

*Welcome to
Saints Peter and Paul Parish*



Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"Our faith is our strength for the journey."

We at Saints Peter and Paul Parish are happy to assist you on your journey of life and faith. In the following pages please find information about the sacramental life, devotions, ministries and organizations here at the parish. Many people are involved in who we are and what we offer here at Saints Peter and Paul.

We invite everyone to join us in prayer, worship and outreach as we attempt to continue our mission of ministering in the name of Jesus.

God bless us all!

Msgr. Angelo R. Citino

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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

We are 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.

History

In June 2, 1967, Father Michael Bednar was appointed founding pastor of the parish of Saints Peter and Paul in West Chester, PA. Before the construction of the church, Mass was celebrated at Immaculata College and Villa Maria House of Studies.

On December 8, 1968, ground breaking for the church took place on a 15-acre tract that was formerly part of the Sullivan Estate.

The first Mass in the newly completed Church took place on Thanksgiving Day, 1969.

The Rectory was built and occupied in September 1981, along with a Parish Center that housed a chapel, meeting rooms, office and library.

Saints Peter and Paul started the new millennium with two major construction projects. In 2001 the Church Narthex was expanded to its present configuration. Saints Peter and Paul School, accommodating pre-K through 8th grade, was built and flourished under Principal Mrs. Margaret Egan.

In 2016, refurbishing and revitalizing of the church and grounds took place under the care of pastor Monsignor Angelo Citino.

In 2017, Saints Peter and Paul Parish celebrated fifty years as a community of Faith serving people in the West Chester area.

In 2019, Saints Peter and Paul School was awarded the distinguished honor of being a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

In the summer of 2020, Principal Mrs. Margaret Egan retired and Mrs. Veronica Chandler was appointed as the new school principal.

*For a more complete history, please see the parish website:
www.sspeterandpaulrc.org*



Pastors

Father Michael Bednar, 1967-1972

Father Louis Kovacs, 1972-1993

Father James Foley, 1993-2009

Monsignor Daniel Kutys, 2009-2012

Father Vincent Welsh, 2012-2014

Father James McGuinn, 2014-2016

Monsignor Angelo Citino, 2016-present

PARISH REGISTRATION

Our parish community welcomes all to join us for worship. We invite everyone to be an active and participating member in every aspect of parish life.

To be recognized as a member of our parish, one must be registered. Please notify the parish office if you are moving from the parish, or if you have changed your address or phone number.

APPOINTMENTS

Our priests and the members of the parish staff are most willing to be of service to all. You are asked, if possible, to arrange an appointment in advance with the person you wish to see.

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM --5:00PM*

Friday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM*

***We close for lunch every day from 12:15PM to 1:15 PM. Office hours are subject to change. Please see the bulletin for current hours.**



PARISH BULLETIN AND EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The parish's main forms of communication are the parish bulletin and the email newsletter. Information of value to all parishioners is offered, including special parish events. The bulletin is available after each of the weekend Masses and also online at the parish website, www.sspeterandpaulrc.org. The email newsletter is sent each week to all parishioners. You can update your email address on our website or by calling the parish office.

LETTERS OF ELIGIBILITY

Letters of eligibility are necessary for sponsorship for Confirmation or status of Godparents for Baptism. Letters of Eligibility are issued only to registered and participating members of Saints Peter and Paul Parish that meet the following criteria: he or she is at least 16 years of age and has received all of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) and is able to fulfill the responsibilities involved with being a sponsor. If married, a sponsor must be married in accord with the laws of the Catholic Church.

PARISH PHONE, WEBSITE & FAX NUMBERS

Parish Center:	610.692.2216
Parish website:	www.sspeterandpaulrc.org
Parish fax:	610.692.7103
PREP Office:	484.473.8344
School:	610.696.1000
School website:	school@sspeterandpaulrc.org
School fax:	484.631.0181

PARISH ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

Saints Peter and Paul is now utilizing Parish Giving for electronic donations. When you sign up with Parish Giving, you can set up automatic deductions that may be taken either from your checking or savings account or charged against a credit card. These automatic deductions can be scheduled weekly or monthly, whichever suits your budget best. You can also donate to Holy Day and Second Collections.

