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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: DEC. 29 - JAN. 4		
Mon.	7AM	Judy Visalli - Sue & Tom Krise
Tues.	7AM	Charlie Baker - Dorothy Barkley
Wed.	7AM	Monsignor Tomaselli - Connie and Pat Madigan
	4:15PM	New Year's Eve Mass - Deacon Ron Kolonich - Bob & Teri Kolonich
Thurs.	8AM	New Year's Day Mass - Walter & Victoria Augustine - Family
	10AM	New Year's Day Mass - Msgr. Tomaselli-Alan & Suzie Black
Fri.	7AM	Bruce Miller - Smitty & Mary Snyder Miller No 11:15AM Mass
Sat.	7AM 4PM	Don Harrington - Terry Wilt Debbie Gesek - Bob & Teri
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	For the People Will Apgar - Zawisza Family Matt Shontofski - Jeanne Flyte

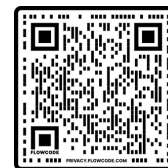
WEEKLY SCHEDULE: DEC. 28 - JAN. 4		
Sun.		No CCD or Confirmation Class - Christmas Break
Tues.	Noon	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
Wed.	4:15PM	New Year's Eve Mass (Feast of Mary, Mother of God) - Holy Day of Obligation
Thurs.	8AM 10AM	Rectory Office Closed - New Year's New Year's Day Mass (Feast of Mary, Mother of God) - Holy Day of Obligation New Year's Day Mass (Feast of Mary, Mother of God) - Holy Day of Obligation
Fri.		Rectory Office Closed - New Year's
Sat.		First Saturday Devotions after 7AM Mass
Sun. 4		No CCD or Confirmation Class - New Years Break

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year's!

The rectory office will be closed Jan. 1 and 2.



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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.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH: PASTOR'S NOTES:
The Feast of Mary, Mother of God (Thursday, January 1) is A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION in this year of 2026. Mass will be celebrated on New Year's Eve (Wednesday December 31) at **4:15PM and at 8AM and 10AM** on Thursday, January 1, 2026. There is no better way to begin 2026 than by uniting with our Blessed Mother in prayers of peace, and joining in her Son's Eucharist. Join in the Mass on New Year's Day!

Polish Christmas Carols - All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas carols (known as Koledy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, Jan., 4th, 2026 at 2PM at their Church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The carols will be sung by the parish Polish choir. Following the singing of the hymns there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. While the singing of koledy was once a very common practice in the Polish-American community, in recent times church choirs that continue the tradition of singing koledy have become increasingly rare. These hymns help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience these time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information, please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.

HAPPY NEW YEAR - The Year of Grace 2026 is upon us. There is so much we can do to draw us closer to our Lord in this New Year! We can be a better disciple of Jesus by going more frequently to the sacrament of Confession, or to daily Mass, and to receive the Holy Eucharist with more attention, reverence and devotion.

Try to improve your prayer life by reading good spiritual books, the Lives of the Saints, or the Catechism of the Catholic Church. During this New Year, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the way of spiritual growth. We should also ask the Holy Spirit to ask for the powerful intercession of the one whom we honor January 1st, the very first day of the New Year—Mary, the Mother of God and our Mother.

Thank you to all who contributed so generously to the Christmas collection this year. Your generosity makes it possible for St. Peter's to meet its many financial obligations. Thank you to our wonderful Parish staff, our dedicated volunteers, and all who help in our parish. Sincere thanks go out to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful. Thank you to our Parish Choir, our Children's Choir, cantors, and organists for the beautiful music and songs at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Thank you to all who volunteered to serve as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, ushers and altar servers, and to those who helped decorate the Church so beautifully for Christmas.

Father Michael & I are also very grateful for the many beautiful cards, gifts of homemade cookies, pies, candy and baked goods of every kind. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

2026 CALENDARS - Thank you to the Miller Funeral Home and Matthew Gjurich, Supervisor, for sponsoring our beautiful 2026 calendars. Pick one up at any church exit.


PRAYER FOR FAMILIES
O Dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith. I beg You, dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle. May God's blessings and all the joys of this holy season remain with you and your loved ones throughout Christmas and the New Year.

O Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to you, to watch over our home at the bedside of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with you, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER DEVOTIONS
will meet this Saturday, January 3rd, to pray for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotions take place in the church following 7AM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join!
Have compassion on the Heart of your Holy Mother, covered with thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment, while there is no one who does an act of reparation to withdraw them for her.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for Christopher Krepelka, brother of Joyce Woy and Dave Hauger, husband of Cindy Hauger, who died recently. May they rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console their families and friends.





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

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: \$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.	
4. Hall Air Conditioners: Replace the existing units with two high efficiency units at a cost of \$14,400.	COMPLETED
5. School Boilers: \$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: \$98,899.**





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SCHOOL NEWS FOR DEC. 28TH 2025
12/24- 1/2: Christmas Break
LOOKING AHEAD:
1/5: School Resumes (Please bring back cleaned and restocked supply pouches)
1/7: PTA Marianna's Pizza/Sub Sale Orders will be due 1/14
1/9: School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms
1/12: PTA Meeting 7PM in Hall
1/19: NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service

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

12/28: NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK
1/4: NO CLASS - NEW YEAR'S BREAK

LOOKING AHEAD:
1/11: CCD and Confirmation Class
1/18: NO CLASS - MLK weekend
1/25: CCD & Confirmation Class

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

Most holy Mother of God, you were blessed beyond all people, graced beyond what I will ever comprehend. Thank you for your “Yes” to God in all things. Thank you for your pure and holy love for your Son, for your motherly heart, your motherly pondering, and your motherly care for all your children. Pray for me that I may become more like your Son so as to merit you as my mother and queen.


Mother of God, pray for us.
Jesus, I trust in You.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS, NAME AND ESPECIALLY PHONE NUMBER: If you have moved, changed your name, address or no longer have a land line and use only a cell phone since the beginning of 2025, please contact the rectory so that the parish records may be updated. If you're a snow bird, please let us know, we can stop your envelopes until your return. If you are doing online giving and no longer want envelopes, please call the rectory during normal business hours.

THANK YOU to Jason June, our organists, all members of the adult choir, ministers, ushers, cleaners, and altar servers who serve our Parish throughout the year. If you are interested in joining a ministry in the new year, please contact Jason June for choir information and call the rectory about joining a ministry.


Prayer for Life
O God, our loving Creator, all life is in your hands from the moment of conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to be grateful for the privilege of sharing in your work of creation. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the poor, the handicapped, and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who do not value the gift of life. Help them to seek and find you. Grant that by our care and respect for all people, we might be a sign of your love in the world today. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You! resumes Jan. 20th every Tuesday at 7PM in the hall. If you're on the fence, please plan to come to the first meeting and see for yourself. The food and fellowship are always great and the experience is exceptional. We will be hosting another **Spaghetti Dinner** on Fri., Jan. 16th from 4-7 in the hall. If you are able to volunteer, please call the rectory.




THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting on Wed., Jan. 7th, at 6PM in the annex.

STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 21st 2025 - Though no family is perfect, we must create homes where everyone feels loved.



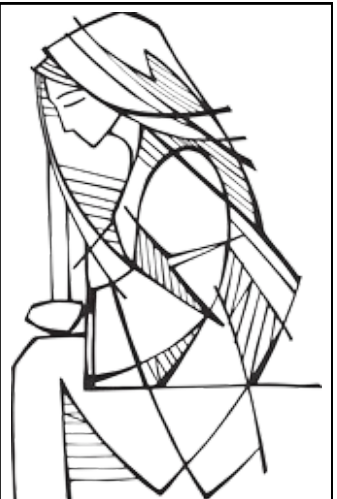
Regular Sunday: \$8,447
Online Giving: \$3,602
Votive: \$221
School: \$608
Building Fund: \$1,376



MINISTER SCHEDULE:
New Years & Jan. 3 - 4

New Years Eve: 4:15PM
EM: Please Volunteer
Lector: C. Madigan
New Years Day: 8AM
EM: Please Volunteer
Lector: Please Volunteer
New Years Day 10AM
EM: Please Volunteer
Lector: D. DiLoreto

Saturday - 4PM
E.M.:M. Charney
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Saylor
Cleaners:
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: J. Ansell
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.:Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Rullo
Greeters: Frazier, Custer
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: S. Mapes
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Sheets



Our Lady of Peace,
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