

SAINTS PETER & PAUL PARISH

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All Saints 1 November 2026

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Holy Mass

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Sunday-----7:45 & 10:00 am

Daily Mass - M/T/Th/F -----8:00 am

Holy Days-----As announced

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday -----12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm

First Friday-----6:00 - 9:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confession

Thursday: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM to 7:55 AM

Saturday: 3:15 PM to 3:55 PM

Sunday: 7:15 to 7:40 AM and 9:30 to 9:55 AM

30 minutes before Sunday Masses

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: First Sundays. 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.

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SSPP Parish Religious Ed. Program

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Saints Peter and Paul Parish of Lehigh 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.

Welcome

Visitors

We are glad you're here! Please greet Father or Deacon after Mass.

Little Ones

We welcome little children and their families. There is a small cry room in the back of the church if you would like to make use of it.

Restrooms

Leave the church by the side exit and enter the parish hall by the door closest to the parking lot. Changing tables available in both restrooms.

Silence Phone

Please silence your devices out of respect for the Eucharist and Sacred Space. Restrict phone use to religious apps or emergencies.

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Low-Gluten Hosts

Please approach for Communion via the priest's line and inform him. For daily Mass, please inform Father or Deacon beforehand.

Prayers at the End of Mass

After each Mass, we pray three Hail Marys and the Prayer to Saint Michael for peace and justice in the world and the Church. Please keep the church a place of prayer after Mass is over.

House Blessings

Gladly conducted by appointment.

Hospitalized or Homebound

Persons in need of pastoral care, please notify the rectory ASAP. (Holy Communion, Confession, or Anointing of the Sick)

Prayer

Treasury of Prayer

Please take a booklet from the pews. They are also available at the door of the rectory. Donations toward future printings are appreciated.

Seven Sisters & Fasting Brothers

Women of our parish who offer one hour of prayer each week for a particular priest. Men fast in conjunction. Contact Mary Marzen, Anchoress. 610-984-2023

Family Rosary

Families of the parish pray the Rosary every third Friday of the month at 6:30 PM. Contact the rectory for more information. All are welcome!

Giving

ParishSoft Giving

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tinyurl.com/ADfreewill

Resources

Rachel's Vineyard

Pastoral care & retreats for anyone who has been affected by abortion.
www.HopeAfterAbortion.com
866-3RACHEL

Lumen Christi Commission

Resources for those struggling with pornography and their loved ones.
www.ADLumenChristi.org

Natural Family Planning

Information on scientific, natural, and moral methods of fertility awareness.
www.allentowndiocese.org/fertility-awareness-and-nfp

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www.HelpOurMarriage.org
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If you are making any changes in residence or parish affiliation, please contact the rectory.

This Week at SSPP!

Sunday, 1 November

Backyard Bash Prelim Meeting, 11:00 AM in Hall

Monday, 2 November

All Souls Cemetery Blessing, 8:45 AM

All Souls Vespers, 6:00 PM in Church

Tuesday, 3 November

Election Day, all day in Church Hall

KofC Monthly Meeting, 7:00 PM in Meeting Rm

Friday, 6 November

Women's Bible Study, 10:30 AM in Meeting Rm

Night Watch, 6:00 PM in Church

Saturday, 7 November

First Saturday Mass, 8:00 AM in Church

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, October 31

Solemnity of All Saints

4:00 PM

Jozef & Rozalia Zietara
(The Family)

Sunday, November 1

7:45 AM

Dorson P. Hess
(Norine & Family)

10:00 AM

pro populo

Monday, November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00 AM

Ed Beckett
(Son, Ed)

Tuesday, November 3

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 AM

William E. Sander
(Estate)

Wednesday, November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Memorial

Thursday, November 5

8:00 AM

Martha Mulligan
(Ed)

Friday, November 6

8:00 AM

Enrollees of Memorial Fund

Saturday, November 7

8:00 AM

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

pro populo

Sunday, November 8

7:45 AM

Carol Tynan
(The Family)

10:00 AM

Intentions of Father Maas
(Seven Sisters Apostolate)

Sanctuary Candle

I/M of Ed Beckett, Jr. R/B son, Ed

Flowers

None

Sanctuary Candle Donation, \$10; Flowers, \$50

Father Maas' Corner



November begins with a dramatic liturgical shift. It starts on the feast of All Saints (which we celebrate at this weekend's Masses), wherein we celebrate the victory of those who, having run the race and fought the good

fight, are now enjoying blessedness in heaven. This day is just as much about the saints we know by name as it is about those whose names are known to God alone. The saints are inspiring. They are also a source of heavenly encouragement and intercession as we run our own race on earth.

