



# St. Peter Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ April 26, 2026



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday Closed  
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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 5:15 pm - 5:30 pm Saturday 3:30pm - 4:00pm  
By Appointment

### 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

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# Sharing God's Bounty

May

## 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 "wait[ing] for the gift [his] Father promised" (Acts 1:4), 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 ... 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 had 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). Though 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 listen. Keep looking at Jesus until in Heaven you see him face to face!



*God comes first, not last. Otherwise, we give him only the leftovers after we have made sure that we have provided for our own comforts.*

*The principle of sacrificial giving is that our giving to God comes off the top of all that he has given us. Otherwise, some would say it is not a true offering, just a tip left at the table. Pray to be enabled to give generously.*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 26, 2026 *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

*"I am the door...go in and out  
and find pasture." (John 10:9)*

Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.

## Sanctuary Candles Illuminate This Week:



**~ Historic Church ~**  
**In Loving Memory of  
Ed Barr**  
From Mary and Cindy

**~ Church ~**  
**In Loving Memory of  
Agnes Haggarty**  
From Eileen Hill



## Mass Intentions

**SAT APRIL 25**

4:30 PM + Betty Shelley (C) St. Peter Men's Club

**SUN APRIL 26 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 AM + Agnes Haggarty (C) Eileen Hill  
10:30 AM Special Intentions of Loretta Zsido (C)  
Eileen and Kira  
1:00 PM Our Parish Family (College Mass HC)

**MON APRIL 27**

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Patrick Masterson  
(HC) Azzalina Family

**TUE APRIL 28**

8:00 AM + Thomas Cusack (HC) Rider Family

**WED APRIL 29**

8:00 AM + Dorie McNulty (HC) Savage Family

**THU APRIL 30**

6:00 PM + Patrick Helm (C) Mil Mealey

**FRI MAY 1 FIRST FRIDAY**

8:00 AM + Patricia Dircks (HC) Becker Family  
11:00 AM + Matthew Anthony Idzik (Emerald)  
Rick, Mary & Family

**SAT MAY 2 FIRST SATURDAY**

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Fr. Grab (C) Azzalina  
Family  
4:30 PM + Kevin Williams (C) Jeanne & Lear Williams

**SUN MAY 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 AM Our Parish Family (C)  
10:30 AM Special Intentions of Dcn Joseph Anders  
(C) Joanne Idzik  
1:00 PM All College Students (College Mass HC)



## Scripture Readings

For the week of April 26, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



## Charismatic Mass

On Tuesday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Charismatic Mass with prayers for healing at St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus Church, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland. Reverend Arokiaraj Amalorpava, m.ss.cc, (Fr. Raj), Parochial Vicar, at St. Theresa, will be the celebrant. All are welcome. For more information, please call Mary Ann at 717-512-3628 or Vicki at 717-364-6260.

### ~ In Memoriam ~

~ Scott Schneider ~  
Parishioner and husband of Michelle

~ LeRoy L. Lengel Jr. ~  
Uncle of Gary Hoffman

*"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."*



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our Second Grade RE students received their First Holy Communion on April 18th. Please pray that these beautiful children continue to be nourished and strengthened with the Holy Eucharist each week and keep their hunger and love for Jesus all their lives!

Paul Bartkovsky  
Isaiah Crispino  
William Myers  
Lincoln Shank

Anthony Capelli  
Alan Gonzalez Huerta  
Milena Pojani  
Rosa Velazquez Ruiz



## Stewardship

**April 18/19, 2026**

<b>SUNDAY ONLINE</b>	<b>\$ 13,731.00</b>
<b>SUNDAY ENVELOPES</b>	<b>\$ 5,531.00</b>
<b>YOUTH</b>	<b>\$ 73.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING</b>	<b>\$ 19,335.00</b>
<b>SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL</b>	<b>\$ 220.00</b>

