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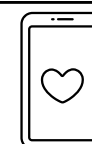
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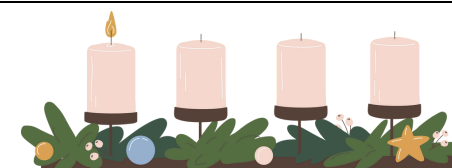
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: DEC. 1 - 7

Mon.	7AM	Russell & Addie Egner - George Coyle
Tues.	7AM 11AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend Funeral Mass - Fred Dipre
Wed.	7AM	Susan Mapes - Family
Thurs.	7AM	Ruth Clarke - Carol & Rich Wagner
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	John, Anne & Yush Wozniak - Pat & Connie James Harris - Family
Sat.	7AM 4PM	William Piccirillo-April & Bill Reighard Jim Gooden - Linda
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Jennifer Harrelson - Mom & Dad For the People Debbie Consiglio - Friends of St. Vincent DePaul Society Altoona District Council



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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. 30 - DEC. 7

Sun.		Women's Group Christmas Party - Hall after 12:15PM Mass Confirmation Candidates Nursing Home Donation Drive - All Masses No CCD or Confirmation Classes - Thanksgiving Break
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House TMIY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 6:30PM 6PM	Quilters - Annex Adult Choir Practice - Church Catholic Daughter's Meeting - Annex
Thurs.	6:30PM 7PM	Church Chats (Advent) - Church Ultreya Meeting - Annex
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass 24-Hr Eucharistic Adoration - After 7AM Mass
Sat.	7AM 9AM	Mass First Saturday Prayer Devotions - After 7AM Mass St. Peter's PTA Craft & Vendor Sale - Hall
Sun. 7	11AM 6PM	Confirmation Candidates Nursing Home Donation Drive - All Masses CCD Class Confirmation Class

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 30TH PASTOR'S NOTES:
PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE - Next Sunday our diocese is hosting a special Vocation Appeal. Bishop Bartchak is asking for your support in funding our renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood. In order to ensure our parishes have priests for the future, our Vocation Office has developed a robust plan to reach out to young men and invite them to consider the priesthood. This appeal will fund the renewed efforts of our new “Vocation Pathway,” which includes:

- A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- Our recent Called by Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men who may be open to the priesthood. **So far, we have received over 200 submissions**, and expect more as cards arrive in the mail.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events
- Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups that are being held throughout the diocese to help teens and young adults learn about the priesthood and discernment. Dozens of young men are already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris’s appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- Creating a new website with discernment resources that will be the communications hub for our new efforts: **ajvocations.org**.
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations. We are planning an array of Discernment Events, Retreats, and more to support young men in person, all while building much needed community.

Our Vocation Team’s overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God’s cal. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. You are encouraged to read Bishop Bartchak’s letter about these efforts attached to today’s bulletin. You can also learn more and make a gift by visiting **ajvocations.org/give**.

ADVENT - The Year of Grace 2025 has begun. This season has a two-fold character. It invites us to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us is remembered, and is a season that also directs our mind and heart to await Christ’s second coming at the end of time. It is a time of quiet, joyful anticipation. Try to have an Advent wreath in your home. Prepare your hearts, and free up space in your heart through prayer, fasting, acts of charity and detachment from all distractions. Prepare a devout dwelling place for the Christchild. Live the Advent season by lighting one of the candles on the Advent wreath each week and meditate on the spiritual meaning it holds for you. In the secular culture, it’s already Christmas and has been for weeks. In the commercial world Christmas will end December 25. In the liturgical world, Christmas begins at sundown on December 24. During Advent, prepare for Christmas, spiritually, materially and socially. During Christmas, especially the Octave between Christmas and New Year’s Day, celebrate this beloved mystery. Advent Spiritual Reading - All are welcome to pick up a copy of “The Word Among Us.”

(CONT.) **The Christmas Offertory Collection** is very important for the well-being of our parish, especially during these economic times. Please be as charitable as you can to St. Peter’s parish and its ministries by contributing generously to this year’s Christmas collection.

