



# St. Peter Catholic Church

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**May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter**



### PRAYER FOR THE CONCLAVE

Holy Spirit, enlighten the Church at this time, especially all the **Cardinals** you call to take part in the conclave. Grant them wisdom and holiness so that all may cooperate with your inspiration and guidance to elect the next vicar of Christ, your chosen servant. Through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

### VOCATION PRAYER World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Vocation Prayer Heavenly Father, through Your holy providence You never cease to watch over Your Church with the aid of shepherds and co-workers fashioned after Your own heart. Stir up within the Diocese of Harrisburg young men and women who will hear Your call to priesthood and consecrated life. Lead our families, parishes, and schools to sow the seeds that will reap a harvest of sacred workers for Your Church. We ask this through Christ the Good Shepherd. Amen.



**“Stir into the flame the gift of God.” – 2 Timothy 1:6**

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

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM FRIDAY CLOSED  
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PARISH WEBSITE: [www.stpeteretown.org](http://www.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 HC  
Thursday 6:00pm Church Confession 5:00 pm & Rosary C

### HOLY DAYS

Holy Day Vigil - 5:30pm Church *TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE*  
Holy Day - 7:00am Historic Church / 7:00pm Church

### 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 to so many stores are available for purchase in the Parish Office during normal business hours. Proceeds from the sales benefit our Guardian Angel program.

**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,

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church traditionally reads about the "Good Shepherd Discourse" from various pericopes of John 10. The focus on the shepherd in this gospel passage accounts for nicknaming this Sunday Good Shepherd Sunday. In the section of John 10 assigned for our reflection on this day of the Lord, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me" (v. 27). The sheepfold is under the shepherd's care. The shepherd is close to them because, while caring for and protecting them, they become accustomed to his person, especially his voice, and they listen to him when he calls them.

In the Old Testament, the symbol of the shepherd is used to describe the relationship between God and the people of Israel. So often, the shepherd failed in their role. Nevertheless, God promised to shepherd his people. Jesus is the fulfillment of this prophecy. Jesus is the true Chief Shepherd. He, however, delegated this role to Peter, the servant of the servants, the vicar of Christ on earth. The pope, and precisely, the new pope, is the shepherd of the flock of Christ, the Church. There are, however, others who share in this ministry: the priests, and by extension, permanent deacons and religious in consecrated life.

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocation, designated by the church. We pray for vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially from our parish. There is a vocation here; we haven't been attentive and proactive enough in identifying and encouraging them. My father and parish priest were the first to encourage me to consider a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. They must have noticed some possibility in me that I was unaware of. On each occasion I was asked to consider the priesthood, I quickly answered "NO!" As I have shared several times, I had plans to marry and have at least eight daughters! Weird as it sounds, it is the truth. But God called me into something else, he called me to be a religious ( a Dominican ) and then a Catholic Priest. I have no regrets and would do it again despite the challenges the vocation attracts.

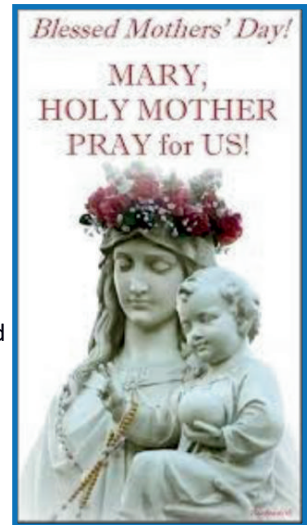
Like Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13), there are difficulties, persecution, and even today, mockery of the office of the priesthood. However, Jesus, the Chief Shepherd of the Church and priests, continues to guide all priests through those trials and obstacles. Please pray for your priests, deacons, and religious. But more so, pray for vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life from our beloved St. Peter parish. I want to commend the efforts of our Vocation Awareness Ministry, led by Don Heffner and his team. They are actively working behind the scenes to encourage vocations in our parish. Please, reach out to them if you want to suggest a young boy or girl you think has potential for the priesthood or religious life. If any young man here is interested in giving vocation to priesthood a shot, please talk to them or me. You can attend a Diocesan program to help you discern vocation to the priesthood; it is called *Quo Vadis*. There are pamphlets in the narthex that explain how it works. If you hear the voice of Christ the Shepherd calling you today, do not harden your hearts. Say YES to the call and follow, as I did thirty-two years ago.

Today, we celebrate the most important person in the lives of most of us- our mothers. On this Mother's Day, we once again express gratitude to our mothers for all the sacrifices they make in choosing to bring us to life and nurture us into who we are today. Thanks, mom!

Happy Mother's Day! Pray for your mother, call your mother, celebrate your mother while you still have them.

In Christ,

Fr. Alayode Bernard, OP



Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 11, 2025  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

***"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." (John 10:27)***

Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at [frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org).

