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ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: JAN. 11 - 18

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| Sun. | 11AM 6PM | CCD Class Confirmation Class |
| Mon. | 7AM | Special Intention - Rebecca & Jack Baker |
| Tues. | 7AM | Martha Stanga - Carol Rozinsky |
| Wed. | 7AM | Ronie Druist - Mom & Dad |
| Thurs. | 7AM | Benedict Vinzani Sr. - Ann, Ben Jr., John, Gina, & Families |
| Fri. | 7AM 11:15AM | Andrew Bare - Swearman Family Art Gusbar - Family |
| Sat. | 4PM | Heidi Diaz - Margie Molnar |
| Sun. | 8AM 10AM 12:15PM | Mash, Bowlby, & Fatula Families - Robert & Jeanne Bowlby Msgr. Tomaselli - Pam & John Morocco For the People |

SPAGHETTI DINNER

When: This Friday, January 16th from 4PM- 7PM

Where: St. Peter's Parish Hall

Cost: \$10/Adults & \$5/Kid

Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, roll, beverage and dessert.

Dine-In or Take-Out!

Join us! All proceeds will benefit the 2026 Parish Mission



ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.

HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.

CONFESIONS: 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.



RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father

and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As

your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of

death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every person, at every stage of life. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

BAPTISM OF THE LORD - Today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks another epiphany (manifestation) of His divine nature and the end of the Church's Christmas season. As we conclude the Christmas Season, today's readings remind us of the power of the Holy Spirit that we share with Jesus. The very Spirit of God has been given to us in our own baptism—this Spirit has ushered us into a new world, a New Creation in which we can daily walk with God, facing the challenges of life with God at our side..

GODPARENTS FOR BAPTISM - As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, it is a good time to review the guidelines established by the Catholic Church concerning Godparent eligibility for Baptisms. These regulations should be considered before the parents of a child ask someone to be a Godparent for their son or daughter:

- The decision as to who should be a Godparent should be based upon who would provide the best example of Catholic living for the child and not merely for reasons of maintaining family harmony. A Godparent is chosen not primarily to honor the Godparent, but for the wellbeing and faith development of the child.
- In order to be a Godparent for Baptism, an individual must be a practicing Catholic, at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation). Furthermore, if this person is married, then the marriage must be a valid, sacramental marriage (i.e. one recognized and blessed by the Catholic Church).
- The potential Godparent must be registered in a Catholic parish and able to obtain from his or her parish priest a letter of eligibility to be a Godparent. Only one Godparent is required by Church law. This Godparent may be a man or a woman. However, if two Godparents are selected (the more common practice), then there must be one man and one woman chosen. In other words, a child cannot have two men or two women as Godparents.
- In extraordinary situations when two Catholic Godparents cannot be found, then a baptized person who belongs to another Christian denomination (e.g. Methodist, Lutheran, or Presbyterian) may serve as a Christian Witness. However, former Catholics who have left the Catholic Church for another Christian denomination are not permitted to serve as Christian Witnesses.

Since Baptism is the initial, foundational Sacrament in the life of a Catholic, great care must be taken in deciding who will serve as a Godparent. The guidelines above are meant to assist parents in making a reasonable and secure decision as to who will fulfill this critical role for their child. Since they are provided by the universal Church and individual priests are not vested with the authority to dispense from them, these guidelines will be strictly followed at St. Peter's Church.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." -Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!

Theology on Tap - Young Adult Group (18-39) -March will be our 3-year anniversary, and we still have at least 1 new member join every month; however, some members are moving to different stages of life, so we are always seeking new members. Please help spread the word! All young adults (18-39) – regardless of their background – are invited to join us for faith, food, and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. Our next Theology on Tap Meeting will be at the Boulevard Grill

(CONT). on Wednesday, January 28th, 2026 at 6PM and the speaker will be Fr. Canice McMullen OSB. Fr. David Dodd TOR and others are already booked for 2026! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

"Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign - Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years. To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, 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.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events.
- Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several 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: ajvocations.org.
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations. Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. To learn more and make a gift, visit ajvocations.org/give

2026 PARISH MISSION - St Peters will have the joy and pleasure of a Lenten Mission again this year. Two years ago, Father Steve was with us for a 3-day Mission. All who attended will easily recall the incredible experience. More information will soon be available regarding this year's Mission. To assist with the expenses of the Mission event, St. Peters Men's group is having a spaghetti dinner on January 16, 2026. All proceeds will be used for Mission expenses. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of sharing a good meal, and support this most worthy effort.

