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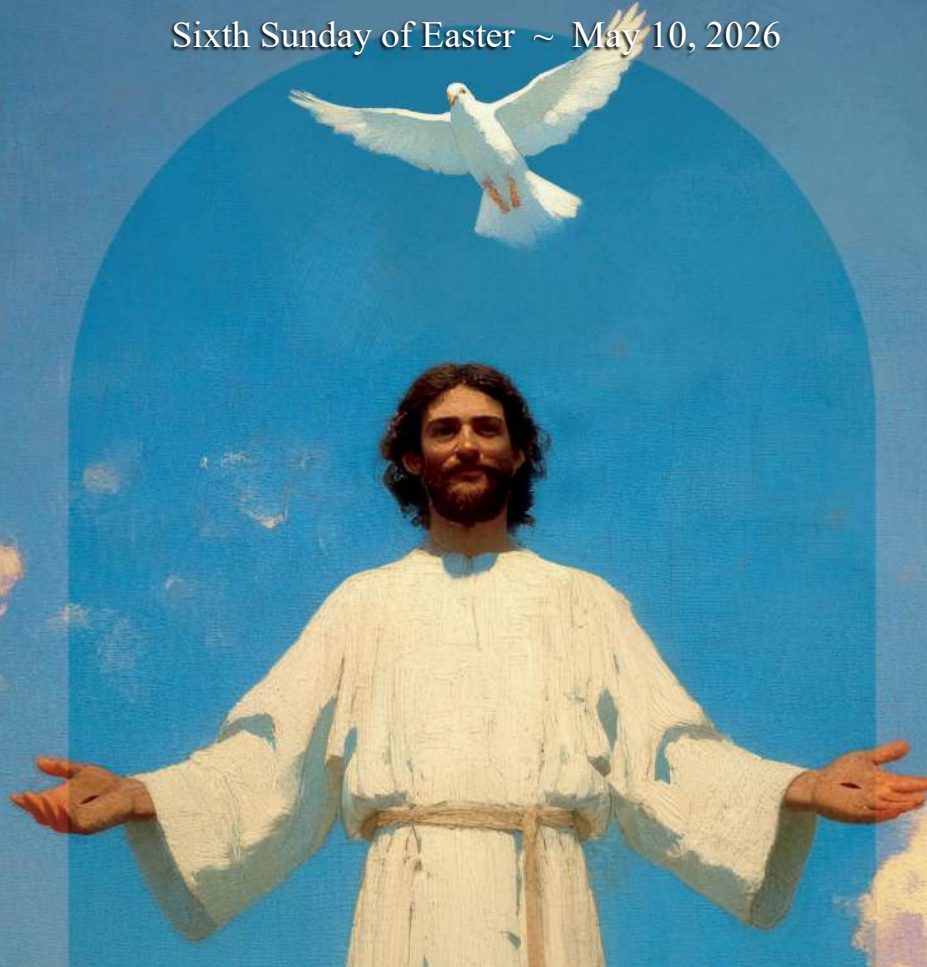


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Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 10, 2026



He will give you
ANOTHER
ADVOCATE
JOHN 14:16

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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Beloved in Christ,

The Gospel reading this Sunday, from John 14:15-21, picks up a few verses from where we left off last week. Jesus spoke clearly of his enduring presence to his followers, both while he is with them and after he ascends to heaven, where he prepares a place for them so that where he is, they may always be. But meanwhile, as they live their day-to-day life, he promises to be present with them through the Holy Spirit, whom he will ask the Father to send to those who love and keep his commandment: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16).

The promise of the Holy Spirit to sincere believers and lovers of Jesus is the key to a living faith and church growth. When a Christian surrenders his or her heart completely to Jesus in an act of love through sincere confession of sin and commitment to the teachings of the Gospel, Jesus will send his Spirit upon them. As a result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, a Christian shares in the intimate life of the Father and the Son because the Holy Spirit is the love that unites them. The Holy Spirit is sent upon the Church as a corporate or universal body as well as on the individual for their sanctification and empowerment to witness boldly and fruitfully to the gospel of Christ. This is the case with early Christians and the Church. They received the Paraclete, their Advocate before God. Through the presence of the Holy Spirit and his gifts, those who love and follow Christ will do greater things than Jesus by proclaiming his gospel beyond Israel and into the Gentile world.

