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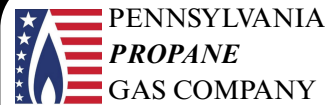
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SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 - PENTECOST SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sean Isgan, Finance Council
Jason June, Choir Director
Abby Bristol, Social Media & Bulletin

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MAY 25 th - 31 th		
MON	9am	Ann Omerzo - Mary Jarvis (Sister-in-law)
TUE	7am	Eleanor Martha & James Russell Gibson - The Gibson Family
WED	7am 6pm	Ron Igou - Family 6 th Grade Graduation Mass - Special Intentions 6 th Grade Students & Staff
THU	7am	Chris Gattian - Mom
FRI	7am 9:15am	Crystal Crum - Swearman Family Last Day of St. Peter's School Mass - Special Intentions Students, Families, & Staff
SAT	4pm	Kathy Qualters - Tom Qualters
SUN	8am 10am 12:15pm	For the People Lucas Family - Margaret Lucas Verda Glee & Elmer Friedline - Carol & John Barbara

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: MAY 24 th - 31 th		
SAT-SUN	All Masses	Pentecost
MON	9am	Memorial Day Mass *Office Closed
TUE	12pm	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
WED	9am 6:30pm	Quilters - Annex 6th Grade Graduation & Mass
FRI	9:15am	Last Day of School Mass *Please note: There is no 11:15am Mass today

Thank you... to Fr. Patti, all those who bought, and volunteered with the Birthright Mother's Day Carnation sale. Thank you for your support and generosity. St. Peter's Women's Group

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.

Come Holy Spirit
Come Holy Spirit
Fill the hearts of your faithful
And enkindle within us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created
And you shall renew the face of the earth.
Let us pray:
O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit
Did instruct the hearts of your faithful
Grant that by the same Spirit
We may be truly wise
And always rejoice in His consolation
Through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen

SAVE THE DATE!



2026 Parish Auction & BBQ
Sunday, June 28th 2026



SUNDAY, MAY 24th 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. Jesus has not left us orphans. He is present in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. All of us, as temples of the Holy Spirit, with all our lives, all our gifts, and all we have, are called to be Christ on earth--His hands, His voice, His example. The Church is always under attack, 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 as the Church universal.

Our Easter celebration reaches its grand finale today as we celebrate the glorious feast of Pentecost. Today, we focus on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in our individual lives.

Throughout our readings today, we see the amazing truth that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way – and that we are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us. What a stunning privilege and awesome responsibility. We must rely constantly on the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the gifts, talents and blessings we have been given so that we can fulfill the specific mission to which we have been called.

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us be at peace. And let us resolve to lean on the Holy Spirit more and more as our guide through the stewardship way of life.

HOLY NAME PARISH FESTIVAL

Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg is sponsoring its 65th Annual Festival on June 5th, 6th and 7th, featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday June 7th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00) and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday June 6th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Adults \$15.00, children under 12 \$7.00). Refreshments, musical entertainment, family fun & games, baked goods, kiddie corner, giant flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!

EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Often referred to as the "Examen," it is an ancient practice in the church. St. Ignatius includes it as one of the exercises in his manual, The Spiritual Exercises. It is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God that helps us to be conscious, a moral awareness. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. It has five steps and it usually takes 15 to 20 minutes per day, often utilized at the end of the day. Here are the basic five steps: 1. Pray for light. I want to look at my day with God's eyes for some sense of how the Spirit of God is leading us. 2. Review the day in thanksgiving. The day I have just lived is a gift from God, thank Him for every encounter through the day. 3. Review the feelings that surface in the replay of the day. Simply pay attention to any and all feelings as they surface while carefully looking back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit. 4. Face your shortcomings. Acknowledge where things could have been handled differently. That is, we stumble across our sins without making them the primary focus, and bring them to confession. 5. Look toward the day to come. Ask where I need God in the day to come. Pray for his grace to guide you. Finish with the Lord's Prayer. A mnemonic for recalling the five points: LT3F (light, thanks, feelings, focus, future.)



