

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH PASTOR’S NOTES:

OUR PARISH WILL CELEBRATE FORTY HOURS on November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. We will celebrate the beautiful Eucharistic devotion of Forty Hours. This devotion is a special forty-hour period of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The number “forty” has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and 40 nights; the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years; Our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry, and the 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional “forty-hour period” from Our Lord’s burial until the resurrection. The Forty Hours Devotion provides an opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. Plan to join us in this special devotion. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.

EVENING DEVOTIONS BEGIN AT 7PM
Sunday night - Evening Prayer and Benediction
Monday night - Evening Prayer and Benediction
Tuesday night - Mass, Procession and Benediction

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Today is World Mission Sunday! Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law - World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope’s missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year’s theme “Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples” is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, “Each of us is a mission on this earth” (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ. This year’s message from Pope Leo for World Mission Sunday: *I offer a warm welcome to all of you, who have gathered from over one hundred and twenty countries to take part in the annual General Assembly of the Pontifical Mission Societies. I want to begin by expressing my gratitude to you and your associates for your dedicated service, which is indispensable to the Church’s mission of evangelization, as I can personally attest from my own pastoral experience in the years of my ministry serving in Peru. The Pontifical Mission Societies are effectively the “primary means” of awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized and supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young (cf. Decree Ad Gentes, 38). Our world, wounded by war, violence and injustice, needs to hear the Gospel message of God’s love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ’s grace. In this sense, the Church herself, in all her members, is increasingly called to be “a missionary Church”. We are to bring to all peoples, indeed to all creatures, the Gospel promise of true and lasting peace, which is possible because, in the words of Pope Francis, the Lord has overcome the world and its constant conflict ‘by making peace through the blood of his cross’ (Evangelii Gaudium, 229). Hence we see the importance of fostering a spirit of missionary discipleship in all the baptized and a sense of the urgency of bringing Christ to all people. In this regard, I would like to thank you and your associates for your efforts each year in promoting World Mission Sunday on the second-to-last Sunday of October, which is of immense help to me in my solicitude for the Churches in areas which are*

(cont.) under the care of the Dicastery for Evangelization. Today, as in the days after Pentecost, the Church, led by the Holy Spirit, pursues her journey through history with trust, joy and courage as she proclaims the name of Jesus and the salvation born of faith in the saving truth of the Gospel. In this regard, I express my trust that this process will confirm the members of the Societies worldwide in their vocation to be a leaven of missionary zeal within the People of God. Dear friends, our celebration of this Holy Year challenges all of us to be “pilgrims of hope.” Taking up the words that Pope Francis chose as the theme for this year’s World Mission Day, I would conclude by encouraging you to continue to be “missionaries of hope among all peoples.” Commending you, your benefactors and all associated with your important work to the loving intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of lasting joy and peace in the Lord.

Joining Saint Peter’s - Registration is the way that one lets us know, “Saint Peter’s is my parish!” Even if you are a part-time resident, its still important that you register with us. It allows us to communicate with you and keep you updated on parish news and events. It is also needed for sacramental preparation and letters of good standing.

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!

FUNDS RAISED: \$82,135

CHURCH CHATS! St. Peter's Church invites all parishioners to a new monthly series called "Church Chats." These hour-long sessions will explore timely topics related to Catholic faith and help deepen personal relationships with God. Attending will fulfill part of the Discipleship Events requirement for Confirmation Candidates. The first session, led by Katie Bobby, is on Thursday, October 23rd, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM, focusing on Mary's role in faith, followed by Rosary prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Attendance is encouraged!



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR OCTOBER 19TH, 2025
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

LOOKING AHEAD:
10/27 – Fri., 10/31 **RED RIBBON WEEK**
10/27: “Wear Red Spirit Day” & PTA Hot Lunch
10/28: “Favorite Team Shirt Spirit Day” & Lifetouch Retake/Make-Up School Pictures; End of First Grading Period; Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4 PM
10/29: “Crazy Socks & Hair Spirit Day”
10/30: “Favorite Hat Spirit Day”
10/31: Red Ribbon Closing & Grade 1 Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms; Halloween Parade & Parties in PM
11/4: 40 Hours Mass & Procession 7PM



CCD NEWS
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10/19: CCD and Confirmation Class
10/26: CCD and Confirmation Class: Protecting God’s Children
11/2: CCD Class
11/9: CCD and Confirmation Class
11/16: CCD Class
11/23: CCD and Confirmation Class

LOOKING AHEAD:
CHURCH CHATS - ALL ARE WELCOME!
Thursday, Oct 23rd from 6:30-7:30PM held in the Church
These will count towards the two Discipleship Events requirement for our Confirmation Candidates.

Dear Religious Education Community,
We are heartbroken with the news of the sudden passing of Heidi Diaz, our beloved 2nd grade CCD teacher. Heidi was a gentle, faith-filled presence who gave so much of herself to our children and parish. Her love, kindness, and dedication touched every life she encountered. Her absence leaves a great void in our hearts and in our program. We are deeply grateful for the time we shared with her, and we will carry her memory forward with love and prayer. Please keep Heidi and her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Thank you and God bless, Prudence Shaulis, DRE

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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Miller Funeral Home

PRO-LIFE CORNER: *Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world.*

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP will meet this Tues., Oct. 21st for TMIY meeting in the hall. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith-sharing. There is no cost.
SAVE THE DATE - The men's group will host a spaghetti dinner on Fri., Nov 14. More details to come!

 **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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bryan Stoy and Meghan Sanders who were married recently at St. Peter’s. May God Bless their marriage covenant!

IN YOUR PRAYERS please pray for Rosemary Drzenovich who died last week. May she rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console her family and friends.

STEWARDSHIP: October 19th, 2025 - A strong pillar of prayer will make all our other stewardship efforts fruitful.

Regular Sunday: \$8,319
Online Giving: \$3,052
Votive: \$107
Building Fund: \$2,134
School: \$225

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
OCTOBER. 25 - 26
Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: S. Kingsinger
Lector: D. Demchak
Greeters: Keiser
Cleaners: T. Kolonich, N. Kozuch
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: J. Ansell
Lector: J. Wahl
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Rullo
Greeters: Svirsko, Menser
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: S. Mapes
Lector: L. Latuch
Greeters: Soberdash



Our Lady of Good News,
Pray for us!