The witness of the early Christians in our first reading illustrates the promise Jesus made. Through Philip's proclamation of Christ, the Samaritans accepted the word of God, and Peter and John prayed for them by laying hands, and they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 5: 17). By this event, we witness the power of the Holy Spirit in breaking new grounds, doing new things, doing the unimaginable- bringing about conversion to faith in Christ of the Samaritans, people known to be hostile to Jews and vice versa. When we allow the Holy Spirit to work through us, we can do new and incredible things for Christ and his church. When, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we make Jesus the Lord of our hearts, we are prepared to offer explanations to those who ask for the reason for the living hope they observe in us (1 Peter 3: 15). What shall we do? (Acts 2:37). We must now seek to grow in our love for Jesus and pray with faith and devotion to him to send forth his spirit anew upon us, like on the day of Pentecost. Love and pray more; that is what we should do in response to this Sunday's message.

We continue with the May devotion. Stay close to our Mother Mary, and pray the rosary daily. We must also keep in mind the upcoming great feast of the Ascension of our Lord; it is a good time to prepare for the Pentecost Novena.

To our ever-beloved mothers, I wish Happy Mother's Day!

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Alayode, OP



Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 10, 2026

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments." (John 14:15)

Christ's command to love shapes the priesthood, where priests pour out their lives for God's people. Could this be your path to love others as Christ does? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282 or via email: vocations@hbgdiocese.org

Sanctuary Candles Illuminate This Week:



~ Historic Church ~
**Special Intentions of
Father Bernard**
From Ann Shank

~ Church ~
**In Loving Memory of
Eleanor Myers Coleman**
From Dave Myers



Mass Intentions

SAT MAY 9

4:30 PM Our Parish Family (C)

SUN MAY 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM + Jeff & Lisa Rosenberger (C) Deb Savage

10:30 AM Special Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Will Paterson (C) Azzalina Family

MON MAY 11

8:00 AM + Tom Norcott (HC) Claire Kona

TUE MAY 12

8:00 AM Special Intentions of Vincent Checco (HC) The Azzalina Family

WED MAY 13

8:00 AM + Sharon Flynn (HC) Bob and Vicki Dolan

5:30 PM + William McMinn (C) Becker Family

THU MAY 14 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 AM + Anne Burkhart (C) Mary Ellen Tarman

7:00 PM + Patrick Helm (C) St. Peter Men's Club

FRI MAY 15

8:00 AM + Matthew Anthony Idzik (HC) Joanne Idzik

SAT MAY 16

4:30 PM + Bill Bekelja (C) Gary and Kathy Drace

SUN MAY 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 AM + Stella Bright (C) Julie and Tim Wittman

10:30 AM Our Parish Family



Scripture Readings

For the week of May 10, 2026

Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21
Monday	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	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
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

In those places where the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, the Mass and readings of the Ascension are used. Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Mt 28:16-20

~ Altar Flowers ~



The Front Altar Flowers

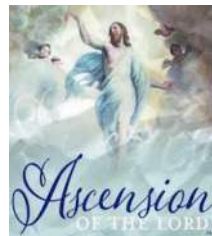
*In Loving Memory of
Eleanor Myers Coleman
From David Myers*

The Main Altar Flowers

*In Loving Memory of
Kay Jordie
From Jackie and Frank Holzel*

The Blessed Mother Flowers

*In Loving Memory of
Dorothy Barb
From The Barb Family*



THURSDAY~ MAY 14

Thursday is a Holy Day of obligation, the following are our Mass times.

Wednesday, May 13 ~ 5:30 pm Vigil C

Thursday, May 14 ~ 7:00 am HC

Thursday, May 14 ~ 7:00 pm C

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

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

HOMILIST

Rev. Benjamin Kwaghgba, OP

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

Sunday Noon to 7:00pm

Monday 9:00am-7:00pm

Tuesday 9:00am-7:00pm

Please stop by the table in the Narthex to sign up to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

Services every evening at 7:00pm



Stewardship

May 2/3, 2026

SUNDAY ONLINE	\$ 4,566.00
SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 6,196.00
YOUTH	\$ 33.00
TOTAL SUNDAY GIVING	\$ 10,795.00
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL	\$ 315.00

May Second Collections

May 10	Historic Church
May 17	Ascension of the Lord
May 25	Pentecost Collection (to fund education of future priests and care of sick priests)

2026 DAC "Faithful Stewards"

Goal: \$81,743
 Total gifts & pledges: \$ 63,263
 Need: \$ 18,480

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

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

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 2026 LCHS Cross Country season. The meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 p.m. in room 24 of the high school. Contact Coach Simpson at tsimpson@lchsyes.org with questions or for more information.



