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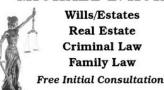
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#### ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 2025 - SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: NOV. 24 - 30		
Mon.	7AM	John Harris - Linda
Tues.	7AM	Theresa Hines - Bill & Janice
Wed.	7AM	Special Intention - Ken & Marci Larimer
Thurs.	9AM	Stella Crum - Annomyous
Fri.		Ron Kolonich - Bob & Teri NO 11:15AM MASS
Sat.	4PM	Mary, Marty & Peggy Madigan - Pat and Connie Madigan
Sun.	10AM	Clyde Davidson For the People Becky Latuch - Joe Augustine Family



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: NOV. 23 - NOV. 30			
Sun.		Women's Group T-Shirt Drive - All Masses	
	11AM	CCD Class	
	6:30PM	Confirmation Class	
Tues.		Bible Study - Sue Sube's House	
		TMIY Meeting - Hall	
	12:40PM	School Early Dismissal - Thanksgiving Break	
Wed.	8AM	Quilters - Annex	
		No Adult Choir Practice	
Thurs.		Rectory Office Closed - Thanksgiving	
	9AM	Mass - Thankgiving	
Fri.	11:15AM	NO 11:15AM Mass	
		Rectory Office Closed - Thanksgiving	
Sun. 30		Women's Group Christmas Party - Hall after 12:15PM Mass	
		Confirmation Candidates Donation Drive - All Masses	
		No CCD or Confirmation Class - Thanksgiving Break	

# Thanksgiving!

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 SCHOOL PTA ANNUAL 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!











#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD PASTOR'S NOTES:

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING- Today, is the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives: He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members. which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -Quas primas, 33. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church, of the entire universe, and of our lives.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS 9AM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27th - With Thanksgiving this week, we all have much for which to be grateful. I am especially grateful to all of you, for your goodness, your generosity, and your faithfulness. Let's begin this American day of thanks to God by joining in the celebration of the Mass, the perfect thanksgiving offering.

**Our Thanksgiving Day Prayer** 

Heavenly Father, we come before You today united with all who give You thanks and praise. Fill us with gratitude for Your many blessings both physical and spiritual. We thank You in particular this day for the gifts of food and family. Bless this food, Lord, that it may nourish our bodies. Bless our family, especially those who can't be with us today. Also, today, we remember those of our loved ones who have gone to be with You. Grant us Your spiritual blessings and help us pray daily for the grace to serve You in response to Your bountiful gifts to us. Bless all who serve You throughout the World. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your Son, Our Lord Who gives all things freely according to our needs. Continue to bless us and give us Your peace. Amen.

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION

Over the last 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. Thank you to all who have already contributed. If you haven't, please return the special envelope or the one in your packet. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities to reduce poverty in communities throughout our diocese.

**#iGive Catholic** is the official Catholic initiative of Giving Tuesday, which is a National Day of Observance for making gifts to nonprofit organizations. Giving Tuesday is observed every year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which is Tuesday, December 2. This year, as in the past, our Parish (and all the parishes in the Altoona/Johnstown Diocese) will be participating in the iGiveCatholic event. Our goal this year will go towards our Building Fund. May God reward your generosity... To learn more or to find a

(CONT). link to donate on-line, please visit our webpage at https://stpeter.org ENVELOPES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE PEWS. WHEN MAKING A DONATION BY CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO ST PETER CHURCH. ALL DONATIONS STAY WITHIN OUR PARISH. Thank you for choosing to donate to St. Peter Church as a "Giving Catholic" on #Giving Tuesday!

Don't forget to pray for the souls in purgatory! Many people forget to pray for the souls of the deceased. Don't forget to pray for them! Even if they lived very holy lives, they could still use our prayers. If they are in heaven, thanks be to God, but God will redirect those prayers to help someone else, so it's never a lost prayer! We will be praying for all these people during the month of November.

#### PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Your departed servants. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Savior, send Your holy angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen

Our Holiday Bazaar was very successful! The staff and volunteers did an excellent job. Many thanks to those who patronized, donated to, or volunteered.

Winner's names are posted on Church doors and been sent out over Flocknote. Thank you!

**ADVENT SEASON** begins soon. It is a prayerful time as we prepare for the birth of Christ. There are a limited number of Advent issues of the "Word Among Us" available for free in the vestibule. These books offer valuable spiritual insight. Please take a copy home and use it to enhance your Advent celebration.

