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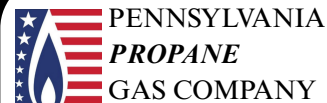
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Joshua 25:15

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SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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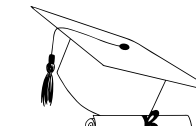
MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MAY 18th - 24th

MON	7am	James & Robin Crum - Swearman Family
TUES	7am	George Swearman - Swearman Family
WED	7am	Mary Beth & Chris Durst - Mapes Family
THU	7am	Berkey & Sayler Families - Sam & Karen Berkey
FRI	7am	Holy Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
	11:15am	Linda Gattian - St. Peter's Women's Group
SAT	4pm	Joseph Crimone - Family
SUN	8am	Mash, Bowlby & Fatula Families - Robert & Jeanne Bowlby
	10am	Barney Lucas - Margaret Lucas
	12:15pm	For the People

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: MAY 17th - 24th

SUN	12:15pm	2026 Graduate's Mass & Luncheon
TUE	12pm	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
WED	9am	Quilters - Annex
	6:30pm	Choir Practice - Church
FRI	11:15am	Mass

CONGRATULATIONS!



To our Parish Class of 2026 High School, Homeschool, Trade School and College Graduates. We are honored to host the recognition luncheon today and wish you all GOD's Blessings in your future.

- St. Peter's Women's Group



Psalm 18:1 "I love you, O Lord, my strength."

ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.
CONFESSIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.
BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.
MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple must precede setting a date.
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Rectory to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and home-bound on a regular basis.
PARISH MEMBERSHIP: It is important to be a registered parishioner in order to gain the benefits & privileges of parish membership. New parishioners are welcome. If you have moved into, within or outside the parish or are not a member, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.



Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

"Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament."

Prayer given to the Fatima children in 1916 by the "Angel"

SUNDAY, MAY 17th PASTOR'S NOTES:

125th ANNIVERSARY of Altoona-Johnstown Diocese

In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, all the faithful are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Mark on May 31 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Priests, deacons, and men and women religious will be in attendance. All parishioners of the diocese are welcome and encouraged to attend the Mass. Anyone interested in being part of the festival choir for the Mass may contact Cathedral Music Director Robert Long by emailing him at rlong@dioceseaj.org.

MAY 17, 2026 – 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

This week, we celebrated the great feast of the Ascension of our Lord, that glorious moment when Jesus, 40 days after His resurrection, was lifted up – quite literally – into heaven, as the apostles watched in stunned amazement. It must have been an extraordinary thing to witness.

But the apostles were not permitted to simply bask in the moment for very long. “While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?’” In other words, ‘Don’t just stand there, do something!’

Let us take a moment to ‘look up at the heavens’ and ponder all the graces and blessings our loving God has given us. And then, let us do something! Let’s put all those gifts to work as we serve as grateful witnesses to this amazing God.

MASS FOR WIDOWS & WIDOWERS – SUNDAY MAY 24

A Mass for Widows and Widowers will be Televised. Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00AM on WATM ABC 23. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office at 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number, and the name of the spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Thursday, May 21, 2026. The event is sponsored by the Diocese Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive. Please be advised a special broadcast of a sporting event on WATM ABC 23 may delay this broadcast. All names will be seen during Communion.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE 2026

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive continues throughout our diocese. This year’s theme, Sent To Serve, reminds us that, by virtue of baptism, each of us has been Sent to Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive target for St. Peter’s is \$53,000. Dollars raised over our goal will be returned to our parish. So far, \$31,405 has been pledged.



REGINA COELI (Prayed during the Easter Season)

*Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.
For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia.
Has risen as He said, Alleluia.
Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.
R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.
O God, Who by the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen*



Congratulations to **Arthur John Roth**, son of Nicholas & Elizabeth Roth and **Briggs Madden McNelly**, daughter of Andrew & Amanda McNelly, who were baptized recently. May God bless them all!

MAY SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this month in memory of Walter & Helen Frederick from Richard & Evelyn.

