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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: OCT. 27 - NOV. 2		
Mon.	7AM	Special Intention - Rebecca & Jack Baker
Tues.		No 7AM Mass
Wed.		No 7AM Mass
Thurs.	7AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	John Harris - George Coyle Matt Shontofski - Cass Samole
Sat.	7AM 4PM	<b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> Special Intention - Rebecca & Jack Baker Chris Gattian - Mother
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM 7PM	<b>ALL SOULS DAY</b> Bowlby, Fatula & Mash Families - Jeannie & Bob Bowlby For the People Diest & Norris Families - Karen Norris <b>40 Hours Evening Prayer &amp; Benediction</b>

**STEWARDSHIP: October 26th, 2025** - A good steward prays with trust and complete openness to God's will.



**Regular Sunday: \$6,830**  
**Online Giving: \$3,057**  
**Votive: \$83**  
**School: \$587**



**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.

## ST. PETER'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

On Saturday, November 8th from 1PM - 6PM & Sunday November 9th from 9AM - 2PM, our parish hall will be transformed into a basket wonderland with hopefully over 100 theme baskets.

Baskets should have a retail of at least \$25. Please cover your basket with clear cellophane so items are visible, attach a card with a list of contents and drop it off at the rectory by November 5th.

Chance tickets have been mailed. Please buy or sell! We are also in need of baked goods to sell. Drop off to the hall after 12PM on Saturday and 8AM on Sunday.

Please call the rectory, 814-443- 6574 if you are able to volunteer. CCD & Confirmation students can earn service hours by volunteering. Please help and do your part to make this event a great success!



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH PASTOR’S NOTES:**  
**ST PETER FORTY HOURS** - On Nov. 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, our parish will celebrate the beautiful Eucharistic devotion of Forty Hours. This devotion is a special forty-hour period of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The number “forty” has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and 40 nights; the Jews wandered in the desert for 40 years; Our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry, and the 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional “forty-hour period” from Our Lord’s burial until the resurrection. The Forty Hours Devotion provides an opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. Plan to join us in this special devotion. Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen His Divine Peace in your heart.  
**EVENING DEVOTIONS BEGIN AT 7PM**  
**Sunday night - Evening Prayer and Benediction**  
**Monday night - Evening Prayer and Benediction**  
**Tuesday night - Mass, Procession and Benediction**  
**HEALING MASS** - Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tues., Nov. 4th, at 7PM, at St Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM, and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!  
**THE DIVINE PRAISES** - The Divine Praises, as they originally appeared, were written by Fr. Luigi Felici, S.J. in 1797, as a way to make reparation for blasphemies against the divine name. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that “Blasphemy...consists in uttering against God - inwardly or outwardly - words of hatred, reproach, or defiance; in speaking ill of God, in failing in respect toward Him in one’s speech, in misusing God’s name.” (CCC 2148) As a way of making amends for the blasphemies of his day, Fr. Felici composed the Divine Praises, in which God, Jesus Christ, Our Lady, the angels and the saints are praised through a succession of prayers beginning with “Blessed be.” Originally there were only a handful of verses, as recorded in one of its earliest forms in the Raccolta, a book containing prayers and pious exercises to which the Popes have attached indulgences. **In 1801, Pope Pius VII**, granted an indulgence for the recitation of the Divine Praises. Over the years, various Popes have added six more praises. Each verse added by a Pontiff was done so in response to a particular devotion that the Pope wanted to highlight, or to a doctrine recently clarified. **Pope St. Pius IX, 1854**, declared the Immaculate Conception, a dogma of the Church. (Records seem to indicate that the Immaculate Conception was part of the original Divine Praises written in 1797.) **Pope Leo XIII, 1899**, consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart. Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart. **Pope Benedict XV, 1920**, wrote Bonum Sane on the anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the Church. Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste Spouse. **Pope Pius XII, 1952**, in 1950 declared the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Church. Blessed be her glorious Assumption. **Pope St. John XXIII, 1960**, promoted devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ. Blessed be His Most Precious Blood. **Pope Paul VI, 1964**, wrote Ecclesiam Suam, focusing on the Church and the role of the Holy Spirit. Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

*The Divine Praises (as prayed today)*  
*Blessed be God.*  
*Blessed be His Holy Name.*  
*Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.*  
*Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.*  
*Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.*  
*Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.*  
*Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.*  
*Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy.*  
*Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.*  
*Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.*  
*Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.*  
*Blessed be Saint Joseph, her Most Chaste Spouse.*

**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 is \$122,000.  
**1.Roof Repairs:** The slate roofs on our Church, Hall and Rectory are aging and are missing several slate tiles and ridge caps. 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.** Pavement repairs and resealed are needed. Total cost for this work is \$22,000. **COMPLETED**  
**4. Hall Air Conditioners:** 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. 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** **\$122,000**  
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: \$82,135**

**Dear Beloved Parishioners of St. Peters Church, Somerset,**  
*Greetings of peace and joy in Christ to you from Fr. P. Watson HGN, Provincial Superior of Divine Mercy Province.*


*On behalf of our Divine Mercy Province and the people whom serve in Africa and India, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your generous financial support toward our mission in Africa. Your kind contributions and prayerful concern have become a true sign of your faith and solidarity with our missionaries who continue to serve the poor, care for the orphans, educate children, and spread the love of Christ in challenging circumstances.*

*Your generosity sustains our mission and strengthens our conviction to serve the people of God. May the Lord, who never forgets any act of kindness done in His name, bless you abundantly and reward you with His peace and joy.*

