

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

HUNGARIAN PICNIC - Holy Family Parish in Hooversville (Somerset County) will be hosting their “Magyar Bucsú” or Hungarian Picnic on Saturday, September 27th from 5PM until 8PM at the Hooversville Picnic Grove (807 Barn Street). Mass will be celebrated at 4PM. The picnic includes live music by Gypsy George Bayti and the Gypsy Stringz Orchestra, Hungarian folk dancing, basket raffles, games of chance, beer/wine/soft drinks, and food. Food includes goulash, hurka, kolbasz, chicken paprikash, potato pancakes, thick pork chops slow roasted around a fire, and more. All are welcome to celebrate the Hungarian heritage of Hooversville’s miners and Holy Family Parish.

THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE (CMD) - 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO DC - An ordinary Jubilee Year is celebrated only every 25 years. Making a pilgrimage to obtain a plenary Indulgence to either enter through a Holy Door designated by the Pope or visiting a Holy Site named by a local bishop is a very important foundation of the Jubilee tradition. For some of us this may be our last Jubilee! The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was named as an official Holy Site by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in November 2024. There are only Holy Doors in Rome. The Diocese of Altoona Johnstown has contracted 14 buses for our own local Jubilee Pilgrimage, as most of us will not be able to go to Rome. The trip to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC is on Friday, October 17, 2025. The day will include a tour of the Shrine, confessions and 2:00 PM Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak in the Upper Church. You can purchase a basic lunch at the shrine Cafeteria or bring a lunch. There will be a rest stop on the way to Washington and a dinner stop on the way back home. The dinner cost is on your own. Reservations and paid bus fee will continue up to September 26th. Please call Linda in the Rectory at 814-443-6574.

The cost of the trip is \$55.00 per person, which includes the gratuity for the driver. The bus will leave at 7AM from the St. Peters Parking Lot. There are limited seats available. If you are planning to carpool please go to the Diocesan website: www.dioceseaj.org to give us your number.

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


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.

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: \$63,469. (We are over half way there!)



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2025

9/16: Lifetouch Fall Pictures – Dress Nicely!
9/17: Marianna’s Pizza/Sub Orders Due
9/19: NO SCHOOL - Diocesan In-Service


LOOKING AHEAD:

9/29: PTA Hot Lunch


CCD NEWS
Prudence Shaulis, DRE
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9/14: First CCD & Confirmation Class
9/21: CCD Class
9/28: CCD Class
Confirmation class begins on 9/14 with Deacon Mark in the annex from 6PM - 8PM.

O Mother of Perpetual Help, grant that I may ever invoke thy most powerful name, which is the safeguard of the living and the salvation of the dying. O Purest Mary, O Sweetest Mary, let thy name henceforth be ever on my lips. Delay not, O Blessed Lady, to help me whenever I call on thee, for, in all my needs, in all my temptations I shall never cease to call on thee, ever repeating thy sacred name, Mary, Mary.




ROSARY & PRAYERS - Join us this Monday, September 15th at 1PM in the Church. All are welcome and encouraged to come!






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

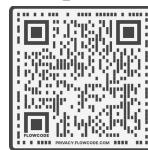
PRAYER CHAIN - If you wish to join, please email Sue at suejsube@yahoo.com. “Pray, hope, and don’t worry.” - St. Pio



STEWARDSHIP: September 14th, 2025 - We should make the Sign of the Cross with reverence and respect.



Regular Sunday: \$8,204
Online Giving, \$3,061
Votive: \$113
Building Fund: \$3,633



ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - If you missed the first week of "That Man Is You!", we'd still love to have you join us. The first meeting was great and the second promises to be better. We meet Tuesday, September 16th at 7PM in the hall for food, fellowship and faith, centered around a time-tested program that will make you a better leader in your family, parish and greater society. Scan the QR code to register or just show up Tuesday!



As part of the faith pillar of the Men's group, we've committed to praying a monthly rosary for the deceased of the parish. Since TMIY is on Tuesday evenings, we will move the monthly Rosary to every 4 weeks beginning Thursday, September 18th at 6:30PM in the Annex chapel. Immediately following the Rosary, Jordan Shaulis will lead a faith sharing discussion centered around the Bible passage, Matthew 16:21-23.

WOMEN’S FALL RETREAT DAY - Join us on Thursday, October 9th, 2025, from 9AM to 4PM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in New Baltimore, PA. Our St. Peter Women’s Group invites you to a day-long retreat that will feature: meditations led by Father Mark Pattock, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, group discussions, personal reflection, rosary, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A light breakfast will be served upon arrival, and lunch will be provided at noon. We encourage you to attend this enriching day to deepen your faith and share in God’s love. Feel free to bring a friend! The cost is \$20. Please make checks payable to Sue Sube and mail them to Sue Sube: 404 Dott Ave., Somerset, PA 15501. Kindly RSVP by October 3rd, 2025. For any questions, you can call 814-442-6168 or email suejsube@yahoo.com. Please note the day of the week. We will arrange carpooling, departing from the church parking lot near the ball field at 8AM. Let Sue know if you're able to drive.

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
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Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: A. Svonavec
Lector: D. Demchak
Greeters: Craig
Cleaners: G. Sekela, J. Lizambri

Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: M. Woy
Lector: J. Wahl
Greeters: Delano

Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Niemiec
Greeters: Sekela, Svirsko

Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: V. Barbera
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Snyder



Our Lady of Expectation,
Pray for us!

For social media or website content, email editor@stpetersparish.com. For bulletin announcements & events for the calendar, email editor@stpetersparish.com AND lrgattian@stpetersparish.com. Submit bulletin announcements by the Wednesday before.

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Amy Reeping, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services