



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH PASTOR’S NOTES:

Today’s readings are all about love – the radical love of God for His people and the radical love we are called to live out in response. The stewardship way of life is nothing more and nothing less than the practical application of loving God and neighbor in our daily lives. From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a loving and compassionate father Who has a particular concern for the most vulnerable of His people. He requires this same compassion from His people in our treatment of one another. Jesus sums up the message of all the prophets as well as the purpose of all God’s laws in today’s Gospel passage, from Matthew. It is a message we have likely grown up hearing – but it is so beautiful and so challenging, it bears repeating again and again. It is Christ’s response to a question about which commandment is greatest. His answer reveals both the greatest and the second greatest commandments. He says, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... The second is like it, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The stewardship way of life is the unique way that each of us applies these two greatest commandments to our daily lives. To sum it up, it’s all about love.

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.

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". We would like to rely on many visits by our parishioners throughout the day. Details for signup times will be coming soon. Please plan to 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

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

This Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, October 25th, 26th, and 27th, 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. Plan to 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 and Benediction

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Tuesday Night - Mass, Procession and Benediction

Bringing the Eucharist to Your Home

St. Peter’s parish community is dedicated to ensuring that no one is cut off from the Sacraments due to illness, recovery, or advanced age. If you would like to have Communion brought to you in your home, please call the rectory at 814-443-6574. We will gladly arrange for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to visit and pray with you.



CONGRATULATIONS to Evelyn McKenzie, daughter of Garret & Kayla Jano, Everleigh Martz, daughter of Steven & Kelsey Martz, Adelaide Igou, daughter of Charles & Laynie Igou, and Alice Walker, daughter of Gaige & Brooke Walker who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless them and their 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 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**



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR OCTOBER 25, 2026

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov. 2: PTA Hot Lunch
Nov. 3: End of First Grading Period
Nov. 5: Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4PM

CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, DRE

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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

CCD Substitute Teachers Needed! We are looking for volunteers to serve as substitute CCD teachers to help cover classes when a regular teacher is occasionally unable to attend. All required clearances must be completed for this volunteer position.If you are interested in helping support our CCD program, please prayerfully consider volunteering and contact Paula Vinzani at pvinzani@dioceseaj.org for more information.

THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Frank Mayak Sr. from Frank Mayak Jr.



God loves us, God loves
you all, and evil will not
prevail!
-Pope Leo XIV



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Thank you to our sponsor of the week: Deb’s Sew Biz - Deb DiLoreto



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Court Order of Mary, is proud to sponsor the annual White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign. Commencing on the final Sunday of October, WRAP Week seeks to raise awareness regarding the profound dangers of pornography while advocating for sexual purity, healing, and spiritual restoration. By wearing a white ribbon, individuals champion public decency, protect the innocent, and unite to combat the tragedy of human trafficking affecting young women, men, and children.

Members of the Catholic Daughters will gather at the church entrances on Sunday, October 25th, to distribute white ribbons. We warmly invite you to join this vital mission by wearing a ribbon and offering prayers for the preservation and sacredness of God’s plan for human sexuality. Rest assured, you remain continuously in our daily prayers!

We will have our next meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 6PM in the annex.

St. Peter’s Men’s Group - TMIY will not meet this Tuesday, October 27th. All are encouraged to attend 40 Hours Devotions. We will pray a **Rosary for the Deceased of the Parish** on Thursday, October 29th at 6:30PM in the hall.

Parish Finance Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 6PM in the annex.

Pro-Life Quote: “*The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good.*” - (Gospel of Life, St. John Paul II)

STAY CONNECTED by following our Facebook and Instagram page [@St.Peter’sChurch-SomersetPa](https://www.instagram.com/St.Peter’sChurch-SomersetPa). It’s a great way to stay up to date on parish events, engage with other parishioners, and enjoy Catholic content. If you wish to share something over social media, you can email editor@stpetersparish.com.



MINISTER SCHEDULE:

OCT. 31 - NOV. 2

Saturday - 4PM Mass

EM: D. Sube

Lector: C. Madigan

Greeters: McTiernan

Sunday - 8AM Mass

EM: J. Wahl

Lector: D. Halverson

Greeters: Gusbar

Sunday - 10AM Mass

E.M.: P. Shaulis

Lector: A. DiLoreto

Greeters: Custer, Hilton

Sunday - 12:15PM Mass

E.M.: V. Barbera

Lector: T. Dirienzo

Greeters: Soberdash

STEWARDSHIP:

When we love God above all else, we begin to see others as He sees them. And when we genuinely love our neighbor, we reflect the love we have first received from Him.

OCTOBER 18TH 2026

Sunday Giving: \$

Sunday Online: \$

School: \$

Votive: \$

Building Fund: \$

thank you!