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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: NOV. 17 - 23		
Mon.	7AM	Ruth Clarke - Rebecca & Jack Baker
Tues.	7AM	Marge Jacob - Husband
Wed.	7AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Thurs.	7AM	John Harris - Carol & Rich Wagner
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	Francis Guadagnini - George Coyle Matt Shontofski - Mom & Dad
Sat.	4PM	Art Gusbar - Mapes Family
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Clyde Davidson - A Friend James Harris - Family For the People

To the Saint Peter's Parish Family:

Words cannot express our gratitude for the care and outpouring of love for Monsignor Tomaselli. We never worried about him because of his Saint Peter's family. The kind words and stories shared at his funeral will always be etched in our hearts. He truly loved Somerset and the parishioners of Saint Peter's. May God Bless you all.
The Family of Monsignor Tomaselli

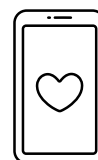
ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.
CONFESSIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.
BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.
MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple 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: NOV. 16 - NOV. 23

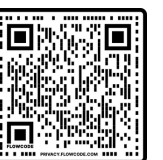
Sun.	9AM 11AM	Women's Group T-Shirt Drive - All Masses Parish Holiday Basket Bazaar - Hall CCD Class
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House TMIY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thurs.	6:30PM	Pro-Life Rosary after 7AM Mass Finance Council Meeting - Annex
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 23	11AM 6:30PM	Women's Group T-Shirt Drive - All Masses CCD Class Confirmation Class

Visit Our Annual
Holiday Basket Bazaar
THIS WEEKEND!

Nov. 15th from 1PM - 6PM
Nov. 16th from 9AM - 2PM.
Baked goods, baskets, & a chance raffle!
Stop by and enjoy this festive event!



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PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be recited on Thurs., Nov. 20th after the 7AM Mass in the Church. Please join us as we pray to end abortion in this country and in the world.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH PASTOR’S NOTES:
CALLED BY NAME - Thank you to all who participated in Called By Name last Sunday. It’s not too late to invite some young man you know who exhibits qualities of faith, leadership, and a heart for service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. You can help encourage him in his vocational discernment by sharing his name and contact information. To submit names, you can either fill out the card in the pew and drop it in the collection basket today, or visit ajvocations.org/called-by-name, or just scan the QR code to submit the information online. Feel free to take a pew card home, which is a great option if you do not have the contact information with you. Submitting multiple names is also a great option. Men whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and ongoing support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for participating, and please pray for all in our diocese who are called.

ALL SOULS - During November, the Church invites us in a special way to remember “our brothers and sisters who have died and gone to their rest.” (Eucharistic Prayer II). November began with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls, and throughout the entire month we will remember all the faithful departed (all souls being purified in purgatory), including the deceased members of our families.

PROPER BURIAL OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS - “In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our sister and we commit her body to the ground: earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless her and keep her and be gracious to her, the Lord lift up his countenance upon her and give her peace”. (Funeral Rite: 219-B) The proper interment of the body has never been an issue in the past, but since cremation has become a more common practice, questions and concerns have arisen. There have been several occasions in past years in which Catholic families have requested funeral rites contrary to Catholic practice (wanting to scatter ashes on the ground or allowing families to retain cremains in their homes). A Catholic priest is not permitted to conduct funeral services in violation of sound and respectful Catholic burial practices. Our local funeral directors are aware of this. In order that all may understand Church teaching, I share the following with you.

Principles Regarding Cremation/ Reverence for the Sacredness of the Human Body - Because the human body is integral to the human person, it is difficult to think of a person apart from their body. “Thus, the Roman Catholic Church’s reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God.” The long-standing practice of burying the body of the deceased in a grave or tomb or mausoleum continues to be encouraged as a sign of Christian faith. However, the Church does not forbid cremation as a means of disposition of the body, unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Church teaching.

Preference for the Presence of the Body at the Funeral - The body of a deceased loved one forcefully brings to mind the mystery of life and death. As Christians, the body of the deceased speaks also to our belief that we are destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Therefore “the Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for its funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church

(CONT.) affirms in its rites.” When cremation is chosen, the Church prefers that the body be cremated after the Funeral, thus allowing for the presence of the body at the Funeral Mass. When circumstances require it, however, cremation may take place even before the Funeral liturgy. The cremated remains may be present at the Funeral Mass, and blessed with holy water at the opening rites.

Proper Burial of the Cremated Remains - “Cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea.” The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. Likewise, “keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires.” The principle of respect for the cremated remains of a deceased Christian mirrors the respect afforded their body. The body is always laid to rest with solemnity and dignity. All references taken from the Order of Christian Funerals, Appendix: Cremation; 1997. Note: If you are aware of members of your family who have not properly interred the cremains of your beloved relatives, please share with them the above. It is out of respect for the relationship of the deceased with their eternal design that proper interment (burial) should be realized.

