



Society News Spotlight: Altar & Rosary Society



Altar & Rosary Society officers, left to right: Marie Kolumber, Beth Ann Suarez, Joan Marie Tellup, Debbie Marcoe.

The Altar and Rosary Society is an organization of parish women assisting in developing the spiritual growth of our parish devotion to the Blessed Mother, praying the rosary, providing flowers, and up keep of the altar and altar linens.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

On Sept. 20, the Altar and Rosary Society held its first Day of Recollection. The event was held at St. Peter

Church and was attended by 19 women who are members of St. Peter as well as neighboring parishes. The key speaker, Father Matthew Kuna facilitated a beautiful and uplifting experience for all. The agenda included breakfast, private prayer and recollection, fellowship lunch, Mass and a Holy Hour. This beautiful day was extremely well received, and is planned to become an annual event.

ABOUT THE ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

- Meetings: 9 a.m. the third Sunday of each month (excluding January, July, August and December)
- Holy Rosary is said at 9:50 a.m. prior to 10:30 Mass
- Meetings are held to one hour.
- Fundraising:
 - Pierogi Making – typically the third Tuesday of the month, (note: some assistance is needed the day prior). Tuesday start is around 7 or 8 a.m. No minimum time commitment

Contact: Beth Ann 610-462-9732

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society (HNS) focuses on reverence for the Sacred Names of God and Jesus Christ, obedience and loyalty to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church, and the personal sanctification and holiness of its members.

On Sept. 28, the Allentown Diocesan Union Holy Name Societies (ADHNS) gathered at St. Peter Church for the Annual Memorial Prayer Service to remember and pray for all deceased colleagues and disciples, as well as to celebrate all the good things the Lord has provided. The service included prayers and hymns as well as the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Litany to the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Msgr. James led with the 23rd Psalm, the prayer to Blessed John Vercelli, and the Holy Name Pledge.



Services concluded with a luncheon at which the ADHNS Armor of God Trophy was awarded to St. Peter Holy Name Society. The award is given to the Diocesan HNS that is most promotional and inspirational in the gathering of new membership.

Contact: Al 484—515-6204

ST. PETER BY THE NUMBERS From July 1-Sept. 30, 2025 the following statistics have been recorded:

15 New Members

2 Weddings

3 Baptisms

11 Anointing of the Sick

Mark Your Calendar

Remembrance Day 10:30 a.m. Mass followed by refreshments in the social hall (St. Peter)Nov. 2
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) 6:15 p.m.Nov. 3
 St. Peter Parish Plan Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.Nov. 3
 Flame of Love 6 p.m. ChapelNov. 4
 Holy Hour (St. Peter) 6 p.m.Nov. 5
 Take-Out Dinner Steak/Sausage Sandwiches 4-6 p.m.Nov. 8
 Children's Liturgy Mass (St. John)Nov. 9
 Whitehall/Coplay Hunger Initiative BingoNov. 9
 Filling and Cabbage Orders DueNov. 9
 40 HoursNov. 9-11
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) after 40 Hours serviceNov. 10
 Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30 p.m. (St. Peter)Nov. 13
 Altar & Rosary Society Meeting 9 a.m., followed by rosary at 9:55 a.m., Mass at 10:30 a.m.Nov. 16
 Children's Liturgy Mass (St. Peter)Nov. 16
 Christmas Cookie Orders BeginNov. 16
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) 6:15 p.m.Nov. 17
 Pierogie MakingNov. 17-18
 Flame of Love 6 p.m. ChapelNov. 18
 Holy Hour – No Confessions (St. Peter) 6 p.m.Nov. 19
 Holy Name Society MeetingNov. 23
 Ecumenical Service at Redeemer Church of God, 3rd Street Coplay (see bulletin for time)Nov. 23
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) 6:15 p.m.Nov. 24
 Filling & Cabbage Orders Pick-up (see bulletin for time) ...Nov. 25
 Bus Trip to American Music Theater Christmas ShowNov. 25
 Christmas Cookie Orders DueNov. 30
 St. Peter Parish Plan Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.Dec. 1
 Flame of Love 6 p.m., ChapelDec. 2
 Holy Hour (St. Peter) 6 p.m.Dec. 3
 Coplay Christmas Tree Lighting 4-6 p.m.Dec. 6
 Holiday Fellowship Sunday (St. Peter)Dec. 7
 Immaculate Conception Mass 8 a.m. (St. Peter)Dec. 8
 Immaculate Conception Mass 6:30 p.m. (St. John)Dec. 8
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) after 6:30 p.m. MassDec. 8

