

St. Peter Catholic Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-APRIL 28, 2024

St. Peter Forty Hour Devotions

Sunday, May 12 ~ Tuesday, May 14

Guest Homilist ~ Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer

The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed in Church for your personal visits as follows:

Sunday – Noon to 7:00 pm Devotions 8:00pm –10:00pm

Monday – 9am to 7:00 pm Devotions 8:00pm-10:00pm

Tuesday – 9am to 7:00 pm Closing Devotions

Please stop by the table in the Narthex to sign up for Adoration time!!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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PARISH STAFF

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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

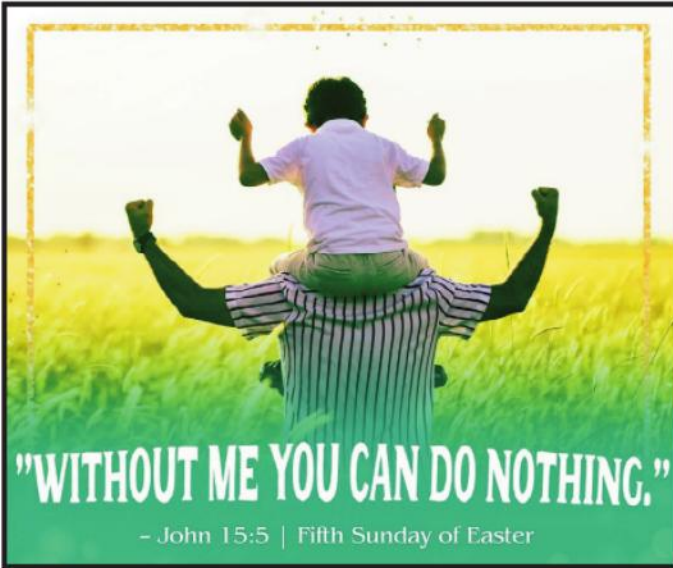
Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm Church

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



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

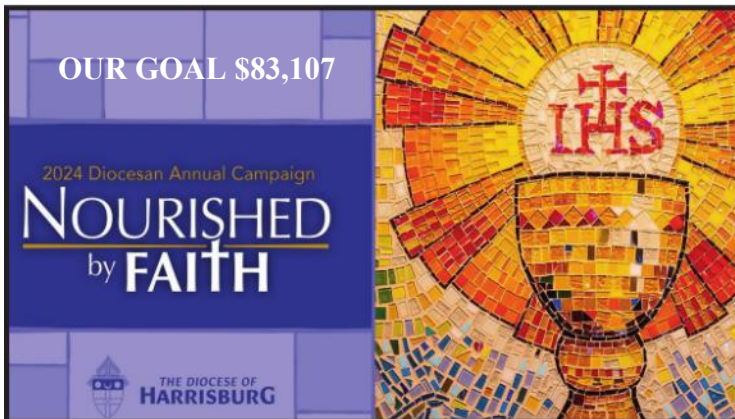
Please notify the Parish Office for visits and/or Communion calls to the sick, shut-ins and those hospitalized.

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: _____

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,

"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" (Jn 15:2). Jesus uses the vine and branches allegory to describe his relationship with us. The connection we have with Jesus through our baptism should yield spiritual fruits. Jesus expects our interior union with him to bear abundant fruits of grace. To aid the production of abundant fruits, Jesus needs to prune us. The art of pruning and fruition is of importance here. In pruning, Jesus shapes and gives order to our spiritual life. We are not allowed to grow in the direction of our choice but in the direction, he deems fit for us to become most productive. As branches on the vine that is Jesus, we must be opened to pruning by Jesus or stop producing fruits and dry up.

What sterile branches of our spiritual life need to be cut off? Have we identified branches of our life that produce fruits but require pruning to grow even more? What exactly is Jesus' pruning tool? Jesus would take away any part of our life that is unproductive, from lukewarmness to sinful habits that get in the way of the flowering of the grace of God. But more importantly, the vinedresser would supply more graces when we surrender ourselves to him through prayer, penance, and a life of charity. There is a need for sacrifices if we want the graces of God to flourish even more in our lives. We must continue to be rooted in the vine that will continue to nourish us with his words, teachings, commandments, and sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and the living sap of the Father's vine, the Holy Spirit. We become more bound and receptive to his life and nourishment when he prunes us.

