

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH PASTOR’S NOTES:

Today’s readings are filled with lessons both cautionary and consoling for the Christian steward. Our first reading, from the book of Wisdom, reminds us that our God is just as well as kind, all-powerful as well as merciful. “For You show Your might when the perfection of Your power is disbelieved... But though You are master of might, You judge with clemency.” God is indeed kind and loving, but He is also a just judge and the day will come when we will have to give an account for what we have done with the gifts of time, talent and treasure that He entrusted to us during our lifetime. We will be judged by God for the part we played – or did not play – in the building of His kingdom. We are never alone in this work, however, as we are reminded in our second reading from the letter to the Romans. “The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness... the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning.” We must turn to the Holy Spirit continuously to guide us in our daily lives as Christian stewards. The Holy Spirit is the source of all wisdom. He will reveal to each of us the unique mission the Father has given us, as individuals and as a parish family, in the building of the kingdom of heaven. And He will give us the strength we need to remain faithful to our mission.

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.

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 - 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**

FISHERS OF MEN VOCATION APPEAL - On the weekend of August 1-2, our diocese will have Vocation Appeal. Bishop Barchack is asking for your support to fund the formation of our new seminarians and to strengthen the work of our

(CONT.) Vocation Office. Thanks be to God, the number of our seminarians is growing—which also means the cost of formation is increasing. We also have dozens of men actively discerning a call to the priesthood, which is a great blessing! Your financial support is essential for supporting our future priests! Learn more and make a gift by visiting ajvocations.org. Thanks for your generosity.

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/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.
UPDATE - The Picnic is SOLD OUT, but tickets for the game in the Proclaim! seating area are still available. Call today to reserve yours!

THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s School in memory of Patricia McGuire from Constance Olson, and Mike & Joyce Farrell.

THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Grace Syonavec from Theresa & Douglas Eston, Linda Hoppa, Shari Schrock, Leslie Miller, & Mary Ann Nist, James & Bev Zern, Francyne, Linda, Terry & Cathy Bender, George Martin, Lynn & Joseph Paylock, Kirby Burgh, Constance Marteeney, Kathleen Shockey & Schoffstall Families, John & Pam Morocco, Paul & Teri Yoder, Pam Weimer, Frank & Lutie Sujansky, Mary Jane Knapp, and Michael & Susan Knapp.

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.

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: \$179,628



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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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

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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.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Patron Saint of Converts & Catechists, Feast Day - July 22nd

Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus, thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.

You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me, so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy. Amen.



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Baker’s Home & Garden Center

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP will pray a Rosary for the deceased of the parish this Thursday evening at 6:30PM in the annex chapel. **Save the date: That Man Is You!** will resume at St. Peter's on Tuesday, September 15th. We will kick off with a celebration in the grove behind the school on Sunday, August 30th from noon-2PM. There will be BBQ chicken, sweet corn and some other goodies. Please plan to stop by with family and just enjoy some fellowship and learn more about TMIY!

PODCAST INTERVIEW: Deacon Mark recently sat down with host Keith Little to share the story of his journey from the New Apostolic Church to the Catholic Church, how that journey led him to the permanent diaconate, and the memoir he has been writing, ‘*The Long and Winding Road: From Cultic to Catholic.*’ The interview was a wonderful opportunity to witness to the Catholic faith and to share how God has guided his family through many unexpected turns. We'll share the link on our parish Facebook this week.

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Linda Gattian Memorial Christmas in July Giveaway! The gently used clothing & household items that were donated were a blessing to those who needed them. We are very grateful to those who volunteered their time to sort & organize all the items, too! God's Blessings, St. Peter's Church Women's Group.



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

CONGRATULATIONS to Arizabeth Macedo de Los Santos, who was baptized here at St. Peter’s Church. May God Bless her and her family!



CONGRATULATIONS to Nathan Bashaw and Erin Lee who were married here at St. Peter’s Church. May God bless your marriage!

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
JULY 25th - 26th

Cleaners: Friday
L. Holloway & R. Gontis
Saturday - 4PM
EM: S. McNelly
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Gary
Sunday - 8AM
EM: C. Gombita
Lector: D. Halverson
Greeters: Woy
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Rullo
Greeters: Menser, Halverson
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M.: J. Zern
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Soberdash

STEWARDSHIP:

Jesus reminds us that God works powerfully through even the smallest acts of faithfulness.

JULY 5TH, 2026

Sunday Giving: \$8,111
Building Fund: \$1,659
Votive: \$161
School: \$80
Peter’s Pence: \$72

