

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned as a result of the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, our neighbors, our friends, and our parish family need us and we need them - not just for survival, but to be our best selves, and to help each other on the path to heaven. Our readings today show us how we can be good stewards of these vital relationships, beginning with the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says to Ezekiel, "I have appointed watchmen for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." Because of our Baptism, we are all "watchmen" for one another. We have been given the gift of our Catholic faith and we have a responsibility to lovingly and generously share that gift. As Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION - A Birth of Mary Celebration will be held on **Tues., September 8th, at St. Catherine Siena Church/Shrine, 308 Old Rt. 22, Duncansville**
Mass Times: 7AM, 12:05PM, & 5:30PM.

Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, celebrant. Please bring a lawn chair. If inclement weather, the mass will be celebrated in the church.
Rosary times: 7:30AM, 11:15AM, 1PM, & 4:30PM.
Food, exhibits, and crafts will be in the church hall. Conclude the day with birthday cake for all in the church hall.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS - The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Sunday September 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. William Shee, TOR will be the homilist We encourage you to Bring a Friend!

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2PM**. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.

PILGRIMAGE TO PADRE PIO SHRINE - Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Johnstown is organizing a pilgrimage on the feast day of Saint Padre Pio to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Wednesday, September 23rd. We will plan to leave Saint Andrew Church parking lot by 6AM and depart Barto at 3PM. Seats on the bus are \$55 and children are free. We will participate in Mass celebrated with an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia, Fr. Crowe, and other priests present, outdoor procession with a statue of Padre Pio accompanied by the Italian Festival band, Confessions will also be available. We will be able to view many of Padre Pio's relics and learn more about his life. The Padre Pio Museum and Cultural center will be open for visits. A food truck will be available for lunch. We will stop for dinner on the way back home. The ticket price does not include food. Please sign up with the sign up sheet located at the dinner on the way back home. The ticket price does not include food. Please sign up with the sign up sheet located at the St Andrew Email: ebohensky@comcast.net.

(CONT.,) adoration chapel foyer. Signups are first come, first served, so sign up today! Payment is due by September 7th. This allows us to properly plan and pay for everything. If you would like to go but the cost of the ticket might be prohibitive, please do not let this stop you. Financial assistance may be available to help cover the cost of the ticket. Please contact Eileen Bohensky for more details or if you would like to sign up. Phone number: 814-893-5702.

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG - On Monday, September 21st at 7PM in collaboration with the Catholic Speakers organization, Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, Holy Name Parish is sponsoring from the Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafael Capo. He is known as the "bodybuilding priest" and has connected with countless young people through speaking engagements across the U.S. and around the world. Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.



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.

ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

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.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Willa Sharbaugh and Jordan Love who were married here at St. Peter's Church. May God bless them and their holy union!



SEPTEMBER SANCTUARY CANLE

*will burn in memory of Mike & Helen Matthews
from Betsy Matthews*



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 6th 2026

9/7: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

9/8: All Family Folder and PowerSchool Forms Due

9/11: Grade 4 First Friday School Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms

LOOKING AHEAD:

9/14: Grandparent Mass & Celebration 10:15AM – 12:30 PM; 155 Book Fair, RSVP's due Tuesday, 9/8

9/14 - 9/17: 155 Book Fair

9/18: - NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service

CCD NEWS

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CCD and Confirmation classes begin September 13th. Please register your children ASAP if you haven't already done so.

Confirmation class will NOW be held Sunday mornings from 11AM-12:05PM in the annex. Confirmation class will follow the CCD schedule.

9/13: FIRST DAY OF CCD / CONFIRMATION

9/20: CCD / Confirmation Class

9/27: CCD / Confirmation Class



PROJECT LUNCH BAG for August went out with a double lunch for 75 individuals, 18 extra food bags for school-aged kids, diapers, and 18 book bags with school supplies. Thank you St. Peter's!



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.
- Replace the stone steps at the hall. ***Recently completed!***

Fundraising will continue for the following projects:

- 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 have storm damage. 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: \$194,384

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Thank you to our sponsor of the week: Stoystown Auto Wreckers



PLEASE JOIN THE ST. PETER'S ADULT CHOIR! ALL ARE WELCOME!

The adult choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM in the choir loft, and we sing at the 10AM Mass most Sundays. We accept new members at any time throughout the year, but our first rehearsal for this season will be on Wednesday, September 9th. Ages beginning at 7th grade and up and all ability levels are welcome to join, and you do not need to know how to read music. Specifically, we could use higher voices (sopranos) and low voices (basses), but all voice parts are welcome! If you're interested in joining, please contact the choir director, Jason June, at (814) 279-8132 (call or text) or simply come to a rehearsal. To quote Saint Augustine, "To sing is to pray twice."

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP - Cards & Games

Afternoons will be held Thursday, September 10th in the parish hall from 1:30 - 3:30PM. All parishioners and guests are invited! Bring a favorite board game. Some cards and board games will also be provided. Information is on the easel in the vestibule.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting on Wednesday, October 7th at 6PM in the annex.

SPAGHETTI DINNER - The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore is sponsoring a DINE IN OR TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 20th from 10:30AM to 1PM. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) \$10, Children (5-11) \$5, Under 4: FREE. WALK-INS are also welcome! All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH in Hooversville will host its annual Hungarian Picnic on September 19th at Fireman's Grove near Flight 93. The event features homemade Hungarian dishes, including gulyas and fire-roasted pork chops, along with a bar offering Hungarian wine and beer. Guests can enjoy live music by Gypsy George Batyi, folk dancing, and an outdoor Mass at 4PM. Food service starts at 5:30PM, with basket raffles and games, inviting everyone to experience Hungarian culture.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 12 - 13

Saturday - 4PM Mass

EM: M. Weimer

Lector: D. Demchak

Greeters: Kolonich

Sunday - 8AM Mass

EM: M. Woy

Lector: B. Wilmotte

Greeters: Delano

Sunday - 10AM Mass

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: F. Reeping III

Greeters: Sekela, Svirska

Sunday - 12:15PM Mass

E.M.: J. Faidley

Lector: F. Kovak

Greeters: Snyder

STEWARDSHIP:

*Love is the guiding principle
that helps us become good
stewards of every
relationship God has
entrusted to us.*

AUGUST 30TH 2026

Sunday Giving: \$9,555

School: \$25

Votive: \$146

Building Fund: \$2,160

**THANK
you**