

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH PASTOR'S NOTES:
FATIMA DEVOTIONS - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday October 13th, 2025, at 6:30PM at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University. The presider will be Fr. Brian Norris. Bring a Friend!

UNIQUE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY
Starting in January 2026 All Saints Parish in Boswell will begin Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS), a Montessori based approach to religious education for children ages 3-6. CGS is held in a specially prepared space called an ‘atrium,’ where children use beautiful, hands-on materials, to explore the life of Jesus, the liturgy, and scripture at their own pace. Through prayer and contemplation, CGS fosters the child’s natural and joyful relationship with God. The session usually lasts around 2-3 hours and will be held during the week (time and day to be determined by interest – either in the evening or during the day) in a space specifically set aside by the parish for CGS. Sisters of the Sacred Heart, who have been specially trained in CGS, will conduct the program. If you are interested in this unique opportunity, please phone Emily Marsh, secretary of All Saints Parish, at 814-629-5551.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION - Priests guide the faithful through our spiritual journey, sharing in our most important milestones, from Baptism to the day we are called home to the Lord. By showing your thanks for their dedication, you can make sure our priests are supported through their retirement years. Our retired priests receive a modest retirement pension, funded primarily by parish assessment, and take on their own housing and living expenses. Many graciously continue to serve parishes amid a shortage of active priests, celebrating Mass and visiting the sick and homebound. Your generous support allows the diocese to support our senior priests, such as Msgr Tomaselli, while keeping increases in the parish’s assessment for priests’ medical care and retirement needs to a minimum. Your gift to this annual collection shows your appreciation for the dedication of all our priests. Thank you.

MOVIE ON ST MAXAMILIAN KOLBE - The Sacred Heart Province of the Third Order Regular Franciscans is sponsoring a free showing of “Triumph of the Heart,” a movie about Saint Maximilian Kolbe, on Sunday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. at AMC Altoona 12. Free tickets are available online at the following link. Space is limited to 95 people. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/triumph-of-the-heart-amc-altoona-12-free-showing-tickets-1770419425159?aff=oddttdcreator>

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY
Pope Leo is asking all Catholics to pray the Rosary for peace every day in October. He urged the Church at the end of his Angelus address on September 24: “*Dear brothers and sisters, the month of October is now approaching, and in the Church it is dedicated in a special way to the Holy Rosary for peace; personally, in the family, in the community.*” In 1571, Pope Pius V encouraged the Church to pray the Rosary and to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for victory in the battle of Lepanto. The Church responded and the Christians won the battle in a miraculous way. We should take this call to arms very seriously and rekindle our prayer

(Cont.) of the Rosary daily. Turn off social media, TV, etc., and pray a Rosary. Make some EXTRA time for adoration before the Blessed Sacrament each week. Recommit to pray the Rosary again and rediscover what a truly powerful prayer it is. Here are some tips to help pray the Rosary every day:

- **Carry a Rosary with you at all times**
- **While praying the Rosary: meditate on the mysteries of the life of Jesus and Mary, make use of one of the many guides available with reflections on the mysteries**
- **Say it while you wait (at a Doctor’s office, airport, road construction detours, etc.)**
- **Recite the Rosary while doing errands or while working around the house**
- **Pray while you walk and think of the people in your life**
- **Use each mystery to ask for a particular intention**
- **If you can’t pray a whole Rosary at once, break it up into decades or parts**
- **Say it in moments of sadness or spiritual weakness**
- **If you’re upset, pray for the situation that worries you**
- **Use images and music, the Rosary is a contemplative prayer**
- **Re-read Saint John Paul II’s Apostolic Letter: On the most Holy Rosary, October 16, 2002.**
- **Resolve to pray the Rosary each day, either alone or with others, especially with your family-Pray five decades each day (or three or at least one).**
- **Consider what you want to pray for, and bring your intentions to the Blessed Virgin Mary: ask her to intercede for your loved ones, family and friends, for our country and the needs of the Church and of the world, and the intentions of the Holy Father**
- **Fall asleep praying the Rosary, it’s better than counting sheep**

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 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. **COMPLETED**
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!

\$122,000

FUNDS RAISED: \$80,001



ST. PETER SCHOOL
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SCHOOL NEWS FOR OCTOBER 12TH, 2025
10/13: NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences
10/15: Marianna’s Pizza/Sub Orders due
10/17: SCHOOL IN SESSION but **NO SCHOOL MASS** due to the diocesan pilgrimage.

LOOKING AHEAD:
10/21: Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip to Ft. Ligonier
10/22: Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4 PM
10/24: Marianna’s Pizza/Sub Pick-up 1AM – 12:30PM & 2:30 – 3:30PM in Hall; Grade 2 School Mass 11:15AM
10/27: PTA Hot Lunch
10/27 – 10/31: RED RIBBON WEEK
10/28: Lifetouch Picture Make-up / Retake Day

ST. PETER PTA’S KICKOFF MARIANNA’S PIZZA AND SUB SALE IS UNDERWAY! All orders and payment are due by 9AM on Wednesday, October 15th. Delivery will be Friday, October 24th. Please see a school family to place an order by October 15th. These are a delicious way to have a quick lunch or dinner during these busy fall days. Thank you so much for your participation!

CCD NEWS
Prudence Shaulis, DRE
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10/12: NO CCD or Confirmation Class - Fall Break
10/19: SHYCON 2025 will be held at the Stokes Center, St. Francis, Loretto.
10/26: Protecting God's Children

LOOKING AHEAD:
11/9: CCD & Confirmation class
11/16: CCD Class

CHURCH CHATS! All parishioners are invited to attend a new monthly series being offered at St. Peter’s Church. These hour-long sessions will focus on a timely topic related to our shared Catholic faith. Come grow in knowledge of our Church while learning practical ways to deepen your personal relationship with God. In addition to encouraging fellowship between parishioners, attendance at these Church Chats will count towards the two Discipleship Events requirement for our Confirmation Candidates. The first Church Chat will be led by Katie Bobby on the evening of Thursday, October 23rd from 6:30 - 7:30PM. Since October is the Month of the Rosary, the focus will be on the role of Mary in our Catholic faith. The last 20 minutes of the session will include praying the Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please prayerfully consider attending.



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: Shake Shak, Ice Cream Treats

RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please pray for Martha Stanga and Heidi Diaz, a beloved CCD teacher and organist here at St. Peter’s parish, who died recently. May they rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console their families and friends.

ATTENTION! Church cleaners needed on Sat., October 18th at 8AM to wash our pews! Please provide your own bucket and cleaning rag, (we have Murphy’s).

ROSARY & PRAYERS - Please join us on Wednesday, October 15th at 1PM in the Church. We will be offering special prayers this month for Vocations! All are welcome.

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** are collecting socks during the month of Oct. Place socks in the box in the church lobby. Our next meeting is on Wed., Nov. 5th, at 6PM in the annex.

STEWARDSHIP: October 12th, 2025 - Gratitude deepens our faith in God and leads us to fitting worship of Him.


Regular Sunday: \$7,854
Online Giving: \$4,042
Votive: \$164
Building Fund: \$2,238



MINISTER SCHEDULE:
OCTOBER. 18 - 19
Saturday - 4PM
E.M.:V. Jacob
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Gary
Cleaners: Fall Clean
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: T. Woy
Lector: B. Wilmotte
Greeters: Gusbar
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. DiLoreto
Greeters: Hook, Sekela
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: J. Zern
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Snyder



Our Lady of Stars,
Pray for us!