

Saints Peter and Paul Parish

August 3, 2025

Lk 12:13-21
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

1325 E. Boot Road
West Chester, PA 19380

Office Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The parish office will be closed on Fridays until after Labor Day

We close for lunch from 12:15 PM to 1:15 PM Monday through Thursday

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**Mass Schedule**

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

The 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday will be streamed permanently.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the second and fourth Sunday of every month, following the 11:30 AM Mass. A two hour Baptism Prep Class is mandatory if it has been more than 4 years since your last child was baptized. Classes are held on the third Sunday of every month. For more information or to register, please contact Judy Magee at:

jmagee@sspeterandpaulrc.org.

Eligibility to be a Sponsor

For a person to act as a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, they must receive a letter from the parish to which he or she belongs, stating: he or she is at least sixteen years old, must have already received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). He or she must be able to fulfill the responsibilities involved with being a sponsor. A sponsor who is married must be married in accord with the laws of the Catholic Church.

Confessions

7:30 to 7:50 AM Saturday

8:00 to 8:20 AM Beginning September 6!

3:00 to 4:00 PM Saturday

Devotions

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

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

Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

First Fridays following 8:30 AM Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ***Suspended for the summer months until after Labor Day.***

Wednesdays following the 8:30 AM Mass, ending at 3:00 PM with a quiet repose of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday Holy Hour

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 to 8:00 PM including music, private prayer and Benediction.

Sanctuary Lamp Intention
The Week of August 3, 2025
In Memory of John W. & Joe Morris



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 2, 2025

4:30 PM Dec'd members Wirth/Riepensell Families
 by Mary & Larry Wirth

Sunday, August 3, 2025

7:30 AM Susan McCormack by Maureen & Tom
 Fogerty

9:30 AM Edward & Regina Solarz by Ed & Eileen
 Solarz

11:30 AM Kathy Lauber by Mary Phillips

Monday, August 4, 2025

8:30 AM Kenneth Fordham by Megan & John
 McEnroe

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:30 AM Parishioners of Saints Peter and Paul

Wednesday August 6, 2025

8:30 AM Anne Marie Boemer by Christine Smith

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8:30 AM Fran O'Neill by Carmela Sawyer

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:30 AM Robert Matje by Megan & John McEnroe

Saturday, August 9, 2025

8:00 AM James Egan by Mary & Larry Wirth

4:30 PM Arthur Harris by Cristina & John Kincade

Sunday, August 10, 2025

7:30 AM Joe Norton by Sis & Pete McCoy

9:30 AM Sue Sharr by Chris & Sue Sharr

11:30 AM James Phillips by Mary Phillips



A Time to Heal

Margherita Amplo, Joanne Anderson, Tom Andino, Samantha Arland, John Babiec, Ave Beatty, Mary Brockson, Sue Ciorletti, Lorraine Colgan, Dante Danilshenko, Lorraine Della Franco, Cass Donze, Debbie DeFelice, Fran Dickens, Toby Didciullo, Marjorie Donoghue, Denise Fennelly, Nancy Flanagan, John J. Flanagan, Marguerite Finn, Joyce Galante, Sean Gallen, Lorena and Helena Gerondi, Erin, Therese, James, Jeanine, Sarah, Robert, Cory Gray, Gillespie, Joseph Gilligan, John & Mary Lou Geis, Mindy Grear, Lillian Houlahan, Carol Hroza, Mary Huff, Joan Joyce, Richard Keenan, Jaclyn Labes, Noah Langan, Steve Leiden, Diane Lemon, Vickie Letulle, Kathleen Logan, Sonny Luminello, Lydia Maier, Michael Mattioni, Dean Mazzotta, Theresa Macri, Maryann McCauley, Mary McCormick, Helen Mc Monagle, Ann McNally, Eileen McStravick, Drew Merritt, Joseph Mitchell, Marietta Moody, Maryann Mosley, Phyllis Naccarella, Franny Bernhardt Noll, Joshua Paulina, Doris Quinn, Dorrie Ritchie, Margie Roos-Dil, Rosemary Sanders, Marie Scheivert, Martha Smoczylo, Anne Smith, Bob Smith, Mark Speiser, Norma Sullivan, Ann Taylor, Len Trainor, Kevin Wallace.



A Time to Serve

Please keep the following family members in your prayers as military and first responders in dangerous places throughout the world. David & Elizabeth Barbato, Robb Bassett, Jeremy Boone, Sean Bradley, Ryan Corcoran, Michael Cotelesa, Steve Di Maio, Marc Doucette, Josh Elliott, Bill Fletcher, Dylan Golden, Riley Harsh, James Heisler, Kevin Jensen, Evan Thomas McBride, John Mc Elvenny, James O'Brien, Alyssa Pannucci, Peggy Pinto, Eric Reignier, Timothy & Mary Alice Riemann, Eric Savini, John Paul Snook, Walter Snook, Christian Troutner.



