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Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April 2024

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday from-----9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Bulletin Deadline-----Monday, 11:00 am



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Nomen Parochiae
Sancti Petri et Pauli



Nomen Episcopi
Alfredus



Nomen Pastoris
Christophorus

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WORSHIP

Saturday Vigil-----4:00 pm
Sunday-----7:45 & 10:00 am
Daily Mass - M/T/Th/F-----8:00 am
Holy Days-----As announced
Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday-----Noon to 9:00 pm
First Friday-----6:00 - 9:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Monday and Thursday: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
30 minutes before Friday, Saturday and Sunday Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: First Sunday of the month during the 10:00 am Mass. Call the rectory for registration and necessary preparations.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Call the rectory at least six months in advance of proposed wedding date for registration and any necessary preparations.

WILLS: Please consider designating SS. Peter & Paul Parish in your last will and testament so the blessings the Lord has given you can continue to build His Kingdom.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Will be issued to parishioners who are active & registered.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

SSPP Parish Religious Ed. Program
Preschool through Grade 8
Sundays from 8:45 to 9:50 am
Deacon Wilhelm, *Director*
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Holy Mass + Fifth Week of Easter

Saturday, April 27 –

Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **Rose O'Reilly** (Daughter Joanie)

Sunday, April 28

7:45 AM *pro populo*

10:00 AM **David Newton** (Stella & Family)

Monday, April 29 – St. Catharine of Siena, Vir/Dr (OblMem)

8:00 AM **Stanislaw Gasienica** (Elinore Michalik)

Tuesday, April 30 – *Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM **Steve Autrey** (Jim Gmitter)

Wednesday, May 1 – *St. Joseph the Worker (OptMem)*

Nursing Home **Delbert Levan** (LAHS Class of 1972)

Thursday, May 2 – St. Athanasius, Bp/Dr (OblMem)

8:00 AM **M/M George Tkach** (Tkach Family)

Friday, May 3 – **Ss. Philip & James, Aps (Fst)**

8:00 AM **Memorial & Renovation Fund Roll**

Saturday, May 4 – *Easter Weekday*

8:00 AM **Deacon John E. Quirk** (CMZ)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **James Boyle** (Nan & Pop Varano)

Sunday, May 5

7:45 AM *Birthday Blessings for Elsie Beckett* (Son Ed)

10:00 AM *pro populo*

CHURCH OPEN FOR PERSONAL PRAYER:

Mon/Thu/Fri 8:30AM--4:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

THURSDAYS

Noon to 9:00PM

Adorers needed 5-8PM.

Next Backyard Bash planning meeting—
note the change: Monday, May 20 at 6:00 PM.

SAVE THE DATE! ELVIS RETURNS on Sat, Sept 7 after the 4 PM. More info to follow.

HYMNS

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>7:45/10AM</u>
Ent	554	144
Off	329	487
Com	570	667
Rec	178	497

+VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR + DIRECT #: (800) 791-9209 + www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection

The Diocese of Allentown extends the fullness of compassion to anyone who was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese//Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse. Contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information.

+Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact www.ReportBishopAbuse.org / 800-276-1562.

+Project Rachel: care and retreat experiences for anyone who has experienced abortion and its effects. www.hopeafterabortion.com / 610-435-1541, ext. 373.

+Integrityrestored.com provides resources and support for those addicted to pornography and their families, leading to hope and healing.

+Natural Family Planning information can be found at <https://www.nfpoutreach.org/3>.

+Retrouvaille helps heal troubled marriages: www.HelpOurMarriage.org / 800-470-2230.

+realtrue.org: Catechism of the Catholic Church, presented for moderns.

+www.CatholicCharitiesAD.org features efforts for the needy in every region of our diocese, including in our Convent Mon/Wed/Thurs from 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

+[Seven Sisters Apostolate](http://SevenSistersApostolate) members offer 1 hr of prayer each wk for a particular priest. The [Fasting Brothers](http://FastingBrothers) fast one day a week in union with a Sisters Holy Hour.

Welcome/welcome back to SSPP. Join us in seeking a personal and communal relationship with the Triune God. Together through prayer we can all stand to learn, celebrate what we learn, and live what we celebrate. Visitors: We're glad you're here! Please greet Father or Deacon after Mass.

Please silence all noise-making devices out of respect for the Eucharist. Children's noise is a sign of hope and motive for gratitude!

Low-Gluten Hosts are available upon request; inform Father, Deacon, or an usher before Mass.

Restrooms: leave church by the side exit and enter the parish hall by the door closest to the school parking lot.

ParishSoft Giving (PSG) facilitates one-time and recurring donations thru checking acct, CC, PayPal Wallet, and Google Pay: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/ssppleighton>. Thanks also for assisting with the transaction fees.

Be alert to the possibility of monetary donations either by the traditional basket collection or in the box in our vestibule.

At the end of Mass, we customarily pray three (3) Hail Marys and the Prayer to St. Michael, for peace and justice in the world and the Church.

FreeWill, a free estate planning service: <https://bit.ly/45vxydX>. Remember our Diocese, parish, and schools.