You may sign up with Parish Giving by going to our parish website and clicking on "Donate." This will take you directly to the Parish Giving home page where you can register. Or you may call Parish Giving directly at 866.307.7140 and one of their friendly customer service representatives will assist you in establishing your account.



*"What shall I render to the LORD For all His
benefits toward me?" -Psalm 116:12*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil:	4:30 PM
Sunday:	7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 AM
Weekdays:	6:30 & 8:30 AM
Saturday:	8:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard from 7:30-7:50 AM and 3:00- 4:00 PM on Saturdays.

DEVOTIONS

The Rosary: following the 8:30 AM Mass Monday through Friday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays from September to June following the 8:30 AM Mass, ending at 3:00 PM with a quiet repose of the Blessed Sacrament (subject to change due to funeral schedule).

The Miraculous Medal Novena: following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays.

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: First Fridays following the 8:30 AM Mass.

First Friday Holy Hours: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00-8:00 PM (September through June) including music, private prayer and Benediction.

Please see the weekly bulletin for possible updates

MEMORIALS

ANNOUNCED MASSES- These Masses are celebrated in the parish and announced in the weekly bulletin. The usual offering is \$10.00 for daily Mass, \$15 for Vigil and Sunday Mass.

CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND- Monetary donations can be made to the parish in memory of loved ones.



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION- The sanctuary lamp will burn for one week for a special intention or in memory of a loved one and is announced in the weekly bulletin. An offering of \$10 is requested.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

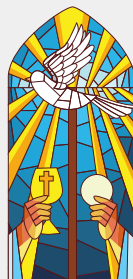
BAPTISM- The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month after the 11:30 AM Mass. Parents requesting baptism for their child are required to attend the Baptism Prep class which is held on the first Sunday of each month after the 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center. Prior registration is necessary. Please call the Adult Faith Formation Office at 484.473.8205 to sign up.

GODPARENTS/SPONSORS FOR BAPTISM- The role of the Baptismal sponsor is primarily a spiritual role to help the newly baptized lead a Christian life. Therefore, a sponsor must be a practicing Catholic in good standing (married validly), at least 16 years of age and having received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).

CONFIRMATION- "In the sacrament of Confirmation, the apostles and the bishops, who are their successors, hand on to the baptized the special gift of the Holy Spirit, promised by Christ the Lord and poured upon the Apostles at Pentecost. Thus the initiation in the Christian life is completed." (Rite of Confirmation). Preparation for Confirmation of children is provided through our parish school and our Parish Religious Education program (P.R.E.P.).

HOLY EUCHARIST- "We need to remember that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life because in the Eucharist is found the entire treasure of the Church: Jesus Christ." (USCCB)
"Communion.. increases the communicants union with the Lord..." (CCC). Preparation for the reception of Holy communion is provided through the parish school and our PREP program.

Teens and Adults who have not completed their sacraments of initiation are encouraged to contact one of our priests or the Director of Adult Faith Formation at 484.473.8205.



SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

RECONCILIATION- We encourage frequent reception of the Sacrament of God's love, available anytime by appointment or the schedule printed on previous page.

CARE OF THE SICK- Please notify the Parish Office when any family members are ill and cannot come to church regularly. The priests want to be able to bring Holy Communion and minister the Anointing of the Sick. If you know you are entering the hospital, please notify the parish priest in advance so that he can administer the Sacrament of the Sick before you enter the hospital.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS- Please notify us when a parishioner is homebound. This will allow us to pray for them and visit them. Holy Communion is brought to them monthly by our priests and if desired, weekly by an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. Call the Parish Office to arrange for visits.



HOSPITAL VISITS- If you or a family member enters the hospital unexpectedly, or while in the hospital need a priest in an emergency situation, please ask the nurses or hospital personnel to contact the chaplain on call. The parish priests are happy to make hospital visits when able. Every hospital has a priest on call for emergencies.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

MATRIMONY- Couples wishing to be married here at Saints Peter and Paul Parish must contact the Parish Office at their earliest convenience, but no less than six months before the wedding. Archdiocesan policy requires all couples preparing for marriage to attend the Pre-Cana program. Information on the Pre-Cana program can be obtained at the Parish Center.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS- Anyone who is discerning to be a priest, sister or brother is encouraged to call the Parish Center to discuss the matter with the parish priest.