*I personally thank Rev. Fr. Patti Angelo, the Pastor and Rev. Fr. A. Michael for their love, kindness and hospitality to me. I really felt at home during my stay at St. Peters and enjoyed their love and hospitality. Please continue to support our mission especially building a hospital. Kindly sponsor a seminarian of our province to become priest.*

*Please be assured of our daily prayers for you and your families. Kindly remember me, our missionaries and all our mission in Africa in your kind prayers. Thank you all so much. God Bless!*

*With sincere appreciation and prayers,*  
Fr. P. Watson HGN, Provincial Superior  
Divine Mercy Province of HGN

**ST. PETER SCHOOL**  
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**SCHOOL NEWS FOR OCTOBER 26TH, 2025**  
**10/27:** “Wear Red Spirit Day” & PTA Hot Lunch  
**10/28:** “Favorite Team Shirt Spirit Day” & Lifetouch Retake/Make-Up School Pictures; End of First Grading Period; Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4 PM  
**10/29:** “Crazy Socks & Hair Spirit Day”  
**10/30:** “Favorite Hat Spirit Day”  
**10/31:** Red Ribbon Closing & Grade 1 Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms; Halloween Parade & Parties in PM

**LOOKING AHEAD:**  
**11/4:** 40 Hours Mass & Procession 7PM  
**11/5:** “Rock’n Readers” Practice 3-4 PM  
**11/7:** Grade 6 School Mass 11:15AM; *Modified Busing - Somerset Area School District has an early dismissal this day. St. Peter School will have a full day of school, and busing will be arranged for those who request MODIFIED BUSING or PickUP Patrol by 10AM Mon., Oct. 27th. Vans will run as usual and parents are reminded that students may arrive home earlier than usual due to the shortened routes.*

**CONGRATULATIONS STUDENTS!** - Each year St. Peter School participates in the Somerset County Red Ribbon Contests. The theme this year was: “Life is a Puzzle...Solve it Drug Free!” We are proud to announce that our school had 10 winners in this year’s contests! Students were recognized at the Red Ribbon Kick-Off Rally on Fri., Oct. 17th. Thank you to the UPMC Western Behavioral Health at Twin Lakes for sponsoring this year’s Red Ribbon events. Our students competed against students from across Somerset County in each age group. The winners for our school include, for their posters, in the Grade K-1 Age Group: Sylvia Cacciotti (First Place) Palmer Hagerich (Second Place) and Crew Wheeler (Third Place.) In the 2nd – 3rd Grade Group: Reese Ickes (First Place) Kane Nair (Second Place) and Sophia Baker (Third Place.) In the 4th – 6th Grade Group: Gwendolyn Gombita (Second Place). For their Essays, in the 4th -6th Grade Group: Lauren Topper (First Place) Myah Baker (Second Place) and Sophia Zambanini (Third Place).

**ST. PETER SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE**  
St. Peter School is selling coupons each good for one 6” potted poinsettia from Baker’s Home & Garden Center. The coupons or the flowers make excellent gifts or additions to your holiday table. Coupons are \$15 and can be purchased at the school or rectory or see a school family to place an order. Coupons are available until Nov. 15th and poinsettias can be picked up from Nov. 15th - Dec. 20th. Coupons are same as cash and cannot be replaced if lost. Thank you, Baker’s Home and Garden Center for your support of our school!


**ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - SAVE THE DATE!** Fri., Nov. 14th there will be a spaghetti dinner in the hall. The menu is fantastic and the fellowship even better. If you want to volunteer, please call the rectory. **TMIY MEETING** will be held this Tues., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> in the hall. There will be food, fellowship, and faith-sharing. There is still time to join!

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**We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Woy Brothers**

**CCD NEWS**  
**Prudence Shaulis, DRE**  
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**10/26:** CCD & Confirmation Class: Protecting God’s Children  
**11/2:** CCD Class  
**11/9:** CCD & Confirmation Class  
**11/16:** CCD Class  
**A Farewell Message from Prudence Shaulis**  
*After much prayer and reflection, I have decided to step down from my role as Director of Religious Education at St. Peter’s Church. It has been a true blessing to serve this wonderful parish community over the past six years. During my time here, I have grown deeply in my own faith and spirituality and have cherished the opportunity to walk with each child and teenager as they prepared for and received their Sacraments. I am forever grateful for these years and for the many special memories we have shared together. As I transition from this role, I am pleased to welcome Paula Vinzani as the new Director of Religious Education. Paula brings warmth, dedication, and a genuine desire to be connected to our parish community. I am confident she will continue to guide and strengthen this important ministry with care and devotion. Thank you all for your support, prayers, and friendship! St. Peter’s will always remain close to my heart!*  
*With gratitude and blessings,*  
Prudence Shaulis

**ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP** is hosting a T-Shirt Drive from Nov. 8 - 23<sup>rd</sup> benefitting ‘ZipWithUs,’a non-profit created by a parishioner after a child cancer diagnosis in her family. The goal is to provide a free, custom ZipShirt or other adapted medical garment for every child with an implanted access device, G-tube, or other medical access needs in the United States. ***There will be a table with bins in the back of the church for T-shirt donations. Sizes 2T - Adult XL are needed!***

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** are continuing our sock collection. Please place socks in bin located in the church vestibule. Our next meeting is Wed., Nov. 5th, at 6PM in the annex.

**MINISTER SCHEDULE:**  
**NOV. 1 - 2**  
**Saturday - 4PM**  
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**Sunday - 8AM**  
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Lector: M. Fapore  
Greeters: Deskevich  
**Sunday - 10AM**  
E.M.: Deacon Komula  
Lector: D. Niemiec  
Greeters: Hilton, Komula  
**Sunday - 12:15PM**  
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Lector: M. Petrosky  
Greeters: Gombita

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