



# St. Peter Catholic Church

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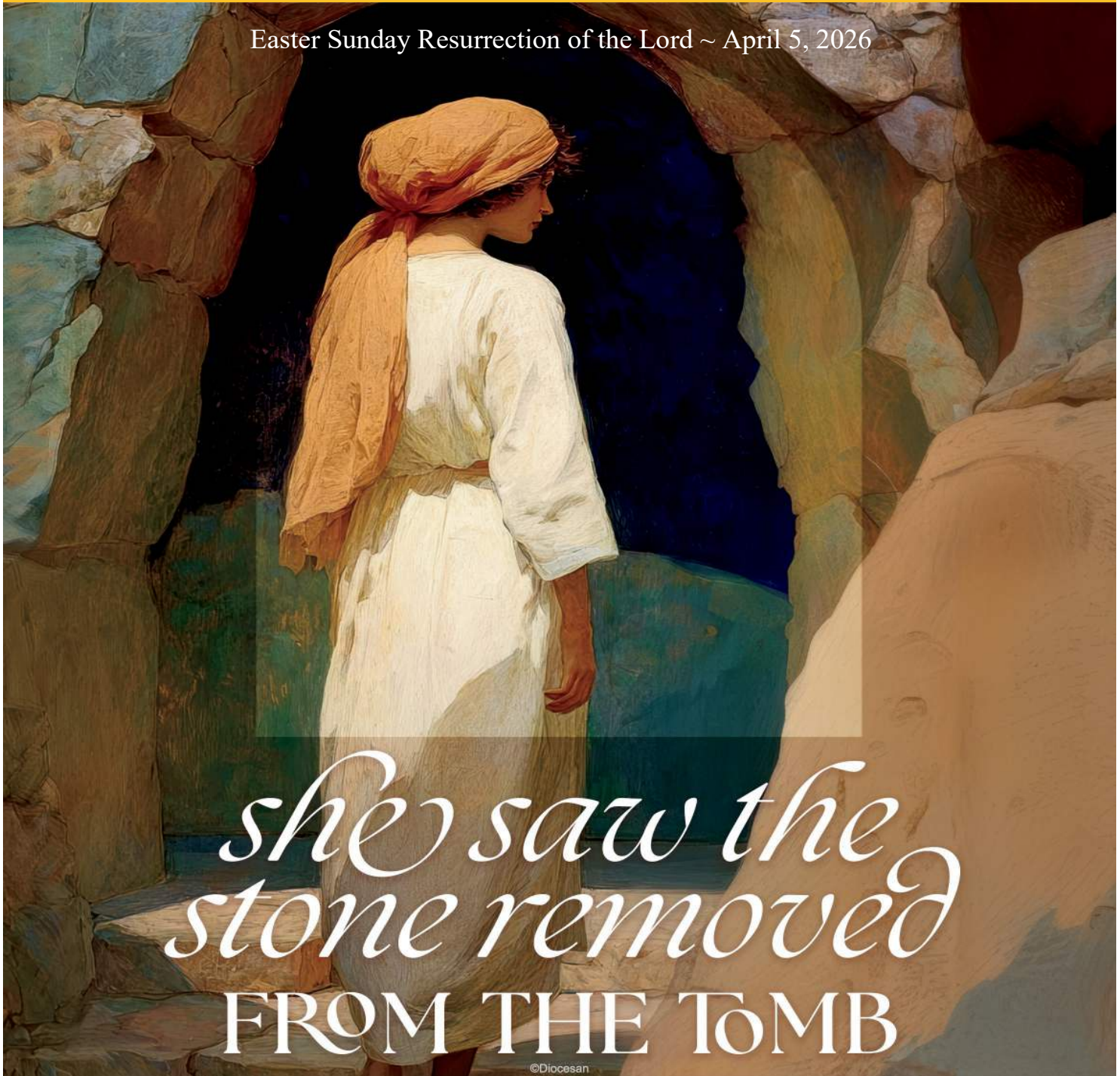


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Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 5, 2026



