

# **Saints Peter and Paul Parish**



**Adult Faith Formation  
Events and Opportunities  
2023-2024**



**Dear Parishioner,**

**Once again, we are happy to present you with this booklet put together by Mrs. Judy Magee, our Director of Adult Faith Formation. This booklet includes a number of spiritual programs, events and liturgical celebrations we will be offering this coming year here at Saints Peter and Paul Parish.**

**"Our faith is our strength for the journey." Each time we seize the opportunity to participate in a spiritually uplifting experience we open ourselves up to God and the grace He offers us to grow in our personal relationship with Him. It is through that personal relationship that we find the strength to be the people He calls us to be.**

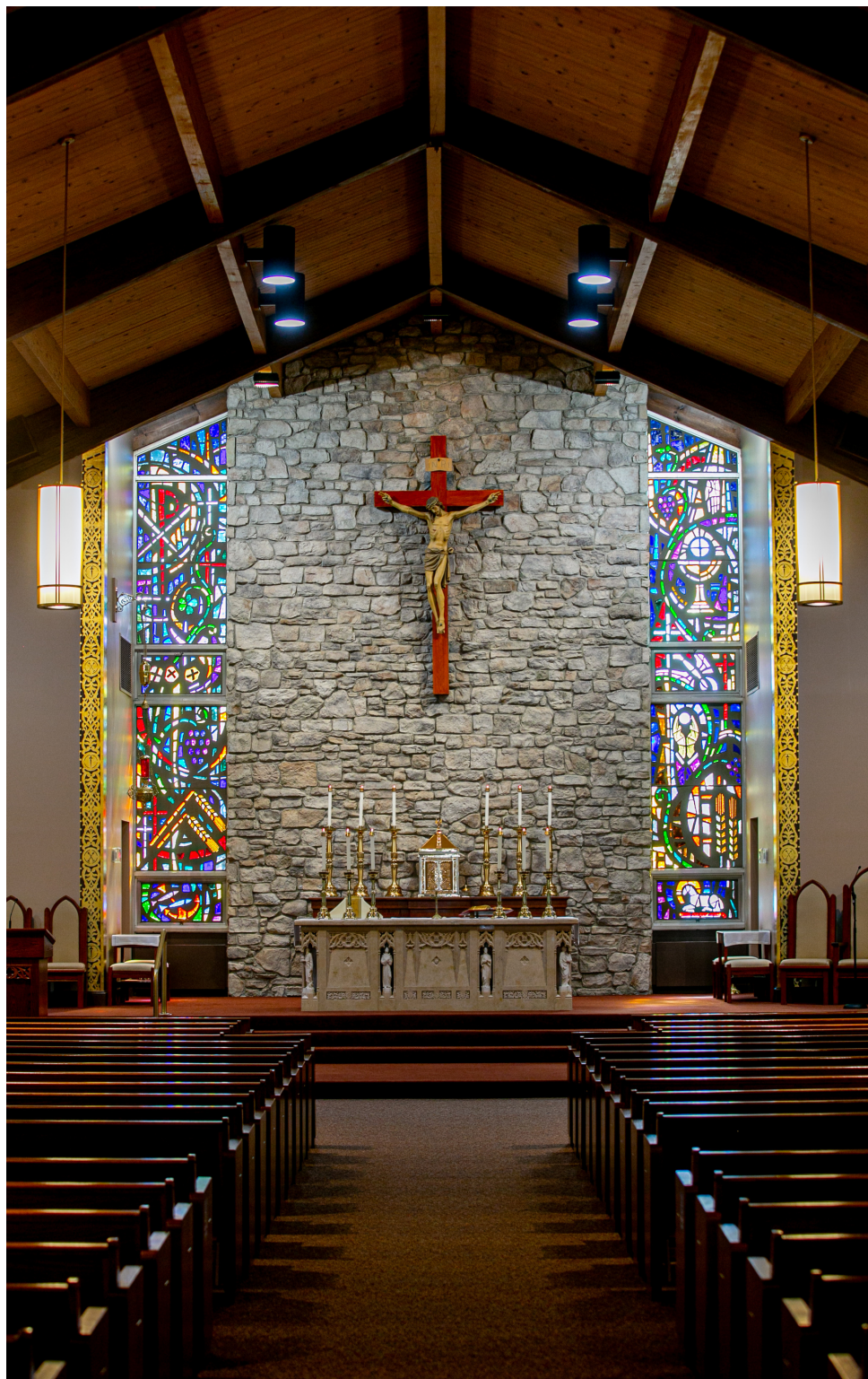
**Through these opportunities for grace, may we as individuals and as a parish rejoice in the Lord and recognize ourselves as the children of God and true disciples of the Lord Jesus.**

