

**Saint Peter  
School News  
October, 2020**

Dear Parents,

As we begin October and the season begins to change, we are reminded of the many changes we have experienced in the past six months. We are so grateful that we have preserved our school community and that we continue to thrive. Thank you for your patience and all your support and most especially thank you for your beautiful compliance in following all our safety protocols. Saint John Neumann who said mass in our 5th Grade classroom in 1859 has been watching over us all these years and we are so confident that God will continue to watch over us. We were blessed to celebrate with our school children who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion in September. This special sacrament also enables each of us to be transformed and grow and be strengthened every time we receive. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, spoke so beautifully on the Feast of Corpus Christi about the power of Eucharist and remembering God's love: "It is vital to remember the good we have received. If we do not remember it, we become strangers to ourselves, "passers-by" of existence. Without memory, we uproot ourselves from the soil that nourishes us and allow ourselves to be carried away like leaves in the wind. If we do remember, however, we bind ourselves afresh to the strongest of ties; we feel part of a living history, the living experience of a people. Memory is not something private; it is the path that unites us to God and to others. This is why in the Bible the memory of the Lord must be passed on from generation to generation... He did not just leave us the Scriptures, for it is easy to forget what we read. He did not just leave us signs, for we can forget even what we see. He gave us Food, for it is not easy to forget something we have actually tasted. He left us Bread in which he is truly present, alive and true, with all the flavor of his love. Receiving him we can say: "He is the Lord; he remembers me!" That is why Jesus told us: "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor 11:24). *Do!* The Eucharist is not simply an act of remembrance; it is a *fact*: the Lord's Passover is made present once again for us. In Mass the death and resurrection of Jesus are set before us. *Do this in remembrance of me*: come together and celebrate the Eucharist as a community, as a people, as a family, in order to remember me. We cannot do without the Eucharist, for it is God's memorial. And it heals our wounded memory... The Lord, offering himself to us in the simplicity of bread, also invites us not to waste our lives in chasing the myriad illusions that we think we cannot do without, yet that leave us empty within. The Eucharist satisfies our hunger for material

things and kindles our desire to serve. It raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also his hands, to be used to help feed others. It is especially urgent now to take care of those who hunger for food and for dignity, of those without work and those who struggle to carry on. And this we must do in a real way, as real as the Bread that Jesus gives us. Genuine closeness is needed, as are true bonds of solidarity. In the Eucharist, Jesus draws close to us: let us not turn away from those around us."

**Congratulations to our First Communion Class**

We celebrate with our school students who have waited so long to receive this very special Sacrament on a special mass at Saint Peter Church in September:

Miarelys Abreu	Jaydrian Rivera
Amaya Bruno	Gianni Sanchez
Khalaya Johnson	Annalise Sierra
Diego Nuñez	Alexa Torres
Nathaniel Pagan	Leonardo Varela
Anaiah Piña	Angel Vargas
Edin Piña	Assyria Woods



**Student Council and Mission Representatives**

We will formally install our Student Council Leaders and Mission Representatives at a special mass on Friday, October 9 at 8:30am. We will post the names of our leadership team in the November Newsletter.



**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

We have set aside Monday, October 19 as time for parents and teachers to meet and discuss their child's progress thus far. Our teachers do their utmost to meet the diverse needs of our students to ensure their healthy academic formation. Smaller in-class groups have enabled us to meet so many individual needs and we are doing our best to meet the needs of our fully virtual students. We are so grateful that you have stayed with us during this challenging time and we look forward to continue working with you to guide your child/children to academic success. We have great hopes for a wonderful academic year.