*she saw the  
stone removed*  
**FROM THE TOMB**

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed

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Facebook: [St. Peter Parish, Elizabethtown](https://www.facebook.com/St.PeterParishElizabethtown)

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil - 4:30 pm - Church

Sunday - 8:30 am & 10:30 am - Church

### DAILY MASS ~ HISTORIC CHURCH & CHURCH

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am HC

Thursday 6:00pm Church 5:30 pm Rosary C

Beloved in Christ,

Jesus is alive! He was raised from the dead! We rejoice in the victory of the Risen Christ over sin and death. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Ps 118: 24). Early in the morning on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala, and later Peter and John, in that order, went into the tomb where Jesus was buried and found it empty. His body was not in the tomb (see John 20:1-9). The empty tomb signifies and tells the story of our justification- his resurrection redeems our lost lives due to sin. The disciples came to believe in the resurrection of Jesus when they found his tomb empty. Jesus has risen bodily from the tomb. Jesus rises from the dead, and so shall we rise with him! Alleluia!!



We should make a big deal out of this sacred event- the resurrection of Jesus. Jesus, who suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried on Good Friday, is now alive! St. Peter recalls his death and resurrection in his sermon in the Acts of the Apostles, "They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day..." (10:40). The resurrection of Christ is a fantastic act by the mere fact that he who was put to death for our sin defied death and, in fulfillment of the prophets, is now alive to die no more. We, too, his followers, will live forever.

Jesus died, and he rose, and so what? What's next? Jesus' resurrection has consequences for all who die in Him, because now they will live in Him forever; death will never have the last word over them. The good news of Jesus' resurrection has additional consequences for all believers. Now that we are risen with him in baptism, we must seek him who is in heaven. "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1). From now on, we must bear witness to the risen Christ. We are now witnesses to the risen Christ. We must continue to reflect on what the call to become witnesses of the resurrection of Christ means for us in the next fifty sacred days of the Easter season and beyond- into Pentecost.

But for now, on this Easter morning, let us offer "a joyful sacrifice of praise" to the Paschal Victim (sequence) because He is alive; death did not have the final say! Easter is, above all, a joyful season. According to St. Athanasius, "The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as 'one Great Sunday.' " For the next fifty days and into Pentecost, may Jesus always be alive in us as we strive daily to witness to the power of his resurrection by living our lives in Him and for Him.

Do keep the ongoing Novena to Divine Mercy in mind. We will conclude the Octave of Easter with a parish celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday devotion starting at 2:30 p.m. next week. Also, keep in mind that tomorrow, Monday within the Octave of Easter, is our parish's monthly Eucharistic adoration. Let's come adore the Risen Lord in joyful songs of praise and thanksgiving.

***The Lord is risen indeed! Shout Alleluia!***

***Happy Easter!***

***Fr. Alayode, OP***

**Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026**

*"He is not here; for He has risen." (Matthew 28:6)*

Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: [vocations@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:vocations@hbgdiocese.org)

**Sanctuary Candles Illuminate This Week:**



**~ Historic Church ~**  
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From The Pinzon Family

**~ Church ~**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**Ken and Mary Heyman**  
From Anita Paynter



## Mass Intentions

- SAT APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL**  
8:00 PM All OCIA Candidates and Catechumens (C)
- SUN APRIL 5 EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:30 AM Our Parish Family  
10:30 AM + Deacon Richard Ryan (C) Barb Family  
1:00 PM NO COLLEGE MASS
- MON APRIL 6**  
8:00 AM Special Intentions of Chuck Raymond (HC)  
Mike and Eileen Rider
- TUE APRIL 7**  
8:00 AM + Miriam Kanode (HC) Azzalina Family
- WED APRIL 8**  
8:00 AM + Jayne Pfautz (HC)  
Steve and Pattie Desjardins
- THU APRIL 9**  
6:00 PM + Patrick Helm (C) Rider Family
- FRI APRIL 10**  
8:00 AM + Shirley J. Kuhn (HC) Azzalina Family
- SAT APRIL 11**  
4:30 PM + Kevin Williams (C) Robin and Tammy
- SUN APRIL 12 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**  
8:30 AM + Tom Norcott (C) Claire Kona  
10:30 AM Special Intentions of Dcn. Joseph Anders  
(C) Joanne Idzik  
1:00 PM Our Parish Family (College Mass HC)