Statistically speaking, I think we can have confidence that *some* of our loved ones are already among the *elect* in heaven. Perhaps we have even received that reassurance in our private prayers. The Church teaches that we can only know for certain that someone is a saint if God reveals it to us. When the Church canonizes someone, it is Christ speaking in this definitive way—we know that that the canonized saint is a sure intercessor for all who call upon them the world over.

So what is November's dramatic shift? It's the great day of the saints that gives way to the *month* of the souls. No sooner do we celebrate All Saints than we move to All Souls, a day which inaugurates an entire month devoted to praying for the Faithful Departed. What's the lesson contained in this shift? It's that glimpses of glory are meant to enliven and embolden our labors here below. Ours is not pure leisure, but toil. One day to rejoice with the saints. 29 devoted to praying for the souls who have died.

November begins by peering into the hoped-for future of all Christian men and women: sainthood. But it is lived out by the labors and prayers directed at assisting those who have finished their race but must still endure final purification. They rely on our prayers, and fulfilling this solemn obligation helps shape us as future saints by becoming people of prayer on earth.

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

In Christ,

Father Maas

Observing the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

All Souls Cemetery Blessing

Following the **8:00 AM Mass on 2 Nov**, we will be processing to our Cemetery to offer prayers for all those laid to rest as well as the blessing of graves. **We will start at roughly 8:45 AM.** You may drive to the Cemetery if you do not wish to process. *There will be no Adoration after Mass.*

All Souls Day Vespers

We will have a special singing of **Vespers** (Evening Prayer) on **All Souls Day, Monday 2 November 2026 at 6:00 PM** in special remembrance of all our parishioners who have passed since last All Souls. We will pray for all by name. Members of the Diocesan Women's Choir *Anegeorum* will be present to help us worship the Lord with our voices. Join us after for a wine and cheese reception.

November Indulgences

Indulgences are gifts from the Church, either applied to oneself or the deceased, that remove, either fully or partially, punishment due to sin in our lives. Far from "magic" or "get out of jail free cards," they reach into the *treasury of merit* from our Lord's death which the Church dispenses as a good Mother.

There are many indulgences, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, that can be obtained during the month of November:

1. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,
 - a. on any and each day from November 1 to 8, devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed;
 - b. on All Souls' Day (...or on the solemnity of All Saints), devoutly visit a church or an oratory and recite an Our Father and the Creed.
2. A partial indulgence, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, is granted to the faithful who,
 - a. devoutly visit a cemetery and at least mentally pray for the dead;
 - b. devoutly recite *lauds* or *vespers* from the Office of the Dead or the prayer *Requiem aeternam* (Eternal rest).

In order to receive the effect of an indulgence, one must be detached from sin, venial and mortal, complete the required work, receive the Sacrament of Confession (20 days before or after), receive the Holy Eucharist (20 days before or after, once per indulgence), and recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary suffice). Take advantage of these wonderful gifts for your deceased loved ones!

Proper Care for the Deceased

Cremation has become a popular form of handling the dead. It is affordable and may prove expedient in cases where our loved ones cannot be embalmed. The Church used to forbid cremation on the historical grounds that it was used by non-Christians as a way to mock the belief in the resurrection of the body. As time progressed, the Church began to permit cremation, *so long as it was not chosen for reasons contrary to the Church's belief in death and the afterlife, viz., respect for the body and the hope of the resurrection.* In theory, the Church still favors burying the bodies of our deceased loved ones and, if cremation is chosen, and if it is economically feasible, cremating after the Funeral Mass. Nevertheless, there is nothing inherently wrong with cremation.

The Church requires that the cremated remains of our loved ones be handled with the same care as the bodies of the deceased and that they be interred in a sacred place. *Catholics cannot keep the remains of our loved ones at home, even temporarily, or divide them among family members. Nor can we scatter their ashes or have jewelry or other keepsakes fashioned from them.* If you need guidance in the matter, please speak to Father about arranging for the burial of cremains. If you are concerned about ecologically friendly burials, there are Church-approved options. If finances are a limiting factor, please see Father for accommodation and guidance.