NEXT GENERATION PARISH

Starting in September 2021, a team of ten Saints Peter And Paul parishioners worked with Msgr. Citino to draft a Three-year strategic plan. With the assistance of the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), this "Envisioning Team" assessed the strengths and opportunities of the parish Using the Disciple Maker Index survey from 2018, sacramental data, a review of parish ministries, as well as the lived experiences of the team members.

With this information in hand, the Envisioning Team started with the Parish mission and vision statements developed in 2019. The slightly revised parish vision statement is:

We are 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.

They also drafted three key parish values (Faith, Generosity and Community) and four parish priorities:

- Develop personal and communal holiness
- Celebrate uplifting and meaningful liturgies
- Foster relationships to develop a community of authentic disciples
- Increase personal outreach experiences



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The most important thing we do each week is celebrate Mass together. This is the place where we receive the strength to act courageously as Christians in the world. It is a time of encouragement and challenge. The Mass is for everyone and everyone has an important role to play.

ADULT ALTAR SERVER

Adults are trained for the ministry of altar server. They fulfill this ministry by serving at daily Mass, benediction and other special liturgical events.

ADULT FUNERAL SERVERS

We are a small group of adults who assist the priest at funerals. We welcome all adults young and old, male and female, who would be available late mornings for a couple of hours during the month. Funerals are assigned on a volunteer basis so you do not need to be available every week. No problem if you go South for the winter or to the shore for the summer! No prior altar serving experience necessary. We find it very gratifying to be a small part of the celebration of a person entering eternal life with God.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Extraordinary Ministers distribute Holy Communion at Mass. Some of them also give of themselves by bringing the Eucharist to the homebound of the parish and our local nursing home residents. Extraordinary Ministers are appointed by our pastor and serve for three years.

GREETERS

Our purpose is to joyfully, enthusiastically and sincerely welcome each person coming to Mass. Volunteers for this ministry are assigned to greet in accordance with their schedules and availability. As a Greeter, you may think that you are signing up to open doors, but really you are making an eternal impact for the Kingdom of God. You are helping to create an environment where lives can change through the love of Christ!

LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the Word of God at the liturgical celebrations of the parish, especially the Sunday Liturgy. They play an important part in the life of the Church by helping to proclaim the Word of God to the people in a way that allows God's Word to penetrate their minds and hearts. Those wanting to be lectors must be practicing Catholics who are in good standing with the Church. Training is provided.

LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTRY

Saints Peter and Paul has a vibrant and welcoming music ministry which supports the parish's congregational worship during sacred liturgies. We strive to enhance the liturgy by using our time and talents to prepare music that turns all minds and hearts to God. As leaders of music, we encourage the congregation to respond and participate during Masses and special liturgies, which includes 40 Hours Devotion, Holy Days, First Communion, Confirmation, Parish May Procession, etc. *For more information regarding our choirs and music ministry, please email our liturgical music director, Anna Marie Snader, amsnader@sspeterandpaulrc.org or call 610.692.2216, ext. 265.*

USHERS

Our ushers are also "ambassadors of hospitality" as they help welcome those who come together to worship. In addition to gathering the parishioners' offerings, ushers seat people, care for the needs of the assembly, help with good order at time of Communion and when the congregation has to move, and distribute bulletins at the end of Mass. Eligibility is open to all adult parishioners.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

We want to provide as many opportunities as possible for all our members to grow in their faith. You can help by offering to share your own skills with others and by participating when opportunities for improving your understanding of the faith are provided.

BIBLE STUDY

Our mission is to come to know God through the study of His Word.

Our goal for each study we undertake is to become more spiritually mature. We seek to be transformed. Our small group format allows us to discuss how we can apply these truths to our lives and be better equipped to serve the Body of Christ.

We find that our understanding is refined through group discussions and the weekly videos. We are growing in the certainty of God's love for us as part of mankind.

