

St. Peter Catholic Church

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

"...UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT FALLS TO THE GROUND AND DIES, IT REMAINS JUST A GRAIN OF WHEAT; BUT IF IT DIES, IT PRODUCES MUCH FRUIT."

— JOHN 12:24

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

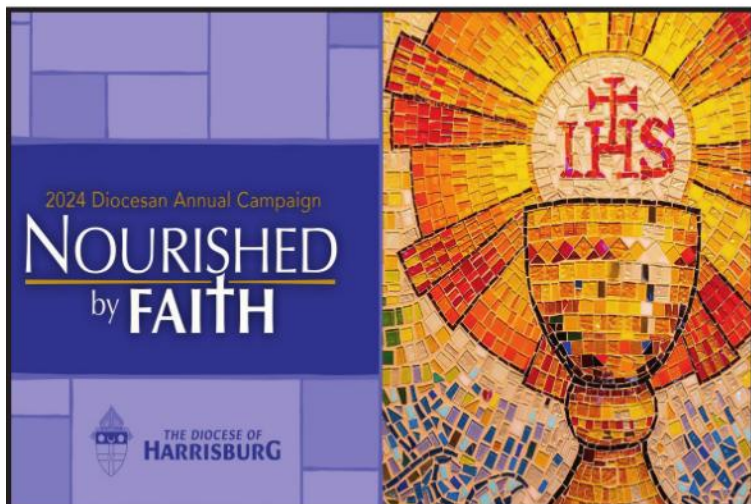
Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to parishioners who are registered, active, and fulfill the requirements of Church law.

SCRIP

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

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursdays~ 5:00pm C

Saturdays ~ 3:00pm C

Sundays ~ 9:45am –10:15am C

ST. PETER'S PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

7:00pm Church

There will be 7 priests available for confessions.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

Beloved in Christ,

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? Father, save me from this hour? (Jn 12: 27). Jesus, in this quoted verse, reveals to us his human tribulation at the thought of impending suffering and death. He was troubled at the approaching hour of his death and glorification. I was indeed troubled this past week when I got the sad news that a dear friend, Michael Culbertson, had died on the morning of March 12. His death troubled me for several reasons: he suffered from the pains of cancer for a long time, and I did not get to see or talk with him in his last days. I felt so pained because it was not too long ago that he lost his wife, Savi, also a very dear friend. Michael's death stunned me more than I expected, but the Holy Spirit, the comforter, soon made it clear to me that Michael's death was not a waste, and it was part of God's plan for him. He died in Christ, and he followed in the path of Christ: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me" (Jn 12: 26).



Following the death of Michael, as I grieve and meditate on his life and impact on my life, and as I prepare for this week's homily on Christ's words regarding the approaching hour of his death and glorification, I have actively come to see Michael's death in light of Christ's death by crucifixion. Christ says, "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life" (Jn 12: 24-25). Michael's death has already begun to bear fruit.

I have become more materially and spiritually aware of the importance of dying in Christ, of following in the path of Jesus. The importance of reflection and reading about death in Christ has deepened in me since the passing of Michael. I have gone over and over sections of the Catechism of the Catholic Church on the passion and death of Christ. I have also read some other materials on the necessity and gains of losses. God's will and submission to his will are the most productive things when it is the hour appointed by God. It was Jesus' hour, just as it was Michael's, so it was okay. I have concluded. The most important thing is to be in Christ and die in Christ. To die at the appointed hour is part of the rhythm of human life. What may look like a loss is a gain in some ramifications for those who follow the way of Christ. As an anonymous author wrote: "Die before you die, so that when you die, you won't die." The death of a Christian seen in the light of the death of Christ gives a new perspective on the pain of loss.

Let me conclude with a paragraph from the Catechism on the meaning of Christian death through the prism of Christ's death. Death is transformed and given a meaningful and productive meaning: "By his death he has conquered death, and has opened the possibility of salvation for all men" (CCC 1019).

