



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH PASTOR’S NOTES:

Today’s readings encourage us Christian stewards to always be mindful of who we are and Whose we are in every aspect of our lives. Our First Reading, from Isaiah, takes us back to the very foundation of our faith. The prophet, serving as the “voice” of God, proclaims, “I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me.” This is a powerful reminder of a fundamental truth. But it is easy to lose sight of this truth in our fast-paced, stressed-out, digital world. As disciples of Christ, we must make intentional choices each day as to how we spend our Time, Talents and Treasure so that each of these aspects of our lives proclaim that we indeed serve God and God alone. Let us joyfully give thanks to this wonderful God by the way we live our daily lives. We belong to Him and there is no other.

**ALL DAY ADORATION** - St. Peter's will have an additional day of Adoration as of the second Friday of each month beginning November 13, 2026. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 7AM Mass and will close with Benediction at 7PM (with reposition for the 11:15AM school mass). The parish theme for this monthly day of Adoration will be "Prayer for Vocations". Sign-up instructions coming soon. Please come and spend some time with the Lord in private prayer for Vocations as well as your own personal intentions.

**Nationwide Invitation to Prayer and Action Announcement** - Every abortion involves the death of a child and harm to the mother. Now with easier access to abortion pills, the abortion rate is tragically climbing, along with increased health risks. The Food and Drug Administration has established a nationwide mail-order abortion industry by allowing abortion pills to be prescribed in telehealth appointments and sold both at neighborhood pharmacies and online, circumventing state laws that protect life in the womb. This leaves women vulnerable to suffering an abortion alone at home, without any medical supervision. It also sets up additional opportunities for exploitation by violent partners or human traffickers. From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved. Sign up at Respect Life Prayer and Action. Thank you for your prayers and actions to protect innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us! -Archbishop Paul S. Coakley, President U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, & Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Pro-Life Chairman

*A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life*  
*Dearest St Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem. Welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far away from your homeland for the Safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.*

**Hearing God’s Voice Workshop** - Jonna Schuster, nationally known speaker, author, and Director of Catholic Revival Ministries will be leading the “Hearing God’s Voice” Workshop, on Saturday, October 24th, from 9 AM to 3:30PM at St. Catherine, Duncansville. The workshop will include Jonna’s keynote addresses, group discussion, Adoration-Holy Hour, praise & worship, and lunch will be provided. Free will offering,

(CONT.) students are free. The workshop is a collaborative effort of Holy Spirit Ministry, the Altoona-Johnstown Cursillo Movement, OMOS Prayer Ministry, Railroad City Catholics, and St. Catherine’s. All ages are welcome! To register e-mail at [holyspiritministry20@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritministry20@gmail.com) or call 814-207-9110. Jesus said, “*My sheep hear my voice.*” *Many Catholics desire greater confidence in recognizing God’s voice. This workshop offers practical, biblical guidance for growing in confidence and intimacy with the Lord.*

**ANNUAL FAMILY MARIAN MASS & ROSARY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 18** - The Family Marian Celebration Mass and Rosary will be held today, Sunday, October 18th at 3:00 PM at Saint Benedict Parish, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown. The theme for this year’s celebration is “The Role of Mary and the Family in the Life of the Church.” Bishop Mark L. Bartchak will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Please join Bishop Mark, along with the priests, children, and religious organizations in honoring our Blessed Mother.

**Cathedral Candlelight Concert – October 31** -Railroad City Catholics, a local young adult group, presents the second Cathedral Candlelight Concert, Requiem, Souls and Saints: A Journey from Grief to Glory on Saturday, October 31 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Enjoy sacred and classical music for Hallowtide performed by young adult musicians from across Central Pennsylvania. Free and open to the public. A social will follow in the parish hall.

**FORTY HOURS DEVOTION - On Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>,** our parish will celebrate the beautiful Eucharistic devotion of Forty Hours. This devotion is a special forty-hour period of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition.

**The Forty Hours Devotion** provides an opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. Please join us in this special devotion. **Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.**  
**EVENING DEVOTIONS BEGIN AT 7PM**  
**Sunday night** - Evening Prayer & Benediction  
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**Tuesday night** - Mass, Procession, and Benediction

**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: \$215,557**



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**SCHOOL NEWS FOR OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**  
**10/19:** PTA Hot Lunch  
**10/20:** Fall School Pictures  
**10/21:** Grades 4 & 5 Field Trip to Compass Inn  
**10/22:** Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4PM  
**10/23:** Grade 1 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms – Please join us!

