

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH PASTOR’S NOTES:

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 21st in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 28th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

THAT MAN IS YOU - The St Peter’s Men’s Group is beginning a program called That Man Is You! It is put together by an apostolate from Houston, TX called Paradisus Dei. It has been in existence for over 20 years and has impacted over 1000 parishes in dioceses across the country. We will be the first in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to have it. That Man is You! is an interactive men’s program that combines the latest findings of modern science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop authentic male leaders capable of transforming themselves, their families and greater society. Briefly, the program consists of weekly meetings beginning with 30 minutes of fellowship and catching up with some refreshments, a 30 minute video and 30 minute small group discussion. We will hold these meetings on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 beginning September 9, 2025. If you can’t make every meeting, or even just a few, go when you can. There’s no grading or final exam.

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD) - The Catholic Ministries Drive of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is a vital expression of faith, compassion, and community. It serves as a lifeline for essential ministries that embody the Church’s mission to proclaim the Gospel, serve those in need, and nurture the spiritual and physical well-being of individuals and families across our region. Contributions to the CMD are not merely financial transactions - they are acts of stewardship that ripple outward, transforming lives and strengthening the Body of Christ. At its core, the CMD supports ministries that directly impact the most vulnerable among us. From Catholic Charities’ outreach to families in crisis, to pastoral care for the sick and elderly, to programs that uphold the dignity of life at every stage, the Drive ensures that no one is left behind. These services are often unseen but deeply felt, providing comfort, hope, and practical assistance to those facing hardship. Every dollar given becomes a channel of grace, allowing the Church to be present where it is needed most. The CMD also invests in the future of our faith through support for vocations, youth ministry, and religious education. By funding diaconate formation and ongoing clergy development, the Drive helps cultivate strong, faithful,

(cont.) leaders who will shepherd our parishes for generations to come. It empowers youth and young adults to encounter Christ through retreats, service opportunities, and catechesis, fostering a vibrant and engaged Church community. These investments are critical in a time when many young people are searching for meaning and belonging. Moreover, the CMD strengthens parish life by supporting evangelization efforts and adult faith formation. It enables the Diocese to offer resources and training that help parishioners deepen their relationship with God and share their faith with others. In doing so, it builds a culture of discipleship that radiates outward into families, workplaces, and neighborhoods. Contributing to the Catholic Ministries Drive is a tangible way for the faithful to live out the call to be “missionary disciples.” It is an invitation to participate in the Church’s work of mercy, justice, and evangelization. Whether one’s gift is large or small, it becomes part of a collective witness to the love of Christ. It affirms that we are one Church, united in purpose and committed to caring for one another. In a world often marked by division and indifference, the CMD stands as a beacon of unity and compassion. It reminds us that our faith is not confined to Sunday worship but is lived out in service, generosity, and solidarity. By contributing to the Catholic Ministries Drive, donors help ensure that the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown remains a source of light and hope for all who seek the presence of God in their lives. The Catholic Ministries Drive is more than a fundraiser—it’s a call to live out our faith through action. Every gift supports vital ministries that bring Christ’s love to our neighbors in need. From nurturing vocations and strengthening Catholic education to feeding the hungry and comforting the sick, your generosity fuels the mission of the Church in our diocese. This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it’s a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God’s vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship - you make that possible. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Drive. Every dollar stays within our diocese and directly supports the ministries that touch lives every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Church rooted in faith, hope, and love.

CONGRATULATIONS to Colton Anthony Jano, son of Caleb and Lindsay Jano and Blaise Mitchell Jano, son of Damien and Shawna Jano, who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless them and their families.

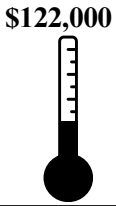


CONGRATULATIONS to Lindsay Augustine and John Heller who were married this past weekend. May God Bless their marriage covenant!



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. The cost to repair the roofs and to install heat tracing in the gutters is \$25,000.
2. Church Pavers: \$6,700 **COMPLETED**
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. One boiler was replaced at a cost of \$18,000, and \$36,000 is still needed for the two remaining boilers, for a total cost of \$54,000. **COMPLETED**

We are 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: \$52,743.



ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - Join us for the kickoff of our new program, That Man is You! on Saturday, August 30th. We will be hosting a chicken dinner behind the school following the 4PM Mass. Come meet the team and get answers to any of your questions.

All men are welcome. You can learn more at <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/> or or contact Bill Croushore at billcroushore6768@gmail.com. Scan for more info or to sign up.



Monthly Rosary & Meeting will be held in the annex chapel on Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30PM. Immediately following, we will conduct our monthly meeting. All men of the parish are welcome to join!

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be recited on Thurs., August 21st, after the 7AM Mass in the Church. Please join us as we pray to end abortion in this country and in the world.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting on Wed., September 3rd at 6PM in the annex.



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

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Daniel J. Woy, Inc. Plumbing & Heating



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR AUGUST 17, 2025

OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be open Mon. – Thurs. 8AM – 2PM, and Fridays 8AM – Noon. We will be closed: Thurs., 8/21 and Mon., 8/25.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE: The Uniform Exchange is open and available during school office hours.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Our Kindergarten Orientation will be Thursday, August 21st at 6:30PM. Families will receive invitations in the mail.

SUPPLIES: Student Supply Lists for the 25-26 school year were handed out in May. They will also be in the upcoming Welcome Back Newsletter and on our new website as soon as it is launched. Please also stop at the office for a printed copy if needed. Students are to have all supplies for the first day of school.

SUMMER MATH & READING: Students in grades 1-6 are to turn in their Summer Math and Reading folders by Fri., August 29th. These were sent home in June.

WELCOME BACK PICNIC: Our “Welcome Back Picnic” will be Saturday, August 23, behind the school for our current students, staff and families. More details will be forthcoming in the Welcome Back Newsletter. We hope to see you there!

8/21: Kindergarten Orientation at 6:30PM
8/23: “Back to School Picnic” More details TBA
8/26: First Day of School; Opening Mass, 11:15AM – Full Uniforms (Grades 1-6)
8/29: School Mass at 11:15AM – Full Uniforms
9/1: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
AUGUST 23 - 24

Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: S. Kingsinger
Lector: D. Demchak
Greeters: Gary Cleaners: K. Neilan, C. Neilan
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: J. Sujansky
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Deskevich
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: S. Rizzo
Greeters: Svirsko, Menser
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M.: J. Faidley
Lector: L. Latuch
Greeters: Snyder

2025-2026 CCD REGISTRATION - Scan the QR code to complete registration. All new and returning students must be registered. *For any questions, please contact Prudence Shaulis at pshaulis@dioceseaj.org. Please be sure to review the Confirmation process changes.*

