

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 June 2026

Father Christopher M. Zelonis----- *Pastor*
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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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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 ----- 8:30 am—6:00 pm
First Friday-----6:00 - 9:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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*
610-377-3690
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Mrs. Amy Hannis-Miskar, *Principal*
570-668-2757 / sjrschool.com

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Dr. Christopher Heery, *Principal*
610-826-2354 / sjnrschool.org

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570-467-3335 / mariancatholics.org

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Mr. John Meier / 570-657-6966

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Mr. James Logue

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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570-657-6738

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Saints Peter and Paul Parish of Lehighton is a welcoming Roman Catholic community that seeks to grow in love of God and neighbor through personal prayer, liturgical celebration, doctrinal formation, and merciful living.



- **Visitors:** We're glad you're here! Please greet Father or Deacon after Mass.
- We especially welcome little children and their families.
- Noise in church is a sign of hope and a motive for gratitude!
- Please silence all noise-making devices out of respect for the Eucharist. Use your phone for religious apps and emergency communication. WiFi: SSPP PARISH – GUEST; password: presenttense
- **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. Changing tables available in both restrooms.
- Please take a Treasury of Prayer booklet from the pew. Donations toward future printings are appreciated.
- Call or email the Rectory promptly with any information worth sharing. We'll do our best.
- **ParishSoft Giving (PSG)** facilitates one-time and recurring donations thru checking acct, CC, PayPal Wallet, and Google Pay: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sspplehighton>. 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 pray **three (3) Hail Marys and the Prayer to St. Michael**, for peace & justice in the world & the Church.
- Deposit your **used printer ink cartridge\$** in the designated box in the vestibule or bring them to the rectory during the week.
- Families from the parish get together to **pray the Rosary every third Friday of the month at 6:30 PM**. Everyone is welcome!
- **Hospitalized or homebound persons** in need of pastoral care (Eucharist, Confession, Anointing), notify the rectory ASAP.
- If you are **making any changes in residence or parish affiliation**, please contact the rectory with the relevant information.
- **House blessings** gladly conducted by appointment.
- **VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR, DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN:**
Wendy S. Krisak-Kalamar + 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 diocesan priest, deacon, or employee. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse: please contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information.
- Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service: To report that a bishop has abused: www.ReportBishopAbuse.org / 800-276-1562.
- Rachel's Vineyard provides pastoral care & retreats for anyone who has experienced abortion & its effects. www.hopeafterabortion.com / 610-435-1541x373.
- adlumenchristi.org promotes human dignity against the assault of pornography with resources and support for those who struggle with its use or those who love them.
- 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: The Catechism of the Catholic Church and other morsels of the Faith, presented for moderns.
- www.CatholicCharitiesAD.org assists the needy throughout our diocese.
- FreeWill is a free estate planning service: <https://bit.ly/45vxydX>. Remember our Diocese, parish, and schools.
- Knights of Columbus Damien Council #598 & Msgr. Angelini 4th Degree Assembly #971 meet in our hall on each first Tuesday at 7 PM.
- Seven Sisters Apostolate offers 1 hr of prayer each week for a particular priest.
- Fasting Brothers fast 1 day/wk alongside a Sisters Holy Hour.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, June 13 – *Immaculate Heart of Mary; St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church (opt. mem'l)*

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Damian Mele** (The Family)

Sunday, June 14 - **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:45 AM *pro populo*

10:00 AM **Edward T. Marzen** (Phil & Roseanne Samuels-Liszka)

Monday, June 15 – **11th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **Nathan Marzen** (Carl & Mary Marzen)

Tuesday, June 16 – **11th Week in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM **For the Most Abandoned Soul in Purgatory** (Sytsma Family)

Wednesday, June 17 – **11th Week in Ordinary Time**

George & Theresa Sander (Estate) ***

Thursday, June 18 – **11th Week in Ordinary Time**

Intentions of Father Zelonis (A Parishioner)***

Friday, June 19 – *Saint Romauld, Abbot (opt. mem'l)*

William & Josephine Noll (The Family)***

Saturday, June 20 – **11th Week in Ordinary Time**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM *pro populo*

Sunday, June 21 - **12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:45 AM **Father's Day Memorials**

10:00 AM **Michael W. Whiteman** (Mom)
Father's Day Memorials

***There will be NO MASSES on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; the intentions listed for those days will be offered either by Fr. Maas during his pilgrimage to Rome or otherwise as he arranges.

Sanctuary Candle - None this week.

Donations toward the weekly Sanctuary Candle or towards sanctuary flowers may be made in person or via PSG. Requested candle offering is \$10; a flower arrangement usually costs around \$50.

Flowers: None this week.

Collection totals for June 6-7: \$6,755.65, which includes \$833.65 from Parishsoft.

Thank you for continuing to support your parish when weather, health, or circumstances are inclement!

Parish-Soft Giving (PSG) securely enables both recurring and one-time donations. For more info:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sspplehighlight>
[on](#)

HYMNS for June 13 & 14, 2026:

	Sat 4:00 pm	Sun 7:45 am	10:00 am
Ent:	441	441	313
Off:	222	222	388
Com:	331	331	421
Rec:	440	440	381

Adult Faith Formation course, "Catholicism" by Bishop Robert Barron. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Womens Bible Study, Fridays at 10:30 am.