Please pray for Grace Svonavec, a parishoner, who died recently.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



Join us on a one day BUS TRIP sponsored by St. Raymond’s of the Mountains Christian Mothers Group of Donegal, PA
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DEAR PARISHIONERS, The second collection will be for the building fund. Last year, we raised over \$100,000 and completed nearly all of the much needed list of maintenance items. The original electrical panel box in the Hall needs to be updated. Use of many of the circuits is limited. We are increasing the goal to \$170,000 for 2026 to support provision of a new breaker box, replacing a large portion of existing wiring, and replacing all of the original receptacles and switches. A new primary service line is required. Thank you for supporting and maintaining the physical plant **\$170,000** of our parish. **COMPLETED PROJECTS:**
Roof Repairs: \$25,000, **Church Pavers:** \$6,700, **Parking Lot:** \$22,000, **School Boilers:** \$54,000.
UNFINISHED: Hall Air Conditioners: \$14,000 and Electrical Work: \$50,000. **Funds Raised: \$151,528**



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR MAY 17th, 2026

- 5/18:** Grade 3 Field Trip
 - 5/19:** Grade K Field Trip; Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip; New Parent Meeting 6:30pm in Annex
 - 5/20:** Sports Day!
Third Grade “Step Up Night” 6:30pm in Room 3
 - 5/21:** Grade 5 DARE Graduation Noon
 - 5/22:** Kindergarten Mass 11:15am
Early Dismissal 12:40pm – Regular Transportation
- Looking Ahead:**
- 5/27:** Sixth Grade Graduation Mass & Reception 6:30pm
 - 5/29:** LAST DAY - Closing Mass 9:15am
Dismissal 10:40am

CONGRATULATIONS ANDERSON COUGHENOUR!
Sixth grader Anderson Coughenour won Third Place at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Spelling Bee on Friday, May 8th. Competing against the top spellers from all of the other elementary schools in our diocese, this is a great accomplishment. Way to go, Anderson!

St. Peter School PTA Golf Outing

Friday, June 26, 2026 at Somerset Country Club.
Breakfast and registration begin at 8AM, with golf at 9AM.
Cost is \$100/golfer, which includes coffee, light breakfast, BBQ lunch, and prizes.

Sponsorship opportunities: Banner Sponsor (\$200), Tee Sponsor (\$100), and Individual/Family Sponsor (\$25).

All proceeds benefit St. Peter School in Somerset.

To register a foursome or more information, contact: Jodi (814-442-6483, jodilohr@yahoo.com) or Dave (814-483-6460, davesube1981@gmail.com). Checks should be made to St. Peter School PTA and mailed or dropped off at: 433 West Church Street, Somerset, PA 15501 (Attn: Golf Outing).

Two BIG Events Coming in June!

**ST. PETER’S 2026 VBS: JUNE 23-25
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are seeking volunteers to assist in planning activities, helping with camp, and much more! If you're interested in lending a hand, please scan the QR code. Youth who are entering 7th grade and older are able to volunteer!



SAVE THE DATE!

**2026 Parish
Auction & BBQ
Sunday, June 28th 2026**



For social media or website content, email editor@stpetersparish.com. For bulletin announcements and parish calendar events, email both editor@stpetersparish.com and office@stpetersparish.com. Submit bulletin requests by the Wednesday before the Sunday announcement.

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Woy Brothers

CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, DRE

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As we look ahead to the fall, please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve as a CCD teacher. Sharing your faith and time can make a lasting impact on our parish children and families. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Paula.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
will meet Wednesday, June 3rd at 6PM in the annex.

St. Peters Men’s Group will meet Thursday, May 21st at 7PM in the annex.

**Retirement
&
Job Opening Announcement**

After many years of faithful service, our school’s principal, Mrs. Jill Harris, has announced her retirement. We are deeply grateful for her leadership, dedication, and the lasting impact she has made on our school community over the past 20 years. With this announcement, we also begin the process of seeking our next principal to continue the growth and mission of St. Peter School. Job requirements will soon be available on the diocesan website at dioceseaj.org under “Catholic Schools,” then click “Education Employment Opportunities.” Interested parties can also contact Fr. Patti at the rectory or Mrs. Harris to learn more about the position. We are also accepting applications for a teacher position for the 26-27 school year. This information will also be available on the diocesan website. We ask for your prayers during this time of transition, trusting in God’s guidance for our school's future.

MINISTER SCHEDULE:

MAY 23 - 24
Cleaners: Saturday
C. Demorest, L. & S. Robson
Saturday - 4PM
EM: M. Weimer
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Kolonich
Sunday - 8AM
EM: T. Woy
Lector: L. Wahl
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: F. Keeping III
Greeters: Svirsko, Frazier
Sunday - 12:15PM
EM: S. Mapes
Lector: L. Latuch
Greeters: Soberdash

STEWARDSHIP:

True love is an act of the will. It requires obedience, humility, and deep trust in God.

May 10, 2026
Sunday Giving: \$7,576
Online: \$3,175
Building Fund: \$1,703
Votive: \$165
School: \$80