Despite all I have said about the death of Christ and my friend, Michael, let's be joyful on this Sunday, St. Patrick's Day! Sunday is a joyful day, a proper day, even during Lent, to relax the Lenten penance and have a glass of Guinness. I will treat myself to one today. Do not forget to celebrate the solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Tuesday by attending mass and praying especially to St. Joseph, patron of a happy death. We shed our violet vestment for white at that mass and sing Gloria. Also, remember that next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Let's intensify our Lenten discipline of prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we draw closer to the end of the conversion, purification and renewal season.

In Christ,

Fr. Bernard Alayode, OP

***Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024***

"The Father will honor whoever serves me." Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through 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

Jane Redcay

From Mike & Eileen Rider

~ CHURCH ~

In Loving Memory of

Ben Yeckley

From Ann Shank





SAT MARCH 16

4:00 PM Our Parish Family

SUN MARCH 17 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 AM + Carol Mulleavy (C) George Kohlweiler

10:30 AM + Jim Wilkinson (C) Azzalina Family

1:00 PM + Horace & Marguerite Miller ~ College Mass (HC)
Dorothy Little

MON MARCH 18

8:00 AM + Doug & Megan Pfautz (HC) Liz Pfautz

TUE MARCH 19

8:00 AM + Bob Shank (HC) Koser & Muscarella Families

WED MARCH 20

8:00 AM Living Intentions of the Men's Club (HC) Men's Club

THUR MARCH 21

6:00 PM Living Intentions of Amie Barone (C) Evelyn Weston

FRI MARCH 22

8:00 AM Living Intentions of Alice Vain (HC) Annie Norment

SAT MARCH 23

4:00 PM + Carol Myers (C) Azzalina Family

SUN MARCH 24 PALM SUNDAY

8:30 AM + Tony Stavenski (C) Knights of Columbus

10:30 AM Our Parish Family

1:00 PM + Ralph Sharp ~ College Mass (HC) Tooms Family

Scripture Readings

Week of March 17, 2024

Sunday

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9;
Jn 12:20-33

Monday

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; PS
23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Jn
8:31-42

Thursday

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-
42

Saturday

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-
56

Sunday

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,
17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47
or Mk 15:1-39



All are invited to join Bishop Timothy Senior as he celebrates the Diocesan Chrism Mass at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 25, in the Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg. The Chrism Mass offers a solemn occasion to witness the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the Sacred Chrism that will be used in the celebration of the sacraments throughout the coming year.

RESPECT LIFE ~BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Real Alternatives received \$30 Million dollars in public funding from 2012-2017. This organization support pro-life centers to dissuade pregnant women from seeking abortions. As of December 2023 funding was terminated by Governor Shapiro who campaigned as a "champion for reproductive rights". A Woman's Concern lost this vital funding to help mothers with

unplanned and crisis pregnancies.

Please take a baby bottle, fill with loose change, and return before March 31st. Every penny, nickel and dime helps save two lives. **Thank you**

In Memoriam

~ David Suder ~

Grandfather of Michelle Schmitt

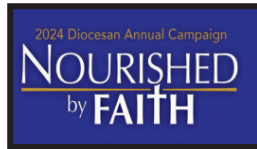
"Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord, and Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him. May All of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen."

HOLY WEEK MINISTRY NEEDS

MASS	POSITIONS	NEEDS
Holy Thursday		
7:00 PM	Ushers	4
Good Friday		
2:30 PM	Ushers	2
Easter Vigil		
8:00 PM	Ushers	3
	Streamer	1
Easter Sunday		
8:30 AM	Ushers	3
10:30 AM	Altar Server	2
	Ushers	4
	Streamer	1

Do you wonder what your DAC gifts are used for? Here is a short list of some of the programs and services provided by the Diocese that help our Parish ministries and administration.

- Marriage retreats, mentoring and enrichment programs
- Annulments
- OCIA retreats and leader education
- Religious Education programs and retreats
- Youth Protection, Safe Environment Program & Clearances
- Business systems and support for:
 - Accounts payables
 - IT services
 - Property and liability insurance
 - Payroll processing
 - Budget processing
 - Safety inspections



Listen up... our Nursery Room is now 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.