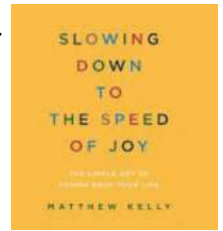
## Scripture Readings

For the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday** **The Resurrection of the Lord**  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (Afternoon or Evening)
- Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,7-8, 9-10, 11;  
Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22;  
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;  
Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday** **Sunday of Divine Mercy**  
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9;  
Jn 20:19-31

## HAPPY EASTER

As you rejoice in Christ's resurrection, please enjoy ***Slow Down to the Speed of Joy: The Simple Art of Taking Back Your Life*** - an Easter gift from Fr. Bernard. Pick-up your copy in the Narthex.



I hope you enjoy the book.  
**Fr. Alayode Bernard**



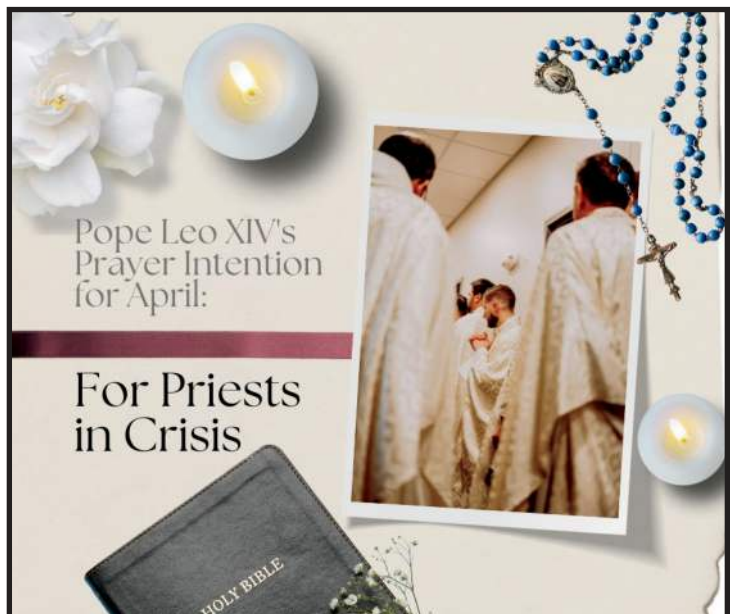
## PARISH ADORATION

Continue the Easter Celebration  
with Adoration  
**Monday, April 6 at 6pm**

## ~ In Memoriam ~

~ **Sharon Flynn** ~  
Sister of Frank Smith

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



Keep praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet this week and join us for our Divine Mercy Service  
**2PM on Sunday, April 12th!**



## Stewardship

### March 28/29, 2026

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 3,605.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 7,222.00
YOUTH	\$ 93.00
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING	\$ 10,920.00
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 108.00

### April Second Collections

April 5 Easter  
April 26 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

### 2026 DAC "Faithful Stewards"

Goal: \$81,743  
Total gifts & pledges: \$51,119  
Need: \$30,624

*Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it.*  
- St. Philip Neri

Be a *Faithful Steward* of God's gifts.

### Mass Attendance March 28/29

4:30 PM = 109  
8:30 AM = 201  
10:30 AM = 205  
**TOTAL = 515**

### God's Housekeepers

Friday ~ April 10

Michele Switalski, Annette Eckinger, Gail Mohr,  
Theresa Hirkala and Nanette Slater

Holy Spirit's Migrant Justice Ministry

## COMMON GROUNDS: Coffee, Conversation & Catholic Social Teaching

Join us for COMMON GROUNDS on Sunday, April 19.  
**Our program will begin at 6:30pm** (a bit earlier than previous programs.) We will gather in the Social Hall of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Palmyra.

The USCCB calls Catholic Social Teaching "a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society" (Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching | USCCB).