We have been using Ascension Press Bible studies since 2009. We usually complete one study in the Fall and one in the Spring. Each study is generally 8-10 weeks in length. We offer two classes that meet once a week: Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Parish Center.

To sign up, please contact Marietta Moody (morning class) at yettamoody07@verizon.net or Jane Joyce (evening class) at jane.joyce@verizon.net.



CHRISTLIFE

The ChristLife program equips Catholics for evangelization so that all people might personally encounter Jesus Christ and be transformed into His missionary disciples. ChristLife consists of three series, starting with *Discovering Christ*, a journey that invites people into a personal relationship with Jesus. Next is *Following Christ*, which explores what it means to be a Catholic disciple. Lastly, *Sharing Christ* witnesses how to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others. Each series is conducted separately over a seven-week period. Email Brian Magee, brmagee@outlook.com.

THE DIVINE MERCY CENACLE

This is an opportunity for people to gather and become more familiar with the precepts of Jesus as Divine Mercy. The group studies The Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska which includes her personal conversations with Jesus. These small groups study the writings with the help of Cenacle Formation Manuals, Holy Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Following discussion the group then prays for personal and parish intentions and recites the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The goal of each member is to become a Eucharistic Apostle of Divine Mercy and their mission is to build up the local parish through works of mercy and promoting Eucharistic devotion. The group meets every other Tuesday at 7:00 PM (there are currently 3 groups) at the Parish Center. For more information regarding the Divine Mercy Cenacle, contact Chris Cassidy, cjcfinishes@comcast.net.



THE MONSIGNOR FOLEY SPIRITUAL LIBRARY

The Monsignor Foley Spiritual Library is located off the narthex of the Church. It comprises many books covering a wide array of spiritual reading available to all our parishioners. There are writings of Theological and Philosophical Themes, Church Teachings, Scripture, the Papacy, as well as Autobiographies, Biographies, the Lives of the Saints, Marriage, Personal Issues, Teens, Children and General Subjects. DVD's are also available. The books are signed out in the sign-out book and available for two weeks with the option to renew if desired.

MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS CENACLE

Prayer members meet on Mondays at 2:00 PM in the Parish Center to pray for priests, the Church and the world. *Contact Kathy Myers, mrskathymyers@verizon.net.*

MEN'S BIBLE REFLECTION GROUP

A group of men from the local area meet every Wednesday morning in the Parish Center at 6:00AM for up to 1 hour. The group started in May of 2019 and has become a great way to complement weekly Mass or prepare for Sunday's Mass. We read the upcoming Sunday Gospel and reflect and share about what it means to us and how it applies to our lives today. Sharing is not required but it has been powerful. Comaraderie is strong. *For more information regarding the Men's Bible Reflection meetings, please contact Joe Bracken at brackenfamily7@verizon.net or Chris Pickell at Pickellcoronado@msn.com.*

O.C.I.A.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) extends a sincere welcome to all Catholics who have not completed their sacraments and non-Catholics who wish to learn more about our faith, as well as anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church. We meet weekly from mid-September until May to explore the beliefs of our faith and share our faith journeys. Join us to discover the rewards and fulfillment offered by our rich Faith tradition. *For more information, contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at 484.473.8205.*

RESPECT LIFE

In response to the Gospel of Life, the Respect Life Committee members commit themselves 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 mrskathymyers@verizon.net.

THE ROSARY GROUP

Join us in praying the rosary together after the 8:30 AM Mass Monday through Friday.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking with Purpose is intended to be a means by which women can honestly share their spiritual struggles and embark on a journey that is refreshing to the soul. It was never intended to facilitate the deepest of intellectual study of Scripture. Instead, the focus has been to help women know Christ: to know His heart, to know His tenderness, to know His mercy, and to know His love. Our logo is a little flower, and that has meaning. When a woman begins to open her heart to God, it is like the opening of a little flower that can easily be bruised or crushed, and must be treated with the greatest of care. Our desire is to speak to women's hearts no matter where they are in life, baggage and all, and gently introduce truths that can change their lives. We meet Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center. *Contact Carol Bove at david.carolbove@gmail.com.*