MEN'S CLUB LOTTERY CALENDARS WINNERS



Karen Heisey, Michele Switalski,
Pauline Polites, Karen Haith
& Nick Christodoulos

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

Friday~ March 22, 2024

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



March 9/10, 2024

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 3,068.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 5,483.25
YOUTH	\$ 69.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 8,620.25
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 89.00

MARCH SECOND COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services March 17, 2024
Holy Land March 29, 2024

DAC 2024 "Nourished by Faith"

GOAL = \$83,107
GIFTS RECEIVED = \$31,010

Early gifts & pledges received over the last few weeks now total \$31,010. So, now we only need to raise an additional \$52,097. Join your fellow parishioners and make your gift now.



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

2024 EASTER FLOWERS

Family Name : _____
Phone #: _____
Email Address: _____
Donation: _____

MEMORY: (Deceased)

HONOR: (Living)

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one with Easter flowers, please fill out this form and drop in the collection basket or **return to the Parish Office with your donation no later than Wednesday, March 20.** Donations help defray the cost of the flowers and donor's names will be listed in the Easter weekend bulletin.

Holy Family Radio Benefit Dinner

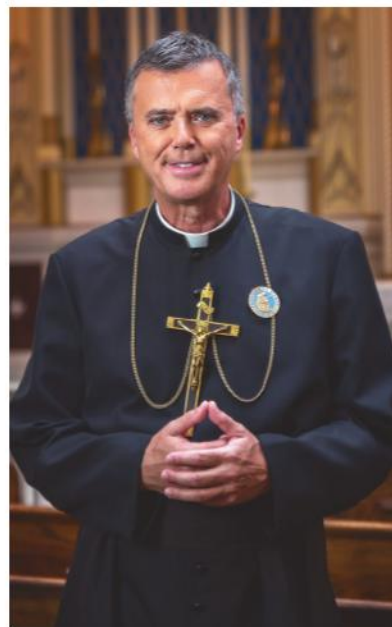
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Friday, April 12, 2024



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Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM **Keynote Speaker**

- Father Wade Menezes is the host of EWTN's Open Line Tuesday heard at 3PM on WHYF.
- Fr. Wade is a member of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching Religious Congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky.
- He has produced and hosted numerous televised series for EWTN.
- Fr. Wade has been a contributing writer for numerous Catholic publications and has authored three books.

Send reservations and payment to:
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Meet & Greet Social Hour at 6:00 PM
DINNER at 7:00 PM
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Reservations can also be made at 720WHYF.com
Reservation Deadline is April 1, 2024

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2024 Individual Ticket Order Form

The Archdiocese of Harrisburg is working with *Hersheypark*® to offer tickets at a substantial discount to parishioners and their families.

If you would like to order tickets for the 2024 *Hersheypark* season (valid any ONE public operating day), complete and submit this ORDER FORM along with full payment, checks made payable to your parish, by

Friday, April 26, 2024.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____

**THIS OFFER ENDS:
Friday, April 26, 2024**

Note: Tickets are valid any ONE public operating day during the 2024 Hersheypark season. Tickets must be used on or before expiration date printed on the ticket. Hersheypark does not offer refunds, extensions or upgrades for unused tickets.