**God bless us all,**

*Msgr. Angelo R. Citino*

***P.S. This booklet is provided each year for free by our Sunday bulletin company, John Patrick Publishing, as part of our contract.***







# Masses and Devotions

## Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Weekdays: 6:30 and 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Schedule: TBA

## Confessions

Saturday: 7:30-7:50 a.m and 3:00-4:00 p.m

## Devotions

### *The Rosary*

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass weekdays

### *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

Wednesdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass,  
ending at 3:00 p.m. (September to June)

### *The Miraculous Medal Novena*

Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Saturdays

### *Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

First Fridays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

### *First Friday Holy Hours*

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
including Evening Prayer, silent reflection and  
benediction. (September to June)

# Parish Mission Statement

*The mission of Saints Peter and Paul Parish is to be a community of spiritually maturing Catholics serving and leading people to Christ.*

## Our Vision

*Saints Peter and Paul Parish is a welcoming and vibrant Catholic family of authentic disciples, unified in Jesus Christ, growing, engaging and serving through uplifting liturgy, faith-based activities and outreach. We boldly and courageously witness our faith.*



# Next Generation Parish

A growing team of Saints Peter and Paul parishioners has been working with Msgr. Citino to develop and implement a three-year strategic plan as part of the Next Generation Parish (NGP) program. They outlined three key values for our parish – Faith, Generosity and Community. Larger teams of volunteers are now working on our four parish priorities:

The **Personal and Communal Holiness Team** sponsors various parish speakers throughout the year to deepen our relationship with Jesus. They also launched an ongoing small groups program called *Beyond Sundays*.

The **Uplifting Liturgy Team** is helping parishioners better understand the miracle of the Mass, presenting before Masses several video snippets explaining the liturgy. They are also working with all liturgical ministries to enhance the experience of the Mass.

The **Community Team** launched a new group called “Saints Peter and Paul Friends,” pairing new parishioners, as well as those who are looking to deepen their faith, with Ambassadors who will accompany them along a faith journey.

The **Personal Outreach Team** has launched a ministry called “HOPE – Helping Other People Everyday,” which provides opportunities to serve our shut-ins, elderly or others in need in our parish community.

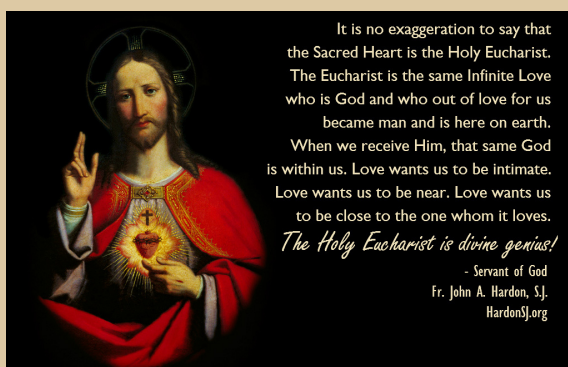
Interested in joining one of our teams?  
Email [brmagee@outlook.com](mailto:brmagee@outlook.com).



# Eucharistic Revival

***The Bishops of the United States are calling for a three-year grassroots revival of devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They believe that God wants to see a movement of Catholics across the United States, healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist—and sent out in mission “for the life of the world.”***

On the feast of Corpus Christi, June 11, 2023, the Parish Phase of the Eucharistic Revival was launched. Saints Peter and Paul Parish is offering many opportunities this year to grow in our understanding, love and gratitude for the great gift God has given us in the Eucharist. This will include our parish retreat, Forty Hours Devotion, special speakers and weekly Adoration. We encourage you to take the time particularly for quiet prayer and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.





# **Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

September to June

*with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction at 3:00 PM*



If you regularly attend Eucharistic Adoration, please consider a weekly commitment to a specific hour.

Perhaps you can share a time slot with a friend, alternate weeks or be an occasional substitute.

*For more information or to sign up, contact Kathy Myers,  
[mrskathymyers@verizon.net](mailto:mrskathymyers@verizon.net).*

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## **First Friday Holy Hours**

7:00- 8:00 PM

September - June

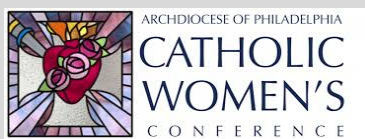
***Evening Prayer, silent reflection and benediction are all part of this special monthly encounter with God.***

***Join us for this time set aside to be in God's presence, to adore Him and bring to Him our petitions for our families, parish and country.***

## ***Around the Archdiocese***



Abbeyfest is a Catholic family festival where you can celebrate your faith while enjoying the music of contemporary, award-winning artists. Held every year on the beautiful grounds of the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, this year's event will be on Saturday, Sept. 16, 12:00 PM- 9:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.theabbeyfest.com](http://www.theabbeyfest.com).

