

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH PASTOR’S NOTES:
August 9, 2026 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time -
Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him. While today’s readings remind us that, of course, God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives – in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life. In our First Reading, from the First Book of Kings, Elijah the prophet is instructed to go outside and wait for the Lord. Elijah goes out and a series of spectacular phenomena occur – strong and heavy winds that crush rocks, followed by an earthquake, and then a fire. Yet, the Lord was not found in any of those. Rather, the Almighty was found in a ‘tiny whispering sound.’” It is all too easy to fail to recognize His presence and gifts in our lives - taking things like friends, family, material gifts, and even God Himself for granted. When we embrace the stewardship way of life - letting go of a tight hold over our money, our time and our talents - our lives become a grand adventure, rooted firmly and gratefully in the God Who always cares for us.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY INTO HEAVEN - Since the Solemnity of Mary’s Assumption into Heaven occurs on Saturday, August 15, it is not a holy day of obligation this year. Mass for the Assumption at **7AM on Saturday, August 15th** will commemorate our Lady’s entrance into eternal glory.

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 9
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
Mass at 5PM

FATIMA DEVOTIONS - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on **Wednesday August 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. David Dodd, TOR will be the homilist and the choir from the Our Lady Mother of Sorrows will lead the singing. We encourage you to Bring a Friend!

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 6:30 PM 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!



**DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE
CELEBRATING THE 125TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE.**

The diocesan family conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders.

This day includes the annual Men’s and Women’s Conferences, Shycon (**also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates**) and Junior High Youth Day. This day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register online at: dioceseaj.org or copies of the registration booklet are available in the vestibule or by contacting the parish office. Please also prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day. Information on the day and to be a sponsor are in the registration booklet. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814)317-2646.

***THANK YOU** for the donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Beverly Truscott from Carol & Rich Wagner and Jack & Rebecca Baker.*



***CONGRATULATIONS** to Rosemary Miller, daughter of Lewis & Mary Miller who was baptized here at St. Peter’s. May God bless her and her family!*

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: \$187,093



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR AUGUST 9, 2026

OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be open Mon – Fri., 8 AM – 2 PM through August 24th. The office will be closed for staff trainings as follows: Tues., 8/25, Wed., 8/26, Fri., 8/28 and Monday 8/3.

AUGUST MAILING: Parents should have received the August Mailing. Please review and return forms to the school or rectory by this Thursday, August 13th.

UNIFORM EXCHANGE: The Uniform Exchange is open and available during school office hours.

OPEN HOUSE / MEET THE TEACHER & WELCOME BACK PICNIC: This year we will have our fall Open House/Meet the Teacher Night before school starts. Students and families from grades 1-6 are invited to stop in the school, meet their teacher and drop off supplies from 5:30– 6:30PM Sunday, August 30th. Then all families are invited to enjoy our “Welcome Back Picnic” behind the school from 6-8 PM. More details can be found in our Welcome Back Newsletter.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Our Kindergarten “Meet the Teacher & Orientation: will be Thursday, August 27th at 6:30PM. Families should have received their invitations – please RSVP to the school office.

SUPPLIES: Student Supply Lists for the 26-27 school year were handed out in May and sent to families over the summer in the Welcome Back Newsletter. Printed copies are available at the school office during office hours. Students are to have supplies for the first day of school. They can be dropped off during office hours, at the Kindergarten Orientation or Open House

SUMMER MATH & READING: Students in grades 1-6 are to turn in their Summer Math and Reading folders by Fri., September 4th.

8/27: Kindergarten Orientation at 6:30PM
8/30: Grades 1-5 “Meet the Teacher/Open House” 5:30-6:30PM
8/30: 6-8 PM “Welcome Back Picnic” for all current St. Peter School families
9/1: First Day of School with Opening Mass at 11:15AM – Full Uniforms (Grades 1-6)
9/4: School Mass at 11:15AM – Full Uniforms
9/7: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

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!



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Thank you to our sponsor of the week: Anita M. Petroski, M.Ed - Financial Services

HELP WANTED! Maintaing the beauty of our Church sanctuary is a sacred ministry. If you are able to volunteer as a church cleaner, please contact the rectory.

ROSARY & PRAYERS will be held on Friday, August 14th in the church at 1PM. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP - SAVE THE DATES!

- **Cards & Games Afternoons** - 2nd Thursday of the month from 1:30PM to 3:30PM in the parish hall beginning on Thursday September 10th.
- **Fall Painting Party** - Friday, September 18th at 6PM in the parish hall
- **Fall Women's Retreat** - Saturday, October 10th at St. John the Baptist Retreat Center, New Baltimore, PA
- **Fall Ethnic Potluck Celebration** - Saturday October 17th after 4PM Mass in the parish hall.

All parishioners and guests are invited to join these events!



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
will have their next meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd at 6PM in the annex.

Pro-Life Corner: “How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers.” - Saint Teresa of Calcutta



St. Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein) was a philosopher who converted from Judaism to Catholicism at the age of 14. She became a Carmelite nun and served with the red cross during World War II. Because of her Jewish heritage, she died at Auschwitz in 1942. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1998. She is the patron saint of converts.

St. Teresa Benedicta, pray for us!



MINISTER SCHEDULE:
AUGUST 15th - 16th
Saturday - Cleaners
K. & C. Neilan
Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: S. Kinsinger
Lector: P. Diesel
Greeters: Saylor
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: J. Sujanksy
Lector: F. Fapore
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: A. DiLoreto
Greeters: Custer, Hilton
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: B. Farkosh
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Snyder

STEWARDSHIP:
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AUGUST 2ND 2026
Sunday Giving: \$12,218
Building Fund: \$2,396
School: \$40