A significant source of nourishment that unites us more intimately and, consequently, more productively in bringing the life of Jesus into the world is the Eucharist. In this year of Eucharistic revival, we must continue to find ways to increase and make the Eucharist more prominent in our lives. In line with this task, after getting permission from the Diocese, we will return Jesus in the Tabernacle to the center of the altar and, by so doing, make him more strikingly visible to us and remind us that he is the focus of our spiritual life. You will hear more about this in the weeks ahead. However, at this point, I want you to keep your life rooted and grounded in communion with Jesus, the vine who nourishes our life in His precious Body and Blood.

One more thing. I just wanted to remind you about two approaching parish events. The Forty Hours is from **May 12 through 14**, and **Pentecost Renewal Day** is May 19 at 6 p.m. Please save these dates and make them your priorities.

In Christ the true Vine,

Fr. Alayode Bernard, OP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Religious Brothers Day - May 1st

"He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus." Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocations Office at (717) 657-4804 or via email: vocations@hbgiocese.org.

SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR:

~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of

Ed Barr

From Mary & Cindy Barr

~ CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of

Deceased Members of the John C Martin Family

Steve & Pattie Desjardins





Mass Intentions

SAT APRIL 27

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish

SUN APRIL 28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM + Chris Klinger (C) Klinger Family

10:30 AM Living Intentions of Al & Jen Miller (C) Azzalina Family

1:00 PM + Ken Jones (HC~College Mass) Matt Jones

MON APRIL 29

8:00 AM + Robin Ott (HC) Eileen Hill

TUE APRIL 30

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Kevin, Mary & the Dolan Family (HC) Annette & Frank Telenko

WED MAY 1

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Matthew Idzik (HC) Joann Idzik

THUR MAY 2

6:00 PM + Carol Mulleavy (C) Carole Horvath

FRI MAY 3

8:00 AM + Edd Kepner (HC) Schmitt Family

11:00 AM + Alfonso & Catherine Fischer (Emerald) Ronald Fischer

SAT MAY 4 FIRST SATURDAY

8:00 AM + Thomas E Rakaszawski (C) Deacon & Ellen Amarante

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish

SUN MAY 5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM + Doug & Megan Pfautz (C) Liz Pfautz

10:30 AM + Barry Krug (C) Joe & Jackie Dullinger

1:00 PM + Samuel Chairge (HC~College Mass) Tooms Family

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 28, 2024**

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8
Monday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

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Are in Loving Memory of*

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From Jackie & Frank Holzel

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Are in Loving Memory of*

Anthony Penatzer

From John & Mary Ann Penatzer



John & Lauren Matjasic

Kirstin & Zach Hertzler

and their children Ryder & Brailynn

Michelle & Steve Goshea

Tom & Rachel D'Arcy

*"Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."
Romans 15:7*

In Memoriam

**~ Michael R. Smith Sr ~
Father of Michael R. Smith Jr
&**

**~ Theresa Olivito ~
Aunt of Stephanie Rankin**

"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. May All of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen."

MASS ATTENDANCE ~ APRIL 20/21

5:00 PM = 124
8:30 AM = 167
10:30 AM = 122
TOTAL = 413

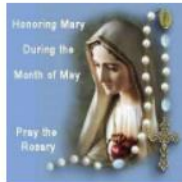
St. Peter Monthly Adoration

Monday, May 6, 2024 6:00 pm Church



“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.” **St. Teresa of Calcutta**

Please join CCW Monday May 6th for our annual Devotion to Mary. Join us after adoration about 7:15 by the Madonna statue in the garden (weather permitting), for presenting flowers to Mary and a recitation of the rosary. We will enjoy refreshments afterwards and a short business meeting.



2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Congratulations to our Eighth Grade RE students who completed their Sacraments of Initiation and received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation! Please pray that they fulfill their mission as lifelong disciples of Christ!