WOMEN OF GRACE

The Women of Grace® Foundational Study, Full of Grace: Women and the Abundant Life by Johnnette Benkovic Williams is a powerful small-group study designed to support the spiritual formation of Catholic women. Through this journey of discovery and transformation, women grow in knowledge and practice of their faith and come to understand and affirm their dignity and vocation as daughters of God and their gift of authentic femininity. *Contact Margaret Connelly, Megan.Connolly04@gmail.com.*

PARISH MINISTRIES

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council is a major consultative body in the parish which advises the pastor who presides over the council. It is composed of the priests, representative parish staff members who assist with pastoral functions of the parish, and lay persons who are representatives of the membership of the parish. The pastor appoints some of the lay representatives and some are elected by the faithful of the parish. The Parish Pastoral Council strives to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the Church, which, in turn will reflect the mission of Christ.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Council members are appointed by the pastor to meet with him on a regular basis to advise him on the management of the parish finances.

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Saints Peter and Paul Parish offers a variety of ways for parishioners of all ages to get involved and enable you to share your gifts with our faith community. If you have any questions, please contact the Adult Faith Formation Office at 484.473.8205.

BETHESDA PROJECT

We support this charity for the homeless by supplying homemade casseroles and requested items of clothing, bedding, bath items and toiletries. There is a freezer in the Narthex designated for Bethesda Project, with recipes, supplies, instructions and wish lists on the freezer or in the adjoining cabinet. Volunteers are needed to cook, donate items, or deliver the donations. *For more information, contact Mike Plevyak at mplevyak22@gmail.com*

CARING FOR FRIENDS

Home-cooked meals for the elderly and disabled. There is a Caring For Friends freezer located off the Narthex of the Church. Special instructions and supplies are there as well. Volunteers are needed to cook or to drive meals to the center in Philadelphia and sometimes locally. *For more info contact Greg Cali at gcali@comcast.net.*

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS OF CHESTER COUNTY (C.Y.A.C.C.)

We are a group of single and married people in their 20's and 30's who meet weekly in the West Chester area. CYACC exists to offer young adults spiritual, social and service opportunities. To do this, we have Adoration on the first Wednesday of every month as well as speakers and social nights for the second, third and fourth Wednesdays. *More information can be found on the website, www.cyacc.org, on our Facebook page, or by emailing cyacc1@gmail.com.*

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION (C.Y.O.) is open for all children of the Saints Peter and Paul parish community; children of all abilities and experience are welcome! Our programs attempt to fulfill the needs of our youth socially and spiritually as well as fostering their athletic development. Our organization is meant to assist our youth in finding their identity in Christ, in understanding their responsibility towards others, and in developing a well-rounded personality. You can visit our website on the school/parish website under CYO if you would like more information.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Every year, our parishioners remove tags from a Christmas tree placed in the church narthex and generously return the gifts that are designated for poor and needy children and families. *Contact the Adult Faith Formation office for more information, 484.473.8205.*



CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY

Our mission is to honor Our God, Lord and Spirit by maintaining our parish home. Come join a God-loving, fun-loving volunteer group of men and women who help tidy up the church and surrounding rooms on Monday mornings for about an hour and a half. *To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Pat Connelly at pattiecon@verizon.net.*

FOOD DRIVES

We offer a Thanksgiving Food Drive in the Fall and a Manna Food Drive in the Spring to benefit the poor at one of our local charities.

GARDENING TEAM

This group of committed volunteers takes care of the parish gardens, doing plantings in the spring and fall as well as occasional routine maintenance. If you would like to participate, you are most welcome and any time you give is most appreciated! *Contact Rita Marie Smith, smitty308@verizon.net.*

FRIENDS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This is a new ministry that has come out of our NGP initiative. Inspired members of the parish may take part in this year-long ministry by accompanying new or returning parishioners on their journey to active engagement in parish life. By providing personal accompaniment throughout the liturgical year, new parishioners are encouraged to take part in opportunities for faith enrichment, fellowship, and already established ministries and activities.

