

Saint Peter School News June, 2025

Dear Parents,

We rejoice as we come to the end of another school year and celebrate the growth that we each have accomplished. Although we still mourn the loss of Pope Francis, we are filled with gratitude for the indelible mark that he has left on our Church and the inspiration he has been for so many years. We now turn our eyes to our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and we pray for his strength and stamina as he leads our Church. As we also prepare to celebrate Pentecost, I share with you one of the last Pentecost messages of Pope Francis: "The account of Pentecost shows us two areas of the Holy Spirit's working in the Church: *in us* and *in mission*, with two characteristics: *power* and *gentleness*. The Spirit's work in us is powerful, as symbolized by the signs of wind and fire, which are often associated with God's power in the Bible. Without such power we would never be able to defeat evil on our own, nor overcome the "desires of the flesh" that Saint Paul refers to, those drives of the soul: "impurity, idolatry, dissension, and envy"... At the same time, the Paraclete's working in us is also *gentle*: powerful and gentle. The wind and the fire do not destroy or reduce to ashes whatever they touch: the one fills the house where the disciples are, and the other rests gently, in the form of flames, on the head of each. This gentleness, too, is a feature of God's way of acting, one that we frequently encounter in the Scriptures. It is reassuring to see how the same sturdy, calloused hand that first breaks up the clods of our passions, then gently, after planting the seeds of virtue, "waters" them and "tends" them. He lovingly protects these virtues, so that they can grow stronger and so that, after the toil of combatting evil, we may taste the sweetness of mercy and communion with God. The Spirit is like this: powerful, giving us the power to overcome, and also gentle. We speak about the *anointing* of the Spirit; the Spirit anoints us for he is with us. As a beautiful prayer of the early Church says: 'Let your gentleness, O Lord, and the fruits of your love, abide with me'.... All of us are in great need of hope, which is not optimism; no, it is something else. We need hope. Hope is depicted as an anchor, there at the shore, and in clinging to its rope, we move toward hope. We need hope, we need to lift our gaze to horizons of peace, fraternity, justice and solidarity... Naturally, it is not always easy; indeed, there are times that the path is winding and uphill. Yet we know that we are not alone, we have the certainty that, by the help of the Holy Spirit and by his gifts, we can walk together and make that path more and more inviting for others as well."

Celebration of First Communion

We rejoice with our students, who received this special sacrament on Saturday, May 3:

Iker Buenano(2)	Neymani Rosario (2)
Emely Burgos (2)	Sarai Santiago (2)

Jhoelix Caraballo (2)	Kennia Santos (2)
Alexander Chavez (2)	Khiara Serrano (2)
Angel DeSalas (2)	Juliett Sierra (2)

Dyland Escobar (2)	Natalie Valdez (2)
Jonayelis Gil (2)	Jayleen Valerio (2)
Natalie Guzman (2)	Jacielys Vicioso (2)
Genesis Hernandez (2)	Isabella Zapata (2)
Jelsi Martinez (2)	Angel Escobar (3)
Aaron Mata (2)	Gleisy Bueno (4)
David Maya (2)	Benamy Ruiz (5)
April Mejia (2)	Jaylah Bobet (6)
Joelvis Menegildo (2)	Scarlett Bueno (6)
Jesus Moreno (2)	Kiara Navarrete (6)
Kimberly Reyes (2)	Helen Tineo (7)

We thank Sister Margaret and Mrs. Fleig for all their work in preparing our students.

First Communion Choir

We are so grateful for the beautiful singing voices of our choir, under the direction of Mrs. Moffatt, which enhanced our liturgy:

Joannie Menegildo (4)	Valerie Torres (5)
Gabriela Mendez (4)	Mariangel Polanco (6)
Ashley Polanco (4)	Naiyade Cedeno (7)
Kayleeh Avila (5)	Nyleah Connor (7)
Zion Cooper (5)	Jossanny Santos (7)
Missael Fernandez (5)	Valery Mendez (8)
Samantha Martinez (5)	Chris Yepez (8)

CYO Art Show at GoggleWorks

Saint Peter School proudly announces its participants and winners in the Annual CYO Art Show. The artistic masterpieces are on display at the GoggleWorks. We congratulate our talented art teacher, Mrs. Moffatt and her 6th, 7th, 8th grade artists: Hadassa Perez (7)

Selena Barreto (6)	Isis Rosado (7)
Nicole Bueno (6)	Mia Rubio (7)
Scarlett Bueno (6)	Liliana Santiago (7)
Dario Carmona (6)	Tristan Santiago (7)
Amerie Coste (6)	Jossanny Santos (7)
Alejandro Cruz (6)	Annalise Sierra (7)
Maily Garcia (6)	Edgar Vasquez (7)
Luz Gonzalez (6)	Janellys Abreu (8)
Maria Martinez (6)	Nathalie Buenano (8)
Naleigha Merritt (6)	Nelson Carmona (8)
Yolenny Moronta (6)	Ethan Colon (8)
Edlyannie Ortiz (6)	Viviana Cruz (8)
Maria Peñaloza (6)	Genesis Gonzalez(8)
Naiyaliz Rodriguez (6)	Isabella Gonzalez (8)
Rubi Sanchez (6)	Jaison Jordan (8)
Alan Sandoval (6)	Xavi Martinez (8)
Rocky Taveras (6)	Valery Mendez (8)
Janelle Abreu (7)	Jiovani Peña (8)
Jotxiel Caraballo (7)	Jocelyn Rodriguez (8)
Naiyade Cedeno (7)	Olivia Rodriguez (8)
Nyleah Connor (7)	Saray Rodriuez (8)i
Adalis De La Cruz (7)	Crisaily Salvador (8)
Adanis Flores (7)	Gianni Sanchez (8)

Khalaya Johnson (7)	Joel Vilorio (8)
Carmen Jordan (7)	Chris Yepez (8)
Alanna Peralta (7)	David Zavala (8)