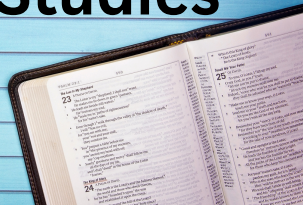


On October 28, join over 1300 Catholic women from the greater Philadelphia area for a day of fun, friendship, faith formation and prayer at the Catholic Women's Conference in Doylestown. This annual event sells out every year, so we highly recommend getting your tickets early!. For more info go to [www.catholicwomensconference.org](http://www.catholicwomensconference.org).



Man Up Philly is an annual Catholic Men's Conference that provides men with an engaging and powerful way to grow in their faith. March 2 from 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please visit [www.manupphilly.com](http://www.manupphilly.com) for more information.

# Fall and Spring Bible Studies



Our Fall session will be a continuation of our Spring 2023 study, **Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**

*Two sessions will be offered:*

*Wednesdays at 7:00 PM*

*Thursdays at 10:00 AM*

*Wednesdays September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25,  
November 1, 8, 15.*

*Thursdays September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 16, 26,  
November 2, 9, 16.*

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During this year of Eucharistic Revival, our 2024 Spring Study will be Dr. Brant Pitre's **Lectio Eucharist.**

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22.

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23.

*All classes are held in the Parish Center Fr. Kovacs Room*

For more information contact Marietta Moody (AM) at  
yettamoody07@verizon.net or Jane Joyce (PM) at  
jane.joyce@verizon.net.

# **Have you thought about becoming Catholic?**

***Saints Peter and Paul Parish invites you to***



## **Who is it for?**

Anyone who is discerning becoming Catholic and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith or anyone who has not completed the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation).

## **What does it involve?**

Team members lead discussions, educate and share their faith journeys with participants. Sessions are held Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

## **When do we begin?**

There will be an Information Night on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center (prior registration is necessary). Classes begin September 21.

***Please see one of our priests or contact Judy Magee, Director of Adult Faith Formation, at 484-473-8205.***





Archdiocese of Philadelphia

## ***Eucharistic Congress***

The Gift of Finest Wheat

***This is My Body Given Up for You***

**The National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Saturday, September 30, 2023

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA

Deepen your love of Jesus in the Eucharist. As Catholics, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. Jesus gives us His very Body in the Eucharist, reminding us that He never leaves us alone to face our struggles. On September 30, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will convene a Eucharistic Congress-- a day of Mass, adoration, a Eucharistic procession, powerful talks on the Eucharist, and fellowship-- all tailored to help you fall deeper in love with the Eucharist. The event is part of the National Eucharistic Revival called for by the Catholic Bishops of the United States.

Archbishop Nelson Perez will be the opening Mass celebrant.

Keynote speaker is Most Rev. Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. Other speakers include Mrs. Antonia Acutis, the mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis, and Dr. Edward Sri.

*Please join us for this special event!*

Details and registration at: [phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress)



## walking with purpose



- Are you tired of projecting an image of “perfect” ?
- Have trouble making God your highest priority?
- Can't find enough time to give to loved ones ?
- Have unrealistic expectations of yourself and others?
- Need help setting healthy boundaries ?

Then you need to try the **Walking With Purpose** study  
*Keeping in Balance*

**Join us on Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m.**  
in the Parish Center as we delve into this exciting study

**Walking With Purpose** is a Catholic women's Bible study that incorporates at-home scripture studies, weekly small group discussions, and prayer. Through authentic friendships and meaningful discussions our hearts are transformed by the Word of God. Our faith community supports, encourages, and challenges one another.



**For more information contact Carol Bove at**  
[\*\*david.carolbove@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:david.carolbove@gmail.com)

*Saints Peter and Paul Parish presents*

*An Evening With*

# Marie Monville

**Author, Speaker, Coach**

*One Light Still Shines: My Life Beyond The  
Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting*

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**October 2, 2023**

**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Saints Peter and Paul Church**

**1325 Boot Rd. West Chester, PA**

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*Sponsored by Saints Peter and Paul Women's Evening  
Cafe*

Light refreshments to follow.

***All are welcome!***

*"The cost is much higher to stay  
where we are" - Marie Monville*



## *Women's Evening Cafe*

**October 2  
December 4  
February 5  
April 1**



**All of the women of our parish are invited to an enjoyable evening of inspiring topics, table discussions and light refreshments.**

**6:30- 8:30 PM unless otherwise noted on our schedule.**

**Prior registration is required.**

**Your donation of wine or snacks add to the festive atmosphere. A free will offering is appreciated for guest speakers.**

**Bring a friend!**

**For more information, contact Carla Krieman  
[cmkrieman@gmail.com](mailto:cmkrieman@gmail.com).**



## *Women's Evening Cafe*

**October 2-** Marie Monville, ***One Light Still Shines, My Life Beyond the Shadow of the Amish Schoolhouse Shooting.***

Speaker and Author Marie Monville's first husband committed the Amish schoolhouse shooting. Marie will share her journey from tragedy, loss, and brokenness, to faith, forgiveness. and a deeper relationship with God. Marie's presentation will be in the Church, followed by dessert and coffee in the Church Hall. Marie's books will be available for purchase.