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.



Words of Wisdom

"The fruit of SILENCE is prayer, the fruit of PRAYER is faith, the fruit of FAITH is love, the fruit of LOVE is service, and the fruit of SERVICE is PEACE." ~ Mother Teresa of Calcutta



Baptism Congratulations to **Hunter Michael Jano,** son of Elijah Jano & Skyelynn Murray and **Elouise May Emeigh,**

daughter of Patrick Turner Jr. & Alexandra Canonico 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.

Feast of St. Anthony—Day of Celebration



Please join us for a celebration honoring the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua on Friday, June 12th at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg. The event will include an outdoor anticipated Mass for the feast day, Blessing of St. Anthony's Bread, and veneration of a first-class relic of St. Anthony. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by bread distribution. At the conclusion of Mass, join us for an outdoor lunch. Please register at 814-695-3802 by June 8th if you will be staying for lunch. The celebration will be rain or shine as it will be under a tent!

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."
- St. Augustine

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 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: \$163,223**



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR MAY 24th, 2026

- 5/25: NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
- 5/26: Third Grade Step-Up Night 6:00pm; "Books, Baseball, and Banana Splits" 6:30pm – 8:00pm behind the school
- 5/27: Sixth Grade Graduation Mass & Reception 6:30pm
- 5/28: "Reading in the Sun" *Bring books & beach towels!* Third Grade "Step Up Night" 6:30pm in Room 3
- 5/29: LAST DAY – Closing Mass 9:15am; Dismissal 10:40am School Picnic at Laurel Hill State Park 11am – 4pm. See newsletters for more information.

Congratulations St. Peter School Class of 2026

As our sixth graders celebrate their graduation this week, we give thanks for the many ways they have grown throughout their years at St. Peter School. They have become leaders, role models, and caring members of our school family, sharing their gifts, kindness, and faith with others each day. We are proud of all they have accomplished and grateful for the joy and spirit they have brought to all of us. As they begin a new chapter, we pray that God continues to guide their hearts, strengthen their faith, and bless them with courage, wisdom, and hope for the future. They will always remain an important part of our school family. Congratulations to the St. Peter School Class of 2026: Anderson Coughenour, Easton Ickes, Laura Kikuchi, Carter Lohr, Torie May, Lucas McCusker, Bodie Raupach, Lucy Stoy, Lauren Topper, Tenley Wintersteen, Sophia Zambanini, and Aubrey Zerfoss.

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).

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!



Project LUNCH BAG

Taking Donations ... Now through June 13th
St. Peter's project to feed the homeless in our community is going into our 6th year. This project is currently serving 75 individuals, which includes 20 children that depend on breakfast and lunch while in school. Since school is ending soon we would like to provide these children with extra food throughout the summer months. **Items Needed:** *Peanut butter, jelly, instant oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, granola bars, fruit cups, pudding cups, crackers for the peanut butter, tuna fish. Please leave these items at the church or in the church office. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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: Bicycler Peddlar

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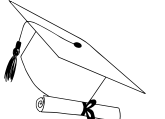
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As we look ahead to the fall, please prayerfully consider volunteering to serve as a CCD teacher. Sharing your faith and time can make a lasting impact on our parish children and families. If you are interested or would like more information, please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



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

ATTENTION...Class of 2026 Graduates who did not attend the recent Celebration, please stop by the table in the Vestibule to pick up your gift from the Women's Group!



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 30 - 31
Cleaners: Friday (29th)
V. Saylor
Saturday - 4PM
EM: M. Charney
Lector: D. Demchak
Greeters: Gary
Sunday - 8AM
EM: B. Croushore
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Woy
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: A. DiLoreto
Greeters: Custer, Hilton
Sunday - 12:15PM
EM: B. Farkosh
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Gombita

STEWARDSHIP:

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

May 17, 2026
Sunday Giving: \$6,770
Online: \$3,410
Ascension: \$2,373
Building Fund: \$11,695
Votive: \$15
School: \$631



