

January
2024



R E + N E W S

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year with your families and friends! This beautiful season concludes this week with Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord, and as a special gift, Father Bernard is offering Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday at 7PM and a special blessing for families. Please prayerfully consider bringing your family for all or part of this time. Having just celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family, let us all be mindful of the magnificent example of the Holy Family as we strive to help our children and ourselves to be more holy. This is NOT an easy task, and so many distractions are out there. Mother Teresa said, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." May we all focus on loving our families by loving God.

Looking for a
New Year's
Resolution
that will
change your
life?? Email



cre@stpeteretown.org to join our
Parish group!

YOU'RE INVITED...

...to join your children at our RE Adoration on Wednesday, January 17th at 7PM in the Church. Father Bernard will teach the children about Jesus truly present in the Eucharist, and we will all have the opportunity for a few minutes of time with our Lord and Savior. This is a wonderful way to learn more about this beautiful and powerful form of worship and hopefully develop a regular practice of spending personal time with Jesus!



Sacrament of the Month: **HOLY ORDERS**

Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time; thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry. CCC 1536. Through power and grace of the Holy Spirit, priests serve as Christ's instruments for His Church; they act *in persona Christi* which means it is Jesus Himself at Mass. **This month, take extra time to pray for all priests, write a card or draw a picture for Father Bernard, and/or learn more about Apostolic succession and our first Pope, St. Peter.**

Words to ponder...

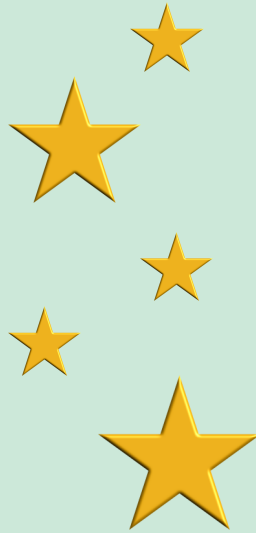
"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live." Pope Saint John Paul II



PERFECT Religious Education Attendance

The following students in our Religious Education program have PERFECT attendance for the first half of the year:

Paul Bartkovsky	Kindergarten
Delaney Gregory	Kindergarten
Gavin Schwartz	First Grade
Ava Bartkovsky	Second Grade
Serenity Schwartz	Fourth Grade
Arria Schwartz	Sixth Grade
Matthew Brehm	Seventh Grade
Mckenzie Davis	Seventh Grade
Logan DeWald	Seventh Grade
Lilianna Feguer	Seventh Grade
Akachi N	Seventh Grade
Brendan Russell	Seventh Grade
Ben Smith	Eighth Grade



CONGRATULATIONS!! Keep up the great work!



Mark your calendars...

...for Wednesday, January 31 at 6:40PM

for our first “Bits & Bites” of 2024. The topic will be *Pillars and Precepts* in which we will learn the basics on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and what we are required to do as Catholics. Come enjoy a few “bites” of refreshments and a few “bits” of Catholic knowledge!!



Upcoming RE Dates



1/3/24	At Home/Virtual Lesson (PreK—6th)
1/7/24	7th/8th RE In Person classes resume
1/14/24	7th/8th “Caitlyn’s Smiles” Service 12-2PM
1/17/24	RE Adoration 7PM—Families Welcome!
1/21/24	7th/8th “Godly Goals” Formation 5:30PM
1/27/24	Confirmation Dinner following 4PM Mass
1/28/24	First Reconciliation Workshop after 10:30 Mass
1/28/24	NO 7/8th RE
1/31/24	Bits & Bites: “Pillars & Precepts” 6:40PM

So Sorry You’re Sick...



Please remember that while our RE attendance is important, and we all love to have your kiddos here with us each week, there is no need to come when sick. Kindly email your child’s teacher (or me), and we will let you know if there is anything to make up. Thank you for making RE a priority for your children!

St. Vincent de Paul



THANK YOU...



...for your **GENEROUS** donations to the Elizabethtown Community Cupboard!



Reminder

With the potential of bad winter weather, we will follow the Elizabethtown Area SD for closures and will use REMIND as well.