

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH PASTOR’S NOTES:
July 12, 2026 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Today’s readings are filled with analogies for the stewardship way of life, demonstrating the slow and steady, yet powerful effect this lifestyle will have on those who fully embrace it. In our first reading, from Isaiah, the Father speaks to us of the gentle but unstoppable power of His Word, using the analogy of the Word as “rain and snow” that water the earth, “making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats.” He tells us that His word always serves a purpose – it gives us life, sustains our very being. Christian stewards must fill themselves with this nourishment every day. When we commit to regular prayer time with God’s Word, we can absolutely count on it to take root in us and transform our lives. Let us deepen our commitment to this way of life, allowing the Sower to do His work in our lives. The Master Gardener will surely produce miraculous fruits through us.

Fatima Devotions: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Monday July 13th at 6:30pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather it will be at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Fr. Malachi Van Tassell will be the homilist and the choir from the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel will lead the singing. **We encourage you to Bring a Friend!**

LOGGIA NIGHTS - Loggia Nights are evenings of brotherhood, prayer, and great food open to young Catholic men ages 18+ who want to grow in community and faith. Each evening will begin with Mass followed by a casual dinner on the loggia (back porch) and an opportunity to connect with other Catholic men while discussing life, faith, and where God may be calling you. Members of our Vocation Team, Fr. Peter Crowe, Fr. John Byrnes, Fr. Alan Thomas, and Fr. Brian Norris, will be in attendance.

Summer 2026 schedule
SUNDAY, JULY 12 - Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto, Mass at 7PM
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Mass at 5PM

CHARITY CAR CRUISE - Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will host their annual Classic and Antique Car Cruise on Sunday July 26th at their St John Site (162 Wheeler Street, Central City) from 1PM until 5PM. Food (including their famous homemade hot sausage, soft drinks, and beer will be available. The first 75 cars receive a gift. Live music by Allison Borek. Basket raffles and 50/50. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society and their work with those in need throughout Somerset County.

Proclaim! Night with the Altoona Curve
In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Proclaim! is sponsoring a night with the Altoona Curve on August 14 at PNG Field in Altoona. The game starts at 6PM., but before the game, Proclaim! is hosting a picnic supper at 5PM. Game tickets are \$9 for adults; \$7 dollars for children ages 3-12. The picnic supper is free with the purchase of a game ticket. To purchase tickets, contact Cory Homan at the Altoona Curve at 814-283-3128 or choman@altoonacurve.com. As part of the celebration, the Very Rev. Frank Sconaienchi, TOR, the Very Reverend Matthew Baum, and Father Michael Pleva will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

CELEBRATE THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE by gathering with Catholics of all ages for an inspiring day of prayer, learning, music, fellowship, and fun!

Join Us for the 2026 Diocesan Family Conference!

We Are the Body of Christ - the Church of Altoona Johnstown
A Day of Faith, Family, and Fellowship
Saturday, September 19, 2026 - Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania
Something for Everyone!

- Inspiring keynote speakers
- Practical workshops for adults, parents, and grandparents
- Youth and children's programs
- Family activities
- Prayer, music, and the celebration of our Catholic faith
- Opportunities to connect with Catholics from across the Diocese

Whether you come as an individual, couple, or family, you'll leave renewed in faith and encouraged to live as missionary disciples in your parish and community. **Registration is now open!** Visit the diocesan website (www.dioceseaj.org/diocesan-family-conference-2026) or scan the QR code in the registration brochure available in your parish.

"For just as the body is one and has many members... so it is with Christ." — **1 Corinthians 12:12**

CONGRATULATIONS to *Eleanor Yonke, daughter of Thomas & Megan Yonke, and Beau Bristor, son of Zack and Abby Bristor, who were baptized here at St. Peter’s Church.*
May God bless them and their families!

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION:
Thank you to all who have contributed to the building fund. To date, we have completed several projects including:

- Roof and gutter repairs and installed heat tracing in gutters.
- Replaced the electric panel in the hall.
- Removed the deteriorating pavers at the Church entrance and replaced with concrete.
- Contracted to have the hall air conditioners replaced.
- Replaced the boilers in the school.

However, there is more work to do. This includes the following:

- Replace the back, side and basement steps at the hall. Budget estimate is \$30,000.
- Replace the pipes from the hall gutters that drain under the parking lot. Budget estimate is \$20,000.
- Upgrade the air conditioning in the rectory. Budget estimate is \$25,000.
- Replace the broken sidewalk at the east end of the school. Budget estimate is \$10,000.
- Roof Replacement (Church, Hall Rectory). This is a future project but the roofs are soon beyond repair and the last storm blew off some slate tiles. Budget estimate is \$200,000.
- Parking Lot Replacement. This is another future project and will be done in phases. Budget estimate is \$300,000.

