

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2ND PASTOR’S NOTES:

August 2, 2026 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - This week we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. According to most Catholic scholars and theologians, the Transfiguration is the culminating point of the Lord’s public life. His Baptism is considered to be the starting point of that public life, and the Ascension is the end. The Transfiguration was part of an ongoing miracle. Perhaps the real miracle was the way that Jesus kept from displaying His glory most of the time. When the three apostles present became aware of the full divinity of Jesus, it is reported that “They fell prostrate and were very much afraid.” Is that how we react when we become aware of the presence of God? Are we a bit fearful? Knowing God, appreciating God, and embracing God should give us confidence. God’s grace is amazing, and that needs to be our reality. Remember that Jesus is on His way to crucifixion and temporary death. We are on that same path, but the Transfiguration is a reminder to us of the hope we have in the saving grace of the Lord.

VOCATION COLLECTION - Today is our Diocese’s Fishers of Men Vocation Appeal. The efforts of our Vocations Office are working! We have three new seminarians this year, which brings our total to four men in formation for the priesthood. In addition, we have launched new programs to reach young men, including the popular “Loggia Nights” at the cathedral in Altoona. Thanks be to God, we now have dozens of teens and young men who are seriously considering priesthood! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, we truly need your financial support. Bishop Bartchack has asked all Catholics to consider a generous gift. Use the envelope in the pew or make your donation online at ajvocations.org/give.

SUMMER OUTDOOR MASS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate the annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college and their families on Sunday August 2nd at 7PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Recent high school graduates entering the military or workforce are also invited. During the Mass, the Bishop will offer a special blessing to the young adults and present them with a small gift. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, next to the Shrine.

HEALING MASS - Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, August 18th, 2026, at 7PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. David Dodd TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry, sacramental anointing of the sick, and confessions, will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

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.

Final Loggia Night for this Summer - SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona Mass at 5PM

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

On behalf of our parish family, we would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month.



Heavenly Father, bless these couples so that the love they have for each other may continue to reflect the love of Christ for his Church. Look with kindness upon them and continue to bless them with peace, joy, health and happiness.

AUGUST SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn this. month in memory of Peter & Mary Sefcheck & Carol Sabo from Paul & Cyndi Battaglia



The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, honoring Mary’s pure and loving heart, completely devoted to God and united with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are invited to imitate Mary’s faith, humility, and love by drawing closer to her and asking for her prayers as we strive to follow Christ.



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.

Fundraising will continue for the following projects:

- 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: \$184,697



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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The school will be open during the month of August from 8AM - 2PM, Monday through Thursday.

LOOKING AHEAD:

- **8/9: Kindergarten Friends & Fun** - Incoming Kindergarteners and their families are invited to the last “Family & Friends” gathering behind St. Peter School from 6:30 – 7:30PM. Popsicles will be provided!

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

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CCD/Confirmation Registration 2026–2027: Classes are tentatively scheduled to begin September 13th, 2026. Families with children entering Grades 1–9 are encouraged to register for Religious Education. Current families should have received a registration form by email. If not, please scan the QR code or contact Paula Vinzani for the link. We look forward to another year of faith formation!



Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a CCD Teacher. Contact Paula Vinzani for more information.

THANK YOU for the donation to the Luke Svonavec Memorial Garden Fund from the Lehman family in memory of Rennie Lehman.

THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Nicole Raszewski from Nicole Krupa and Jeff Albuar.



Our Lady of Charity, You came to us as a messenger of peace across the sea. You are the Mother of all who seek your love. To your maternal heart, we bring our anxieties and hopes. Comfort the sick, support the afflicted, and protect our families. Amen.

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.

Thank you to our sponsor of the week: Gus’ Auto LLC

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come spend time with our Lord in adoration, beginning Friday, August 7th after 7AM Mass until the conclusion of 7AM Mass on Saturday morning.
“*The Eucharist is the Sacrament of love.*”
- St. Thomas Aquinas



NO ULTREYA MEETING this coming Thursday, August 6th.

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - Save the date! The St. Peter's Men's Group will offer That Man Is You! again starting this fall. We will have a kickoff BBQ in the grove on Sunday, August 30th from 12-2PM. The first TMIY session starts in September at 7PM in the hall.



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

PROJECT LUNCHBAG is still serving 75 individuals. In addition, this month there were 18 extra food bags that were sent out for the kids not in school during the Summer. The month of September will include the last extra food bag and a book bag filled with school supplies. **THANKS TO ALL!**

PRO-LIFE CORNER: “One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God’s image and likeness.”- Alice von Hildebrand



MINISTER SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 8th - 9th

Saturday - Cleaners

K. & C. Neilan

Saturday - 4PM Mass

EM: V. Jacob

Lector: D. Demchak

Greeters: Weimer

Sunday - 8AM Mass

EM: J. Ansell

Lector: B. Wilmotte

Greeters: Gusbar

Sunday - 10AM Mass

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: F. Reeping III

Greeters: Svirsko, Frazier

Sunday - 12:15PM Mass

E.M.: V. Barbera

Lector: . Latuch

Greeters: Soberdash

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender our lives to God in grateful recognition that everything we have is a gift from Him.

JULY 26TH 2026

Sunday Giving: \$10,821

Building Fund: \$3,105

Peter’s Pence: \$20

School: \$290

THANK YOU