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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: APRIL 14 - 20		
Mon.	7AM	Special Intention - Renee Meager
Tues.	7AM	Phil Baker - Mary Melville
Wed.	7AM	Special Intention - Wilmotte Family
Thurs.	7PM	No 7AM Mass Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Bob Keech - Ann Schreiber
	8:30PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM
Good Fri.	3PM	No 7AM or 11:15AM Mass No Morning Prayer Service Good Friday Service
Sat.	8PM	Easter Vigil - For the People
Sun.	8AM	Intention of the Celebrant
	10AM	For the People
	12:15PM	Intention of the Celebrant

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: APRIL 13 - 20		
Sun.	7PM	NO CCD OR CONFIRMATION CLASS - Palm Sunday OCIA Retreat - Johnstown Stations of the Cross - Church
Mon.	12:15PM 7:15PM	Shadow Stations of the Cross - Church Shadow Stations of the Cross - Church
Tues.	12PM 1PM 6:30PM 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House Rosary & Prayers - Church Men's Group Rosary - Annex Chapel Men's Group Meeting - Annex
Wed.	8:30AM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex Adult Choir Practice - Annex Confessions from 2:00 - 3:00PM & 6:30 - 7:30PM - Church (2 priests available)
Thurs.	12:15PM 7PM 8:30PM	NO 7AM MASS School Early Dismissal - Easter Break Holy Thursday Mass & Procession Adoration until 10PM
Fri.	1:45PM 3PM 5:30PM	NO 7AM MASS NO SCHOOL - Easter Break Mary's Way of the Cross - Church Good Friday Service Divine Mercy Chaplet Rectory Office Closed
Sat.	10AM 11AM 3PM 8PM	Blessing of the Easter Food PTA Easter Egg Hunt - Parish Grounds Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. 20th	7PM	NO CCD OR CONFIRMATION CLASS - Easter Break Divine Mercy Chaplet

ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.
CONFESSIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.
BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.
MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple must precede setting a date.
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Rectory to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and home-bound on a regular basis.
PARISH MEMBERSHIP: It is important to be a registered parishioner in order to gain the benefits & privileges of parish membership. New parishioners are welcome. If you have moved into, within or outside the parish or are not a member, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION- Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war made their situation even more dramatic. In these times of crisis, The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis. Through this collection you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy land, directly making a difference in the lives of those caught up in war, violence and instability in this region. You become an instrument of peace in a troubled land. To learn more, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

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"Did Jesus go on a mountaintop and yell, 'I love you'? No, He stretched out His Hands, was nailed to the cross and said: 'I thirst.' For what? Water? No. He thirsted for your love." - Mother Angelica

In your prayers please pray for Richard Reed, father of Lori Hogan, who died recently. May he rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console his family and friends.



On behalf of our parish family, we would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month.

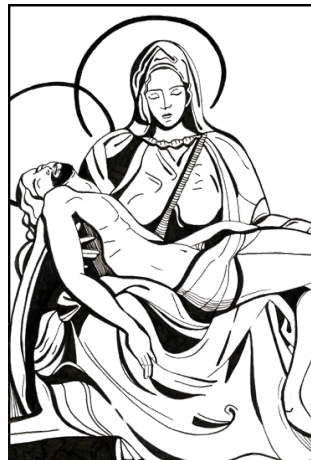


Heavenly Father, bless these couples so that the love they have for each other may continue to reflect the love of Christ for his Church. Look with kindness upon them and continue to bless them with peace, joy, health and happiness.

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE - Our 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive continues. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and formation of our priests and deacons. This year's campaign theme is Follow Me. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Following Christ is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Church, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of our time, talent and treasure. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive will draw us into an ever deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all. There is no limit to what we can accomplish together in Christ. Please respond generously to Bishop Mark's request, and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card through the offertory. All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be used toward the purchase of new boilers for St. Peter's School. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese's vital ministries. **The 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Saint Peter is \$58,700.**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be said on April 18th at 5:30PM, April 19th at 3PM, April 20th at 7PM, and every evening of Easter week starting on Monday, April 21st at 6PM in the church and ending on Saturday, April 26th at 8AM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Catholic devotion, prayed on a rosary, that focuses on God's mercy upon the world, especially for sinners, by invoking the redemptive merits of Jesus' sacrifice. Please join us!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE:
TRIDUUM & APRIL 19-20
Holy Thurs: 7PM
 E.M.: *Please Volunteer*
 Lector: F. Reeping III
Good Friday: 3PM
 E.M.: *Please Volunteer*
 Lector: S. Isgan, *Please Volunteer*
Easter Vigil - Saturday: 8PM
 E.M.: *Please Volunteer*
 Lector: C. Madigan
 Greeter: McTiernan
Sunday - 8AM
 E.M.: M. Woy
 Lector: D. Halverson
 Greeters: Gusbar, Deskevich
Sunday - 10AM
 E.M.: Deacon Komula
 Lector: S. Rizzo
 Greeters: Svirsko, Menser
Sunday - 12:15PM
 E.M.: B. Farkosh
 Lector: F. Kovac
 Greeters: Gombita



In Michelangelo's "Pietà," Mary doesn't directly touch Jesus's body, instead, her right hand gently caresses his flesh through a cloth, signifying the sacredness of his suffering and the divinity of his form.