CYO Sundaes at Nonna's Ice Cream Parlor: every Sunday in June. Get free tickets from Phil Liszka at the 10 AM Mass.



Farewell Reception for Father Zelonis. Join us in the Parish Hall after the 10 AM Mass on **Sunday, June 14th**, to offer thanks and blessings as Father prepares to leave for his new assignment.



We have established a PayPal account for various possible uses; the QR code is to the left.

Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from noon to 6:00 PM, and the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) from 5 to 6 PM. While Adoration is still happening this week, Confession will not be available.

News for the bulletin, website, and/or Facebook page can be directed to the parish office at sspp@ptd.net or to Jim Logue JGMLogue@gmail.com.

Adult Faith Formation: Sessions will be “on hold” until Fr. Maas arrives and gets settled in.

Women’s Bible Study is held every **Friday** (*new day*) beginning at 10:30 am in the parish hall. They are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Come for one session or all, bring a Bible or borrow one of ours. Come and join us in the church hall or classroom. For info call Nancy at 609-575-0599 or Charlotte at 570-413-3777.

Church Cleaners for the upcoming weekend of June 20: **Kathy, Zoe, and Peggy.** To volunteer for a week either by yourself or with an established crew, call Raegan at 484-464-7131.

CareNet Baby Bottle Campaign. CareNet is a crisis pregnancy center with locations in Lehighton and Nesquehoning. They are very much eager to help families grow their children to full term so that they can have a good home, wherever that be. To that end, the Knights of Columbus have baby bottles for you to fill with your change or other forms of money. The bottles are in the vestibule; **please return them to the vestibule by Father’s Day (Sun., June 21st).** They have volunteer opportunities available as well, for which call (610) 379-0411.

Safe and Sacred Space the Second (SSSS) is our campaign to raise money toward the replacement of the church HVAC, the Coal Street sidewalk, and the cemetery road. Donate through the QR code. The church HVAC for \$65,000, the Coal Street sidewalk for \$40,000, and the parish cemetery road, \$75,000**, come to a total of \$175,000. **We are most grateful for recent substantial donations that are helping things along.**



SSSS Project Updates: The new HVAC system is installed and working. The temperature schedule and other details remain a work in progress, and we appreciate your patience.

The “Road to our Future” includes, for many parishioners and readers, a spot in Saints Peter and Paul Parish Cemetery. Rough travel has necessitated the full replacement of the road around our lovely cemetery grounds. **Rising prices resulted in a modest increase in the estimate (from \$70 to \$75K), to which we have**

agreed. Livengood Excavators has put us on their busy schedule, with a start date to be determined. We are tapping the fund we had established with the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Pennsylvania (CFEP), while remaining open to your contributions to build it back up. Visit this site to donate:

<https://www.catholicfoundationep.org/donations/st-peter-and-paul-parish-lehighton-cemetery-fund/>

The parish needs **Lectors** (especially the 4 PM Sat Anticipated Mass), **Altar Servers** (all Masses), and **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** (for Mass and/or to the homebound and hospitalized. Please call the Rectory. Training will be available.

Please let Deacon Joe know if you want to participate in the Parish **Safety and Security Committee.**

As part of the new **Diocesan Vocations Ministry,** Bishop Schlert has asked parents, catechists, etc. to recommend names of parishioners who might be suitable candidates for ordained or consecrated life. Mention their names to Father, John Meier, or Jennifer Griffin. While only the older candidates may be invited to diocesan vocation events, a child is never too young to think about God’s plan for his or her life. **One good prayer for everyone to make daily is, “Lord, how can I make a gift of my life today?” Pray it, and then answer it with the next right thing.**

SSPP Parishioners prepare and serve **bagged lunches for veterans** every 4th Wednesday from 8:30 AM to Noon at the American Legion building along Bridge St. Your assistance with money or labor is most welcome: Call the Rectory.

The 2026 Backyard Bash will be held on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 from 5 to 9 PM. COMING UP AT MONTH’S END!

Please call Gloria at (570) 657-6705 or Jennifer at (570) 213-1217 and find out how you can help in any capacity. **Alternately,**



sign up on the bulletin board in the vestibule. There's slots to do!

You can help with the event and still attend with your family.

Facilities: planning, setup-takedown;

Food: purchasing, preparing, delivering food and supplies to stands during the event;

Advertising: flyers, news stations, newspapers, online ads; big signage;

Fundraising: getting BYB event sponsors, gift card raffle items, etc.

The Backyard Bash is in dire need of gift card donations for their annual gift card raffle. Support local businesses and your parish by donating. No amount is too small! Please place purchased gift cards in the offertory basket during next week's Masses (6/20 and 6/21). Thank you for your continued support.