Queen of Angels Parish in Central City (Somerset County) will host a presentation on the Cultural History of Slovakia by Dr. Renáta Kamenárová on Sunday January 18th in the parish activity center (738 Sunshine Avenue, Central City). Dr. Kamenárová is the Director of the Slovak Studies Program at the University of Pittsburgh and holds a PhD in Slovak Language and an MA in Slovak Language and Literature/History. In addition to teaching at Pitt, she has been a visiting researcher at the University of Regensburg and the University of Leipzig in Germany as well as serving as a visiting scholar at the Institute of Polish Philology at the University in Lublin in Poland. She has received awards and published many scholarly works. Her presentation begins at 2PM and will serve to be an occasion for fascinating information about Slovak culture and history. The talk is free and open to all; however, those who wish to participate are asked to register by calling the parish office - (814) 754-5224 or emailing parish secretary Maggie Adomink at madomnik@dioceseaj.org.



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR JANUARY 11TH 2025

1/12: "Steelers" Dress Down Day" and PTA Hot Lunch; PTA Meeting - 7PM in Hall
1/15: End of Grading Period 2
1/16: Grade 2 School Mass

LOOKING AHEAD:

1/19: NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-Service
1/23: Grade 1 School Mass; Marianna's Pizza/Sub Delivery
1/24 - 1/25: Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Masses

PTA CHICKEN BARBECUE FUNDRAISERS - St. Peter School PTA Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser vouchers are on sale now! Each voucher is \$8 and can be redeemed for a grilled and hot half chicken to be picked up on Sun., Feb. 1st from 11AM – 1:30PM at the school entrance. Vouchers are on sale at the school and rectory office and are selling fast! Thank you, PTA!

ST. PETER PTA'S MARIANNA'S PIZZA AND SUB SALE! - St. Peter School PTA is sponsoring their Marianna's Pizza and Sub Sale this month. All orders and payment are due by 9AM Wed., Jan. 14th. Delivery will be Fri., Jan. 23rd. Please see a school family to place an order by Wednesday 1/14. Order today for those busy family nights or for your workplace! Thank you so much for your participation!

Put Your Tax Dollars Where You Want Them! The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) turns the tax dollars you already pay into financial aid for St. Peter School! When you take advantage of these tax credits, you put your tax dollars to work in our community instead of them going to another part of our state – and you change the lives of our students and help us continue to the legacy of St. Peter School. It's a win-win for all! Please see the brochure in the bulletins this weekend or pick one up in the back of the church. Thank you to the many individuals and businesses that already participate in the EITC program! We are a very grateful school.

CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, DRE

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

LOOKING AHEAD:

2/1: CCD & Confirmation Class
2/8: CCD Class
2/15: No CCD or Confirmation Class - Winter Break
2/22: CCD & Confirmation Class

DEAR PARISHIONERS, The second collection will be for the building fund. The sum total of the costs is **\$122,000.**

1. Roof Repairs: \$25,000 **COMPLETED**
2. Church Pavers: \$6,700 **COMPLETED**
3. Parking Lot: 22,000 **COMPLETED**
4. Hall Air Conditioners: \$14,400.
5. School Boilers: \$54,000. **COMPLETED**

We hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you! **FUNDS RAISED: \$100,296**



PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be said this Thursday, January 15th after 7AM Mass. January is recognized as the Month of Life so please join us as we pray to end abortion in our country and the whole world.

ROSARY & PRAYERS - Please join us on Thursday, Jan. 15th at 1PM in the Church for the monthly rosary and prayers.

CHURCH CHATS will be held this Thursday, January 15th at 7PM in the Church. The topic is the Sanctity of life. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to join!

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP - Save the date for our **'Beat the Winter Blues Bowling Party'** on Monday, Feb. 16th at 3:30PM at Terrace Lanes. Details will be shared in the next few weeks!

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA are selling tickets to our next "Night at the Races" on March 7th. See any member for tickets." Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 6PM in the annex.

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.

ROSARY BEADS made by parishioner Jordan Shaulis are available in the cabinet in the church vestibule. All proceeds are donated to St. Peter's Church.



MINISTER SCHEDULE:

January 17 - 18

Saturday - 4PM

EM: A. Svonavec

Lector: P. Diesel

Greeters: Lizambri

Cleaners:

Sunday - 8AM

E.M.: J. Wahl

Lector: B. Wilmotte

Greeters: Woy

Sunday - 10AM

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: F. Reeping III

Greeters: Murdy, Wilk

Sunday - 12:15PM

E.M: B. Farkosh

Lector: L. Latuch

Greeters: Soberdash



**Our Lady of Charity,
Pray for us!**

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