**December 4 - *Advent by Candlelight*** featuring fireside chat with guests Jeannine Peters, Heather Makowicz, Jillian Buhl, and Nicky Verna.

Join us for an evening of inspiration from four local Catholic women who will share their unique perspectives on Advent and the beauty of our Faith. Enjoy a festive Advent setting for fellowship and faith. Bring an appetizer, dessert or beverage to share.

**February 5 -** Sr Sheila Galligan on St. Catherine of Siena, Dr of the Church. The title of her talk will be: ***St. Catherine of Siena: God's Feisty Model of Mercy.*** Come to meet and get to know God's special star - his beloved Catherine of Siena! This feisty disciple's life and her writings will provide us with a way to set the world on fire with merciful love.

**April 1-** Join us as we pray with art on the theme of the Eucharist during this year of the Eucharistic revival! Using a practice known as Visio Divina, Katie Weiss, founder of Behold Visio Divina, will lead us through praying with art. During this time, we will learn about art in the Church, pray with art on the theme of the Eucharist, and take part in small group discussions. We look forward to having you join us!



# Parish Picnic

Sunday, October 8

12:15-3:15 PM

in front of the church



*Each year Saints Peter and Paul hosts a picnic to thank all of our parishioners for their kindness and generosity to our parish.*

This event is *FREE* and includes

Delicious food

Live music

Lawn games

Inflatables for the kids

Bingo for all ages

Dessert Truck

Facepainting

Trackless train

And more!

Join the fun!

Bring the family!





Do you feel called to be more involved in the parish but aren't sure where to start?

***Come Join Us!***

## **Family Ministry Committee**

We would love for you to be part of this exciting ministry!

The Family Ministry Committee is a group of individuals from all facets of our faith community who nurture the sense of community within Saints Peter and Paul Parish by creating opportunities for engagement with our parish families through service and the liturgy.

We hope this ministry will further inspire a love of Christ and His Church, encourage a dedication to service, and strengthen our faith community.

*For more information, please contact our Religious Education Office at 484-473-8344 or email your questions to [mdalessandro@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:mdalessandro@sspeterandpaulrc.org) or [ewalls@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:ewalls@sspeterandpaulrc.org).*

*Rejoice in God's Goodness*

## **Forty Hours Devotion**

*Guest Homilist: TBA*

**Sunday, October 15:** Opening of 40 Hours with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following 11:30 a.m. Mass in the church until 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer, Homily and Benediction.

**Monday, October 16:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 7:00 p.m. with Evening Prayer, Homily and Benediction.

**Tuesday, October 17:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until the Solemn Closing of Forty Hours with Evening Prayer, Homily, Procession and Benediction at 7:00 p.m.



*Forty Hours Devotion is an opportunity for a parish to have extended time to adore the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come spend some quiet prayer time with Jesus. Bring your petitions, your joys and your sorrows and encounter His love in a special way.*





# New Parishioner Gathering

Sunday, October 22  
at 10:30 AM  
in the Parish Center

*Join us for coffee and donuts as we welcome you to the parish and answer any questions you may have.*

*This is a great opportunity to meet others who are new as well as some of the leaders in our parish activities and school!*

**RSVP to Judy Magee**  
**[jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org)**  
**484-473-8205**





*Join us for our Annual*  
**Saints Peter and Paul Parish Retreat**  
*with*  
**Fr. Stephen DeLacy**

**Monday, October 30**  
**9:00 AM to 2:30 PM**

*at the*  
**McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center /**  
**Malvern Retreat House**

During this year of Eucharistic Revival, join us for a spiritually uplifting day with special talks by Fr. DeLacy on the Eucharist. Mass, Confessions, Adoration and time for quiet reflection are all part of this day.

Cost is \$45 and includes a continental breakfast and a hot lunch. Prior registration is necessary.



For more information or to register, contact Judy Magee at  
[jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org).

