



Introducing Our St. Peter Parish Newsletter

In response to the parish request via the 2024 Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey results for more open communication, the Parish Plan Leadership Team is publishing a quarterly newsletter. This newsletter will contain a variety of information designed to keep you "in the know" regarding parish efforts, outreach, and results. As always, we welcome any suggestions you may have to improve our efforts. Feel free to utilize our suggestion boxes, call, or email. We would love to hear from you. God Bless!

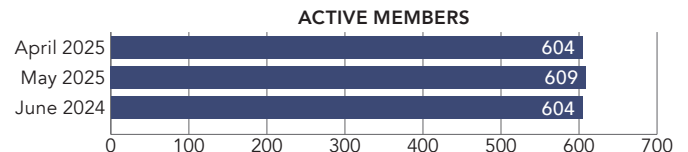


Parish Plan Goal Progress (DMI Survey)

1 INCREASE ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP by an additional:

21	30	32
parishioners	parishioners	parishioners
Apr.-Dec. 2025	Jan.-Dec. 2026	Jan.-Dec. 2027

PROGRESS:*



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

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:
Jan.-June 2025: **6** memberships re-activated

EFFORTS:

- 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:
• Continued publication of this quarterly newsletter
Contact: Sue 610-730-4655

ST. PETER BY THE NUMBERS

From Jan. 1-June 30, 2025 the following statistics have been recorded:

24 New Members	5 Reconciliations and First Communions
5 Weddings	50 Anointing of the Sick
4 Baptisms	



FLAME OF LOVE

The Flame of Love is a weekly gathering where, through prayer and devotions, we recognize and rely on the intense desire of Mary to help us and intercede for us.

Tuesdays, 6 p.m. in the Church Chapel

Contact: Lina 610-262-2417

Society News

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

- FOCUS OF EFFORTS
 - Assist parish ministries
 - Perform corporal and spiritual works of mercy
- MASSES AND MEETINGS
 - Holy Name Mass is held at 10:30 Mass, fourth Sunday of the month
 - Meetings: Last Sunday of each month after Mass
- GIVING BACK/CORPORAL WORKS
 - Provide candy and gift cards to parish shut-ins at Christmas
 - Supporting the youth in our altar server program
 - Support Children’s Liturgy Mass and New Member initiatives
- EVENTS/FUNDRAISERS
 - Hoagie Sales 2-3 times each year
 - Mother’s Day Flowers
 - St. Peter Holy Name Society will be recognized at the Diocesan Holy Name Society luncheon for the largest new member initiative!

Contact: Al 484-515-6204

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

- FOCUS OF EFFORTS
 - Provides an annual monetary contribution to the parish
 - Contributes to the funding of parish capital improvements:
 - Elevator project, renovations to convent, future renovations to parish kitchen, purchase of kitchen equipment
 - Purchased carpeting and furniture for the convent and winter clothing for the sisters
 - Assist and visit the Sisters of the Sacred Heart
 - Fund parish picnic bounce house, entertainment costs
- MASSES AND MEETINGS
 - 9-10 a.m. the third Sunday of each month (excluding January, July, August and December)
 - Holy Rosary is said at 8:50 a.m. prior to the meetings
- FUNDRAISING
 - Pierogi Making – typically the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7 a.m. (note: some assistance is needed the day prior).
- EVENTS
 - **Day of Recollection Sept. 20, 2025**
Open to the members of the Altar & Rosary Society and women of St. Peter and St. John parishes.

Contact: Beth Ann 610-462-9732



St. Peter Cemetery Costs

Regular Grave-site Plot..... \$650
(Including perpetual care)

Ossuarium

- General ossuary placement \$800
- Tier 1 & 5 \$4,200
- Tier 2 & 3 \$4,400
- Tier 4 (Eye Level) \$4,600

Contact: Lina 610-262-2417

THANK YOU!
thank you!

The Altar and Rosary Society would like to express its sincere gratitude to all the parishioners, non-parishioners, and Holy Name Society members who donate their time and talents to make our perogie-making fundraiser so successful.



Parish Council

Parish Council provides consultation and assistance to the pastor for the spiritual and temporal advancement of the parish. They address key parish activities and initiatives while upholding our parish mission statement.

- FOCUS OF EFFORTS
 - Devotional life of the parish
 - Parish projects/capital improvements
 - Parish plan initiatives and results (DMI)
- EVENTS
 - 71st Annual Picnic & Homecoming Aug. 3
 - Whitehall Coplay Hunger Initiative Bingo Sept. 14 and Oct. 12

Contact: George 610-533-4394

Technology Corner SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR



We are looking for a volunteer to help expand our social media presence. Contact: Kolby 610-698-1105

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!



