March 13, 2016

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

For 2016 there is a new vision guiding the Catholic Charities Appeal.
THIS WEEK AT
SAINT PETER PARISH
Pray the Rosary Daily!

Sunday March 13
6:30 a.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm
8:30 a.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm
9:15 a.m. PREP Classes - PJPII
10:30 a.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm
12:00 p.m. RCIA - Rms A & B
2:30 p.m. Pre Jordan - Church

Monday March 14
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus - Rm A & B
7:30 p.m. Reserved - Rm C

Tuesday March 15
2:00 p.m. Hickory House - Nursing Home
3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel
6:15 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm
6:15 p.m. PREP Classes (grades 1,2,3,4, & 5) - PJPII
Grades 6 & 7 report directly to church for confession.
7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer & Benediction - Chapel
7:00 p.m. Reserved - Rms A & B
7:30 p.m. The King's Men - Rms C & D
7:45 p.m. KEPHAS Lectio Divina - Chapel

Wednesday March 16
6:45 p.m. Cantor Practice - Music Rm
7:00 p.m. Bereavement - Rms A & B
7:15 p.m. Choir Practice - Music Rm
7:30 p.m. Hope for Today / Al-Anon - Rms C & D
7:45 p.m. KEPHAS Lectio Divina - Chapel

Thursday March 17
9:15 a.m. Legion of Mary - Rms A & B
5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation - Church
6:15 p.m. PREP Classes (grades 1,2,3,4, & 5) - PJPII
Grades 6 & 7 report directly to church for confession.
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Rms A & B
8:00 p.m. Serenity Group / AA - Rms C & D

Friday March 18
9:00 a.m. Clean Team (Dirt Devils) - Church
5:30 p.m. Practice for Living Stations - Church
7:30 p.m. The performance of:
Living Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday March 19
3:00 a.m. Little Flowers - Rms C & D
3:30 p.m. Confessions - Shrine Rm
Saint Peter Parish Apostleship of Prayer

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER
ACTS OF PENCEANCE FOR LENT 2016

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Good Friday, while the other two meals on that day are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl, which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese, as well as throughout our nation and our world.

Please join in prayer for those remembered in our Mass Intentions for the Week of 3/14/2016

Monday        8:30 a.m.   Mary Lou Hoertz
Tuesday        8:30 a.m.   Marlene Ewbank
Wednesday     No Mass
Thursday       8:30 a.m.   Janet Runevitch
Friday         8:30 a.m.   Timothy Ahern
Saturday       8:30 a.m.   Elaine Boyle
               5:00 p.m.   Wendy Lofgren
Sunday        7:00 a.m.   James McCarthy
               9:00 a.m.   William Rice
               11:00 a.m. Albert Duran ~ 5th Anniv.

Also in your prayers please remember: Paulina Cotto who has recently died.

The publication of the intention of the Mass in the Parish Bulletin fulfills the obligation to “announce” the intention of the Mass.

MARCH 2016
PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

Universal: Families in Difficulty: That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians: That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

In your prayers, please remember the sick of our parish including...

John Bolendz, Gayle Jacobs, Patricia Fox, Toni Sharpless, Jenna Cummings, John Eby, Leo Kenny, Linda Belmonte, Virginia DiLibero, Emily Pezzulo, John Samoylo, Barbara Schober, Joseph D’Angelo, Gerry Cazzilo, Naomi Petruska, Lillian Eckbold, Laura Pavelik, Tom Sandri, Jay Griffin, Barbara Turner, Tom Olsen, Allen Renish, Donna & John Byrne, Pat McCarvey, Gerry Goerlitz, Walter Tremoglie, Chance Mort, Wallace Hollice, Rose Bruno, Laurie Flynn, Margaret M. Knight, Sharon Bullock, Marianne Lewis, Margaret Kwok, Beatrice Thomas, Rose Pakerski, Susan Moran, Mary Ann Forrest, Therese Androwick, John E. Logan, Joan Buono, Michelle L. Marinaro, Stephanie Gemmell, Sharon Valentino, Sharon Ricker, Richard Swartz, Frank Kushnierzky, Kristin McElroy, Carrie Ciarlello, Aubrey Feels, Pat Weiss, Florence Alvord, Barbara Donaldson, Edward Pristernik, Julie Immel, Agnes Forgione, Joann Neill, Carmela Cinquina, Rick Petrella, Francis Petrella, Sr., Martha Thompson, Ed McLaughlin, Peter Mikulich, Joseph McFetridge, Peggy Snepp, Glen Berger, Stephen Ferrainolo, Stacy Rollins, Alex Wildman, Pat Mills, Shirley O’Brien, Darrell J. Williams, and all the residents of our nursing homes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE ARMED SERVICES:

Stewardship Commission

Sunday, February 21 $ 21,361.79
Aging and Ill Priests to date 3,606.00
Annual Fund 974.00
Annual Fund to date 43,229.31

Memorial Gifts of $1,000 or more in remembrance of a deceased friend or loved one are acknowledged on the Memorial/Commemoration board in the Narthex. Email the parish office stpeterchesco@comcast.net for assistance with Memorials and commemorations.