***Special presentation by Dr. Robert Wicks***

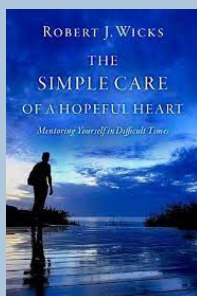
## **THE SIMPLE CARE OF A HOPEFUL HEART**

***Strengthening Your Inner Life  
in Challenging Times***

**Monday, November 13 at 7:00 PM  
in the Parish Center**

**Seating is limited; prior registration is required.**

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is a sense of our own peace. However, we can't share what we don't have. By discussing psychological and classic spiritual approaches to maintaining perspective and inner strength in challenging times, Dr. Wicks offers insights into how we can live in peace and, in turn, extend our warmth to others without losing our own inner fire in the process. Practical, illustrative, and lively, this rich presentation will provide essential information on resilience, compassion, spirituality, and personal/professional wellbeing.



Dr. Wicks has lectured on the importance of resilience, self-care, maintaining a healthy perspective and the prevention of secondary stress in 20 different countries. He has written multiple books, including his bestselling, *Riding the Dragon*. For his service to the Church, he was awarded the Papal Medal.

**This presentation is being offered through our  
*Next Generation Parish Initiative*. To register, visit  
[david.carolbove@gmail.com](mailto:david.carolbove@gmail.com).**

*Join us for a*  
**Winter Book Discussion**  
*and*  
**Potluck Lunch**  
*with*  
**Jessica Hildebrand**

**Sunday, January 21, 2024**  
**12:30- 3:00**

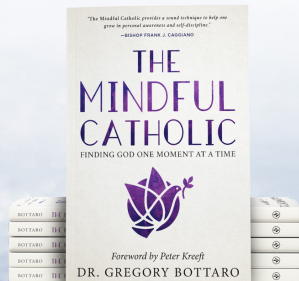
*Let's chase away the winter blahs with some great food and conversation around an interesting book. Bring one of your favorite dishes to share and add to the fun atmosphere of this gathering!*

**We will be discussing Dr. Greg Bottaro's book, *The Mindful Catholic*---winner of the 2018 Catholic Writer's Guild award. "Following the simple exercises in this book, you'll discover how mindfulness can help you be more present to everything in your life from a trip to the grocery store or relaxing with friends to listening more attentively to a homily or meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary."**

*Our facilitator, fellow parishioner Jessica Hildebrand, is passionate about teaching meditation and leading women's wellness retreats. She couples the lessons of mindfulness and meditation together with her corporate experience, Masters in Leadership Development, and Six Sigma Black Belt certification.*

Registration is required.

Books are available for purchase online.  
For more information or to register,  
contact [jimagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:jimagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org).



# **Saints Peter and Paul Parish**

*will be honoring*

## **Blessed Mother Mary**

*with our annual*

### **May Procession**

***Monday, May 6 at 7:00 PM***



***All are invited!***

***“In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose  
glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear.”***

***- Saint Therese of Lisieux***



*Bus Trip to*  
**Sight and Sound Theatre**

Friday, May 10, 2024



*We look forward to another spectacular performance by this talented theatre group. Tickets sell out quickly, so reserve your spot on our bus as soon as possible.*

*Cost: \$110 for adults, \$58 for children ages 3-12. includes theatre ticket, round trip bus transportation and driver's tip.*

*Depart Saints Peter and Paul parking lot at 1:15 PM  
Return at approximately 6:15 PM*

*For more info or to register contact Judy Magee,  
484-473-8205 , [jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org).*

# Outreach to the Poor



*We have many opportunities to serve those in need, including:*

**Caring for Friends-** Homecooked meals for the elderly and disabled. There is a Caring for Friends freezer located in the narthex of the church. Special instructions and supplies are there as well. Volunteers are needed to cook or drive meals to the Caring for Friends Center in Philadelphia.

**Bethesda Casseroles-** A freezer in the narthex is also designated for Bethesda. Homemade casseroles feed the poor and homeless in Philadelphia. Recipes, instructions and supplies are available. Volunteers are needed to be cooks or drivers.

**Food Drives-** Our Thanksgiving Food Drive in the fall and our Manna Food Drive in the spring benefit St. Rocco's Parish and St. Agnes Day Room, respectively.

**Christmas Giving Tree-** This year's gifts benefit poor and needy children and adults at St. Agnes Day Room and Mission Santa Maria at St. Rocco's parish.

**Monthly Poor Box Collections-** Please see our bulletin for the current organization that is the recipient each month.

*Thank you for your generosity!*





## HOPE Ministry

(Helping Other People Everyday)

The HOPE Ministry was formed with our homebound, elderly, and ill parishioners in mind. Just as Jesus calls all His followers to do, our newly formed ministry at Saints Peter and Paul Parish consists of a group of caring and compassionate men and women who are eager to reach out and help people in need. Our volunteers have witnessed the need for assistance in their own families, many of whom are, or have been, caretakers themselves. Because of this, we know there are many challenges for those caring for a parent or a loved one. The undeniable resounding message is that families need help!

