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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 2025 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 8. - 14.		
Mon.	7AM 10:15AM	Cheryl Puskas Fields - Theresa Migot Grandparent Mass
Tues.	7AM	Paul & Stella Crum - Swearman Family
Wed.	7AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Thurs.	7AM	Marlin Sherbine - Kim & Rob Stiffler
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	Andrew Bare - Swearman Family Scott Canfield - Bob & Teri Kolonich
Sat.	4PM	Jadie Nightengale - Betsy
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Victor Schrift - Bill & Janice Schrift Manuel Rios - Ismael Rios For the People

PIG RAFFLE! St. Peter's is hosting a pig raffle for two halves of a pig, cut, wrapped, and frozen. Tickets are \$10, sold after Mass this weekend until the end of September and at the Church Office during business hours. Only 300 tickets will be available. The drawing is scheduled for early October.

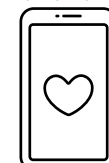


ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.
CONFESSIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.
BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.
MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple 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.

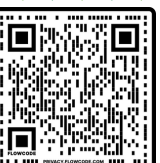
WEEKLY SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 7.		
Mon.	10:15AM 6:30PM	Mass - Grandparent Celebration OCIA Class - Church
Tues.	12:30PM 6:30PM 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House Open House - School That Man Is You! Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex Adult Choir Practice - New members welcome!
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 14	11AM 6PM	First CCD Class First Confirmation Class - Annex

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD God our Father, from eternity you appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied. Lord Jesus, give us holy priests: To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass; To lead the little ones to You; To strengthen the faith of believers; To preach the Gospel to all peoples; To bring forgiveness to sinners; To feed souls the Bread of Life; To comfort the suffering & dying, and to spread Your Kingdom in our midst. Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests. Amen



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH PASTOR'S NOTES:
2ND ANNUAL FATIMA FAMILY FESTIVAL - The Franciscan Friars would like you to join us for an afternoon of fun fellowship & faith! Saturday September 13, 2025, beginning at 2pm located in the Sunken Gardens, Loretto PA. We will have food trucks, bouncy house, face painting, confessions, property tours, rosary at 4:30PM and outdoor Mass at 5PM. For more information, please contact lweakland@franciscanstor.org or 814-419-8885.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY
Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2025 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 21st in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 28th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments and snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 12th.

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD) -The Catholic Ministries Drive of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is a vital expression of faith, compassion, and community. It serves as a lifeline for essential ministries that embody the Church's mission to proclaim the Gospel, serve those in need, and nurture the spiritual and physical well-being of individuals and families across our region. Contributions to the CMD are not merely financial transactions - they are acts of stewardship that ripple outward, transforming lives and strengthening the Body of Christ.

At its core, the CMD supports ministries that directly impact the most vulnerable among us. From Catholic Charities' outreach to families in crisis, to pastoral care for the sick and elderly, to programs that uphold the dignity of life at every stage, the Drive ensures that no one is left behind. These services are often unseen but deeply felt, providing comfort, hope, and practical assistance to those facing hardship. Every dollar given becomes a channel of grace, allowing the Church to be present where it is needed most.

The CMD also invests in the future of our faith through support for vocations, youth ministry, and religious education. By funding diaconate formation and ongoing clergy development, the Drive helps cultivate strong, faithful leaders who will shepherd our parishes for generations to come. It empowers youth and young adults to encounter Christ through retreats, service opportunities, and catechesis, fostering a vibrant and engaged Church community. These investments are critical in a time when many young people are searching for meaning and belonging.

Moreover, the CMD strengthens parish life by supporting evangelization efforts and adult faith formation. It enables the Diocese to offer resources and training that help parishioners deepen their relationship with God and share their faith with others. In doing so, it builds a culture of discipleship that radiates outward into families, workplaces and neighborhoods, Contributing to the Catholic Ministries

(*Cont.*) Drive is a tangible way for the faithful to live out the call to be “missionary disciples.” It is an invitation to participate in the Church’s work of mercy, justice, and evangelization. Whether one’s gift is large or small, it becomes part of a collective witness to the love of Christ. It affirms that we are one Church, united in purpose and committed to caring for one another.

In a world often marked by division and indifference, the CMD stands as a beacon of unity and compassion. It reminds us that our faith is not confined to Sunday worship but is lived out in service, generosity, and solidarity. By contributing to the Catholic Ministries Drive, donors help ensure that the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown remains a source of light and hope for all who seek the presence of God in their lives.

The Catholic Ministries Drive is more than a fundraiser—it’s a call to live out our faith through action. Every gift supports vital ministries that bring Christ’s love to our neighbors in need. From nurturing vocations and strengthening Catholic education to feeding the hungry and comforting the sick, your generosity fuels the mission of the Church in our diocese.