### **April Second Collections**

April 26 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

### **2026 DAC "Faithful Stewards"**

**Goal: \$81,743**

**Total gifts & pledges: \$ 62,159**

**Need: \$ 19,584**

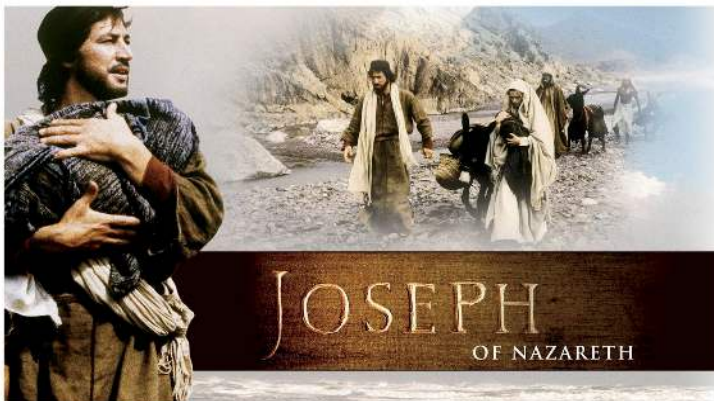
*Do not let a day pass without doing some good during it.*  
- St. Philip Neri

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

## **Foster Parents Needed**



Consider opening your heart and home to a foster child. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. Please contact Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or [gpfeifer@cchbg.org](mailto:gpfeifer@cchbg.org) for more information and to register for our virtual Information/Orientation session on May 7, 2026, from 5:30-7:00 pm.



## Retrouvaille

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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? Retrouvaille can help. The Retrouvaille 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.



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## OUT OF THE UPPER ROOM

**DIocese OF HARRISBURG  
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Join young adults ages 18-39 for a weekend of reflection, formation, community, and rest. Celebrate Pentecost as we learn how to let the Holy Spirit dwell in us and move us out of our own Upper Rooms and into service of God's people, just as He did with the original disciples. The retreat includes spiritual talks, Mass, community prayer, Confession, small group discussions, fellowship, and fun!

📅 Friday, May 22 7:00PM -  
Sunday, May 24 12:00PM

📍 Christian Retreat Center  
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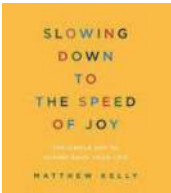


## Parish Calendar

- Saturday, April 25**  
6:30 am **LAST** That Man is You
- Sunday, April 26**
- Monday, April 27**  
7:00 pm OCIA (Room 2)
- Tuesday, April 28**
- Wednesday, April 29**  
5:00 pm Fry Truck for RE Families  
6:30 pm **LAST** PK4-6th RE  
7:00 pm Choir
- Thursday, April 30**
- Friday, May 1**
- Saturday, May 2**  
2:00 pm Handmaids Outing to Udder Bliss
- Sunday, May 3 DONUT SUNDAY**  
10:30 am May Crowning  
7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting PH

### EASTER BOOKS

If you have not already picked up your Easter gift from Father, there are still copies in the Narthex. Enjoy ***Slow Down to the Speed of Joy: The Simple Art of Taking Back Your Life*** by Matthew Kelly.



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

Welcome to our new Parishioners

Jenn Stewart  
and her children  
Emmett, Pat,  
and Sophie



Please join the CCW on Monday, May 4th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall for an evening with the "Chalk Talk Lady." Engage your senses through music, storytelling, and the amazing chalk artistry of Elva Hurst. Elva is doing her part to revive the old-time art of Chalk Talk. Her live drawings are an experience you will never forget! Contact Terry Martin at 223-216-0727 or Jennifer Miller at 717-433-0643 with any questions.



### PARISH PILGRIMAGE MAY 16, 2026



Save the Date! This year we will be travelling to Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA. We will be departing by bus from St. Peter's by 7:30 am and return by 5 pm. The day includes a guided tour, movie about the Shrine, private prayer time, gift shopping, and daily Mass at 11:30, followed by an opportunity for Adoration. We will have lunch at the Shrine's Buffet. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions please contact Vicky Kern at [kpts@comcast.net](mailto:kpts@comcast.net).

### MARK YOUR CALENDERS

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
MAY 17-19

### HOMILIST

**Rev. Benjamin Kwaghba, OP**

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH,  
CHAMBERSBURG, PA

### Mass Attendance April 18/19

4:30 PM = 98  
8:30 AM = 184  
10:30 AM = 160  
**TOTAL = 442**

### God's Housekeepers


**Saturday ~ May 2**

**Marie Strait, Patty Worrall, Ginny Blazer,  
Marianne Niklaus and Cora Mathin**

***"All the things in this world are gifts of God, created for us, to be the means by which we can come to know him better, love him more surely, and serve him more faithfully."***

**-St. Ignatius of Loyola**

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