Led by the Holy Spirit, it is our calling to reach out and minister to our parishioners' needs wherever and whenever we can. We understand there may be times when a need arises for a ride to a doctor's appointment, food shopping, or even to Mass. We are also available to food shop or to provide companionship by visiting our parishioners.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, if you are being called to be a volunteer for the HOPE Ministry, or if you have any questions, please contact either of the names listed below.

Loretta Bevilacqua  
lorettafarnesi0207@gmail.com  
610-529-1991

Art Mullin  
amullin2@verizon.net  
610-639-3607



## ***Saints Peter and Paul Friends***

A new ministry called "SS Peter and Paul Friends" will match new parishioners, or those simply desiring to grow in their faith, with an Ambassador to accompany them on their journey. Over the course of the liturgical year, Ambassadors and friends will have frequent connections with one another whether it be attending Mass or adoration together, grabbing coffee at a donut Sunday, or scheduling a walk in a local park. The connections can take many forms, but they will all have the same intent; to reinforce the bonds among us that build a foundation for our Catholic faith and the love, hope and beauty that will most certainly emerge.

Anyone passionate about the faith can be an Ambassador. We will provide training for you. Likewise, anyone interested in growing as a faithful parishioner can join as a friend.

If you are interested in this program, please use the QR code below or visit our parish website.



# Prayer Groups

**Divine Mercy Cenacle** meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Meetings include readings from St. Faustina's Diary, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Sacred Scripture. Please contact Chris Cassidy at [cjcfinishes@comcast.net](mailto:cjcfinishes@comcast.net).

**Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle** prayer members meet on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. in the Neumann Room of the Parish Center to pray for priests, the Church and the world.

For more information, please contact Kathy Myers at [mrskathymyers@verizon.net](mailto:mrskathymyers@verizon.net).

**The Rosary Group** prays together after the 8:30 Mass Monday through Friday.

**Parish Prayer Chain**- If you would like to submit a specific prayer intention for you or a loved one, please contact Loretta Bevilaqua at [lorettafarnesi0207@gmail.com](mailto:lorettafarnesi0207@gmail.com).



# Men's Bible Reflection Group



Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 a.m.  
in the  
Parish Center

*All the men of the parish are invited to join  
us as we gather to reflect upon and discuss  
the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Coffee and  
donuts provided!*



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
JOE BRACKEN, 610-304-2041  
OR CHRIS PICKELL,  
PICKELLCORONADO@MSN.COM

## Is your faith calling you Beyond Sundays?

- *Get connected*
- *Answer life's tough questions*
- *Get to know Jesus better*
- *Understand your life's mission*



**Take the next step. Join a small group in our parish.**

Being part of a large parish can feel overwhelming at times. Small groups help create a sense of belonging and connection within the larger church as we help each other develop a more personal relationship with Jesus. All are welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.



Contact [brmagee@outlook.com](mailto:brmagee@outlook.com) for more information.

# Christian Meditation Workshops

*"Come to Me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."*

- Matthew 11:28

Step aside from your everyday exhaustions... and experience ease, calm, and space to connect with the Sacred Heart of Jesus at our monthly guided meditation workshops. Session and take-home tips provided can assist you in relaxing your busy mind and cultivating a deeper, personal connection with the Lord.

**Monday Sept 18, Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 18, 2023 and Jan 22, Feb 26, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, 2024**  
**7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**

*All are welcome; no experience necessary*  
Optional: bring a journal.



Contact Jessica Hildebrand with any questions:  
[Jessica.m.hildebrand@gmail.com](mailto:Jessica.m.hildebrand@gmail.com).

# Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC)



CYACC is a group of young adults who strive to learn about the Catholic faith and grow closer to Christ. We meet on Wednesdays and our events include Holy Hours, speaker nights, community & fellowship events, and service projects. If you are looking for a community that encourages your faith journey come to one of our events! We look forward to seeing you.



More info can be found on the website, [www.cyacc.org](http://www.cyacc.org), on our Facebook page or by emailing [cyacc1@gmail.com](mailto:cyacc1@gmail.com).





**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 1.9 million members in countries around the world, including the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine, the Bahamas, and South Korea. The Exton Council was founded in 1965 through the efforts of Chester County Catholics. It is named after Pope St. John XXIII, who provided inspirational guidance and leadership.

The Council works closely with Saints Peter and Paul Parish in East Goshen and Saints Philip and James Parish in West Whiteland, providing service hours and funding for Birthright of West Chester, scholarships for students at both parish schools to continue their Catholic high school education, support for the good sisters at Camilla Hall, sponsors a local seminarian at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, and maintains involvement in religious services and various projects at the parishes. The council website is <http://extonkofc.us/>.