Quantity	Type	Gate	YOUR Price	Savings	TOTAL
	ALL Ages (ages 3+) Ticket valid through January 1, 2025	\$ 87.80	\$ 43.95	49 % OFF Gate	\$
	Single Use Meal Deal: Choose a meal at any one of the participating food venues. Voucher includes an entrée, side and drink	\$19.06	\$19.06		\$
	Prepaid Parking Passes	\$30.00	\$25.00	16% OFF Parking	\$
	ORDER GRAND TOTAL				\$

Parishes will receive tickets on or before the week of May 20, 2024

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PARISH NEWS

Saturday, March 16

6:30 am TMIY Classroom

Sunday, March 17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

12:00 pm Living Stations Practice C

1:30 pm Altar Server Training C

6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade RE

6:30 pm Youth Meeting

Monday, March 18

10:00 am First to Forever Room 1

7:00 pm OCIA "God's Plan for Sexuality" Room 2

7:00 pm Pastoral Council Room 6

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 pm Bible Study Room 2

7:00 pm Parish Reconciliation Service C

Wednesday, March 20

10:00 am Bible Study PH

6:30 pm PreK—6 Religious Ed

7:00 pm Community Lenten Service ~ Sell Chapel

Thursday, March 21

5:00 pm Confessions C

5:30 pm Rosary C

6:00 pm Daily Mass & Adoration

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting PH

Friday, March 22 Parish Office Closed

4:30 pm Drive Thru Lenten Dinners Parking Lot

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross C

7:00 pm Youth Candlelight Stations with MMOC

Saturday, March 23

6:30 am TMIY PH

Sunday, March 24 PALM SUNDAY

12:00 pm Living Stations Practice C

6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade RE Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm Youth Meeting

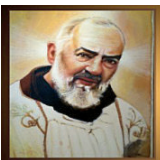
7:00 pm Passion Movie Doors open at 6:30 pm

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.

National Centre for Padre Pio

Visit the National Centre for Padre Pio, Padre Pio's "Home in the USA." The Centre, originally founded in 1969 by Vera and Harry Calandra in their kitchen in Norristown, PA, exists as the Calandra family's "thank-you" to Padre Pio for an incredible grace bestowed upon them. Now situated on a 106-acre campus in Barto, PA, the Centre is home to a reproduction of Our Lady of Grace Chapel, Padre Pio's friary chapel in Italy, as well as a world-class museum and cultural center, where visitors can learn about the life and miraculous history of this great saint.



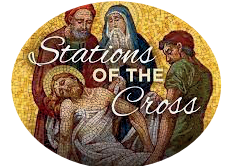
We are proud of you!!!
Congratulations to Evan Becker, Harper Bolesky and Mary Bolesky for achieving Distinguished Honor Roll at Lancaster Catholic High School. Keep up the good work.

Fridays in Lent

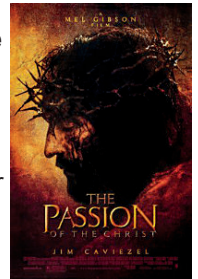
4:30pm-6:30pm



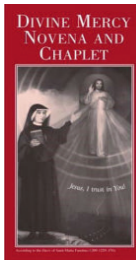
7:00 pm



Join our Parish Family and Youth on Palm Sunday, March 24th for **The Passion of the Christ** movie starring Jim Caviezel as Jesus. This moving and graphic depiction of Christ on His journey to Calvary is rated R and has a running time of 2 hours, 7 minutes. It will astound you whether it is your first time or tenth time, and it is a powerful way to begin the holiest week of the year. Doors will open at 6:30PM for light refreshments, and the movie will begin promptly at 7PM. An RSVP to the office is requested, but not required.



GOOD FRIDAY 2:00PM



The Lord gave the **Chaplet of Mercy as a Novena** to Saint Maria Faustina. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets) I will grant every possible grace to souls" (796). Join your Parish Family on Good Friday at 2PM (just before the Liturgical Action at 2:30PM) to begin the Divine Mercy Novena which concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 7th). Come receive His graces; pamphlets will be provided.

Youth Living Stations will be presented on Good Friday, March 29th at 8PM. Our Youth, young students, and our contemporary musicians invite you and your families to join us for the special live presentation of the Stations of Jesus Christ. There will be a good will offering to benefit the Holy Lands. We hope to see you and your families there.



2024 Lenten Communal Services
"Jesus, shows us how to love one another."

John 15:12-17

March 20th - Sell Chapel ~ Masonic Village

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