#### **CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS - Every**

Christmas season we offer you the opportunity to add beauty to our sanctuary with poinsettias. Flowers may be purchased in memory of a friend, relative or loved one. The cost for a poinsettia is \$20/each and envelopes are in the vestibule area. For questions, please call the rectory, 814 - 443 - 6574.

**ADVENT CANDLES** can be purchased at the rectory for \$10 each. You may get them during regular business hours - 8AM to 4PM, Mon. through Fri.

**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 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 cost is \$22,000 COMPLETED
- **4. Hall Air Conditioners:** Replace existing units \$14,400.
- **5. School Boilers:** One boiler was replaced at a cost of \$18,000 and \$36,000 is needed for the remaining

boilers, for a total cost of \$54,000. COMPLETED

We hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you! **FUNDS RAISED: \$87,167** 





SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOV. 23, 2025

**11/25:** Early Dismissal 12:40PM 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 9AM – 3PM in Parish Hall

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

12/2: School Resumes

12/3: Midterm of Second Grading Period

12/5: School Advent Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms

12/6: PTA Craft & Vendor Fair 9AM – 3PM in Parish Hall

CONGRATULATIONS ROCK'N READERS! - This past Tuesday, our St. Peter School Rock'n Readers won the allaround *FIRST PLACE* trophy for the highest score out of over 30 public and Catholic schools at the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Fall Elementary Reading Competition at Bellwood Antis High School. Our teams represented our school with excellence and we are very proud of their hard work. Congratulations to our Fall Rock'n Readers! Special thanks to our coaches, Mrs. Lindsey Swearman and Mrs. Cindy Miller and our parent volunteers. Now on to the spring!

## CCD NEWS Paula Vinzani, DRE 814-443-6574 ext. 4 & paula.vinzani@gmail.com

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 need a first grade CCD teacher. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Paula Vinzani at 814-279-1474 or paula.vinzani@gmail.com. Clearances are required.



CONGRATULATIONS to Lennie Hemminger, daughter of Drew and Sarah Hemminger, who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless her and her family!

STAY CONNECTED during this Advent season and follow our Facebook and Instagram page @St.Peter'sChurch-Somerset Pa and sign up for flocknote. It's a great way to stay up to date on parish events, engage with other parishioners, and enjoy Catholic content. Call the rectory to sign-up for flocknote!

NURSING HOME DONATION DRIVE - Confirmation candidates Addy Bobourchok, Addie McKelvey, Keegan McKelvey, and Olivia Wilson are collecting items for local nursing homes. Items needed are; toiletries, throw blankets, coloring and activity books, self-care items, and socks and donations can be dropped off in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have our next meeting on Wed., Dec. 3rd, at

6PM in the annex.

**ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - TMIY** will meet this Tues., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> in the hall at 7PM. All men of the parish are welcome to join for food and fellowship! **Thank you** to everyone who made the Spaghetti Dinner a great success!

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP - Thank you to those who donated for our ZipWithUs Outreach Project. We wish all our parish families a blessed & happy Thanksgiving.

PLEASE JOIN US at the Our Lady Queen of Angels Activities Center (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City, PA 15926) for Bingo on Sun., Dec. 7th, 2025. Doors open at 11:30AM and games start at 1PM. Entrance is \$25. Games of chance and food/snacks will be available for purchase. Wear something Christmas to be eligible to win a Bingo gift certificate. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP: NOV. 23RD, 2025 - Christ is the most perfect model of servant leadership.



Regular Sunday: \$7,939 Online Giving: \$2,745 Votive: \$112 Catholic Charities \$2,605

**School:** \$916



#### MINISTER SCHEDULE:

<u>NOV. 29 - 30</u> Saturday - 4PM

E.M.: M. Weimer Lector: J. Matthews

Greeters: McTiernan Cleaners: K. Neilan, C.

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Sunday - 8AM E.M.: M. Woy

Lector: J. Wahl Greeters: Delano

Sunday - 10AM E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: D. DiLoreto Greeters: Menser, Hilton Sunday - 12:15PM

E.M: Š. Mapes Lector: F. Kovak Greeters: Gombita Our Lady of Miracles,
Pray for us!

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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Sheila Croushore, Berkshire Hathaway