New members are always welcome to join us in our valuable mission to the Church and to the world!

*For more information, please contact James  
Stack, [Jpstack2@verizon.net](mailto:Jpstack2@verizon.net).*



*OUR PARISH HAS A GREAT*

# SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

*IF YOU LOVE TO READ AND ARE  
SEEKING INSPIRATION, A BETTER  
UNDERSTANDING OF OUR FAITH OR TO  
GROW SPIRITUALLY, THIS IS FOR YOU!*



**LOCATED IN THE MONSIGNOR FOLEY ROOM  
OF THE CHURCH.**

***OPEN DURING CHURCH HOURS***

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
SHARON NEAL,[CHERCHE3@MSN.COM](mailto:CHERCHE3@MSN.COM).**



In September 2018, 64 of our parishioners began a relationship with Unbound, an international outreach organization, by sponsoring a child, youth or elder from poor families across the globe. In May 2023, an additional 58 parishioners joined this outreach for a total of 126 who are now actively engaged with Unbound!

If you can't sponsor a child, youth or elder there are other ways to get involved:

- You can pray for these families and the good work of Unbound.
- You can attend our occasional meetings to offer your insights and ideas.



For more information, contact Mike Plevyak at:  
[mplevyak22@gmail.com](mailto:mplevyak22@gmail.com).



We, the members of the Respect Life Committee of Saints Peter and Paul Church, in response to the Gospel of Life, commit ourselves to prayer, education and action in defense of life. It is our mission to foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. We are dedicated to observing and promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church on all Life issues.



For more information, please contact Kathy Myers at [mrskathymyers@verizon.net](mailto:mrskathymyers@verizon.net).

## *Liturgical Music Ministry*



**Saints Peter and Paul Church has a vibrant and welcoming liturgical music ministry which supports our congregational worship. Below are some ways we invite you to share your God-given gifts with our parish community.**

**Adult Choir - Ages 16 and up.**

**Youth Choir - Grades 3 through 8.**

**Cantors - Ability to read music and/or prior experience preferred.**

**Training provided.**

**Organists - By audition.**

**Other ensembles - Joyous Sound guitar group,**

**Combined Choirs for Special Liturgies.**

**Instrumentalists - By audition.**



Please email  
[amsnader@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:amsnader@sspeterandpaulrc.org).

# *Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism*



*Baptisms are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month after the 11:30 Mass. A two-hour Baptism Prep class is mandatory for parents if it has been more than 4 years since your last child was baptized. Classes are held on the 1st Sunday of every month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.*



***Prior registration is necessary.  
Please contact [baptisms@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:baptisms@sspeterandpaulrc.org)  
or call 484-473-8205 for more information.***

# *Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage*

Christian marriage is a very serious relationship which requires permanence, fidelity, and openness to life between the spouses. The Church has a special responsibility to assist couples to prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

- Ordinarily, couples must begin the wedding preparation process no less than eight months before the date of the wedding.
- At least one of the parties seeking to marry must be Catholic. Additionally, at least one of the parties must be a registered parishioner at Saints Peter and Paul Parish. Consideration will be given on a case by case basis to non-parishioners who have some connection to the parish (ex. former parishioner, attended school at Saints Peter and Paul Parish School, etc.).
- Weddings may only be scheduled after an in-person meeting with a parish priest. Wedding dates may not be reserved over the phone prior to meeting with a priest. Please call the parish office to make an appointment with one of our priests.
- Visiting clergy are welcome to assist in the celebration of weddings. Please notify your priest if you anticipate guest clergy to participate in your wedding Mass or ceremony.







## **Saints Peter and Paul Parish Volunteers**

*If you have a passion for sharing your gifts  
with others, join us! Our parish is very special,  
and with your help it will be even better!*



***Please check off the activities that interest you on  
the next page and return it to the  
Parish Office.***

## Family

- ☐ CYO
- ☐ Family Ministry
- ☐ PREP
- ☐ Vacation Bible School
- ☐ Youth Group

## Worship

- ☐ Adult Choir
- ☐ Adult altar servers/funerals.
- ☐ Altar Servers
- ☐ Art and Environment
- ☐ Audio-Visual Support
- ☐ Cantors
- ☐ Greeters
- ☐ Instrumentalists
- ☐ Joyful Sound Choir
- ☐ Lector
- ☐ Liturgy of the Word  
for Children
- ☐ Ushers
- ☐ Youth Choir

## Outreach

- ☐ Bethesda Casseroles
- ☐ Caring for Friends
- ☐ Christmas Giving Tree
- ☐ Food Drives
- ☐ H.O.P.E.