Please take a **Treasury of Prayer** booklet from the pew. We gratefully accept donations dedicated to future printings.

Hospitalized or homebound persons in need of pastoral care (Eucharist, Confession, Anointing), notify the rectory ASAP.

House blessings gladly conducted by appointment.

PARISH NEWS→

Hymns relocated ^^^ this week

Parish heraldic achievement a work in progress >>>

Stewardship of Treasure from 4/20-21: \$5,493.50, which includes \$1,035.50 through PSG. Thank you!



Sanctuary Lamp this week IMO nephew Ben Beckett, r/b Aunt Rosie & Uncle Chuck. Flower donations welcome. Weekday Masses are mostly taken until September (limited in Aug); weekend Masses are taken until the 2025 book comes out in the fall. But the Sanctuary Candle is usually open (standard donation is \$10, as for Masses, but we refuse no request on inability to pay). Call the Rectory to reserve a week or use PSG.

Deposit your **used print cartridge** in the designated box in the vestibule or bring them to the rectory during the week.

Upcoming Church Cleaners: Bernadette. *To volunteer for this most important service, call the rectory or Raegan at 484-464-7131.* Teams can serve with some flexibility of time, so long as it's completed by Saturday noon.

The WINE (Women in the New Evangelization) "Walking with Mary" Scripture study is on Thursdays until May 30. Register on www.catholicvineyard.com to purchase materials (\$25), and call Mary Marzen at 610-984-2023. Mention to her privately if the cost would prohibit your participation. Bring a Bible and note paper. **Watch for future Bible studies!**

Call or email Father or the Rectory if you would like to serve the parish in a liturgical role (Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher/Greeter).

Your candid and confidential reflections in the Disciple-Maker Index will us all grow in the likeness that God wants us to radiate wherever we shine.

+Please continue to watch for emails from ssppleightonpa@gmail.com and/or the parish Google Group. NB: sspp@ptd.net remains the main parish email. The new email is currently for one-sided information sharing and not for system-wide dialogue.

++Seeking volunteers to help us process the survey results when we receive them, to consider what is working well and what needs changing: Maybe we will contact you, but please don't hesitate to reach out first. Two volunteers so far!

Needs and Wants: For the hall, drop ceiling with LED light fixtures. In general: Security cameras; **replacement of sidewalk on Coal St. side. For the cemetery: resurfacing of asphalt roads.** While our fundraising events throughout the year help make such projects possible, we also welcome donations toward any of them. It seems opportune to remind the reader of the ongoing possibility of remembering the parish and/or the Diocese in one's will, investments, etc.

2024 Backyard Bash: Friday, June 28 from 4-9 PM and Saturday, June 29 from 5-9:30PM.

Next planning meeting: Monday, May 20 at 6:00 PM (NB: Different day of the week this time!)

Tents are being ordered and we hope to expose one to the remaining winds as a test case. The BYB has become a bonding event for our parish and community. The SSPP Parish Family is always better for your presence!

SVDP NEWS ->



The Society continues to appreciate and share non-perishable food donations dropped off in the vestibule or at the Rectory during office hours. [Please donate winter coats, hats, gloves, blankets, scarves, boots, socks, & long johns, toilet paper, feminine products, & dish soap, which can all go in the bin in the vestibule;](#) cash & gift cards welcome in the poor box in the back of church.

Vincent's Closet soon expects to relocate all items to the modular building. It is open by appointment only with clothing and toiletries for anyone in need. Donations of new/gently used clothing always welcome.

YOUTH NEWS->



Upcoming CYO Events:

+Chess Tournament: May 11 at St. Elizabeth, Whitehall. Gr 5-6 and 7-8 and now the High School level! Awards to top 3 from each level. Regis. Fee \$4; checks payable to District 2 CYO. Info/Regis: sfogel1317@gmail.com by May 3.

+Basketball/Track Banquet: May 19 at SSPP. Mass 10 AM, followed in the parish hall by banquet, awards, and guest **speaker Daniel Jones, Diocese of Allentown CYO Coordinator.**

+XC Signups (Boys and Girls, K-8: contact Moderator Bill Keer (484-560-4338) or Phil Liszka (610-217-4768)

We welcome suggestions of activities, places, volunteers, etc., for CYO and all youth ministries!

Congratulations to our recent Spelling Bee Champions: 4th grade: 1. Wyatt Morris, SJRS; 2. Riley Collado, SJNRS/SSPP; 3. Racquel Kondertavage, SJRS. 5th grade: 1. Derek Anderson CCA/ABVM; 2. Jonah Ingold SJRS; 3. Aiden Barrett SJRS. Fr. Zelonis was the pronouncer, Phil Liszka and Bill Keer were judges.



!SJNRS CINCO DE MAYO! Sat, May 4 from 4-8 PM at SJNRS (259 Lafayette Ave, Palmerton): choice of chicken, steak, or carnitas Tacos with beans and rice for \$15; soda \$2 and water \$1. Takeout available.