Night Watch First Friday

6 November 2026 | 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FIRST HOUR

Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament
Liturgy of the Word & Sermon
Holy Rosary

SECOND HOUR

Confessions & Quiet Adoration

Evening concludes with Benediction

Collection totals

Oct. 24-25, 2026: \$5753.08

Includes: \$630.08 Parishsoft

\$95.00 additional for World Mission Sunday

Donations to the Church

may be made using ParishSoft Giving:

tinyurl.com/SSPPgiving

We have also established a PayPal account for donations. Scan the QR code!



Eucharistic Adoration

is held every Thursday from Noon to 6:00 PM.

News

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

Church Cleaners

Next Weekend 10/24 is **Team 2: Kathy, Zoe, & Peggy**. To volunteer for a week either by yourself or with an established crew, call Raegan at 484-464-7131.

FlockNote

We are using FlockNote to keep everyone updated at Saints Peter & Paul! If you are not getting our weekly newsletter by email, you can sign up by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/SSPPNews> or by texting **SSPPNEWS** to **84576**

Backyard Bash

A preliminary **Back Yard Bash meeting** will be held after the **10:00 AM Mass on 1 November** in the Parish Hall to begin discussing ideas for the summer event. All are welcome!

Superbowl Bingo

14 February 2027 at 1:00 PM. Package is \$25. Drawings for 2 Super Bowl cakes and 2 Valentines cakes. Free football dabbers and valentines dabbers. **Tickets are limited and go on sale after Masses the weekend of 7 and 8 November.**

Cemetery Cleanup

We will be conducting our biannual cleanup of the cemetery immediately after Veterans Day, 12-18 Nov. All broken, seasonal items, old and unsightly items, plants, flowers, and wreaths, etc., will be removed. All reasonable Fall and Christmas items will be left up for the season. We will also remove all of the American flags and they will be replaced in the spring before Memorial Day.

If any of the above items are of sentimental value, they should be removed before 12 November.

Thank you for keeping our cemetery safe, clean, and respectful!

Ministries

Our parish is in need of Lectors (especially the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass), Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (for Mass and/or to the homebound and hospitalized). Please call the Rectory. Training will be available.

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Their mission is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. It is a group of seven women who pray one Holy Hour for one priest each week, forming one heart of prayer. The commitment is for one year but this can remain open-ended as each individual discerns her call to continue. For information, contact Mary Marzen at 610-984-2023.

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 next meeting is November 3, 2026.**

Veteran's Stand-Down

Parishioners prepare and serve **bagged lunches for Veterans every 4th Wednesday** of the month from 8:30-Noon at the American Legion along Bridge Street. Monetary donations or gift cards to local stores for lunch items is greatly appreciated. These can be placed in the offering, please clearly mark for Veterans. **All are welcome** to help bag and distribute. For more information, call the rectory office.

Pilgrimage Opportunity

Father Mullins (Pastor at Sacred Heart in Palmerton) will be leading a pilgrimage to Italy this coming summer from **June 21-June 30, 2027**. The pilgrimage will include days in Rome, Vatican City, Assisi (St. Francis, St. Clare, & St. Carlo Acutis), Monte Cassino (St. Benedict), San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio) and Lanciano (Eucharistic Miracle). The trip will include airfare, 2 meals per day and a private motorcoach. Hotels will have air conditioning. **The trip cost is \$4,695.** To register: prorometours.com/italy-2027-mandb/

SSPP CYO

CYO welcomes any boys or girls from public, Catholic, charter, or homeschooling 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; phill@ptd.net) or SSPP CYO Moderator Bill Keer (484-560-4338; bkeer@ptd.net).**



Diocese Spelling Bee

Sun., November 15, 2026

SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall

Doors open at 12:00 noon, Bee begins at 1:00 pm
All winners from Oct 21 advance to the diocesan spelling bee

District 5 CYO Bowling Tournament

Sat., November 21, 2026

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\$7 for each bowler that signs up
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Deadline to register: November 14th



A SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR INVITATION

Diocesan Family Festival

Come celebrate 65 years with us! All are invited to a spectacular Diocese-wide Family Festival on **Sunday, November 1, 2026, at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield**. Bring the whole family! The festivities kick off at **noon with a special blessing and opening remarks from Bishop Alfred A. Schlert**, followed by live music from Island Time and Vargas Music, delicious food from parish food stands, carnival games, a Catholic Trunk-or-Treat, a petting zoo, a caricaturist, and more. Then, as we bring this joyful celebration to a close, gather with **Bishop Schlert and families from across our Diocese for Mass at 4:30 p.m.** **Rain or shine.**

65th Anniversary Year Holy Hours

Students in our diocesan schools began their preparation for a Eucharistic Consecration on October 20. They will make their Consecration at Mass on December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. During these weeks of preparation, **three evening Eucharistic Holy Hours**, facilitated by the Live Vertical apostolate, are **open to all the faithful** of the Diocese. The last two are:

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, at 6:00 p.m.

@ Nativity BVM High School, Pottsville

Tuesday, Nov. 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

@ Berks Catholic High School, Reading

Annual Saint Januarius Blood Drive

For the third consecutive year, Bishop Schlert is pleased to invite the faithful throughout the Diocese of Allentown to participate in the **Saint Januarius Blood Drive** in partnership with Miller-Keystone Blood Center, the only community blood center serving our region. The campaign will once again begin on the Feast of Saint Januarius, September 19, and continue through **December 16**.

All donors who provide their parish's Sponsor Code at the time of their appointment will receive a **Saint Januarius medallion, blessed by Bishop Schlert**. If you do not know the parish code, blood center staff will be able to look it up for you. Donors who already have a medallion may choose a Saint Januarius prayer card or magnet instead. To schedule an appointment, go to www.giveapint.org or call 800-223-6667 ext. 2.

Diocesan Men's Conference: Come Home to Mary

Catholic men of all ages are invited to the annual Diocesan Men's Conference, "Come Home to Mary, Mother of the Church," on **Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the DeSales University Center**. Join us for a day of faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal featuring **Fr. Dave Pivonka, Nathan Crankfield, and Mark Houck**. The day will include breakfast and lunch, opportunities for Confession, and will conclude with **Holy Mass at 4 p.m. with Bishop Alfred Schlert**. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/ADMC26>

Women's Advent Retreat

Join the Bishop's Commission for Women and the Catholic Women's Society of Giving for **"The Gift Within,"** a Women's Advent Retreat on **Saturday,**

December 12, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Allentown. Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with guest speaker Dr. Carmina Chapp, Dean of the School of Theological Studies at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, as you reflect on Mary, the Ark of the Covenant, and the unique gifts God calls each of us to share. The morning includes a continental breakfast and Mass with Bishop Schlert. Cost: \$15. Register: <https://tinyurl.com/DoAdvent26>

More on All Saints

Solemnity celebrated on the first of November. It is instituted to honour all the saints, known and unknown, and, according to Urban IV, to supply any deficiencies in the faithful's celebration of saints' feasts during the year.

In the early days the Christians were accustomed to solemnize the anniversary of a martyr's death for Christ at the place of martyrdom. In the fourth century, neighbouring dioceses began to interchange feasts, to transfer relics, to divide them, and to join in a common feast; as is shown by the invitation of St. Basil of Caesarea (379) to the bishops of the province of Pontus. Frequently groups of martyrs suffered on the same day, which naturally led to a joint commemoration. In the persecution of Diocletian the number of martyrs became so great that a separate day could not be assigned to each. But the Church, feeling that every martyr should be venerated, appointed a common day for all. The first trace of this we find in Antioch on the Sunday after Pentecost. We also find mention of a common day in a sermon of St. Ephrem the Syrian (373), and in the 74th homily of St. John Chrysostom (407). At first only martyrs and St. John the Baptist were honoured by a special day. Other saints were added gradually, and increased in number when a regular process of canonization was established; still, as early as 411 there is in the Chaldean Calendar a "Commemoratio Confessorum" for the Friday after Easter. In the West Boniface IV, 13 May, 609, or 610, consecrated the Pantheon in Rome to the Blessed Virgin and all the martyrs, ordering an anniversary. Gregory III (731-741) consecrated a chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to all the saints and fixed the anniversary for 1 November. A basilica of the Apostles already existed in Rome, and its dedication was annually remembered on 1 May. Gregory IV (827-844) extended the celebration on 1 November to the entire Church. The vigil seems to have been held as early as the feast itself. The octave was added by Sixtus IV (1471-84). - *Catholic Encyclopedia*

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