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it’s a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God’s vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship—you make that possible.

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Ministries Drive. Every dollar stays within our diocese and directly supports the ministries that touch lives every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Church rooted in faith, hope, and love.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, There will be a second collection to secure funds for building maintenance projects. The sum total of the costs for the following projects are estimated at \$122,000. These projects are:

1.Roof Repairs: The slate roofs on our Church, Hall and Rectory are aging and are missing several slate tiles and ridge caps. The roofs are over 50 years old, and we are doing our best to extend their life. The cost to repair the roofs and to install heat tracing in the gutters is \$25,000.

2. Church Pavers: \$6,700 **COMPLETED**


3. Parking Lot. The parking lot needs some pavement repairs and resealed. The estimated cost for this work is \$22,000. **COMPLETED**

4. Hall Air Conditioners: We are proposing to replace the existing units with two high efficiency units at a cost of \$14,400.

5. School Boilers: We had to replace the boilers in the school this past winter. One boiler was replaced at a cost of \$18,000, and \$36,000 is still needed for the two remaining boilers, for a total cost of \$54,000. **COMPLETED**

We are conducting second collections to raise money for the repairs. Our Parish has always been very generous in supporting the needs of our Church and we hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you!

FUNDS RAISED: \$59,836






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SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2025

9/8: Grandparents Mass & Celebration - Mass will begin at 10:15AM; *All are welcome to the Mass – Luncheon and activities for invited guests and students only;* I55 Book Fair.
9/9: All “Family Folder” forms due; Open House 6:30 - 8PM
9/8 - 9/12: I55 Book Fair
9/12: Grade 4 School Mass 11:15AM - Please join us!


LOOKING AHEAD:
9/16: Lifetouch Fall Pictures – Dress Nicely!
9/19: NO SCHOOL St. Peter School Diocesan In-Service

2025-2026 CCD REGISTRATION - Scan the QR code to complete registration. All new and returning students must be registered. If your child plans on being confirmed, registration is still required. *For any questions, please contact Prudence Shaulis at pshaulis@dioceseaj.org.* **Please be sure to review the Confirmation process changes.**




Please Join St. Peter’s Adult Choir! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM in the choir loft and sing at 10AM Mass most Sundays. We accept new members any time throughout the year. Ages beginning at 9th grade and up and all ability levels are welcome! We could use more high voices (sopranos) and low voices (basses), but all voice parts are welcome! If you are interested in joining, please call or text the choir director, Jason June, at 814-279-8132 or come to a rehearsal. To quote Saint Augustine, **“To sing is to pray twice.”**


IN YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for Ruth Clarke, mother of Janice Fapore, who recently died. May she rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console her family and friends.




STEWARDSHIP: September 7th, 2025 - We are made to be His disciples, to seek after Him and His Kingdom.




Regular Sunday: \$7,123
Online Giving, \$2,010
Votive: \$145
Building Fund: \$2,037




ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP is hosting "That Man Is You!" this Tuesday, September 9th at 7PM at St. Peter's hall. Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome. Learn more at tmiy.org or scan the QR code.



ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP next Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope visit is on Tues., September 9th. We will meet at St. Peter's Church at 10AM, (parking lot near the baseball field), travel to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament for Noon Mass, followed by lunch at McDonalds, and a visit to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church to pray the Rosary. For questions or those planning on attending, please contact Denise, 814-233-6281, with your driving capabilities and number of passengers.




SAVE THE DATE - Women's Fall Retreat on Thursday October 9th at St. John the Baptist Church & Retreat Center in New Baltimore, PA with Fr. Mark Pattock. More information will be available in the next few weeks. All women of the parish are invited!




THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting on Wednesday, October 1st, at 6PM in the annex.

ALPHA PROGRAM - Coming soon to Trinity Lutheran Church beginning on September 11th from 6:00 - 8:15PM. For more information, please contact Ron Delano - (814) 442-4801.




PRAYER CHAIN - If you wish to join, please email Sue at suejsube@yahoo.com. *“Pray, hope, and don't worry.* - St. Pio



MINISTER SCHEDULE:
SEPTEMBER. 13 - 14

Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: D. Sube
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Saylor
Cleaners: M. James, V. Saylor
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: D. Woy
Lector: B. Wilmotte
Greeters: Gusbar
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Rullo
Greeters: Halverson, Hook
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: S. Sterner
Lector: L. Latuch
Greeters: Sheets



*September is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, with her memorial celebrated on September 15th. Devotion to Mary's sorrows began in the 12th century, influenced by St. Anselm and St. Bernard.*

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