A Time to be Born

Riley Johns, Jameson Johns, Lyla D'Ambra, Sophia D'Ambra, Isabelle D'Ambra, Brynn Schaffer, Zoey Radomile, Carly Cornforth, Gray Hoogendoorh

Celebrants for Next Weekend
August 10, 2025

4:30 PM Fr. Anderson

7:30 AM Fr. McGowan

9:30 AM Fr. McGowan

11:30 AM Fr. McGowan

News from Fr. Reilly's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings emphasize the fleeting nature of life and human toil. Vanity of vanities, says Qoheloth, in the first reading, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! These words speak to the frustration of laboring hard for our goods and possessions when we know we will eventually leave this earth without them.

The Gospel addresses this same querying of "ultimate meaning." Why do we work so hard when everything is fleeting? Why do we labor when, as Jesus intimates in the Gospel, this night our lives could be demanded of us?

The man in Jesus' parable would probably answer the question of "why work?" (apart from the necessity of providing for oneself and participating in society) with the conviction that we work in order to enjoy the fruit of our labor. This seems to be what motivates him. He amasses wealth so as to rest, eat, drink, be merry! But, in his parable, Jesus points out that all can disappear in the blink of an eye. And then what?

The crux of the parable is that although all those good things might seem to make a good life, they are not what our work should be about.

The real fruit of our work, which should be our focus, is the person we become, the person who will go on to meet God face to face. For that is what matters to God. The way we treat the people with whom we interact at work, the way we choose how much of ourselves we pour out at work – all of these shape us.

The *Catechism* says: "By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. He shows himself to be a disciple of Christ by carrying the cross, daily, in the work he is called to accomplish. Work can be a means of sanctification and a way of animating earthly realities with the Spirit of Christ" (#2427).

Work can be redemptive, sanctifying. It can provide opportunities to sacrifice for love of others; to carry our cross; to grow in charity; to forgive those who wrong us; and to bring the light of Christ into meetings, discussions, and decision-making, if we so choose.

Whether or not we are currently in the workforce, we all work in some fashion. And while, yes, the fruit of our work includes financial resources for ourselves and our families, all of that is a means to a greater end: growing in love and knowledge of God that we may live with him for eternity. As we go about this work, let us do so striving to grow in holiness, that we may become rich in what matters to God.

God Love Ya!
Fr. Reilly



A Few Odds and Ends

Saturday Morning Mass

Beginning September 6, Saturday morning Mass will be permanently changed from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM.

Confessions will be heard from 8:00 AM to 8:20 AM.

Hospitality Committee

Do you like to entertain? Do you like to bake? Well, this committee is for you!!

We are looking for people interested in joining this committee to help host, provide homemade treats for certain parish events and organize Donut Sundays.

If you are interested, please call the office and leave your name and number.

The more hands on deck,
the better!!

Thank you!!

Adult Faith Formation

Have you thought about becoming Catholic?

Saints Peter and Paul Parish invites you to O.C.I.A.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

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 and share their faith journeys with participants. Sessions are held Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center.

When do we begin?

A new group forms in May and meets with the team occasionally over the summer. Weekly sessions will begin Thursday, September 11 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. (Prior registration is necessary). Ideally, each candidate has been prayerfully discerning entry into the Christian Initiation process and has an interview with our pastor or Director of Faith Formation prior to the first weekly session.

Finance

Sunday Collection

Sunday Collection

Weekend July 20, 2025

Loose and Envelopes	\$ 15,823.00
Electronic Giving	\$ <u>10,852.01</u>
Total	\$ 26,675.01



BYO Picnic for Catholic Singles 30 to 45

Sunday, August 17, 2025 1:00 to 4:00 PM

Join us for a sunny afternoon at the lovely Malvern Retreat House!

Lawn games, snacks, guitars and sunscreen are all encouraged!

Suggested donation \$10-20.00.

Free parking available at the Retreat House.

RSVP required: www.PhillyCatholic.Singles



Lectio: Mark – Faith Not Fear

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this engaging 14-part series as we explore the Gospel of Mark like never before. We'll dive into this action-packed narrative, which reflects St. Peter's firsthand account of Christ's life and teachings.

The study will take place in two sessions—seven weekly lessons this fall and seven in the spring. Each lesson includes a video presentation and discussion using the study guide.

Study materials will be ordered as a group. The cost is approximately \$25 per person, or \$35 if you would like a leader guide that includes answers to the study questions.

All sessions will be held in the Parish Center, beginning:

- **Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 PM**, or
- **Thursday, September 18 at 10:00 AM**

To reserve your study guide or request more information, please contact:

- **Jane Joyce** at 610.429.3973 (landline) or jane.joyce@verizon.net
- **Marietta Moody** at 610.692.6869 (landline) or yettamoody07@verizon.net



Pallottine Father's Mission Appeal

On the weekend of August 16 & 17, Fr. Stephen Mutie, S.A.C. will visit the parish to speak at all the Masses about the missionary work of the Pallottine Fathers in Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

A second collection will be taken up to support their work of evangelization and development in those struggling countries. Please be generous in your support of their missionary outreach.

The Pallottine Fathers were founded in Rome in 1835 by St. Vincent Pallotti. He was a priest of the Diocese of Rome. He founded this religious community to encourage the apostolate of the laity and to promote the missionary work of the Church.