The practice of tithing provides a regular reminder of your dependence on God. In good times, tithing helps you remember that God is the source of all blessings, and it allows you to demonstrate your gratitude for His care. In hard times, tithing motivates you to remember God’s faithfulness and enables you to demonstrate trust in God to provide for all of our needs.

When you tithe you enable those whom God has called to serve as pastors, ministry personnel, and parish leadership to faithfully build up the church accomplishing the works of Christ in our parish!

“Let Each One Take Care” “According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.” 1 Corinthians 3:10

Ways to Give:

**Budgeted Gift:** A faithful stewardship gift for the works of Christ in St. Peter Parish could be planned as the first fruits of your parish budget process. Just as you must plan for mortgage, tuition, utilities and food monthly or annually, why not make God’s work through the parish the first budget item? Using the envelope supplied by the parish you can make the most of a planned, proportionate and sustainable gift as a regular part of your budget on the biblical model of giving the ‘first fruits’ to the Lord! A planned and consistent ‘tithe’ is God’s plan for giving!

**Gifts of Cash:** Checks should be made out to “St. Peter Parish.” Often Parishioners make note in the memo section of the check a particular fund recommended by the parish such as Parish Hall or Annual Fund or Sunday Offering. Others indicate memorial fund or altar flowers, especially at Christmas or Easter.

**Matching Gifts:** Would you like to double or even triple the impact of your gift? Over 70,000 companies have matching gift programs, and many include current employees and retirees. The wide range of ministries and ministry partnerships shared within the parish pastoral plan allows your donation to be eligible for the majority of matching gift programs. Some corporations may require that your gift be designated to a specific beneficiary. Through our partnership with the Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, we are happy to guide you through the steps to secure a corporate match for your donation. Please let the parish know how we can assist you.

**Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT):** This convenient way of planned stewardship can be arranged through the parish business manager, bizmgr@saintpeterchurch.net.

**Gifts of Security:** A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

**Planned Gifts:** By making a planned gift to Saint Peter Parish you are ensuring that you leave a lasting legacy of faith and charity. Gift planning allows individuals to incorporate estate and financial planning with their long term philanthropic goals and includes bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust instruments, and gifts of retirement or life insurance assets. This type of gift offers many financial and tax benefits to you and your loved ones. More importantly, it provides an enduring testament to your values that ensures what you have spent a lifetime building is allocated according to your wishes.

Please consult with your tax advisor on the tax treatment of all gifts as they may vary from individual to individual.

WORSHIP COMMISSION

**Arts and Environment Committee!** We can always use volunteers to help keep our church beautiful during each season of the year. Parish members interested in joining our committee, or past members who have not been receiving email notices of when to meet, can contact Nancy Mayer at nmayer1@comcast.net for more information.

We are in need of ushers at the Sunday, 9 a.m. Mass. The commitment is every other month. Please email Toni Legarski at tlegarski@dasd.org. A great way to meet parishioners and make some life long friends!

“If it is more blessed to give than to receive, then most of us are content to let the other fellow have the greater blessing.”

Shailer Matthews (1863 - 1941)
American theologian
First Reading  Isaiah 43:16 - 21

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

Responsorial Psalm  (for 7 a.m. Mass only)
R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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Second Reading  Philippians 3: 8 - 14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel  John 8: 1 - 11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?” They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She replied, “No one, sir.” Then Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more.”
Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.)  A St. Peter Parish Program
For all children in Public Schools or Homeschooled
Classes are held at PJPII School for Grades 1 - 7
Phone: 610-384-3145  Fax: 610-380-9049
E-mail: stpeterre@yahoo.com  Director: Mrs. Patrice Peterson

Grades 1 - 7 offered at all sessions:
Tuesday and Thursday 6:15 - 7:45 p.m.
Sunday 9:15 - 10:45 a.m.

PREP Weekly Lesson Plans posted on PREP page of the Parish Website.

Outreach collection for the hungry is: SOUP and “ONE-CAN-MEALS.” Please be generous. Thank you!