Join the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic School Team!

We are hiring for the 2026–2027 school year:

- Full-Time Middle School Science & Math Teacher
- Part-Time Advancement Position

To apply or learn more please visit
<https://bit.ly/SSBVMCAREERS> Questions?
 Contact SSBVM School Principal Mrs. Angela Warner at awarner@ssbvm.org

Sacred Heart Church is seeking a part-time Director of Religious Education (DRE).

Applicants should be Catholics in good standing with a working knowledge of Church teaching. The DRE is responsible for overseeing faith formation for children and adults. Cover letters and resumes can be sent to Fr. Stephen Logue at 558 W. Walnut St., Lancaster PA 17603 or emailed to frslogue@sacredheartlanc.org.



Are you, or someone you know, discerning a vocation and need direction? Then

Quo Vadis and Fiat Days are for you. These two incredible weekends, one for young men and one for young women aged 15-25, will fill your souls and bodies with the Holy Spirit to guide each and every one of you in a very special way on your path to Jesus and his great mercy and love. Jesus has a path set for each of you, whether it be in religious life or another vocation. Now go and find yours at Quo Vadis and Fiat Days. A card will be in the pews with the contact information needed to sign up. If you need help paying the cost, the Vocation Ministries will help. Contact the Parish Office at 717-367-1255.

THE SANCTUARY YOUTH SERIES



The Sanctuary Youth Series | Trailer

The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing.

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COME,
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF
THE FAITHFUL

PENTECOST SUNDAY REVIVAL

With Fr. Bernard Oniwe, OP

May 24 6:00 pm

St. Peter Catholic Church
Elizabethtown, PA

**“If we live in the Spirit,
let us also follow the Spirit.” Gal 5:25**

**Please join us for an evening of Praise and
Thanksgiving featuring the music of Forgven.**

Religious Education

April 2026





Parish Calendar

Saturday, May 9

Sunday, May 10 MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 - 12:00 Pancake Breakfast (PH)
7:30 pm Men's Club Meeting (PH)

Monday, May 11

7:00 pm OCIA (Room 2)
7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting (Room 6)

Tuesday, May 12

6:30 pm Vocations Meeting (PH)

Wednesday, May 13

5:30 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass (C)
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, May 14 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:00 am Mass (HC)
7:00 pm Mass (C)

Friday, May 15

Saturday, May 16

7:30 am Parish Pilgrimage

Sunday, May 17

12:00 pm Parish Forty Hours Begins
7:00 pm OCIA Confirmation



**You scream,
I scream,
we all scream for
ice cream!**

**Another fun Handmaids
outing at Udder Bliss!**

Congratulations!

The following PreK4-6th Grade RE students had Perfect Attendance for the second half of the year:

- Remington Cicuto (1st)
- William Myers (2nd)
- Rosa Velazquez Ruiz (2nd)
- Gavin Schwartz (3rd)
- Mara Yoder (5th)



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. The cost per person is \$25. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions please contact Vicky Kern at kpts@comcast.net.

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.

St. Peter CCW welcomed the artist Elva Hurst on Monday, May 4. She presented her program entitled "In the Garden". It was a lovely evening. Thank you to all that attended.



Mass Attendance May 2/3

4:30 PM = 107
8:30 AM = 155
10:30 AM = 206
TOTAL = 468

God's Housekeepers


Saturday ~ May 16

**Gerald & Sue Smith, Marilyn Kroesen, Betty O'Neill,
Theresa Tredway and Anita Paynter**

On behalf of my entire family, thank you to my St. Peter parish family for your generous outpouring of prayers and support during this difficult time of my mother's illness and passing. We continue to feel the power of your prayers, and we are forever grateful.

Sincerely,
Georgann Azzalina
& family

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

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