ADVENT PRAYER:
Help us, Lord Jesus, to hold steadfast to prayer, relying on the Word of God, in all our joys and sorrows, that our hopes in You will ever increase, while our doubts and fears slowly decrease. Help us, Lord, to be a light of hope to those who are in need. To be an example of Your love and mercy, and to tell others of Your great grace and glory. Amen.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - MON., DEC. 8TH IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.
This feast commemorates the Patroness of the United States, who gave birth to Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, and who was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. This year, America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and protect us once again.
Mass will be celebrated Monday at 7AM, 11:15AM & 7PM.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Come spend time with our Lord in adoration beginning Fri., Dec. 5th, after 7AM Mass until the conclusion of 7AM Mass on Saturday morning.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER DEVOTIONS will meet this Sat., Dec. 6th, to pray for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotions take place in the church following 7AM Mass. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS - Flowers may be purchased in memory of a friend, relative or loved one. The cost for a poinsettia is \$20/each and there are envelopes 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, The second collection will be 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**
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: \$88,086.**

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOV. 30, 2025
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 Hal
LOOKING AHEAD:
12/8: Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms
12/10: PTA Winter Carnival Meeting 7 PM in Annex
12/12: Grade 3 School Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms
12/15: “Follow the Star” 6:30 PM
12/18: St Peter School Nativity Play 11:15 AM in Church
12/19: Grade 2 School Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms
12/23: Early Dismissal 12:40 PM with Regular Transportation

CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, Interim DRE
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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
1/4: NO CLASS - NEW YEAR’S BREAK
LOOKING AHEAD:
We are in need of a first grade CCD teacher. If you are interested, please contact Paula Vinzani at 814-279-1474 o4 paula.vinzani@gmail.com. Clearances are required.

CHURCH CHATS! Will be held this Thursday, December 4th at 6:30PM in the Church. The topic is Advent. All are encouraged to join!

THE PARISH MISSION COMMITTEE will meet on January 7, at 6:30PM in the annex. Please contact Deacon Mark for more information.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for Fred Dipre and Jill Novak who died last week. May they rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console their families and friends.

STEWARDSHIP: NOV. 23rd, 2025 - Scale back on the material gift-giving and unessential trappings of the season.
Regular Sunday: \$7,669
Online Giving: \$3,815
Votive: \$105
School: \$100
Building Fund: \$919

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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Baker’s Home & Garden

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!

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - That Man Is You! continues this Tues., Dec. 2nd and wraps up in only 2 more weeks. We will resume in January. If you haven't taken the opportunity to check it out, we meet Tuesday evenings in the hall from 7-8:30PM.
Save the Date! The Men's Group will be following up on the successful spaghetti dinner earlier this month with another on January 16th. More details will follow.
Men of St. Peter's: Have you been searching for something but not even know what it is? Have you wanted to forge closer bonds of fellowship with other men like you? Have you wanted to be a better husband and father but struggle? So do we in the Men's Group. As "Iron is sharpened by iron, one person sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) Join us as we experience the 5 pillars of the Men's Group: Fellowship, Catechesis, Service, Prayer and Fraternity. There is no obligation other than your obligation to God. There are no dues or paperwork. We like it to be informal. You won't regret it. Contact the rectory for more information.

ULTREYA Calling all Cursillistas and anyone who would like to find out what Cursillo is, please join us Thurs., Dec. 4th, at 7PM in the Annex. Ultreya is a monthly prayer and witness gathering. What better way to start Advent!

PROJECT LUNCHBAG is collecting \$10 Walmart giftcards for individuals considered homeless. Monetary donations and gift cards can be placed in the regular collection basket or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you!

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
Dec. 6 - 7
Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: S. McNelly
Lector: C. Madigan
Greeters: Kolonich
Cleaners: R. Frederick, A. Isgan
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: B. Croushore
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Deskevich
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Rullo
Greeters: Komula, Murdy
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: V. Barbera
Lector: L. Latuch
Greeters: Sheets

