

June 8th - Pentecost Sunday: Pastor’s Notes

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. The sending of the Holy Spirit completed the work of Christ on earth. It is not that Jesus has left the earth. He is here in what we call the Mystical Body of Christ; that is all of us. With all our faults and with all our gifts, we are called to be Christ on earth, His hands, His voice, His example. The Church is always under some form of assault, often from without, sometimes from within, but we are assured “The gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.” Today is a good day to rejoice in the Holy Spirit, the source of knowledge, courage, and strength for all the Church--individually and corporately.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL GRADUATES
This past Monday evening, June 2nd, we held Graduation Ceremonies in our Church for our St. Peter’s Sixth Graders. We congratulate all of them along with all our young parishioners who are graduating from kindergarten, high school, college, graduate and technical schools from all the local schools in our area. May your futures be bright, and may God bless you on your journey of life and faith. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you!

OUTDOOR MASSES IN LORETTO:
Special Masses this Summer; June 8 - “Come and See” Vocations Awareness (Fr. Brian Norris), **June 29** - Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul (The Missionary Spirit of Fr. Gallitzin), **July 20** - Bishop’s Mass for Married Couples, **August 3** - Bishop’s Mass for Young People (Return to College, Work, Military)

The Historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House, next to the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine, will be open on the following Sunday afternoons from 3PM – 6PM for self-guided tours, pilgrimages and visits: June 1, 15 and 29, July 20, August 3, 17, 31

FATIMA DEVOTIONS - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating our 75th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine and the Feast of Saint Anthony with a Healing Mass on Fri. June 13, in the Gardens at Mount Assisi. We will begin the rosary at 6:30PM followed by a Healing Mass. Fr. David Dodd, T.O.R. will be our Homilist and Peter Regalado will lead the Music. In case of inclement weather, we will move to Immaculate Conception Chapel located on the campus of Saint Francis University.

Our Lady of Fatima, today we pray for your Son to come to our aid and end the suffering and wars throughout the world. Help us to be like the children at Fatima; loving trusting and faithful. May we pray to bring peace to our own world in our own small way by choosing to love and trust in the Lord.



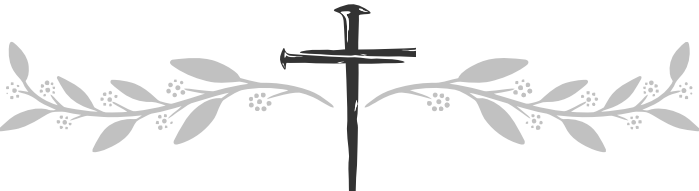
DEAR PARISHIONERS, There will be a second collection to secure funds for building maintenance projects. The sum total of the costs for the following projects are estimated at \$122,000. These projects are:

- 1. **Roof Repairs:** The slate roofs on our buildings (Church, Hall and Rectory) are aging and are missing several slate tiles and ridge caps. The roofs are over 50 years old, and we are doing our best to extend their life. We have received an estimate to repair the roofs at a cost of approximately \$200,000. For now, we have decided to do the repairs. Added to the \$25,000 repairs, we propose to install heat tracing in the gutters to help prevent future ice buildup which tore down the Church and Hall gutters this winter. The heat tracing cost is not known at this writing.
- 2. **Church Pavers.** \$6,700.
- 3. **Parking Lot.** The parking lot needs some pavement repairs and resealed. The estimated cost for this work is \$22,000.
- 4. **Hall Air Conditioners.** We are proposing to replace the existing units with two high efficiency units at a cost of \$14,400.
- 5. **School Boilers:** We had to replace the boilers in the school this past winter. The total cost will be \$54,000. One boiler was already replaced at a cost of \$18,000, and \$36,000 is still needed for the two remaining boilers.

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Over the next several weeks, we will be conducting second collections to raise money for the repairs. Our Parish has always been very generous in supporting the needs of our Church and we hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you!