SSVDP News



The Society of St. Vincent DePaul is collecting personal hygiene items, especially: body wash, pump bottle soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, shaving cream, razors, wipes, toilet paper, hairbrushes, hair ties, dish soap, and sponges. Items of special need include deodorant, soap, shampoo / conditioner, laundry detergent, dish soap, and toilet paper. All these donations can be placed in the bins in the back of the church.

They are also collecting phone cards, which can be dropped off in marked envelopes. Please place all cash and card donations in the collection or take them to the parish office. Call Esther (570-657-6738) to inquire about any other kinds of donations. Anyone in need of these items can call Esther or the rectory (option 4).

SSPP CYO welcomes any boys or girls from public, Catholic, charter, or home schools to take part in activities. We welcome volunteers and suggestions for events! **For event information or registration, contact District 5 CYO Commissioner Phil Liszka (610-217-4768; phil@ptd.net)** or



SSPP CYO Moderator Bill Keer (484-560-4338; bkeer@ptd.net)

Upcoming CYO Events:

● **June 14, 21, & 28: CYO Sundae at Nonna's Ice Cream**

Parlor: "Scoop Me 3" Ice Cream Flight: Parents free with CYO children. *Tickets available at 10 AM Masses while supplies last.*

- **June 28: "Take Me Out to the Ball Game"** Sunday, June 28 at 1:15 PM: watch the LV Iron Pigs play the Syracuse Mets at Coca-Cola Park. Limited free tickets available beginning in May at 10 AM Mass; first-come, first-served. See Phil Liszka.



Welcome William ("Will") Yerger into the Catholic Church at Ss Peter & Paul, confirmed under the patronage of **St. Philip Neri** and the guidance of sponsor **Sarah Johnson**. We are glad you are with us. God bless!



Parishioner **Alexander Robles** will be studying for three weeks in South Korea. God grant him an enriching, enjoyable time and a safe return.

PREP Parents of public school students: Don't let the summer fly by without registering your child(ren) for the 2026-27 year of PREP. See Deacon Joe for more details.



Parishioner **Brendan Collado** (L, flanking Fr. Zelonis with brother Riley) has graduated from St. John Neumann Regional School and hopes to attend Marian Catholic High School this fall.

SSPP parishioner **Dr. Christopher Heery** is principal of SJNRS, which is eager to accept new students.

Catholic Education: Several of our parishioners attend — and several work for — our local Catholic schools (mariancatholicchs.org, sjrschool.com, and sjnrschool.org). These people are the best “evangelizers” for the academic, artistic, and athletic excellence in our schools, all rooted in Catholic faith and mutual charity. **Financial Help is available, especially for new transfers; you may be surprised at who qualifies. Consider donating such funds for a tax break (call the respective school FMI).**



The Diocesan *Lumen Christi* Commission offers **hope and help for everyone affected by the scourge of pornography**. The LCC promotes *Covenant Eyes* (covenanteyes.com), a monitoring and accountability software; *Strive* (strive21.com), a recovery app for men; *Arise* (ariseforwomen.com), a recovery app for women; and *Restored Vows*, a guide for recovering couples.

Diocesan Men's Commission “**Monthly Rosary for Families**”: **YouTube, 3rd Weds, 7PM**
www.menaliveinchrist.org/mens-rosary

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)**

For info, contact **Jeremy Leidich** at **610-435-1541 x5310**.
**Services do not regard religious affiliation.*

With **Quo Vadis** and **Fiat Days**, young men and women can enjoy four days of prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, Mass with Bishop Schlert, fellowship, inspiring talks, and fun — all rooted in **discerning God's call for their life**.
June 28 – July at Kutztown University. Registration due June 17

Diocesan Employment Opportunities website:

www.allentowndioocese.org/about/employment.

Weekly email of events sponsored by the Diocese:

<https://allentowndioocese.flocknote.com/DiocesanEvents>

In our Community



The **Knights of Columbus Damien Council #598** (1st—3rd degrees) and Msgr. Angelini Assembly #971 (4th degree) meet every first Tuesday in SSPP parish hall at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM respectively.

The **Damien Council 598 of the Knights of Columbus** is turning 125 this year. To celebrate they will be having a banquet in the evening on August 22nd at the Franklin Fire Company. There will be dinner, music featuring Robbie Lawrence and the Steelworkers, dancing, as well as a fireworks display. For tickets please send payment of \$50/person to them at PO Box 535 Jim Thorpe PA 18229. Checks should be made payable to **Damien Council 598 K of C**.

KOC 14464 of Sacred Heart Church, Bath is sponsoring a **Bus trip to the Yankees game** on Aug. 13, 2026. This is an afternoon game, leaving the Church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$146.00 per person. Seats are under cover. Includes bus, ticket and non-alcoholic refreshments. Contact Brother Bud Schuster at bud328@msn.com or 610-390-8429.

Flea Market and Basket Raffle, June 19-21, 2026. Sacred Heart Parish Social Hall, 259 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton. Kitchen open to eat in or take out (haluski, pierogies, BBQ, baked goods and more). Friday 8:30 am-3:30 pm., Saturday 8:30 am-3:30 pm and Sunday 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. For info: email shpmtn@ptd.net.

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