

**Saint Peter
School News
March, 2026**

Dear Parents,

We are now in the holy season of Lent and continue to try to draw closer to Jesus who is our constant source of hope. Jesus wants us to stay close to him and He empowers us with the inner strength and hope we all need to reach the joy of Easter. Pope Leo, in a recent address, reminds us of the value of human connections and relationships. Technology is a wonderful and growing tool, but it is no substitute for interpersonal relationships and noticing God's beautiful creation in one another: " Our faces and voices are unique, distinctive features of every person; they reveal a person's own unrepeatable identity and are the defining elements of every encounter with others... Faces and voices are sacred. God, who created us in his image and likeness, gave them to us when he called us to life through the Word he addressed to us. This Word resounded down the centuries through the voices of the prophets, and then became flesh in the fullness of time. We too have heard and seen this Word-- in which God communicates his very self to us-- because it has been made known to us in the voice and face of Jesus, the Son of God.... Preserving human faces and voices, therefore, means preserving this mark, this indelible reflection of God's love. Each of us possesses an irreplaceable and inimitable vocation, that originates from our own lived experience and becomes manifest through interaction with others. If we fail in this task of preservation, digital technology threatens to alter radically some of the fundamental pillars of human civilization that at times are taken for granted. By simulating human voices and faces, wisdom and knowledge, consciousness and responsibility, empathy and friendship, the systems known as artificial intelligence not only interfere with information ecosystems, but also encroach upon the deepest level of communication, that of human relationships.... Safeguarding faces and voices ultimately means safeguarding ourselves. Embracing the opportunities offered by digital technology and artificial intelligence with courage, determination and discernment does not mean turning a blind eye to critical issues, complexities and risks. *Do not renounce your ability to think....* The question at heart, however, is not what machines can or will be able to do, but what we can and will be able to achieve, by growing in humanity and knowledge through the wise use of the powerful tools at our service. Individuals have always sought to acquire the fruits of knowledge without the effort required by commitment, research and personal responsibility. However, renouncing creativity and surrendering our mental capacities and imagination to machines would mean burying the talents we have been given to grow as individuals in relation to God and others. It would mean hiding our faces and silencing our voices.... We need faces and voices to speak for people again. We need to cherish the gift of communication as the deepest truth of humanity, to which all technological innovation should also be oriented .In outlining these reflections, I thank all those who are working towards the goals delineated above, and I cordially bless all those who work for the common good through the media."

Sacrament of Reconciliation

During this holy season of Lent we celebrate and accompany the students who will receive this sacrament for the first time on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30pm in church.

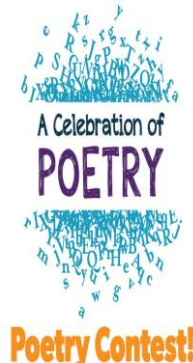
Sacramental Meeting--First Communion

There will be a parent meeting for the parents of children who will receive First Communion in May on Thurs., March 26 at 6:30pm in Church.

Creative Communications Poetry Contest

Many of our 8th grade students have been notified that their poetry will be published in *Creative Communications: A Celebration of Poets*. We congratulate the following students:

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| Janelle Abreu | Carmen Jordan |
| Wozniaki Barreau | Amir Juarez |
| Mason Barreto | Misael Moreno |
| Tais Batista | Randi Pascual |
| Jotxiel Caraballo | Alanna Peralta |
| Nicholas Carmona | Hadassa Perez |
| Naiyade Cedeno | Manuel Ramirez |
| Nyleah Connor | Liliana Santiago |
| Adalis De La Cruz | Tristan Santiago |
| Adanis Flores | Helen Tineo |
| Khalaya Johnson | Edgar Vasquez |



Kitchen Kapers Competition

We congratulate our students who shared their culinary talents with our school community and then moved on and placed in the Berks County Competition*:

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| Zion Cooper* (6) | Danilyn Muñoz (7) |
| Missael Fernandez* (6) | Naiyade Cedeno (8) |
| Joseon Ortiz (6) | Nyleah Connor* (8) |
| Jacob Pedroza* (6) | Alanna Peralta* (8) |
| Nicole Bueno* (7) | Hadassa Perez* (8) |
| Scarlett Bueno* (7) | Keilly Santos (8) |

CYO Varsity Boys Basketball and Girls Cheerleading

We congratulate our Varsity Boys:

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| Mason Barreto (8) | Damian Solorio (6) |
| Diego Nuñez (8) | Elijah Vergeon (6) |
| Randi Pascual (8) | Marcus Fernandez (5) |
| Lejend Spradley (7) | Shan Haynes-Ali (5) |
| Zion Cooper (6) | Yabian Ramos (5) |
| Missael Fernandez (6) | Michael Rodriguez (5) |
| Dylan Garcia (6) | Loyal Spradley (5) |
| Jesus Reyes (6) | Jovanni Tineo (5) |
| Elias Santiago (6) | Max Valerio (5) |

We congratulate our Cheerleaders:

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| Alanna Peralta (8) | Danilyn Muñoz (7) |
| Jaylah Bobet (7) | Kiara Navarrete (7) |
| Melianny Mata (7) | Naiyaliz Rodriguez (7) |
| Cameron Merritt (7) | Yabiannis Soto (7) |
| Naleigha Merritt (7) | Abigail Tejada (7) |

Saint Peter School Book Fair

We will enjoy this wonderful event during the week of March 23. Our librarian Mrs. Vida will be sending out information.

Mother/ Son Dance

Please join us for this fun event on Friday, March 13 from 7:00-9:00pm in the Social Hall. There will be great music, fun games, delicious food, and dancing.