**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
**10/26-30:** National Red Ribbon Week  
**10/26:** “Rock’n the Red” Dress Down Day  
**10/27:** “Sweet Safari – Hunting a Drug Free Me!” Dress Down Day; 40 Hours Mass & Procession 7PM – Students should be in church by 6:50PM in best uniforms!  
**10/28:** “Teammates for Life on the Drug-Free Team!” Dress Down Day  
**10/29:** “Put a Cap on It & Anything but a Bookbag!” Spirit Day – Full Uniforms!  
**10/30:** “Holy, Healthy & Drug Free!” – Closing Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms; Bring costumes for Halloween Parade / Parties 1:30PM

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Several St. Peter School students have placed in this year’s Red Ribbon Week Poster and Essay Contests. This year’s theme was “Make a Difference – Be a Hero – Stay Drug Free!” and schools across the nation will raise awareness of the importance of living free of drug abuse and alcohol misuse during National Red Ribbon Week, October 23 – 31, 2026. The following honorees represented St. Peter School at the Red Ribbon Rally on Friday, October 16th where they received their awards. Congratulations to our school’s honorees this year. For their poster entries: Grade 1- Ledger Jano and Dominick Weimer; Grade 2 - Louise Keiser; Grade 3 – Noah Brant. For their essay entries: Grade 6 – Griffin Faidley, Gabi McKelvey, and Allison Broucher. Well done, students, and thank you to the organizers of this annual event for our county's students.

**IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING!** - Saint Peter School is seeking a caring, qualified individual to serve as School Secretary. Applicants must be available 7AM – 3PM with some experience with common IT platforms and programs. For more information, please call the school at 814-445-6662 or see the job posting at [dioceseaj.org](http://dioceseaj.org) under the Education tab.

**CCD NEWS**  
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**10/18:** CCD/ Confirmation Class - Confirmation students and the 8th grade CCD presentation from 11AM-12:05PM with Stuart Sibold of the Respect Life Committee. We ask that one parent or guardian attend the class with their child.  
**10/25:** CCD/ Confirmation - Protecting Gods Children  
**11/1:** CCD/Confirmation Class  
**11/8:** CCD/Confirmation Class  
**11/15:** CCD/Confirmation Class  
**11/22:** CCD/Confirmation Class  
**11/29: NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING BREAK**

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**Thank you to our sponsor of the week: Amy Reeping, Berkshire Hathaway**

**St. Peter’s Spaghetti Dinner!**  
This Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4PM-7PM at the Parish Hall.  
Cost is \$10/Adult & \$5/Children.  
Meal Includes: Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Roll, Drink, and Dessert. *Dine-in or take-out!* Volunteers are needed to set up, cook, serve, and clean up. The link to help is on Facebook, the parish website, and was sent out over Flocknote.

**St. Peter’s Holiday Basket Bazaar**

Sun., Nov. 8th, 9AM - 2PM



Sat., Nov. 7th, 1PM – 6PM

**Baskets, Baked Goods Sale & Prize Drawing!**  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$500 Cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$300 Cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Queen-Size Quilt, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$150 Cash.  
**Chances have been mailed. Please sell or purchase.**  
**Basket Donations** (minimum \$25 value) should be covered in clear cellophane with a contents list, dropped off at the rectory by Nov. 5th.  
**Baked Goods** are to be dropped off on Saturday after 12PM or Sunday at 8AM.  
**Volunteers Needed!** Please call the rectory to sign up!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to William Gibson, son of Sean and Yuko Gibson, who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless him and his family!

**IN YOUR PRAYERS,** please pray for Theresa Farling who recently passed away. May she rest in peace! May God bless, sustain, and console her family and friends.

**ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - *That Man Is You!*** will be held this Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the hall.

 **THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** will have their next meeting on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the annex.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE:**  
**OCTOBER 24 - 25**  
**Saturday - 4PM Mass**  
EM: C. Madigan  
Lector: D. Demchak  
Greeters: Craig  
**Sunday - 8AM Mass**  
EM: J. Ansell  
Lector: M. Fapore  
Greeters: Woy  
**Sunday - 10AM Mass**  
E.M.: S. Hook  
Lector: D. Niemiec  
Greeters: Hook, Sekela  
**Sunday - 12:15PM Mass**  
E.M.: J. Faidley  
Lector: L. Wahl  
Greeters: Gombita

**STEWARDSHIP:**  
*Our time, talents, treasure, and our very lives are gifts entrusted to us by the Lord. May we use them in grateful response to His goodness, remembering that we belong to Him above all else.*

**OCTOBER 11TH 2026**  
**Sunday Giving: \$8,197**  
**Sunday Online: \$4,395**  
**School: \$80**  
**Votive: \$77**  
**Building Fund: \$1,547**

*thank you!*