

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH PASTOR’S NOTES:

As Christian stewards, we recognize that all we have and all that we are is a gift from God, and we live our lives in a grateful response to such extravagant love. This calls for continuous conversion of heart. The practices of giving a portion of our time, our talents and our treasure are essential steps on the path to conversion. But they serve an even deeper purpose than helping us remember our good intentions. They open our minds and hearts to ever-deepening surrender to the Lord, Who has given us every good thing.

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus gives us a provocative reminder of the true position we have before Him in light of all that He has done for us. He compares the kingdom of heaven to a “king who decided to settle accounts with his servants.” In the parable, a debtor is brought before the king, owing such an overwhelming debt that it could not possibly be repaid. Yet, the king is filled with compassion for the servant, forgives the debt and lets him go free.

Just like the servant in the parable, we could never possibly repay our debt to the Lord. All we can do is thank God by giving Him our whole selves – our outward actions and our inner selves – and by treating our fellow debtors with the same compassion and forgiveness He has shown to us. In fact, Jesus rightfully and justly commands us to “forgive your brother from your heart.” What joy and freedom of heart we find in the stewardship way of life!

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. adoration chapel foyer. Signups are first come, first served, so sign up today! Payment is due by

(CONT.) 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.

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 heat tracing in gutters.
- Replaced the electric panel in the hall.
- Removed deteriorating pavers at the Church entrance and replaced with concrete.
- Contracted to have the hall air conditioners replaced.
- Replaced the boilers in the school.
- Replaced the stone steps at the hall.
- 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: \$196,563



ST. PETER SCHOOL

433 WEST CHURCH STREET | SOMERSET, PA. 15501 | 814-445-6662

SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 6th 2026

9/14: Grandparent Mass & Celebration 10:15AM – 12:30 PM;
I55 Book Fair; *No School Pictures – Rescheduled to 10/20*
9/14 - 9/17: I55 Book Fair
9/18: NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service

LOOKING AHEAD:

9/21: PTA Meeting in Hall 7PM
9/25: Grade 3 School Mass 11:15AM
9/28: PTA Hot Lunch
9/30: Midterm of First Grading Period

CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, DRE
814-443-6574 ext. 3 & paula.vinzani@gmail.com

Welcome back to our CCD and Confirmation students. The first day of class is September 13th at 11AM. Schedules and announcements will be coming home after class with your students. Please follow the bulletin for any schedule changes and important information. We are looking forward to a faith-filled year!

LOOKING AHEAD:

9/13: First Day of CCD & Confirmation Class
9/20: CCD and Confirmation Class
9/27: CCD and Confirmation Class

ST. PETER’S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
will be held on Thursday September 24th at 6:30PM in the annex.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On Monday, September 14th, we commemorate the veneration and triumph of the cross, a symbol of Christ's sacrifice, victory over sin and death, and ultimate redemption for humanity. It specifically marks the historical events of the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena in the 4th century and the dedication of a church on the site of the Holy Sepulchre in 335 AD. The feast calls believers to embrace the cross as a source of hope, strength, and eternal life, recognizing that even our struggles can be transformed into opportunities for deeper connection with God's love.



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: Daniel J. Woy, Inc. Plumbing & Heating

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be said this Thursday, September 17th after 7AM Mass. **All are welcome!**

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP

- **Rosary for the deceased of the parish** on Thursday, September 17th at 6:30PM in the annex chapel.
- **That Man Is You!** resumes this Tuesday, September 15th at 7PM in the hall. It is open to all men of the parish. Sign up with the QR code here, or just show up this Tuesday and sign up. Dinner is at 7PM, video presentation at 7:30PM, and small group discussion at 8PM. We dismiss at 8:30PM.



ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP

- **Rosary & Prayers** - The Feast of our Lady of Sorrows is Tuesday, September 15th. Please join us at 1PM in the Church to offer special prayers to our Lady in recognition of her Seven Sorrows. *All are welcome to join!*
- **Women’s Retreat:** All women are invited to a day filled with prayer, fellowship, adoration, discussions, and the sacrament of reconciliation led by Father Mark Pattock. The retreat is scheduled for October 10th, 2026, from 9AM to 4PM at St. John the Baptist Church in New Baltimore. The theme for this year is ‘*Honoring the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.*’ Cost is \$20, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. To register, please contact Sue Sube at 814-442-6168 or suejsube@yahoo.com. Carpooling options available.



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

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 19 - 20

Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: S. McNelly
Lector: P. Diesel
Greeters: Gary
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: B. Croushore
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Woy
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: A. DiLoreto
Greeters: Frazier, Custer
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: J. Faidley
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Soberdash

STEWARDSHIP:

*God has given us life,
forgiven our sins through
His Son, and opened the way
to eternal life.*

SEPTEMBER 6TH 2026
Sunday Giving: \$12,210
School: \$150
Votive: \$113
Building Fund: \$2,179