OFFER UP MASS: Did you know that you can offer up Mass for your own intentions? It’s true! Don’t ask what you can “**get** out of Mass” but what you can **give**, by responding, “May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.” Here we offer ourselves and our intentions. Listen for these words this week when you attend Mass. Allow yourself to feel called to more fully participate in uniting Jesus’ offering of Himself with your own sacrifice.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES
For over 80 years Catholic Charities has provided emergency needs such as heat, rent, shelter, doctor visits and funeral expenses, to many families throughout Central Pennsylvania. 100% of contributions received through this month's collection will directly help our neighbors in need. Please return the special envelope in the pews. Thank you for helping to reduce poverty in communities throughout our diocese. There will be a second collection at all Masses this weekend.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, We are still collecting money for the building fund. 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. **COMPLETED**

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: \$87,167**



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOV. 16TH, 2025

11/17: PTA Thanksgiving Hot Lunch
11/18: Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Elementary Reading Competition at Bellwood Antis High School
11/19: Family Advent Night 6:30 – 8PM in Hall
11/21: Grade 4 School Mass 11:15 PM; Grades 1-3 Thanksgiving Celebration in the school 1-2:30 PM

LOOKING AHEAD:
11/25: Early Dismissal 12:40 PM with Regular Transportation
11/26 – 12/1: Thanksgiving Break
12/2: School Resumes
12/3: Midterm of Second Grading Period
12/6: PTA Craft & Vendor Fair 9 am – 3 pm in Parish Hall

GOOD LUCK ROCK’N READERS! - This Tuesday, our St. Peter School Rock’n Readers will travel to Bellwood Antis High School to compete in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Fall Elementary Reading Competition. This group of 17 fourth, fifth and sixth graders have been reading up a storm since last spring’s competition All Around First Place trophy! They will compete against teams from Catholic and public schools and we are so proud of the work they have done to prepare for this big day. Good luck to our Rock’n Readers! Grade 4 – Nicholas Coughenour, Gwendolyn Gombita, Violet Rhoades and John Sheahan. Grade 5 – Griffin Faidley, Emma Glessner, Evan Gontis, Abigail Swearman and Laurel Weigle. Grade 6 – Anderson Coughenour, Easton Ickes, Laura Kikuchi, Carter Lohr, Lucy Stoy, Lauren Topper, Tenley Wintersteen, and Sophia Zambanini. Thank you parent volunteers and special thanks to our amazing coaches, Mrs. Lindsey Swearman and Mrs. Cindy Miller.

ST. PETER SCHOOL PTA CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR
The annual St. Peter’s PTA Christmas Craft/Vendor Fair will be Sat., Dec. 6th from 9AM – 3PM in our Parish Hall. From handmade jewelry, candles, wood crafts, pottery, beauty products, and essential oils to homemade sweet treats and everything in between, this Craft & Vendor Fair has something for everyone’s holiday shopping and decorating. There will also be a Chinese Auction, soup and baked goods sale and other lunch items for purchase. Spread the word, bring a friend and plan to stop by this Christmas event! All proceeds benefit St. Peter School. Thank you, PTA!



THANK YOU for the donations to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Heidi Diaz from Greg & Betsy Snppers, Boy Scout Troup No. 251, David & Christine Johnson, Gary & Brenda Kundrod, Barry & Mary Ann Spangler, Mary Ann Peretin Derosa, FN Trust Company, St. Peter’s Church Choir, and Peter & Celia Go. **THANK YOU** for the donations to St. Peter’s School in memory of Heidi Diaz from Frank & Mary Kovak, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Hall & Melissa Hall, Rob & Kim McNeel, Kathy & Pete Hauger, Mark & Stacey Meyers, Barbera Law, and Robert & Carol Brown.

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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Randy M. Wisnouse, Attorney at Law

CCD NEWS
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11/16: CCD Class
11/23: CCD & Confirmation Class
11/30: NO CLASS - THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/7: CCD & Confirmation Class
12/14: CCD & Confirmation Class
12/21: CCD Class
12/28: NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK

LOOKING AHEAD:
We are in need of a first grade CCD teacher. If you are interested in volunteering Sunday mornings please contact Paula Vinzani at paula.vinzani@gmail.com or 814-279-1474. Clearances are required for this position.

ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP T-Shirt Drive is now through Nov. 23rd benefitting ‘ZipWithUs,’ a non-profit. *There will be bins in the back of the church for T-shirt donations. Sizes 2T – Adult XL are needed!*

CHRISTMAS PARTY! All women are invited to join us on Sun., Nov. 30th after 12:15PM Mass in the Parish Hall for a fun celebration! Cost is \$20/per person. Please contact Cindi Meyers, 302-236-7060 for RSVP information due Nov. 22nd.

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - TMIY will meet this Tues., Nov. 18th in the hall at 7PM.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
will have our next meeting on Wed., Dec. 3rd, at 6PM in the annex.

STEWARDSHIP: NOV. 16TH, 2025 - Our Lord reminds us that all in this world is passing. We must focus on heaven.



Regular Sunday: \$12,168
Online Giving: \$2,872
Votive: \$194
Hurricane: \$5,598
School: \$0



MINISTER SCHEDULE:
NOV. 22 - 23
Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: A. Svonavec
Lector: D. Demchak
Greeters: Lizambri
Cleaners: L. Holloway, A. Vought
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: D. Woy
Lector: B. Willmotte
Greeters: Gusbar
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: A. DiLoreto
Greeters: Sekela, Svirsko
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: J. Zern
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Soberdash



Our Lady of the Rosary,
Pray for us!