FUNDS RAISED: \$25,388



**MINISTRY SCHEDULE:
JUNE 14 - 15**

Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: M. Farrell
Lector: J. Matthews
Greeters: McTiernan
Cleaners: C. Demorest,
Laura Robson
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: J. Sujansky
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Delano, Gusbar
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. DiLoreto
Greeters: Hook
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: J. Zern
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Sekela, Sheets



**Our Lady of Victory,
Pray for us!**



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR JUNE 8, 2025

**2024-2025 Final Announcements:
School Summer Office Hours:**

- The St. Peter School office will be open Tuesday thru Thursday 8:30AM – 12:30PM during June beginning June 10th.
- The office will be open by appointment in July.
- If you need to reach the school or Mrs. Harris outside of these hours, please email the school at jharris@saintpeterschool.org

As we close the doors on another school year at St. Peter School, we are filled with deep gratitude and joy. Throughout the year, we have truly been led by the light of hope — a hope grounded in faith, nurtured by love, and strengthened by the unwavering support of our families and the St. Peter Parish community.

To Fr. Patti, thank you for your being our shepherd. Sharing Masses and the Sacraments with us as well as your deep love for our students and staff. Your leadership shines as a beacon of Christ's love.

To our Finance Council, EITC donors and other benefactors, thank you for your careful stewardship and commitment to ensuring our school remains a place where faith and learning flourish for everyone.

To Linda, Dan, Alan, Adam and Andrea – thank you for keeping us running every day – no matter the request or the hour! And for keeping our school looking spiffy!

To our teachers and staff, you are the hands and heart of our school. Your dedication, creativity, and compassion are the reason our students grow not just academically, but in faith and character.

To our PTA and school volunteers, your generosity of time, talent, and energy have touched every corner of our school.

From events to classroom help, from behind-the-scenes efforts to joyful celebrations — you make a difference every day.

To our students and their families, thank you for the trust you place in us. This year, we have laughed, prayed, learned, and grown together. Our students are the living reminder of hope!

Because of all of you, St. Peter School continues to be a place where faith leads, love grows, and hope lights the way. Wishing everyone a restful, joyful summer. May God's light continue to guide your days until we gather again.

*With gratitude and blessings,
Mrs. Jill Harris Principal, St. Peter School*

2025 ST. PETER’S VBS : June 24 - 26, 9AM - 4PM

If you wish to donate to this year’s efforts, please visit the Parish Facebook page for the link to the Amazon Wishlist. Thank you to all who donate and help make VBS a great success for the kids and volunteers! Your support helps keep the cost down for the Church. #UPONTHISROCK

For social media or website content, email editor@stpetersparish.com. For bulletin announcements & events for the calendar, email editor@stpetersparish.com AND Irgattian@stpetersparish.com. Submit bulletin announcements by the Wednesday before.

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Stoystown Auto Wreckers

PRO-LIFE CORNER: “One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subside. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God’s image and likeness.” - Alice von Hildebrand



SMILES WANTED! Join our team as a Church Greeter to welcome guests, share joy, and help create a warm, inviting atmosphere at every mass. Greeters needed for all Saturday and Sunday mass times and we can work with any schedule – even snowbirds or students who are away extended periods! Please call, text or email Kathy Murdy (814-442-1450; kmurdy@wpia.net) to be added to the schedule or if you have any questions.

Assistance Needed! Our Sacristan is taking some time off, and we are seeking help to manage the responsibilities during this period. If you are interested in volunteering for these duties, please give the rectory a call. Your support would be greatly appreciated!

Third week collection of the month for the poor will not be taken up in June. Future resumption of the collection will be announced in the bulletin. Thank you!



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting this Wed., July 11th at 6PM in the annex.

STAY CONNECTED this summer by following our Facebook and Instagram page @St.Peter’sChurch-SomersetPa. You can stay up to date on parish events, engage with parishioners, and enjoy Catholic content. If you wish to share something on social media, you can email editor@stpetersparish.com.



The Church will be set at 71 degrees this Summer. Please bring a sweater if you anticipate being cold.

STEWARDSHIP: June 8th, 2025 - We can think of our own language as the gifts and talents that we possess.



**Regular Sunday: \$9,536
Votive: \$189
Online Giving: \$2,510
Ascension: \$1,875**