**SANCTUARY CANDLES ILLUMINATE THIS WEEK FOR:**



~ HISTORIC CHURCH ~  
In Loving Memory of

Barry Keener

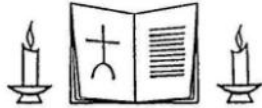
From Sue Keener

~Church~

In Loving Memory of

Geraldine Richard

From John & Susan Richard



**SAT MAY 10 VIGIL**  
5:00 PM + Chris Klinger (C) Klinger Family

**SUN MAY 11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY**  
8:30 AM + Walter Fronczak (C) Bridgen Family  
10:30 AM Intentions of Our Parish Family (C)

**MON MAY 12**  
8:00 AM + Dolores Erbe (HC) Bob & Sue Schlosser

**TUE MAY 13**  
8:00 AM + Earl Pickel (HC) Tom Mulleavey

**WED MAY 14**  
8:00 AM + Joseph Pirro (HC) Azzalina Family

**THU MAY 15**  
6:00 PM + Bill Huxta (C) Liz Pfautz

**FRI MAY 16**  
8:00 AM Intentions of Nijah Howard (HC) Shelley Family

**SAT MAY 17 VIGIL**  
5:00 PM Intentions of Our Parish Family (C)

**SUN MAY 18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:30 AM + Gary Hornock (C)  
10:30 AM + Paula & Gary Yerke (C) Desjardins Family

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of May 11, 2025**

**Sunday** Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Monday** Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3,4; Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday** Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday** **Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle**  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday** Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20

**Friday** Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday** Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION SIGNUP**

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

**Sun. 5/18/25 – Noon to 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
**Mon. 5/19/25 – 9am to 7:00 pm / 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
**Tue. 5/20/25 – 9am to 7:00 pm Closing Devotions**

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex, please stop by the table and sign-up to spend some special time with our Eucharistic Lord.

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Are in Loving Memory of*

*Kay Jordie*

*From Frank & Jackie Holzel*

*The Blessed Mother Flowers  
Are in Loving Memory of*

*Frank & Mary Matesevac*

*From Mary Ann Billet*

**&**

*The Saint Joseph Flowers  
Are in Loving Memory of*

*Barry Keener*

*From Sue Keener*



**St. Peter Church**

**Forty Hours Devotions**

**Sunday, May 18 ~ Tuesday, May 20**

**Services Every Evening 7:00pm**

**GUEST HOMILIST**

**Reverend Stephen J. Logue**

Father Stephen Logue was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Harrisburg in June 2018. He has served as a parochial vicar and in his current assignment, he is the campus minister of Millersville University and Franklin and Marshall College as well as the chaplain at Lancaster Catholic High School. Father Logue



has degrees from Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia, the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, both in Rome, and from the Pontifical North American College. Father Logue is originally from York, Pa.

**MASS ATTENDANCE MAY 3/4**

5:00 PM = 87  
8:30 AM = 155  
10:30 AM = 199

**TOTAL = 441**



**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

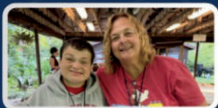
**LANCASTER CATHOLIC CROSS COUNTRY:** All boys and girls who will be in **grades 7-12** at Lancaster Catholic High or a parochial school in the fall, and their parents, are invited to attend a no-obligation informational meeting for the Fall 2025 LCHS Cross Country seasons. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 p.m. room 126 of the high school. Contact Coach Simpson at [tsimpson@lchsyas.org](mailto:tsimpson@lchsyas.org) with questions or for more information.

**PRESENTAION OF THE  
DAGER OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, New Jersey Catholic Conference, USCCB's Anti-Trafficking Office, PA Attorney General Dave Sunday, and Most Reverend Timothy Senior will host a webinar on Tuesday, May 20th, 6:30-8:30 pm to raise awareness about human trafficking, particularly in our area. Labor and sex trafficking are grave violations to human dignity, and all of us are encouraged to learn more, as well as know what to do if we suspect a possible trafficking situation. Registration may be completed at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_fATLTZPFQTWwrfxF9-dNiQ#/registration](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fATLTZPFQTWwrfxF9-dNiQ#/registration)



**Diocesan Camp at Kirchenwald  
August 10-15, 2025**



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**In Memoriam**

**~ Eleanor Coleman ~**  
Parishioner and Mother of David Myers

**~ Robert Richard Sr. ~**  
Brother of John Richard

*“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.”*



**May 3-4, 2025**

<b>SUNDAY ONLINE</b>	<b>\$ 4,585.90</b>
<b>SUNDAY ENVELOPES</b>	<b>\$ 6,751.00</b>
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>\$ 99.75</b>
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 11,436.66</b>
<b>SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	<b>\$ 367.00</b>

**MAY SECOND COLLECTIONS**  
May 11 Historic Church Preservation

**Altar Donations** are greatly appreciated, checks can be made payable to St. Peter Church with altar donation on the memo line.