1st Eucharist Reminders:
April 16 - Parent and Child Retreat (9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
April 23 - Practice (9:30 a.m. for A - K and 11 a.m. for L - Z)
April 30 - Sacrament (10 a.m. for A - K and 1:30 p.m. for L - Z)

PREP REGISTRATION FOR 2016/17
Registration will be held in the lobby of PJPII School on:
Sunday, April 3,  9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday, April 5,  5 - 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 7,  5 - 7 p.m.

These times are for both NEW and RE-REGISTERING Families. All NEW STUDENTS need a Baptismal Certificate to register. Please remember to bring a check for your tuition.

Spring Sports

Spring Sports include:
* Track and Field (Co-ed, Pre-K - 8th)
* Softball (Girls 5th - 8th)
* Baseball (Boys 5th - 8th)

Parent volunteers must have all appropriate clearances to participate. Clearance information is available at: teacherweb.com/PA/PJPII/AthleticAssoc/apit5.aspx. Please contact the PJPII Athletic Board at pjpiicyo@gmail.com with any questions.

PJPII Kid’s Spring Outgrown Sale
PJPII Kid’s Spring Outgrown Sale will take place on Saturday, March 19, at Pope John Paul II School gym. The sale will run from 9 a.m. - noon. Shop for children's and teens’ spring and summer clothing, Easter and First Communion outfits, girls’ purses and accessories, baby and kid furniture, toys, video games, sport equipment, bicycles, skates, children's books, CDs, DVDs, maternity clothing, and more! Proceeds from this sale benefit the students of PJPII.

Devon Prep
Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our school students in the 1st Semester of this school year. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

The following students received Distinguished Honors:
John S. DePalo ’17
Justin P. Chambers ’18
Noah A. Salewski ’21

Faithful Stewardship
St. Peter PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) Families
Monthly Contribution in Support of Saint Peter Parish

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Total Stewardship Gifts for November: $10,713  December: $12,822

Faithful Stewardship
Saint Peter Catholic Elementary School Families at PJPII
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Total Stewardship Gifts for November: $12,666  December: $17,974

Bishop Shanahan High School
www.shanahan.org
Phone: 610-518-1300  Fax: 610-343-6220
Sr. Regina Plunkett IHM, President
Mr. Michael J. McGardle, Principal

Mar 17 - Confessions
Mar 18 - Basket Bingo  7 p.m.
Ladies: Join us THIS FRIDAY, March 18, at Bishop Shanahan from 7 - 9 p.m. for Designer Bag and Basket Bingo! Plan to come out and try your “luck of the Irish” for beautiful designer bags, baskets, 50/50, raffles, and more! Registration is open online.

Young Adults: Upcoming Events! Are you a young adult in your 20s and 30s? If so, join the Catholic Young Adults of Chester County (CYACC) at one or all of our upcoming events! We have our annual Lenten service opportunity, Helping Hands, which will take place from 2 - 4:30 p.m. this Sunday, March 13, at St. Monica’s in Berwyn. Next, our annual spring dance will take place April 23 at the Meehan Center at SS. Simon and Jude in West Chester. For more info, check us out on Facebook or email us at cyacc1@gmail.com.

OneRunTogether Signs of Spring 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Walk will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at the Honey Brook Golf Club. OneRunTogether benefits local cancer patients in need. In order to lighten their emotional and financial burdens, the group donates 100% of its profits to the cause. For registration information, visit www.oneruntoday.org or call 610-733-2181.

Employment Opportunity - “A Child’s Place” is currently interviewing for our Downingtown Area School District before/after care program. Part-time positions are currently available at some of our locations. Hourly positions such as 7 - 9 a.m. and 3 - 6 p.m. are available. Our program runs from September - June... a great opportunity for college students and retired educators! Requirements: High School Diploma/GED and must have a minimum of two years experience working with children. Salary: $10 - $14 per hour based on experience and education. To apply, please call Danielle at 610-304-2891 or email resume to dfroio@acpec.com. For more information visit www.acpec.com.

PJPII’s Kids Spring Outgrown Sale is looking for additional sellers/consignors and volunteers who are members of St. Peter, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Joseph (Coatesville) or Our Lady of Consolation Parish. If interested in volunteering or selling your gently used children’s SPRING/SUMMER clothing and toys on Saturday, March 19, from 9 a.m. - noon, please visit the Development/Outgrown Sale page at www.popejohnpaul2sch.org or email Danielle Civitella at dcvitella@verizon.net for further information. Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Once the seller limit has been reached, you will be placed on a wait list for the fall Sale. Both sellers and volunteers will be invited to shop the private Pre-Sale on Friday night March 18 at 7:30 p.m. Thank you for your support!

