

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST PASTOR’S NOTES:

HUNGARIAN PICNIC - Holy Family Parish in Hooversville (Somerset County) will be hosting their “Magyar Bucsu” 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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON 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 2PM 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 add your name and phone number again. The cost of the trip is \$50.00 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 plan to carpool, please call the Rectory.

DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION - Priests guide the faithful through our spiritual journey, sharing in our most important milestones, from Baptism to the day we are called home to the Lord. By showing your thanks for their dedication, you can make sure our priests are supported through their retirement years. Our retired priests receive a modest retirement pension, funded primarily by parish assessment, and take on their own housing and living expenses. Many graciously continue to serve parishes amid a shortage of active priests, celebrating Mass and visiting the sick and homebound. Your generous support allows the diocese to support our senior priests, such as Msgr. Tomaselli, while keeping increases in the parish’s assessment for priests’ medical care and retirement needs to a minimum. Above all, your gift to this annual collection shows your appreciation for the dedication of our priests. Thank you.

TRIDUUM TO ST THERESE – September 29th, 30th & October 1st - Join us for three days of prayer to honor St Therese, and draw closer to God. There will be Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evening at 7PM. Communal Anointing of the Sick will be held on Monday evening. This Sacrament gives healing, strength and the grace of Jesus Christ to its afflicted members. Any Catholic who is seriously ill, weakened by old age, chronically ill, or facing surgery, should receive this Sacrament.

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: \$.65,340. (We are over half way there!)

PIG RAFFLE! Tickets are \$10 and sold after all Masses through the end of September. Drawing will take place the beginning of October. Don’t miss out!

THANK YOU for your donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Deacon Ron Kolonich from Margie Molnar, Frank & Lutie Sujansky, William and Deborah Kaufman, Sue Rodman, Kimberly Kolonich, Norma & William Creager, Jr. and 1st Summit Bank.

*SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SIGN-UP FOR
ONLINE GIVING*

STEWARDSHIP: September 21st, 2025 - God’s Word is very clear today on the necessity of putting Him first.

*Regular Sunday: \$7,730
Online Giving, \$4,045
Votive: \$204
Building Fund: \$1,871*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Monday, September 29th of the St. Therese Triduum
[TRIDUUM OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS PRAYER INTENTION]

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2025
9/25: Midterm - First Grading Period, Grades 3-6 Confessions
9/26: Grade 3 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms

LOOKING AHEAD:
9/29: PTA Hot Lunch
10/10: NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service
10/10 – 10/12: St. Peter’s Crop in Hall
10/13: NO SCHOOL – Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences

ST. PETER SCHOOL PTA FALL CROP - The annual PTA Fall Crop for St. Peter School will be Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12th in St. Peter’s Parish Hall. Hours will be Friday 7pm –Midnight; Saturday 9am—Midnight; Sunday, 9 am –5 pm. Call to reserve some space and bring anything you’d like to do...or hang out and visit! All are welcome! This is a wonderful event of fellowship and fun and a fantastic fundraiser for our school PTA year after year. If you’d like to register, please stop by the rectory for a Registration Form or email Melinda Jacob at jwjmljmj@aol.com or 814-442-1119. Registration includes table space for chosen dates, light breakfast, lunch and dinner and coffee and drinks throughout the day; Goody Box and Door Prize tickets and Door Prizes. Hope to see you there!

CCD NEWS
Prudence Shaulis, DRE
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9/21: CCD Class & Confirmation Class
9/28: CCD Class & Confirmation Class (Parents attend)

LOOKING AHEAD:
10/5: Confirmation Class Rite of Commitment Mass at 12:15 PM
10/12: NO CCD or Confirmation Class - Fall Break
10/19: SHYCON 2025 will be held at the Stokes Center, St. Francis, Loretto.
10/26: Protecting God's Children

GOOD NEWS! Please join me in giving a heartfelt welcome back to our amazing Religious Program team: Amanda Beckner (1st), Heidi Diaz (2nd), Colleen Harmon (3rd), Jon Wahl (4th & 5th), Ryan Connette (6th), Brett Wilmotte (7th), Bill Croushore (8th), Kate Smith (9th), Ron Delano (10th), and Deacon Mark (Confirmation). We are *VERY BLESSED* to have each and every one of you! Your dedication and spirit enrich our program in countless ways. Here's to a meaningful and inspiring year ahead!

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: Deb’s Sew Biz

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - will meet this Tuesday, September 23rd at 7PM in the parish hall. If you missed the "That Man Is You!", we'd still love to have you join us 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. Contact Bill Croushore for more information,

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.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
SEPTEMBER. 27 - 28
Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: M. Weimer
Lector: J. Matthews
Greeters: Lizambri
Cleaners: C. & C. Troll & S. Robson.
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: B. Croushore
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Deskevich
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: F. Reeping III
Greeters: Menser, Hilton
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M.: B. Farkosh
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Soberdash

Our Lady of Victory,
Pray for us!