## Pastoral

- ☐ Bible Study
- ☐ ChristLife
- ☐ CYACC/ Young Adults
- ☐ Friends of SSPP
- ☐ Knights of Columbus
- ☐ Men's Group
- ☐ OCIA
- ☐ Prayer Group
- ☐ Respect Life
- ☐ Walking With Purpose
- ☐ Women's Evening Cafe

## Operations

- ☐ Church Cleaners
- ☐ Collection Counters
- ☐ Garden Club
- ☐ Greeters
- ☐ Hospitality
- ☐ Office Support
- ☐ Parish Website

Other interests/talents to share:\_\_\_\_\_

Name\_\_\_\_\_phone\_\_\_\_\_

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SPIRITUAL JOURNEY***

**Saints Peter and Paul Parish**

[www.sspeterandpaulrc.org](http://www.sspeterandpaulrc.org)

**Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

[www.archphila.org](http://www.archphila.org)

**United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

**Books of the Bible**

[www.usccb.org/bible](http://www.usccb.org/bible)

**Daily Readings**

[www.usccb.org/calendar](http://www.usccb.org/calendar)

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

[www.usccb.org/catechism.text/](http://www.usccb.org/catechism.text/)

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***If you have any questions regarding services,  
ministries or organizations, please call the  
Parish Office Center  
610-692-2216.***



***There are several ways to keep up with news  
and events at our parish:***

***-You may access our parish website at  
<https://www.sspeterandpaulrc.org>***

***--You may sign up to receive our weekly  
newsletter by visiting us on our website and  
clicking on the appropriate box.***

***-Check out our parish Facebook page at  
<https://www.facebook.com/peterandpaulparish/>***

***-Be sure to pick up our weekly bulletin after a  
weekend Mass or view it digitally on our  
website.***

***-You may call our Parish Office at  
610-692-2216.***



**To find out more about Saints Peter and Paul  
School, we invite you to visit our website at  
[www.school.sspeterandpaulrc.org](http://www.school.sspeterandpaulrc.org)**

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**For more information regarding enrollment  
please contact the Advancement office at  
610-696-1000 or  
email your questions to  
[advancement@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:advancement@sspeterandpaulrc.org).**



We invite all of God's children in grades 1-7 to join us each week for Religious Education aka PREP! We meet after school on Mondays or Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

If your child is PREP age but hasn't started yet, contact us. We can never be too old to grow in our relationship with the Lord! We also have an All-Ability PREP class once a month during the school year for our children with special abilities This is in addition to inclusion in our weekly PREP. We will work with all of our children and their families to help them receive their sacraments so please reach out!

We offer Youth Group, Works of Mercy and service opportunities. We have fun family events like our Easter Egg Hunt and Children's Masses and Children's Liturgy of the Word with our Family Ministry Committee.



To learn more, register/pay online at  
<https://sspeterandpaulrc.org/prep/>

You can call our Religious Education Office at 484-473-8334  
or email your questions to [mdalessandro@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:mdalessandro@sspeterandpaulrc.org) or  
[ewalls@sspeterandpaulrc.org](mailto:ewalls@sspeterandpaulrc.org).



## **Prayers for the Eucharistic Revival**

**My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.**

**(Three times)**

**Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of sinners.**

**Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.**





## **PRAYER FOR EVANGELIZATION**

**Eternal Father, we ask you,  
through your son Jesus Christ,  
and the intercession of Mary Immaculate,  
Star of the New Evangelization,  
to pour forth your Holy Spirit upon  
the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.**

**Through the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
renew and transform us,  
and make fruitful the work of evangelization.**

**Root us deeply in the heart of your Son  
so that we may radiate him more fully,  
sharing with others the Good News of  
salvation in Christ, who alone  
is the fulfillment of all human desiring.**

**Transform our parishes and make of them  
shining lights, beacons of hope  
that reach those who are far from you,  
drawing them back to your fold.**

**Consecrate us in your truth  
and accomplish your plans in us  
according to your holy will.**

**Amen.**

# **Saints Peter and Paul Staff**

**Monsignor Angelo R. Citino, Pastor**  
**Rev. David M. Buffum, Parochial Vicar**

**Deacon Patrick Stokely**

**Deacon Robert Pierce**

**Peggy Anne Fox, Parish Secretary**

**Judy Magee, Director of Adult Faith Formation**

**Anna Marie Snader, Director of Liturgical Music**

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**Don Loudon, Facilities Manager**

## **School**

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**Barbara McCarron, School Secretary**

**Barbara McCarron, , School Advancement Director**

**Loretta Pawlowski, School Business Manager**

**Joseph Rodia, Director of CYO**

## **PREP**

**Michele D'Alessandro, Coordinator of Religious Ed**

**Elizabeth Walls, PREP Secretary**

**Parish Office: 610-692-2216**

**School: 610-692-1000**

**PREP Office: 484-473-8344**



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