**DAC 2025**

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**OBLIGATION = \$74,311**  
**PLEDGES/GIFTS = \$ 59,289**  
**NEEDED = \$ 15,022**

**You can donate through online giving, send check to the Diocese or drop donation in the collection basket.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**2025-2026 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 2025/2026 Guardian Angel applications are available on our website under Education and on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS**

**May 16, 2025 Friday**

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

**WOW!** How cool! Tom Mulleavy was the tour guide for a group of 7-10 grade students and teachers from Sporting Hill Christian School in Manheim. So much history in our parish!



**SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE!!**



**“Hail, Holy Queen”**

**Handmaids** made prayer bouquet for the young women at A Women’s Concern. They also made Miraculous Medals. All young girls 3-6 grade are invited to join this wonderful ministry that meets on the first Saturday of the month.



**Knights of Columbus Family Game Show Night**

So much fun, Family Feud was a blast.



**May Crowning 2025**

What a beautiful way to honor our Blessed Mother to start out the month dedicated to her!!

Hail Mary, Full of Grace. 🌸

**Sundae Sunday**

Celebrating our youth and all the wonderful things they **are** doing and **can** do in our parish. And, yes there was ice cream!





# Religious Education ~ April 2025







**WEEKLY  
Sneak Peek**

**Saturday, May 10**

4:00 pm Confessions

**Sunday, May 11 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast PH*

**Monday, May 12**

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting Room 5

7:00 pm OCIA Room 2

**Tuesday, May 13**

**Wednesday, May 14**

9:30 am First to Forever Room 1

7:00 pm Choir

**Thursday, May 15**

5:00 pm Confession C

5:30 pm Rosary C

6:00 pm Mass & Adoration C

**Friday, May 16 Parish Office Closed**

**Saturday, May 17**

7:30 am Parish Pilgrimage Mass C

4:00 pm Confessions

**Sunday, May 18 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:45 am VBS Adult Volunteer Meeting Room 1

12:00 pm Adoration till 7:00pm C

2:00 pm Sensory Mass St. Joan of Arc Hershey

6:00 pm VBS Youth Volunteer Meeting PH

7:00 pm Eucharistic Devotion Service C

**VBS Adult and Youth Planning Meetings**

It is time to plan our St. Peter VBS, and any and all help is greatly appreciated! Adults **MUST** have their Diocesan clearances, and all Youth (Grades 7-12) **MUST** at least ONE of the Training Meetings to view the Diocesan video and review Code of Conduct/expectations. With our new program, we are really open to your ideas and input. It is going to be a **GREAT** year!

**Adult Meetings**

Sunday, May 18th - 9:45AM (between Masses) Rm 1

Tuesday, May 27th - 7PM Rm 1 (Zoom available as well)

**Youth Meetings**

Sunday, May 18th - 6PM Rm 1

Wednesday, June 11th - 7PM Rm 1

Thursday, June 26th - 7PM

Please contact Georgann Azzalina at [cre@stpeteretown.org](mailto:cre@stpeteretown.org) if you are interested and/or have questions.

**Congratulations!**

The following PreK4 through 6th Grade students had **Perfect Attendance** for the second semester of Religious Education:

Macie Nissley - PK4

Jack Jenkins - 2nd

Charleigh McCurnin - 2nd

Noelle Nissley - 2nd

Mia Nissley - 3rd

Jeanette Page - 4th

Mara Yoder\* - 4th

Nola Grinnell - 5th

Avery Jenkins\* - 5th

Serenity Schwartz - 5th

\*denotes ALL YEAR!!

**WooHoo!!**

**SAVE THE DATE**

The St. Peter Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament is **Friday, June 27th**. The proceeds from the tournament support Catholic Education at St. Peter Church. **Registration forms, on the board in the Narthex.** Contact Mike Rider 717-599-8114 or Steve Cook 717-609-2972 if questions.



Are you looking for a fun and rewarding opportunity to share your faith and build our Church? Teaching Religious Education at St. Peter is a perfect way to do just that! **We are currently seeking catechists for Grades 4 and 7 for next fall.** Consider recruiting a friend or spouse as your co-teacher or aide. Training and "treats" are always available!


**Sunday, July 13th - Thursday, July 17th from 6-8PM**



Our Saint Peter Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it, and we hope to have all children ages 4 through 12 (entering 6th Grade in Fall '25) join us for "TRUE NORTH" where participants will learn to trust Jesus in a wild world. All students entering 7th through 12th Grade are invited to be helpers and guides on this adventure, and we will also need Adult Volunteers to help make this a success. More information will be coming soon. Please contact Georgann Azzalina at [cre@stpeteretown.org](mailto:cre@stpeteretown.org) if you are interested in learning more.



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A parish Ministry dedicated to fostering the spiritual and social development of the men of Saint Peters through fellowship and service to the parish community.

For membership or information, call Mike at 717-367-5370

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