Flame of Love 6 p.m. ChapelDec. 9
 Holy Hour (St. Peter) 6 p.m.Dec. 10
 Nativity Lighting 6:30 p.m.Dec. 11
 (Tentative Children's Ministry Program in the Social Hall)
 Children's Liturgy Mass (St. John)Dec. 14
 Bambinelli Sunday (Blessing of Mangers)Dec. 14
 Altar & Rosary Society Christmas PartyDec. 14
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) 6:15 p.m.Dec. 15
 Flame of Love 6 p.m. ChapelDec. 16
 Confession (St. Peter) 8:30-9:30 a.m.Dec. 17
 Holy Hour (St. Peter, No Confessions) 6 p.m.Dec. 17
 Confession (St. John) 7:30-8:30 a.m. & 6:30-7:30 p.m. ..Dec. 18
 Children's Liturgy Mass (St. Peter)Dec. 21
 Holy Name Society Meeting (Tentative)Dec. 21
 Choir Practice (St. Peter) 6:15 p.m.Dec. 22
 Christmas Cookie Pick-up 4-6 p.m.Dec. 23
 Flame of Love 6 p.m. ChapelDec. 23
 Christmas Vigil Mass 4 p.m. (Both Parishes)Dec. 24
 Christmas Eve Mass 9 p.m. (St. Peter)Dec. 24
 Christmas Day Mass 9:30 a.m. (St. John)Dec. 25
 Wine Blessing Mass 8 a.m.Dec. 27
 Blessing of Families Mass 4:30 p.m.Dec. 27
 Blessing of Families Both MassesDec. 28
 St. Peter Parish Plan Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.Dec. 29
 Flame of Love 6 p.m. ChapelDec. 30
 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Vigil Mass 4 p.m. (St. Peter)Dec. 31
 Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Mass 9 a.m. (St. John)Jan. 1
 New Year Fellowship Sunday (St. Peter)Jan. 4
 Whitehall/Coplay Hunger Initiative
 Free Community DinnerJan. 4
 Children's Liturgy Mass (St. John)Jan. 11
 Whitehall/Coplay Hunger Initiative BingoJan. 11
 Children's Liturgy Mass (St. Peter)Jan. 18
 Pierogie MakingJan. 20 & 21
 Holy Name Society MeetingJan. 25



Financial News

PARISH FUNDRAISING:*

\$23,934

July

\$24,112

August

\$24,329

September

*Includes Collection, Online Giving, Parish Dinners, and Bingo Kitchen Revenue

\$59,114

Net Income from our Parish Homecoming Festival Aug. 3



ONLINE GIVING is a quick and easy way to donate to our parish. Please scan the QR code for more information.

Contact: George 610-533-4394



In The Works...

Capital Improvements

- New Roof placed on the enclosed rectory porch
- Flashing Repaired around the bell tower
- July-Dec. 2025: bidding process begins for upgrading of the church air conditioning system
- Sept.-Dec. 2025: renovation of four bedrooms in the convent – the Altar Rosary Society will be again assisting in this effort.