Financial News

PARISH FUNDRAISING:*

\$22,414.97 **\$23,793.58** **\$22,410.58**
April May June

NOTE: Parish Fiscal Reporting runs July 1-June 30, therefore, the annual financial statement will be included in the October newsletter.

*Includes collection, online giving, parish dinners, special events (Mardi Gras & Lancaster bus trip)

Contact: George 610-533-4394



ONLINE GIVING is a quick and easy way to donate to our parish. To obtain information on how to utilize this feature, please scan the QR code.



In The Works...

Capital Improvements

- July-Dec. 2025: bidding processes 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

REMEMBERING THOSE WE LOST

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

Hilda J. Kerbacher

John Velekei

Jeffrey John Karo

Louis Miklos

Pauline Pammer

Leon J. Abate

Maryann Klepeiss

Dorothy Trinkle

Leon M. Galitsky, Sr.

Kathleen M. "Tootsie" Mohr

Francis E. Kostecky

Theresa E. Sinkovits

Bette Bischoff

Karleen Beischl

Frederick Greb

Germaine Randis

Paul Turk, Sr.

Charles R. Bartholomew

Alois J. Recker

Juliana Strisofsky



Volunteers Needed!!

ANNUAL PARISH HOMECOMING AND PICNIC AUG. 3

- Picnic Set up: 6 p.m. Monday, July 28-Aug. 2 (Bring gloves)
- Food Prep: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, July 28-Thursday, July 31
Contacts: Alan 484-515-6204, Ron 610-730-6369
- Kitchen workers/food runners/dishwashers Sunday, Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.
Contact: Alan 484-515-6204
- Food, drink, game, bake stands Sunday, Aug. 3, noon-9 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibules
Contact Ron: 610-730-4655 (Food)
Contact Alan: 484-515-6204 (Drink/Game)
- Homecoming Picnic Clean Up: Monday Aug. 4, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. (gloves recommended)

Note: Helpers must wear closed toe shoes – no sandals or flip flops.

CHURCH DINNER ASSISTANCE

- Set up
- Food serving
- Clean up

Contact: Paula 610-657-8081

MASS GREETER INDIVIDUALS/FAMILIES

Contact: Sue 610-730-4655



St. Peter Adult Choir

Singing is Praying Twice! We are always looking for new members.

- Fall Start up: Sept. 8
- Practice: Mondays, 6:15 p.m.

Contact: Kathy 610-262-4095



St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

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Mark Your Calendar

Picnic Set Up July 28-Aug. 2
Picnic Food Prep July 28-31
St. Peter Parish Homecoming Festival..... Aug. 3
Picnic Clean Up Aug. 4
Children's Liturgy Mass (St. John)..... Aug. 10
Children's Liturgy Mass (St. Peter)Aug. 17
St. John Parish Festival Aug. 31
Parish Council Meeting..... Sept. 3
Fellowship Sunday (St. Peter)..... Sept. 7
St Peter Parish Choir Start-Up..... Sept. 8
St. Peter Chicken Parmesan DinnerSept. 13
Children's Liturgy Mass (St. John).....Sept. 14
Whitehall Coplay Hunger Initiative BingoSept. 14
Pierogi MakingSept. 15-16
Day of Recollection Sept. 20
Altar Rosary Society MeetingSept. 21
Children's Liturgy Mass (St. Peter)Sept. 21
Holy Name Society Hoagie Sale..... Sept. 27-Oct. 12
Holy Name Society Meeting.....Sept. 28

Diocesan Holy Name Society LuncheonSept. 28
Whitehall Historical Society BingoOct. 3
Fellowship Sunday (St. Peter).....Oct. 5
Whitehall Lions Club BingoOct. 5
Pierogi MakingOct. 6-7
Diocesan Pilgrimage to WashingtonOct. 7
St. Peter Parish Trip to Italy.....Oct. 12-24
Whitehall Coplay Hunger Initiative BingoOct. 12
Children's Liturgy Mass (St. John).....Oct. 12
St. Peter Pork & Sauerkraut/Turkey DinnerOct. 18
Children's Liturgy Mass (St. Peter)Oct. 19
Altar Rosary Society MeetingOct. 20
St. Peter Holy Name Society.....Oct. 25
Hoagie Sale Pick Up
All Saints Day Cemetery ServiceOct. 26
Holy Name Society Meeting.....Oct. 26
St. Peter ChurchNov. 8
Sausage Sandwich Dinner (take-out only)
Parish Council Meeting.....Nov. 13