Fr. Stephen was ordained in 2018 and served in Tanzania and Kenya. Today, Fr. Stephen serves as Associate Pastor at St. Vincent Pallotti Parish in Wyandotte, Michigan as well as serving as Hospital Chaplain at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.

He is looking forward to sharing his missionary experiences and his thoughts on the challenges of evangelization.



August Poor Box Birthright

The beneficiary of our parish poor box for August is Birthright of West Chester. Birthright is committed to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. It offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child. Its services include: pregnancy testing, emotional support, adoption information, maternity clothes, baby clothes/items, monthly diapers and wipes, referrals for medical care, and referrals for housing, food assistance and other needs. Please be generous with your prayers and donations.

For those who prefer to substitute or supplement a monetary donation with volunteer service, Birthright has a need for office volunteers (to serve 3 hours a week - training provided) or volunteers to organize and implement a drive for baby clothes, diapers, crib sheets and other baby needs. Interested persons should email birthrightwestchester@gmail.com, to volunteer or to arrange for donations of in-kind baby clothes and materials.





Tailgate & Watch Party



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***Come and cheer on the Phillies
with our Parish Community!***

***Saturday, September 13, 2025
6:00 PM***

SSPP School Parking Lot

\$10 for 2 parking spaces/ tailgating



***Please scan QR code or go to our
parish website to sign up no later
than September 6!***



School News

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Save The Date!

Monday, September 22, 2025

Saints Peter and Paul Annual Golf Outing,
Pickleball Event, and Dinner!

Monday September 22nd at Penn Oaks Golf Club
We look forward to another great year raising money for our teachers and having fun! All are welcome, come for all 3 events or pick and choose! Golf slots designated for Parishioners

Registration to open: August 18.

CARES Help Needed

Saints Peter and Paul School's CARES program is looking to fill open positions in the PreK3 and PreK4 program. Starting in September, hours would be Monday to Thursday (possible Fridays, if interested) from 2:30 to 4:30.

Background checks and clearances are required.

If interested, please contact Anna Kates at: akates@sspeterandpaulrc.org.

Career Opportunities

Saints Peter and Paul School is seeking a PK3 teacher.

To see job descriptions please visit <https://www.aopcatschools.org/careers>.

If you know of someone who is interested in these positions, please email Miss Jennifer Peacock, Vice Principal, at jpeacock@sspeterandpaulrc.org.

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Parish Religious Education Program

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will be
also
Luke 12:34

Dear Families,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to focus on things we own. We should focus on doing what is right and just in God's eyes. Our reward will be to spend eternity with Him in Heaven. In order to prove His point, Jesus tells a parable which is also known as a story.

The parable is about a rich man who had an incredibly successful harvest. So much so that he didn't have enough room for all of it. Instead of sharing his blessings with those around him, he was greedy and kept it for himself. His plan was to build bigger storage units to hold everything. Before he had a chance to start, his life was over and he lost everything. Not just the harvest but something more important—eternal life with God in Heaven.

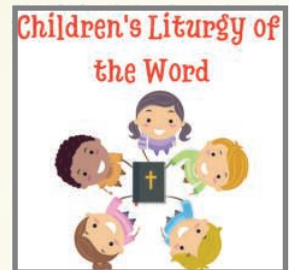
What is our Lord trying to tell us? He is telling us to focus on treasures in heaven not material things on earth. He is telling us that if we are blessed, share those blessing with others. That is what makes us rich in God's eyes.

God is Good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Miss Michele

Children's Mass

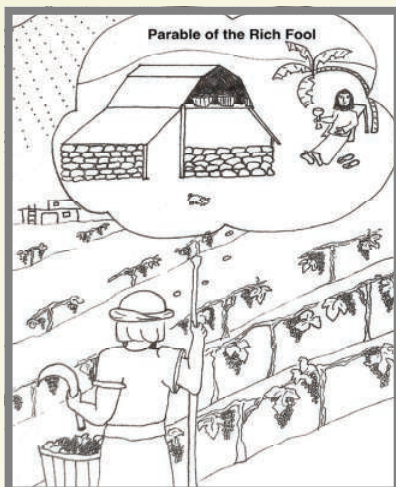
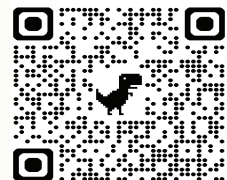
This year on October 12 at the 11:30 Mass, we will kick off of the Children's Masses followed by our Parish Picnic! In November, we will go back to our normally scheduled time which is the first Sunday of the month at the 9:30 AM Mass with hospitality to follow. Click on the QR code if your child would like to read, bring up the gifts, greet or usher. All families are welcome!



We were thrilled to have the Children's Liturgy of the Word at most of the 9:30 Masses. We are blessed for all the incredible people who are helping to make this happen!

It is that time of the year when we make a plea for more help! We will train you and help you get clearances.

All it takes is a little prep before and 20 minutes or so during Mass. Click on the QR code to help.



Color the picture and think about what you heard in the parable. If you were the rich man in today's gospel, what would you have done differently? What should the rich man have done? What is God saying to us in this Gospel? What are some examples of what God would like us to focus on? Use the space below to answer the questions and color the picture.

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