



St. Peter's Church, West Penn

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Cliff's Notes

Pentecost is the celebration of the beginning of the Christian Church, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, energizing their faith, propelling them to go out into the streets of Jerusalem to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, Crucified, Died, and Resurrected. (Acts 2: 1-13).

This is also the Sunday when we confirm young people into the life of our congregation. It's an IMPORTANT day in the life of the church. I encourage every member to worship with us on that day.

Pentecost is the day that puts LIFE into our faith. We teach a lot about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit as well as the many aspects of our faith. I am afraid that we make faith all about what we KNOW about God and little about how we experience or live out our faith. We know a lot about any number of celebrities, but since we never really meet them do we really get to "know" who they are and what they are like? I believe that until we understand how Our Savior has touched our individual lives, we will not fully comprehend how He has touched and affected our lives.

Pentecost is the day when Jesus is no longer a person of "history" but will become the One who walks with us, guides us, and leads us through this often confused and confusing world. The Spirit of Jesus is alive for each of us.

My prayer is that each Confirmand will feel the Spirit as they confess their faith in Jesus on May 19. I would also hope that this would be a day when each of us is able to reaffirm our vows to love and serve God in our lives through worship and sacrificial love. If we all took the Spirit of Jesus seriously, it could re-invigorate our church and each of our lives. This is not to accuse any of us of not being faithful, but too often we become complacent and are never really challenged.

May the Spirit of the Risen Savior move us to new levels of faithfulness and generosity as we open ourselves to the Spirit on ***Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.***

Pastor Cliff

A Mother's Day Prayer

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother's heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if
at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching
them, of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place
for them.*

*For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,
with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You
will give her all she needs.*

Facebook ~ Archdiocese of Manila



"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever." – Unknown



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Members

If you are interested in becoming a member at St. Peter's (or you know someone who is), Please let Pastor Herring or a Board Member know, or call the church office.



Tithe.ly

Forgot your offering or not able to make it to church? You can give directly to the church using our secure online giving through Tithe.ly. You can give one time or set up recurring giving. All giving is recorded and will be reflected on your end of year statement. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1564996>



Graduating Senior Recognition

We are planning our annual tradition at St. Peter's by recognizing the achievements of our graduating seniors on *Sunday, June 2nd*.

During morning worship on that day, there will be a time to honor our graduating seniors from high schools, colleges, our preschool, and technical schools. We would like to include highlights of the lives of our graduates and include their accomplishments as well as plans for the future. If you, or someone you know, will be graduating, please notify the church office ASAP (by mail or email). Information to include: Name, Parent(s)/Guardian(s), School, Degree, Recognitions, Clubs/Activities/Hobbies & future plans and a photo. All information is due on *May 22nd*. We are also seeking graduates to participate in the worship service. Let us know of your interest.

And, we hope the entire congregation will join in our worship celebration of these incredible young people with whom God has gifted us.



WASP NEWS

The Mother/Daughter/Aunt/Sister/Cousin Tea on **Tuesday, May 21st @ 6.30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a signup sheet on the parlor table for refreshments. All church women and young ladies are invited to join them.

WASP will be having a Zook's meat pie sale. Selling chicken or beef pies....\$7 for small pies (6") and \$10 for large pies (8"). Order by **Sunday, May 5th** for pickup **Saturday, May 18th @ the South Entrance** from 11:00 am ~ 1:00 pm.

BAKE SALE

On **Saturday, July 6th** Chester Snyder's family will have a sale. Mike and Susan Hunsicker will be having a bake sale with all proceeds going to the church. If anyone is interested in baking or donating to this please let Susan know. There will be a sign up sheet in the parlor area or call 570-778-9872. All donations are greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Sunday School Events:

**Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Every Sunday
(unless otherwise noted)**

- ⇒ 5/12 ~ Mother's Day
- ⇒ 5/26 ~ Memorial Day Service at St. Peter's Church
at 11:30 AM
- ⇒ 6/16~ Father's Day
- ⇒ 7/22 - 7/2126 ~ Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00 PM



Catch the excitement and join a Sunday School Class today. We have classes for all ages. Teachers and helpers are also always welcome. Anyone willing to be part of this great educational experience should see Samantha Kistler or Josh Hunsicker. Just remember, you can't ask "*What would Jesus do?*" until you know "*What Jesus did and said!*"



FALL FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, September 6th from 4:00-8:00pm

Saturday, September 7th from 12:00-7:00pm

Food, Games, Basket Raffle, Vendors & Entertainment

More Information to follow



Remember, it is important to keep us informed of any address or telephone changes, including cell phone or work phone numbers, and email addresses, if you wish. Please notify the church office by mail, email or telephone. By doing this, we can keep in touch with you and provide you with important information regarding the church. Thank you in advance for your help!

The deadline for the June issue of the "*Cornerstone*" is Tuesday, May 14th.

Retirees



St. Peter's Retirees will meet on Wednesday, May 8th at 9:00 a.m. Come early and join in the card games, dominoes or other games; or just sit and enjoy each others' fellowship and conversation. A luncheon will be provided, so it won't be necessary to bring a bag lunch.

The Retirees are open to anyone; age is not a factor. They meet the second Wednesday of every month and always welcome new members.



Joyous Noise Offering

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE TO MAKE CHRIST'S LOVE KNOWN

The Joyous Noise offering for April totaled \$ 200.00 and was designated for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation which is the world's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the childhood brain tumor community. They serve more than 28,000 U. S. children and teens battling brain tumors by investing in the most promising research and providing practical, informational and emotional support to families for free. Nationwide events include Ride for Kids, and Starry Night Walk to Cure Childhood Brain Tumors. This foundation is near and dear to Brooke Zellner, one of St. Peter's own, and she thanks you for your support to this worthwhile cause. The funds will be sent to the Northeast Region of the foundation.

May's Joyous Noise offering will be for The Multiple Sclerosis Society. People with MS need us now more than ever. Please continue to contribute, however you can. Donations may be made at anytime payable to The Multiple Sclerosis Society. We will gladly forward these in memory of Matt Brickler.

If you know of an organization or individual that could benefit from St. Peter's Joyous Noise Offering, please contact Samantha Kistler or Nicole Hunsicker. Thank you for your support!

Life is a measure to be filled . . .

Not a cup to be drained.