*This year, I especially encourage you to meditate on the Corporal Works of Mercy, practical expressions of love for our neighbor that Christ Himself modeled for us. Among these, "welcoming the stranger" stands out as a most urgent and profound witness in our times. Many among us, whether immigrants and refugees - regardless of their legal status - or those who simply feel isolated or afraid, all yearn for a word of kindness, an open door, a gesture of genuine hospitality, a sense of belonging. The Lord Himself teaches us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).*

~Bishop Timothy Senior

### Hands of Christ – Creating Hope Benefit Dinner

Join Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Harrisburg for an inspiring evening of fellowship, reflection, and impact at our annual charity dinner. Enjoy a cocktail hour, silent auction, plated dinner, and a meaningful program featuring Dr. Anne DeSantis, with Dennis Owens as Master of Ceremonies. Thursday, April 30, 2026, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM at the Diocese Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd, Harrisburg, PA. Individual Tickets: \$125. Your support helps provide vital services to individuals and families in need across our community. Reserve your seat today: <https://bit.ly/44VulrO>  
Together, we are creating hope!



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### The Resurrection

In this episode, Mark Hartfiel and other experts unpack the mystery of the Resurrection, going back to the historical places where these world-changing event happened.

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Thank you!!  
Another successful year of Lenten Dinners in the books.  
Thank you to everyone who made this possible,  
you are rockstars. See you next February.



# Family Lenten Fellowship





## Parish Calendar

**Sat, April 4 EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT**  
8:00 am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer HC  
12:00 pm Easter Food Blessing HC  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass C

**Sunday, April 5 EASTER SUNDAY ~  
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**Monday, April 6**  
6:00 pm Parish **ADORATION**  
7:00 pm **NO** OCIA Room 2

**Tuesday, April 7**

**Wednesday, April 8**  
5:30 pm 2nd Grade First Communion Workshop  
6:30 pm PK4-6th Religious Education  
7:00 pm Choir

**Thursday, April 9**

**Friday, April 10**

**Saturday, April 11**  
6:30 am That Man is You  
9:00 am Bereavement Ministry Funeral Training  
2:00 pm Handmaids PH

**Sunday, April 12 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**  
2:00 pm Divine Mercy Service C  
7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting

## Retrouaille

Hope for a Better Marriage



Does your marriage feel distant, strained, stuck, or even in crisis? Do you look perfect on the outside, but are not perfect on the inside? Retrouaille can help. The Retrouaille Marriage Program has helped thousands find new hope, better communication, and a deeper connection. Talk to someone now at 717-356-2185 or visit [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org) You can have a better marriage. Don't wait. Our next weekend will be May 1st-3rd, 2026.

### 2026 MEN'S CLUB CALENDAR WINNERS

*Michele Switalski, Pam Thornton,  
Brynn Leigh Weiss, Tim Helm and Tom Kozma*

## MARK YOUR CALENDERS

**40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
MAY 17-19**

**HOMILIST  
Rev. Benjamin Kwaghgba, OP**

**CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH,  
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### GET YOUR HERSHEY PARK TICKETS!!



Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to 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 April 17th & will be available before early May. Don't miss the opportunity for these great deals!



### PARISH PILGRIMAGE MAY 16, 2026

Save the Date! This year we will be travelling to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions please contact Vicky Kern at [kpts@comcast.net](mailto:kpts@comcast.net). More information will be coming soon.

### SAVE THE DATE




The St. Peter Men's Club Annual Golf Tournament will be Friday, June 26, 2026. The proceeds from the tournament support Catholic Education here at St. Peter Church. **Registration forms are on the board in the Narthex.** Please contact Mike Rider at 717-599-8114 or Steve Cook at 717-609-2972 with any questions. More information to follow.



All children entering PK4 through 6th Grade next fall are officially invited to spend a royal week with the King and Queen of Heaven and Earth. Enter through the gates of the kingdom and learn all about Mary and how she leads us closer to her Son, the King of Kings! This year's St. Peter VBS, "Cool Kingdom Party," will be held **July 12-16** from 6 to 8PM each night.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

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

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