- Michael **Augustine** Collins
- Rowan **Francis** Crispino
- Robert **Sebastian** Ferris
- Cole **Lawrence** Gillette
- Jordan **Gemma** Gober
- Gabriella **Mary** Grifone
- Julia **Margaret** Henry
- Grace **Michael** Kopp
- Joshua **Michael** Laudermilch
- Caitlyn **Catherine** McCoach
- Izabella **Elizabeth** O'hara
- Mackenzie **Teresa** Shubert
- Matthew **Peter** Sikora
- Benjamin **Jose** Smith
- Ethan **Thomas** Smith
- Owen **John** Wolfe



April 20/21, 2024

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 3,113.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 6,783.97
YOUTH	\$ 76.00
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING	\$ 9,972.97
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 104.00

April Second Collections
Catholic Home Missions

DAC 2024 “Nourished by Faith”

GOAL = \$83,107
GIFTS & PLEDGES RECEIVED = \$ 61,289
NEEDED = \$ 21,848

WHY ARE YOU WAITING TO MAKE YOUR DAC GIFT?

I am truly excited that our campaign total is now at \$61,289, but we still need to raise \$21,848. I have one question to ask if you have not made your gift or pledge so far. **WHY ARE YOU WAITING?** Ask yourself this question. Why haven't I given to the campaign? Are you “stuck” in a mindset that is no longer valid? Challenge yourself. Are you a member of one of our ministries that can help? Bring it up at your next meeting. This year is the time to help your parish. Make your gift this week.

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

**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.

Bishop Timothy's letter on National Child Abuse Prevention Month is in the Narthex.

**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS
Friday, May 3, 2024**

**Kay Millhouse, Pat Minick, Carole Horvath,
Janet Chipriano & Rose Kinsey**

Saturday, April 27

6:30 am TMIY PH
4:30 pm Youth Event Birthday Bash One Voice MMOG

Sunday, April 28

12:30 pm Ladies Tea PH
5:30 pm Men's Club Fellowship PH
6:00 pm 8th Grade Religious Ed Celebration
NO Youth Group

Monday, April 29

10:00 am First to Forever Room 1
7:00 pm OCIA Room 2 "Stump the Priest"

Tuesday, April 30

6:30 pm Bible Study PH

Wednesday, May 1

10:00 am Bible Study PH
6:00 pm Catechist Appreciation Event
7:00 pm Choir C

Thursday, May 2

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

Friday, May 3 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, May 4

2:30 pm Handmaids "Mary Most Holy" Rooms 1 & 2

Sunday, May 5 DONUT SUNDAY

9:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg PH (Donut Event)
10:30 am May Crowning at 10:30 Mass
11:00 am Youth Event "Mystery Trip" With One Voice

Upcoming RE Dates

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



Saint Peter Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 14—Thursday July 18
6 to 8PM
For all PreK4 through Rising 6th Graders
Registration will open soon!



VBS 2024
If you are interested in helping as an Adult or Youth Leader this year, please contact Georgann Azzalina at cre@stpeteretown.org or (717)367-1255.

June 9 at 9:30AM Adult Volunteer Meeting
June 9 at 7PM Youth Volunteer Meeting
June 26 at 7PM Youth Volunteer Meeting

Men's Fellowship

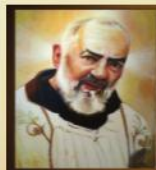
The St. Peter's Men's Club invites all men of the parish, 18 and older, to a happy hour event this Sunday, April 28th from 6pm to 8pm in the Social Hall. Dinner will be provided, and this is great opportunity to get to know better the men of the parish and socialize for a few hours. Hope to see you there.

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.**



Register today!



Saturday, May 11, 2024 is our Annual Parish Pilgrimage! This year, we will travel to the Saint Padre Pio Shrine in Barto, PA. To register call the office or email or text Vicki Kern at kpts@comcast.net or 717-439-7955. See the flyer on the bulletin board for the schedule. Only \$10 per person.

2024-2025 St Peter Guardian Angel



At St. Peter Parish we are committed to Catholic Education, and we are blessed to have our Guardian Angel Program that provides financial assistance to families who choose to send their children to Catholic School. We are very proud of this program and very thankful for the generous donations from parishioners and the proceeds from the **SCRIP** program. If you would like to make a donation to the program you can do so through our **online giving site "Education/Guardian Angel"**, drop an envelope in the collection basket marked Guardian Angel or mail to the Parish Office.

Family 2024/2025 Guardian Angel applications are available on our website under Education and on the bulletin board in the Narthex.


MEN'S CLUB LOTTERY CALENDARS WINNERS



Tina Laudermlch, Fred Miklos, Michele Switalski, Dave Dolan, James Miklos, Jean Sioes & Pat Cowen

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