table of the Lord!

The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life..



Don't forget...

...our Annual Corpus Christi Procession will be on Sunday, June 2nd after the 10:30 Mass. Let us walk together as a parish family as witnesses of the TRUE PRESENCE of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist!



Calling ALL Detectives in PreK4 through 6th Grade!!

Our VBS Leaders need YOU to help solve the “MARVELOUS MYSTERY” of the Mass this summer. Through our lessons, games, crafts, snacks, and music, you will discover HOW and WHY we celebrate Mass. You and your friends will work together in a fun way to unlock the beautiful mystery of WHO is present in the Eucharist. Mark your calendars for July 14-18 and look for registration information soon!!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Tens of thousands of passionate Catholics will experience an outpouring of grace on a scale this generation has never seen at the **10th National Eucharistic Congress** this summer in Indianapolis. As the Congress begins, the four branches of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will converge at the venue in a powerful symbol of unity. We are close to the “Seton Route,” and if you would like more information as well as a wealth of incredible resources, please check out eucharisticrevival.org. More than ever, you will be proud to be Catholic and excited about the future of the Church in America!

Sharing God's Bounty

Whom Are You Looking At?

The disciples were thrilled. They had their Lord back in their presence once again. Since his Resurrection, he had appeared to them and others several times. They were still a little confused, though, when he talked about “*waiting for the gift his Father promised*” (Acts 1:5), and, then, “*He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight*” (Acts 1:9).

You can imagine their bewilderment. He had died and been buried and then had risen from the dead! He had walked among them and taught them again, and now . . . He is taken up into the clouds. No wonder they stood there – probably with mouths agape – looking into the sky where they had last seen him.

It took “two men dressed in white” (Acts 1:10) to bring them back to their senses. “ ‘Men of Galilee,’ ” they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into Heaven’ ” (Acts 1:11).

Back they went to Jerusalem. Their eyes were no longer on the clouds, but they were still looking at Jesus. They waited. They prayed. They chose another disciple. And they waited some more – all the while looking at Jesus.

Whom are you looking at? Yes, Jesus has ascended. We can only imagine his joyful, triumphant return as all the hosts of Heaven welcomed back the risen, victorious Savior. Because he is that Savior, because he is the Author and perfecter of our faith, “*let us fix our eyes on Jesus*” (Hebrews 12:2). Through his Word and Sacraments, he will lead us in his ways; he will teach us obedience and self-sacrifice; he will teach us love for our neighbors. With joyful and generous hearts, we celebrate the new life that Easter brings us by sharing the message of the Cross and the Empty Tomb with all who will listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!



Stewardship is not about large giving, but gifts in small ways. A child's gift, although small, gives glory to the Lord in many ways. Stewardship does not have to be in monetary ways. A gift of time to an elderly shut-in serves the Lord, too. A gift of a loaf of bread to a homeless family could mean the difference between going to bed hungry or going to bed satisfied.



Parish Calendar

Saturday, April 13

6:30 am TMIY PH
10:00 am First Holy Communion Mass C

Sunday, April 14

9:30 am Bible in a Year ~ Jesus Lounge
6:30 pm 8th Grade Religious Ed
6:30 pm Youth Group
7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting PH

Monday, April 15

10:00 am First to Forever Room 1
7:00 pm OCIA Room 2

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 pm Bible Study PH

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 am Bible Study PH
6:30 pm PreK—6 Religious Ed
7:00 pm Choir C

Thursday, April 18

5:00 pm Confessions C
5:30 pm Rosary
6:00 pm Confirmation Practice MMOC
6:00 pm Mass & ADORATION C

Friday, April 19 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, April 20

6:30 am TMIY PH

Sunday, April 21

2:00 pm Confirmation Mass MMOC
NO 8th Grade Religious Ed
6:30 pm Youth Group

Upcoming RE Dates

4/18/24 Confirmation Penance (St. P) & Practice (MMOC)
4/21/24 Confirmation 2PM at MMOC (students 12:30PM)
4/24/24 RE Fry Truck Night 4:30-6:30PM
4/24/24 Last RE for PK-6th (6:30) & Celebration (7PM)
4/28/24 Last RE for 8th & Celebration (6:00-7:30PM)
5/01/24 Catechist Appreciation Celebration (6PM)
5/05/24 May Crowning (10:30 Mass) for 2nd Grade

Diocese of Greensburg



Bishop Larry J. Kulick, JCL has called Deacon Craig Alexander to the responsibility of the Presbyterate. Ordination will be celebrated on June 1, 2024 at 10:00 am in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Please keep Deacon Craig and all those to be ordained in your prayers as they complete the final months of the Academic year. Please continue to pray for all men discerning God's call to priesthood.

STEUBENVILLE 2024 RED ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER



Our youth are planning their annual trip to the Steubenville Youth Conference and are in need of your help. There are still envelopes available, please take a **Red Envelope** from the table in the narthex and return it with your donation to the office or in the offertory basket. *Every day, it becomes more imperative to connect our youth to the love of our Lord Jesus and Steubenville Youth Conferences are a wonderful opportunity for them to step away from the world and take time out to be with Him.* Thank you in advance for your generosity.

GET YOUR HERSHEY PARK TICKETS!!



Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish at a significant savings. Order forms are on the bulletin boards. Orders must be received at the office by **Friday, April 26, 2024** & will be available before **May 17**. This due date is much earlier than usual; don't miss the opportunity for these great deals.

Men's Fellowship

The St. Peter's Men's Club invites all men of the parish, 18 and older, to a happy hour event on Sunday April 28th from 6pm to 8pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be provided, and this is great opportunity to get to know better the men of the parish and socialize for a few hours. Please RSVP to Steve Cook @ scook1492@gmail.com if you plan to attend so we know how much food to order.

Looking for Golfers and Sponsors

The St. Peter Men's Club Golf Tournament is **Friday, June 28th**. The proceeds from the tournament support Catholic Education at St. Peter Church. Last year the Men's Club donated over \$5,000 to Catholic School Scholarships and Religious Education. If you are a non-golfer you can help by donating door or cash prizes to help make this event a success. Contact Mike Rider 717-599-8114 or Steve Cook 717-609-2972. **Registration forms, on the board in the Narthex.**




STEWARDSHIP OF TIME ALTAR SERVERS



Boys and girls, fourth grade and older are welcome to join this very important ministry. Altar Servers assist Father Bernard during the liturgy. They help prepare the altar, light the candles and assist Father in the celebration of the Eucharist. Training for all servers is provided. We have a great need for servers for the Vigil and 10:30 Mass. For more information, please contact Cynthia Gulya at 717-342-9335 or the parish office, 717-367-1255.

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