Living Stations of the Cross
Presented by Our Newly-Confirmed St. Peter Parish Students
This Friday!
Mark your calendars for
Friday, March 18, at 7:30 p.m.
Don’t miss this fantastic performance!

Follow Christ includes seven weekly sessions early on Sunday afternoons, and a half-day retreat following the fifth session.

1. Daily Personal Prayer
2. Hearing God in Scripture
3. The Power of the Sacraments
4. Forgiving One Another
5. The Spirit-Empowered Life

Retreat: The World, the Flesh, and the Devil
6. Advancing the Mission of the Church
7. Celebration

All Are Welcome!  ~ Not necessary to have attended the first series ~

Series begins April 10, 2016 – Registration due by April 3, 2016

Call the parish office or e-mail schedule@saintpeterchurch.net for details

REGISTRATIONS FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE RACK NEAR THE WELCOME DESK
Palm (Passion) Sunday
Proclamation of the Passion and Distribution of Palm at all Masses

Saturday, March 19
Sacrament of Reconciliation  3:30 p.m.
Mass  5 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
Mass  7, 9, and 11 a.m.

~ Holy Week ~

Monday, March 21
Mass  8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22
Mass  8:30 a.m.
Benediction in Chapel  7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23
No Mass

Thursday, March 24
Holy Thursday
No 8:30 a.m. Mass
Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7 p.m.
Washing of Feet / Eucharistic Procession
Adoration / Reposition at 10 p.m.

Friday, March 25
Good Friday
No Mass
Stations of the Cross 12 Noon
Proclamation of the Passion
3 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.
Veneration of the Cross / Holy Communion

Saturday, March 26
Holy Saturday
No 8:30 a.m. Mass
No Confessions
Blessing of the Easter Food 10 a.m.
(in the main church narthex)

Easter Vigil  8 p.m.
Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Sacraments of Initiation, Liturgy of the Eucharist

Easter Sunday
March 28
Mass  7, 9, and 11 a.m.
Renewal of Baptismal Promises at all Masses

What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a prayer that uses traditional Rosary beads to meditate upon and ask for the infinite mercy of God that was poured out upon the world through the passion of Jesus Christ. The prayers of the Chaplet were given by Jesus to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905 -1938) with the promise of many powerful graces as a fruit of this prayer. To learn more about the Chaplet and our Archdiocesan celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, visit: Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Chosen Fathers:
A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities:
Saturday, April 30, at St. Charles Seminary

The Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a Chosen Father, who is the president of EWTN and an award-winning TV/Radio host. To register call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org. Cost: Early Bird before April 1, $25, after April 1, $30.

Pope Francis prescribes daily, the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet as spiritual medicine for the heart, soul, and whole of life!

DON’T GIVE UP chocolate
THIS LENT

Do something life-changing. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s Best Lent Ever® email program. Each day you’ll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. They will guide you through the 40 chapters in Matthew’s new bestseller Rediscover Jesus and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life.

The program is free! All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent
Outreach Commission

More Meals Needed Please!
As gratefully acknowledged a few weeks ago, the number of meals donated at the start of the AFF program was amazing to say the least. Since that time, we have started to serve 12 people and new requests are coming in weekly. Unfortunately, in that short space of time, as the demand increased, the non-soup meal contributions have decreased very significantly. If you volunteered to cook, and have fallen off in your enthusiasm, please consider starting again. Once the program starts, the need is on-going.

Last week, “no-salt-added” meals (so labeled on the menu) were requested and that need remains. Please group them in a plastic bag that is also labeled so as to make it easier for the visitor to locate them. For more information, call Ellen at 610-384-7160 or email ecerritelli@comcast.net.

Operation Easter Outfit: Partners in Outreach is collecting new Easter Outfits to be distributed for the Coatesville CYWA, St. Agnes Day Room, and other local organizations. We are seeking girls and boys outfits, infant through youth size 16. Target gift cards are also being collected. We will be collecting through Sunday, March 13, outside the St. Peter Parish library. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Ward at 610-308-3357. Your prayers and generosity are appreciated by many. Thank you!

The Cancer Support Group meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. in Meeting Rooms A & B. Our group is open to anyone who is presently undergoing treatment, has completed treatment, and is a family member/caregiver. Join us for our next meeting, March 12.

The Serenity/AA Group meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. in Meeting Rooms C & D.

Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester Counties will hold their annual Garden Luncheon on Saturday, March 19, at the Desmond Great Valley Hotel in Malvern. Silent auction opens at 10:30 a.m. Luncheon follows at 11:30 a.m. The Perennal Diva, aka Stephanie Cohen, will inform and entertain luncheon guests with a presentation on “Perennials That Drink Responsibly.” To make your reservations call 610-380-1360, x106. Tickets are $65 and all proceeds help homeless single mothers find housing and build better futures for themselves and their children.

Hope for Today / Al-Anon meetings are held in Parish Meeting Rooms C & D every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Do you know someone who needs a ride to Mass? The Transportation Ministry may be able to help. We work to provide rides for St. Peter parishioners who cannot drive themselves either temporarily or long term. If you would like to find out more, please contact Sue at 610-380-9045.

Hunger Knows No Season
LENT IS A TIME TO FAST.
Not only to deprive ourselves of food, but to give that food to those who need it.

Weekly Food Collections
STARTING: FEBRUARY 13th & 14th
ENDING: MARCH 19th & 20th
(drop off at Trailer parked at end of sidewalk)

ST VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY
40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVES

2021-03-24 13:40
**Witness Commission**

The **King's Men** meet every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms C & D. This is a group of Catholic men geared towards coming together for weekly formation and accountability to be strengthened in their roles as leader, protector, and provider. Join us this Tuesday!

The **Little Flowers** meet the 4th Saturday of each month at 3 p.m. in Meeting Rooms C & D. For more information please feel free to call Debbie Kopec at 610-942-4617, dbkopec@comcast.net or Debbie Mirenda 610-380-5073, dmirenda@comcast.net.

**Agape Praise and Worship** ~ Every second Friday of each month in 2016 from 7 - 9 p.m., in the main church. Please come join us for praise, worship, inspirational talks, and end with personal prayer with prayer teams. Talks will be on Forgiveness and God's love. Come and feel the healing Divine Mercy of God!

The **Knights of Columbus** meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A & B. All men 18 years or older interested in joining the Knights of Columbus should contact Roy Staszak at rjcastas@verizon.net. Next meeting, Monday, March 14.

**Welcome Commission**

**Bereavement Support Group** - The spring session of the Bereavement Support Group begins Wednesday, March 2. The group meets for seven sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms A & B. The Support Group is a peer ministry that offers information about the grief process while providing an opportunity for people to share their thoughts and feelings in a supportive environment. If you know someone for whom this may be helpful, give them some encouragement to attend—even offer to go with. If you have any questions or would like to register for this program, please contact Shavaun McGinty at 484-786-8528 or shavaunmcginty@gmail.com.

**Donuts, bagels and coffee!** The Scholarship Committee is serving up their usual light refreshments for your enjoyment. Coffee, Tea, Sodas, Eggrolls & Juice as well as the occasional special treat. Funds support Catholic School Scholarships given to students within our Parish. Stop by Meeting Rooms C & D after the 9 & 11 a.m. Sunday morning Masses! **NOTE:** There will be “no” donuts and bagels after Easter Sunday Masses, as we take leave to celebrate Christ’s resurrection.

**A special welcome** to those who are single, married, divorced, re-married “it’s complicated,” filthy rich, dirt poor, or no hablo ingles. There is a place for you if you are over 60 and not grown up yet or a teenager growing up too fast. You will be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity as you are trying to fulfill God’s will in your lifestyle. We are not here to judge and we do not discriminate.

We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, Redskins fans and Mets fans, starving artists, tree huggers, those in recovery, those who are still addicted, and those who are trying to figure it all out. We welcome you if you sing like Beyonce’, or if you can’t carry a tune in a bucket. You are welcome here if you are just browsing, just church shopping, found yourself bored in Amish country, just woke up, or just got out of jail.

We don’t care if it is your first Sunday at a church or whether you’ve been to church more times than the Pope. We welcome you if you are having problems or are feeling overwhelmed or if you don’t like “organized religion.” If you are looking for a fresh start, a fresh cup of hot coffee, or a hug from a new friend, there is a place for you here. We welcome those who are wearing their “church clothes’ and those who are wearing their only clothes.

We are so glad to see those who are inked, pierced, or both, those who could use a prayer right now, those who haven’t been to church since Aunt Carol’s funeral and those who got off the wrong exit of the bypass and wound up here by mistake. We welcome seekers, doubters, bleeding hearts and jaded cynics, the lost, the found, and you.

Here at St. Peter Church we are told all the time that the people of the parish seem very welcoming ...

Keep up the good work!

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