FUNDS RAISED: \$177,969



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The school office will not have regular office hours in July. If anyone needs to contact the school or stop in for any reason, please email Mrs. Foy at tfoy@saintpeterschool.org to arrange the best time and we will reach out to you.

Kindergarten Friends & Fun - Incoming Kindergarteners and their families are invited to the second “Family & Friends” gathering behind St. Peter School on July 20th from 6:30 – 7:30PM. Popsicles will be provided!

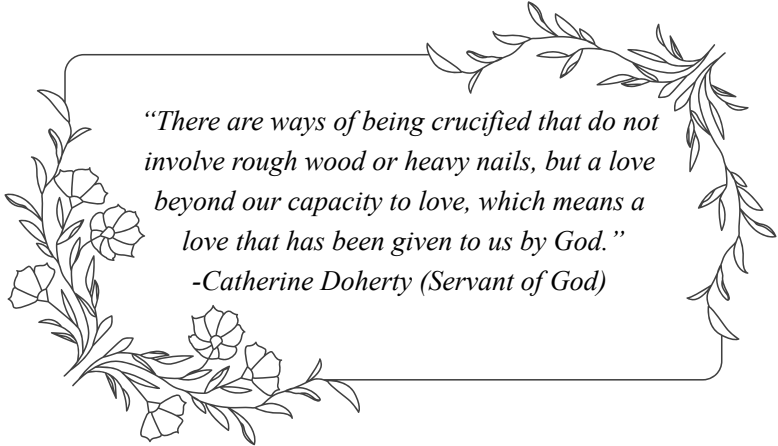
PowerSchool - Parents will receive an email in the early weeks of July to access their PowerSchool accounts and update contact information and other student demographics and be prompted to “sign” necessary forms. Please alert the school if you need any help with this.

St. Peter School is seeking an individual for the role of principal. Application and job description are available at www.dioceseaj.org under the “Education” tab or by calling the school for more information.

CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, DRE
814-443-6574 ext. 4 & paula.vinzani@gmail.com

CCD TEACHERS NEEDED! Please prayerfully consider volunteering. Contact Paula Vinzani for more information.

ATTENTION: The Diocese is offering a virtual Mandated Reporter Training on Child Abuse on Wednesday, July 29, from 9AM to 12PM. If you need to renew your mandated reporter certification for volunteer clearances related to CCD, St. Peter’s School, or any ministry involving the safety and well-being of children, this is a convenient opportunity to complete the training from home. To register, please contact Paula Vinzani, Director of Religious Education (DRE), at paula.vinzani@gmail.com. She will provide you with the registration link.



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: Sheila Croushore, Berkshire Hathaway Realtor

HELP NEEDED! We are looking to temporarily hire someone to assist our maintaince supervisor. Your help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the parish office for more information. Thank you for helping care for our parish home.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be said Thursday, July 16th after 7AM Mass. All are welcome to come and pray to end abortion in our country and the whole world!

ROSARY & PRAYERS will be said Wednesday July 15th at 1PM in the Church. This month's intention is for the safety and well-being of family, friends & travelers during this busy summer season! Please join us!



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
will have the next meeting on Wednesday, August 5th, at 6PM in the annex.

STAY CONNECTED by following our Facebook and Instagram page @St.Peter’sChurch-Somerset Pa. It’s a great way to stay up to date on parish events, engage with other parishioners, and enjoy Catholic content. If you wish to share something over social media, you can email editor@stpetersparish.com.

“It is necessary that the heroic becomes daily and the daily becomes heroic.”
-Sts. Louis & Zelie Martin

Patron saints of marriage & parenting and parents to St. Therese of Lisieux
Feast Day - July 12th.



MINISTER SCHEDULE:
JULY 18th - 19th
Cleaners: Friday
J. Harris & N. Kikuchi
Saturday - 4PM
EM: M. Weimer
Lector: C. Madigan
Greeters: Kolonich
Sunday - 8AM
EM: M. Kuhn
Lector: J. Wahl
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. DiLoreto
Greeters: Murdy, Wilk
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M.: J. Faidley
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Snyder

STEWARDSHIP:
Stewardship removes the “rocks” of mistrust as we grow in confidence that God will provide for our needs..

JULY 5TH, 2026
Sunday Giving: \$13,623
Building Fund: \$1,897
Votive: \$182
School: \$75
Peter’s Pence: \$1,115