For more information or to sign up, go to our monthly information table in the church narthex.

GIRL SCOUTS

The mission of the Girl Scouts is as follows:

"Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place." (This is quoted from the Girl Scout website) Our troops at Saints Peter and Paul on average meet one time per month. Saints Peter and Paul has a troop in every grade. We have Kindergarten and First grade Daisy troops. Second and Third grade Brownie troops. Fourth and Fifth grade Junior troops, and sixth, seventh and eighth grade cadette troops. Each troop works on a variety of projects to further their education and rank within Girl Scouts. The work these girls complete is sustainable and gives back to the community. Activities include a Cookie Rally to kick off the cookie selling season, a Girl Scout Father/Daughter Dance, Camporee, World Thinking Day, Mother/Daughter events, just to name a few. *For more information about our Saints Peter and Paul Girl Scouts, email Tina Bollenbach, kwisni@yahoo.com.*

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Every Day)

In the Gospel according to Saint Matthew (Matthew 25: 44-45), Jesus tells us, "Then they will answer and say" 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."

HOPE is a newly formed ministry at Saints Peter and Paul Parish which will provide opportunities to reach out and be of service to our shut-ins, elderly or those in need in our parish community. Do you have an hour or two free during the week to drive someone to the doctor or to Mass, take someone food shopping or food shop for someone? Would you consider being on a list to be called when someone in the parish is in need? Maybe, the Lord is calling you to our HOPE Ministry!

If you are willing to volunteer, would like more information, or have any questions, please call Loretta Bevilacqua at 610.529.1991.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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. The Council works closely with Saints Peter and Paul Parish and Saints Philip and James Parish, 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. *For more information, please contact James Stack, jstack2@verizon.net.*

UNBOUND INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH TO THE POOR

Over 126 children, youth or senior citizens living in poverty abroad are being sponsored by generous people from our parish through the international aid organization, UNBOUND. Many have chosen Guatemala and hope to eventually go there on an awareness trip to see the work of UNBOUND first-hand, and to have an opportunity to meet those they sponsor in person. There are many ways to get involved in this project, whether or not you sponsor someone. You can pray for these families and the good work of UNBOUND. You can help with the plans for, and/or join, the parish awareness trip to Guatemala, when that is eventually undertaken. You can participate in other activities in support of the families who are being sponsored. *For more information, please contact Mike Plevyak at mplevyak22@gmail.com.*



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Parish Religious Education Program also known as PREP offers a variety of ways to help our families build their relationship with the Lord. For our little ones, we are working on bringing back our Little Liturgy and Kid's Club once or twice a month during the school year. This is a great way for parents to meet other parents and kids to meet other kids in the parish. Other guardians are welcome too!

Vacation Bible School is a 4-day summer camp where our children learn more about the Lord, typically offered the week when or after school ends.

PREP, also known as CCD is our Religious Education Program for our students in grades 1 through 7. Our students learn about our faith on a weekly basis throughout the school year. Children need to be in PREP continuously so they are prepared to receive their Sacraments.

All Ability PREP- In addition to PREP, we invite our all ability students and their parents to meet with us once a month during the school year. Our lessons include fun, hands-on activities as well as teachings from the Bible in a relaxed casual environment. Our hope is to grow our special needs ministry and help promote inclusion of all our children and families with additional needs. We also work with all of our children to receive their Sacraments so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask and please spread the word to other families in our community. We want everyone to have a support system and know that God and our parish love all of God's children. Many of our children attend PREP and our all ability PREP.

CIT

CIT stands for Catechist in Training. This program is for students in 8th grade and up to assist in our PREP program. (We understand if they cannot help every week).

Family Events For our families, we have events like Trunk or Treat, and Easter Egg Hunt. In conjunction with our Family Ministry Committee, there is a monthly Children's Mass combined with our parish Donut Sunday from September through May.

Family Ministry Committee-oversees parish events such as the Children's Mass, Children's Liturgy of the Word, parish playdates, etc. We hope to grow our committee and its offerings, but we need your help to do so!

Youth Group meets after school once a month on Thursdays.

