

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH PASTOR’S NOTES:
Saints Joachim and Anne - O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born Mary, the Mother of your Incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen

July 26, 2026 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. Today’s readings show us the critical importance of recognizing the kingdom of heaven in our midst and prioritizing our lives in order to obtain it.

When we pursue Godly – rather than worldly – priorities, we can do so with great peace because, as St Paul reminds us in the Second Reading from Romans, “all things work for good for those who love God and are called according to his purpose.” All things – not just the major, life-altering decisions, but the countless tiny ones we make on a daily basis as we strive to serve the Lord and advance the kingdom of heaven.

Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the kingdom of heaven in our midst and intensify our efforts to pursue it starting right now. There is no time to lose, and we will obtain the immeasurable joy that only comes when we live as disciples of Jesus.

SUMMER OUTDOOR MASS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS - Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate the annual outdoor Mass for students entering or returning to college and their families on Sunday August 2nd at 7PM at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto. Recent high school graduates entering the military or workforce are also invited. During the Mass, the Bishop will offer a special blessing to the young adults and present them with a small gift. Please bring your own lawn chairs. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel, next to the Shrine.

CHARITY CAR CRUISE - Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will host their annual Classic and Antique Car Cruise on Sunday July 26th at their St John Site (162 Wheeler Street, Central City) from 1PM until 5PM. Food (including their famous homemade hot sausage, soft drinks, and beer will be available. The first 75 cars receive a gift. Live music by Allison Borek. Basket raffles and 50/50. All proceeds benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Society and their work with those in need throughout Somerset County.

Proclaim! Night with the Altoona Curve - In celebration of the 125th anniversary of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Proclaim! is sponsoring a night with the Altoona Curve on August 14 at PNG Field in Altoona. The game starts at 6PM, but before the game, Proclaim! is hosting a picnic supper at 5PM. Game tickets are \$9 for adults; \$7 dollars for children ages 3-12. The picnic supper is free with the purchase of a game ticket. To purchase tickets, contact Cory Homan at the Altoona Curve at 814-283-3128 or choman@altoonacurve.com. As part of the celebration, the Very Rev. Frank Sconaienchi, TOR, the Very Reverend Matthew Baum, and Father Michael Pleva will throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

Please Support our Future Priests - The efforts of our Vocations Office are working! We have three new seminarians this year, which brings our total to four men in formation for the priesthood. In addition, we have launched new programs to reach young men, including the popular “Loggia Nights” at the cathedral in Altoona. Thanks be to God, we now have dozens of teens and young men who are seriously considering priesthood! To support our seminarians and these increased efforts, we truly need your financial support. Bishop Bartchack has asked all Catholics to consider a generous gift. Please make your donation online at ajvocations.org/give, or use the envelope in your pew.

2026 PARISH AUCTION & PICNIC
EXPENSES & PROFITS

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Total Picnic Expenses: \$5,408.20

Total Picnic Income: \$13,338.50

TOTAL NET PICNIC INCOME: \$7,930.30

Total Auction Expenses: \$19,918.66

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TOTAL NET AUCTION INCOME: 55,577.84

TOTAL NET COMBINED INCOME: \$63,508.14

Thank you to all who planned, supported, and contributed to our Parish Picnic & Auction!

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: \$181,592



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The school office will not have regular office hours in July. If anyone needs to contact the school or stop in for any reason, please email Mrs. Foy at tfoy@saintpeterschool.org to arrange the best time and we will reach out to you.

Kindergarten Friends & Fun - Incoming Kindergarteners and their families are invited to the last “Family & Friends” gathering behind St. Peter School on August 9th from 6:30 – 7:30PM. Popsicles will be provided!

PowerSchool - Parents will receive an email in the early weeks of July to access their PowerSchool accounts and update contact information and other student demographics and be prompted to “sign” necessary forms. Please alert the school if you need any help with this.

St. Peter School is seeking an individual for the role of principal. Application and job description are available at www.dioceseaj.org under the “Education” tab or by calling the school for more information.

CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, DRE
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**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Please prayerfully consider volunteering as a CCD Teacher. Contact Paula Vinzani for more information.

Sts. Joachim & Anne, Feast Day - July 26th.
Parents to Mary & Patron Saints of Grandparents

It was Saints Anne and Joachim who cultivated in the young Mary a love for God, preparing her for her role in the story of divine redemption.

O Dear Saints Joachim and Anne, faithful parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus, pray for our families. Help parents and grandparents to guide their children with love, faith, and wisdom. Teach us to trust in God and to follow Him faithfully each day. Please watch over our families and help us grow closer to Jesus. Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us! Amen.



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: Hummingbird Industrial Supply LLC.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER DEVOTIONS will meet this Saturday, August 1st to pray for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotions take place in the church following 7AM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

Have compassion on the Heart of your Holy Mother, covered with thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment, while there is no one who does an act of reparation to withdraw them for her.

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ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - Save the date! The St. Peter's Men's Group will offer That Man Is You! again starting this fall. We will have a kickoff BBQ in the grove on Sunday, August 30 from 12-2PM. The first TMIY session starts in September at 7PM in the hall.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have the next meeting on Wednesday, August 5th, at 6PM in the annex.

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. -Saint Pope John Paul II

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered on Saturdays in the church starting at 2:45PM or you can call the rectory to request an appt.



MINISTER SCHEDULE:

AUGUST 1st - 2nd
Cleaners: Friday
G. Sekela
Saturday - 4PM
EM: M. Farrell
Lector: J. Matthews
Greeters: Keiser
Sunday - 8AM
EM: T. Woy
Lector: L. Wahl
Greeters:Kuhn
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Niemiec
Greeters: Hook, Sekela
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M.: S. Sterner
Lector: T. Dirienzo
Greeters: Snyder

STEWARDSHIP:
Let us pray for the wisdom to recognize the Kingdom of Heaven in our midst and to pursue it above all else.

JULY 19TH, 2026
Sunday Giving: \$10,111
Building Fund: \$1,964
Votive: \$135
School: \$574
Peter’s Pence: \$20

**THANK
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