**Our Lady of Sorrows,
Pray for us!**



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR APRIL 13, 2025

4/14: "Shadow Stations" Presented by Sixth Grade in church 12:15PM & 7:15PM

4/15: PTA Lenten Chicken Noodle Soup Hot Lunch; Lifetouch Spring Pictures – Dress Nicely!

4/16: MODIFIED BUSING St. Peter School will be in session for a full day while SASD has an early-dismissal. Please be aware students may arrive home earlier than usual if riding Modified Busses in the afternoon.

4/17: SPECIAL BUSING AM & PM & EARLY DISMISSAL - St. Peter School will be in session this day while SASD does not have school. We will also have an early dismissal at 12:40PM. Somerset bus transportation will be provided in the morning and afternoon and bus assignments for those who signed up for it will be sent home on Monday, April 14th with bus numbers and approximate times of pickup and drop off; Holy Thursday Mass & Procession 7PM. Students are to be in best uniforms and in the church by 6:50PM. Thank you!

4/18 - 4/21: **NO SCHOOL – Easter Break**

LOOKING AHEAD:

4/22: School Resumes

4/23: Grade 5 Parent Graduation Meeting 6:30PM in Annex

4/24: Grades 3 & 4 Field Trip to Pittsburgh Zoo

4/25: Grade 5 School Mass 11:15 am – Full Uniforms

4/30: Midterm of Fourth Grading Period; Fr. Gartland Walk

CONGRATULATIONS SPELLING BEE WINNERS!

St. Peter School held its annual Spelling Bee on April 8. The top 3 spellers from grades 4 - 6 as decided by classroom spelling bees, competed in the school spelling bee. The participants this year were: Grade 4 - Brooks Anderson, Abigail Swearman, and Laurel Weigle. Grade 5 - Anderson Coughenour, Lucy Stoy, and Tenley Wintersteen. Grade 6 - Leighton McGuire, Gabe Zawisza and Raymond Zhang. This year's winner is Lucy Stoy. Our second place finisher is sixth-grader Raymond Zhang and in third place was fourth-grader Laurel Weigle. Lucy will travel to St. Matthew's Catholic School in Tyrone to compete at the Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Spelling Bee on Thurs., May 1st and Raymond will also attend as the alternate.

CCD NEWS

Prudence Shaulis, DRE 814-443-6574 ext. 4 & pshaulis@dioceseaj.org

4/13: No CCD or Confirmation Class - Palm Sunday

4/20: No CCD or Confirmation Class - Easter

4/27: Final CCD Class

5/7: Confirmation Class (Zoom or in-person) - 6PM

LOOKING AHEAD:

5/4: Rite of Sending for Confirmation candidates at 12:15PM Mass. Luncheon to follow - Parish Hall

5/9: First Holy Communion Rehearsal from 8:15AM-2:15PM

5/10: Sacrament of Holy Communion: Saturday at 10AM

5/15: Confirmation Rehearsal from 6:00 -7:15PM

5/17: Sacrament of Confirmation at 4PM.

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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Gus's Auto LLC.

ST. PETER PTA EASTER EGG HUNT! St. Peter's PTA will again sponsor the 2025 Easter Egg Hunt. This event is open to our school and parish families and any friends or family who would like to come along. It will be held on the parish grounds on Holy Saturday, April 19th at 11AM. We will start precisely at 11AM and it goes VERY FAST so please bring a bag or basket for children to collect eggs. Thank you, PTA and families for this beautiful Easter tradition!



ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP will hold it's monthly meeting at 7PM in the Annex on Tues., April 15th. Preceding the meeting, we will pray a Rosary for the deceased of the Parish at 6:30PM in the Annex Chapel. All men of the parish are welcome. We will also hold our biweekly faith sharing/Bible study in the Annex at 6:30. All men of the parish are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY for all nursing home residents and homebound parishioners as they will be remembered by Fr. Patti, Fr. Michael, Deacon Mark and Msgr. Tomaselli, along with all St. Peter Parish members at the Easter Octave of Holy Masses beginning Easter Sunday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday. Thank you!

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP is joining the Christian Mothers from St. Raymond's Parish in Donegal, PA, on a bus trip to St. Anthony's Chapel in Pittsburgh on Wed., June 25th, 2025. The bus will leave St. Raymond's Church at 10AM and the cost is \$55 per person. This fee includes a tour of the chapel, which houses 5,000 first-class relics, a light lunch, and bus transportation. Those wishing to go must submit the RSVP form to St. Raymond's Church by May 1st. Please call the office, 412-996-3441.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting on Wed., May 7th at 6PM in the annex.

SAVE THE DATE! The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for a Jubilee Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on October 17th, 2025. Registration begins in the Summer of 2025.

STEWARDSHIP: April 13th, 2025 - It is when we go near to Christ that we can be transformed by Him. Scan the QR code for online giving or a one-time gift.



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