Please continue to pray for our parish Confirmati: Anna Keer, Bill Keer, and Alexander Robles.

mariancatholic.org, sjrschool.com, and sjnrschool.org: Academic, athletic, and artistic excellence imbued with Catholic faith and mutual charity. Scholarship funds are available, and you may be surprised at who qualifies. Consider donating such funds for a tax break (call FMI).

Next Family Scriptural Rosary May 17 in the hall. FMI call Katya 570-527-0977.

DIOCESAN NEWS ->

www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org

Another year of the BWAC Appeal is upon us! The Diocese wants to raise \$3.6 million to provide crucial support to community programs, senior services, retired priests, vocations efforts, parish projects, Catholic schools, and more!

+**Our 2024 Goal of \$10,857** is feasible, with united efforts!

+We received last year's rebate of \$318.75, 25% of what we raised over our 2023 goal.

+100% of gifts from NEW donors will return to the parish.

+5% more donors from each parish could add over \$250K for ministries throughout the diocese. For SSPP, that would mean 21 additional donors for the year. *This we can meet and exceed!* Expect invitations and other materials in the coming weeks. As a beneficiary of such support over the years as a former Catholic school student and seminarian, I am personally grateful for what you have offered.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Allentown offers:

- Individual, marriage, and family counseling
- Pregnancy and parenting support (counseling, material assistance such as diapers, wipes, baby items)
- Supportive services (case management, material assistance, emergency rental assistance, referrals)

@Saints Peter and Paul Convent, 242 N. 3rd Street in Lehighton on Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays, 9:00 AM—2:30 PM (otherwise by appointment).

For more info or to make an appt, contact **Tom Miller**, Community Support Supervisor, at **570-628-0466** or **610-435-1541** or tmiller@allentowndiocese.org **Services do not regard religious affiliation.*

We welcome Tom Miller from Catholic Charities, who will be speaking at our Masses on the weekend of April 27/28 on behalf of the Because We Are Catholic Appeal.

See **employment opportunities throughout our Diocese** (educational and otherwise) at <https://bit.ly/3vAZVsH>

AROUND THE AREA ->



The K of C is one of the country's oldest and best fraternal organizations for Catholic men and their families. Next monthly meeting of

Damien Council #598 is on **Tuesday, May 7** at 7 PM in SSPP Parish Hall. **Msgr. Agnello Angelini Fourth Degree Assembly #971 meets immediately after the Council in the same location (7:30 PM). We'd love a greater turnout from both expressions of the Order!**

Contact Grand Knight Joe Pachorkowsky 484-629-9589, Past Grand Knight Pat Gallagher at 610-393-9470, or 4th Degree Faithful Comptroller Jordan Cook at 610-714-9475.

All are welcome to join Bishop Schlert for Daily Mass at Sacred Heart, Palmerton on Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 AM.

Basket Raffle Fundraiser: Jen (Radler) Nielsen, LAHS '11 and niece to Ann Wilhelm, is a young mom to two beautiful girls, ages 4 and 2. She has been fighting stage 4 cancer for a year. The raffle benefits Jen's ongoing medical expenses and treatment costs. **Saturday May 11th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. NB: Location changed to the Mahoning Valley Fire Department building.**



My Moral Theology professor from St. Vincent Seminary asked the for-credit students to write a paper on the moral and spiritual life of any modern saint. Even after I learned my level of involvement didn't require a paper, I wanted to write one anyhow. It's still in process.

Born in Hebei, China in 1834, Mark Ji Tianxiang (tyen-SHONG) became a physician and frequently worked *pro bono*. To treat a stomach ailment, he was prescribed (or prescribed himself, I'm not sure) opium, to which he became addicted. His condition caused scandal in the community and church.

Devastated, Mark soon turned to the grace of the Sacraments for divine help, especially the Eucharist and Confession. However, since he was admitting to the same sin so often, his confessor told him to come back when he had the firm purpose of amendment necessary for absolution. Who could fault any shame and despair in such circumstances?

Mark continued to pray and go to church, hoping to witness to his faith even as a martyr, which the Boxer Rebellion would facilitate for him. Many Chinese considered Christianity among the foreign influences of which their country needed to be purified. Mark heroically pleaded to be killed last among his family members so they wouldn't die alone.

Is firm purpose of amendment necessary for absolution? Yes. Did 19th century China (or anywhere) realize the physical influence that drugs can exert over the human body and mind? The suffering Christ identified with Mark in his addiction and the Church validated Mark's witness of perseverance with the honors of the altar.

Addicts belong. They need our prayers, and we need theirs.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 15:1-8

Jesus will help us grow into strong disciples and share His love.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.

"I am the true vine, and my
Father is the gardener."

John 15:1

- True
- Vine
- Father
- Gardener
- Branch
- Fruitful
- Word
- Spoken
- Clean
- Remain
- Me
- Glory
- Jesus
- Strong
- Disciples
- Share
- Love
- Apart
- Nothing
- Thrown
- Away
- Withers
- Whatever
- Wish
- Done
- You

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