For more information regarding our Parish Religious Education programs and Family Ministry, please contact Michele D'Alessandro, mdalessandro@sspeterandpaulrc.org or Elizabeth Walls, ewalls@sspeterandpaulrc.org. You may also call the PREP Office, 484.473.8344.





Saints Peter and Paul School



2018
National Blue Ribbon School
2021 and 2022
School of Distinguished Instruction

**Offering a Catholic education to
students from Pre K3 through Grade 8**
Established in 2001



Mission Statement

Saints Peter and Paul School is a Catholic community dedicated to academic excellence and the development of future leaders to be disciples of Christ with hearts to love and hands to serve.

We Believe

- In educating the whole child: academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally
- In providing a safe environment where students are physically and emotionally comfortable exploring their faith and curriculum in their own individual way

- Respect is the foundation of our school
- Christ is present in our school through prayer and our daily routine
- In guiding each individual student to reach their full potential
- In challenging students to discover their core values and express them through their lives

Saints Peter and Paul Pre K3 (age 3 by September 1) **Pre K4** (age 4 by September 1) and **Kindergarten** (age 5 by September 1). Open Registration starts on November 15.

Our Pre-Kindergarten, within an elementary school offers an age-appropriate academic environment in a nurturing and structured setting.

Flexible scheduling options are available including half days, 3-days, 4-days and 5-days.

Full time students are given preference for enrollment.

Hours for the full day program are 8:15 AM to 2:30 PM.

Hours for the half day option is 8:15 AM to 11:30 AM.

Children learn to function appropriately in a classroom setting by interacting with others, sharing, playing cooperatively, asking for help, making good choices and using their words.

Enrichment includes music, library and physical education.

The goal of the Pre K4 program is Kindergarten readiness. Children learn to transition as they move throughout the school to assemblies, music class, the library, and to the gym for physical education. Children experience other adults (teachers) in these classes.

Kindergarten students are fully-integrated into the school and follow the schedule of the day. Students eat in the cafeteria using the Aramark lunch program and utilize the school fields and playgrounds for recess.

All classes partake in school field trips.

Priority registration is given to current families registering younger siblings. Open registration begins at the end of January and the beginning of February.

We invite you to discover the difference at Saints Peter and Paul.

***For more information or to schedule a tour, contact the
Advancement office at
610.292.1000 or email inquiries to
advancement@sspeterandpaulrc.org***



C.A.R.E.S.

The CARES Program (**C**hildren **A**re **R**eceiving **E**xtended **S**ervices) is a before and after school supervised program run under the guidelines of the Archdiocese for all students, Pre K-8. Information on hours and rates may be found on the school website or email the Advancement office: advancement@sspeterandpaulrc.org.

BOARD OF LIMITED JURISDICTION

The Saints Peter and Paul School Board of Limited Jurisdiction is a group of individuals who will work in partnership with the pastor and the principal to promote and advance the mission of the school. Members of the Saints Peter and Paul School Board of Limited Jurisdiction are past and present school parents and other members of our Parish community. Members have expertise in finance, business, marketing, public relations, law, facilities and other skills that are needed to achieve the school's goals. The Board of Limited Jurisdiction concerns itself with the financial health of the school, general policies and the long range strategic planning. The Board delegates to the principal the responsibility for implementing the policies of the school as well as the daily operations of the school. The Board of Limited Jurisdiction is self-perpetuating.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

This is an association of interested parents and guardians who ensure that the children in our school have a fun and educational experience. It promotes the involvement of parents in creating a supportive rapport between home and school. An active member is one who volunteers to help coordinate activities designed to improve the school environment. General meetings are held 5 times during the school year. Free babysitting is usually provided in the art room by 8th grade students. It is a great opportunity to mingle with other school parents and learn what is going on at the school.



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we invite you to visit our website at
www.sspeterandpaulschool.org/school.**

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LINKS TO HELP IN YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

www.sspeterandpaulrc.org

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

www.archphila.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

www.usccb.org

Books of the Bible

www.usccb.org/bible

Daily Readings

www.usccb.org/calendar

The Catechism of the Catholic Church

www.usccb.org/catechism.text/

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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.

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.



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