Contact: George 610-533-4394

Parish Financial Report

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

INCOME

Sunday Collection	\$ 311,764.00
Other Collection	40,200.00
Christmas & Flowers Collection	19,252.00
Easter & Flowers Collection	12,259.00
Memorials/Donations	23,472.00
Stole Fees	11,260.00
Fundraising	161,516.00
AD Times	884.00
Votive Candles	2,395.00
Building Rentals	11,362.00
Miscellaneous	45,974.00
Capital Improvements	23,517.00
TOTAL	\$663,855.00

EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 198,704.00
Religious Education	18,516.00
Good Shepherd School Subsidy	106,269.00
Church and Social Hall	101,465.00
Rectory	36,521.00
Convent	16,903.00
Insurance & Taxes	34,497.00
Diocesan Assessments	56,472.00
Fundraising	79,961.00
Capital Expenditures	78,261.00
TOTAL	\$727,569.00
Total Income	\$663,855.00
Total Expense	\$(727,569.00)
NET	\$(63,714.00)

Email Addresses Needed

Please help us update our parishioner email addresses and phone numbers communication database! Go to the "Contact Us" section on the St. Peter website at stpeterchurchcoplay.com, call the office at **610-262-2417** or scan the QR code to update your email and phone number. Thank you!



REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST

May Perpetual Light shine upon them – may they rest in peace.

Anna Adams

Irene Ferreira

Dorothy Najpauer

Cemetery Financial Report

July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

INCOME

Lots	\$ 16,373.00
Crypts/Niche Sales	14,484.00
Foundations	802.00
Inscriptions	515.00
Internments/Entombments	18,200.00
Endowed Care	5,543.00
Miscellaneous	29,075.00
Total	\$84,992.00

EXPENSES

Administration	1,341.00
Maintenance	30,893.00

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Total	\$32,234.00
Total Income	\$84,992.00
Total Expense	\$(32,234.00)
Net	\$52,758.00



Volunteers Needed!!

- Ushers needed for Saturday Evening 4:30 Mass
- Children's Ministry Facilitators*
 - NOTE: Must have all Diocesan Required clearances submitted to the Diocese. Please contact Lina at 610-262-2417 and she will be happy to assist you with the process to obtain proper clearances.
- 2026 Inactive Member Visitation Assistance
If you are able to help, please call the rectory.

CHURCH DINNER ASSISTANCE

- Set up
 - Food serving
 - Clean up
- Contact: Paula 610-657-8081

MASS GREETER INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES

Contact: Sue 610-730-4655



SKILLED AT COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY AND/OR SOCIAL MEDIA??

We are in need of volunteers to help expand our social media presence and communication technology usage. Please contact Kolby at 610-698-1105.



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Parish Plan Goal Progress (DMI Survey)

1 INCREASE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP by
an additional:

21

parishioners
Apr.-Dec. 2025

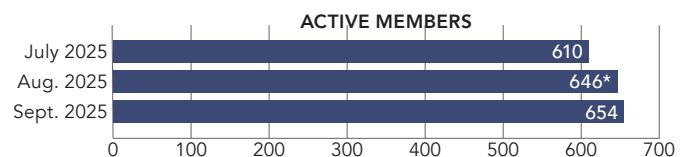
30

parishioners
Jan.-Dec. 2026

32

parishioners
Jan.-Dec. 2027

PROGRESS:†



†Factors include: New registrants, movers in/out, deaths, active/inactive members

*ParishSoft update may have impacted number calculation process

2 ESTABLISH TWO RE-EVANGELIZATION INITIATIVES EACH YEAR

Jan. 2025 through
Dec. 2027 to draw inactive members to the active
practice of their faith.

PROGRESS:

July-Sept. 2025: **5** RCIA Candidates for 2026 Sacraments

IMPLEMENTATIONS:

- Monthly fellowship gathering after Sunday 10:30 Mass
- Monthly Children's Liturgy during Sunday 10:30 Mass
- Guest Book
- Suggestion Boxes
- Parish Plan Pew Card

3 ESTABLISH TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATIONS

on a quarterly basis,
of all key church activities and initiatives by
June 30, 2025

PROGRESS:

Our First publication of the Quarterly Newsletter was mailed out at the end of July 2025. It is available on our website. Your feedback is welcomed. If there is anything you would like to see included in the newsletter, please let the Parish Plan Team know via the Suggestion Boxes or contact any of the Contacts listed in this newsletter.

Contact: Sue 610-730-4655