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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH - THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: JAN. 25 - FEB. 1

Sun.	11AM 6PM	CCD Class Confirmation Class
Mon.	6:30PM	St. Peter School Open House
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House TMIY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 6PM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex St. Peter School Winter Carnival - Hall Choir Practice - Church
Thurs.	6:30PM	Parish Mission Committee Meeting - Annex
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 1	11AM 11AM 6PM	PTA Chicken BBQ Pick-Up - School CCD Class Confirmation Class

2026 PARISH MISSION
St. Peters Parish will have our Lenten Mission March 16-18, 2026. Plans are well underway with our theme of: **"Responding to the Spirit: In the Soul, in the Church, and in the World."** There will be supper each night prior to Paulist Father Bruce Neili leading us with an inspiring talk. Please note your calendars to ensure not to miss this time in community with our parish family. More details will follow. There will be a Mission Committee meeting this Thursday, January 29th at 6:30PM in the Annex.

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.

St. Peter School 2026-2027 Registration and Open House
St. Peter School will begin Registration for the 2026-2027 school year on Monday, January 26th. More information will be forthcoming to register online this year. Students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 must be five years old by August 31, 2026. If you or someone you know would like to know more about the gift of Catholic education, all are invited to visit our 2026 Open House on Monday, January 26th, from 6:30 – 8PM or call the school to arrange a visit and tour.

RECTORY HOURS & INFORMATION - There is a drop-box at the rectory entrance. The parish office will be open 9AM - 11AM during the week. Any questions, requests, or inquiries can be emailed to office@stpetersparish.com

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

Catholic Schools Week 2026 will be observed the week of Jan. 26–Feb. 1st. The national theme this year will be Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community. Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community. While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living. Catholic schools have the specific goal of forming students to be good citizens in our communities, by loving God and neighbor and thus enriching the world with the message of the Gospel, united in Faith.

Wisdom from St. Thomas Aquinas

- To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.
- The soul is like an uninhabited world that comes to life only when God lays His head against us. The things that we love tell us what we are.
- Most men live according to sense rather than reason.
- While injustice is the worst of sins, despair is the most dangerous; because when you are in despair you care neither about yourself nor about others.
- Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do.
- The truth of our faith becomes a matter of ridicule among the infidels if any Catholic, not gifted with the necessary scientific learning, presents as dogma what scientific scrutiny shows to be false.
- God is never angry for His sake, only for ours.
- It must be said that charity can, in no way, exist along with mortal sin.
- Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; justice without mercy is cruelty.
- Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

Prayer by St. Thomas Aquinas - Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

Lord, in Your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation.

May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's body and blood, in its reality and power. Kind God, may I receive the body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so received into His mystical body, and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see Him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever. Amen.

"HEALING MASS - Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7PM at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Jeremy Mohler will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

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.*

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 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 info, contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

THE HOLY FACE of JESUS – A Sacred Relic Presentation Join us for a powerful presentation centered on the Holy Face of Jesus, drawing from the Church's rich devotional tradition and the relic associated with the Veil of Veronica. This evening invites prayer, reparation, and deeper contemplation of Christ's suffering love. Presenter: Vicki Schreiner Holy Face Apostolate

PRESENTATION SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7 – 6:30PM Visitation Parish, Johnstown, PA
Sunday, March 8 – 1PM St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown, PA
Sunday, March 8 – 3PM Resurrection Parish, Johnstown, PA
Monday, March 9 – 5:15PM St Catherine of Siena Parish, Mount Union, PA
Monday, March 9 – Most Holy Trinity Parish, Huntingdon, PA
Free Event - A free will offering will be taken to support Vicki's ministry.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please pray for Kathy Plaso & Ann Omerzo, parishioners of St. Peter's Church, who died last recently. May they rest in peace! May God bless, sustain, and console their families and friends.

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: \$101,828**



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR JANUARY 25TH 2026

1/26: "Saints Start in Families!" Students and staff can dress down in Faith Family colors and we will gather in Faith Families in the afternoon. PTA Hot Lunch; Open House 6:30 – 8PM All are invited to stop by!

1/27: "Future Saint ME!" Students dress up like what they want to be when they grow up!

1/28: "Winter Carnival Dress Down Day" Students dress down in new 2026 Winter Carnival t-shirts; Winter Carnival 6-8 PM in Hall

1/29: "Saints...Our Prayer Warriors" Students can dress down in comfy clothes or warm pajamas to read and share stories about saints.

1/30: "Saints...Our Friends in Faith!" Closing Mass 11:15AM Students wear full uniforms for our celebration Mass and enjoy games in the Hall in the afternoon

LOOKING AHEAD:

2/1: PTA Chicken Fundraiser Pickup 11AM – 1:30 PM at school ramp entrance

2/6: Grade 1 School Mass 11:15AM

2/13: SCHOOL IN SESSION for Snow Make-Up Day; Valentine Parties 1:40PM

2/16: NO SCHOOL

PTA CHICKEN BARBECUE FUNDRAISER PICKUP NEXT SUNDAY – MARCH SALE AROUND THE CORNER! - Those who purchased chicken tickets, please bring them to the ramp entrance of St. Peter School next Sunday, February 1st from 11AM – 1:30PM next Sunday to pick up your hot and juicy chickens. We will start selling tickets for the March fundraiser next week. Tickets are \$8 and will be redeemed for a grilled and hot half chicken to be picked up the first weekend in March. Tickets can be purchased at the school office from 7AM – 4PM during the week. Thank you, PTA and thank you to all who supported this sale.

CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, DRE

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1/25: CCD & Confirmation Class

2/1: CCD & Confirmation Class

2/8: CCD Class

2/15: No CCD or Confirmation Class - Winter Break

2/22: CCD & Confirmation Class

LOOKING AHEAD:

3/1: CCD

3/8: CCD & Confirmation class

3/15: CCD & Confirmation class

3/22: CCD Jr. High Days for Grades 6th - 8th & Rite of Sending Mass at 12:15PM. Luncheon in Hall to follow

3/29: NO CLASSES - Palm Sunday

For social media or website content, email editor@stpetersparish.com. For bulletin announcements & events for the calendar, email editor@stpetersparish.com AND office@stpetersparish.com. Submit bulletin announcements by the Wednesday before.

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Morocco Welding

PRO-LIFE CORNER: "One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness." - Alice von Hildebrand

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You! will be held this Tuesday, Jan. 27th at 7PM in the hall. All men of the parish are welcome to join.

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP - 'Beat the Winter Blues Bowling Party' will be held on Monday, Feb. 16th at 3:30PM at Terrace Lanes. Cost is \$11.95 and includes 2 games plus shoes. Dinner at Pizza Hut after bowling. Attend either or both! RSVP to Danielle Holiday (410-961-3018) by February 10th.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA are selling tickets to our next "Night at the Races" on March 7th. \$25 covers a catered dinner and a horse. See any member for tickets. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 6PM in the annex.

We must turn away from selfishness and turn towards God.

Stewardship: 1/18/25
Sunday Collection: \$7,529
Online Giving: \$3,105
Votive: \$258
School: \$741



MINISTER SCHEDULE:

January 31st - February 1st

Saturday - 4PM
EM: S. McNelly
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Kolonich

Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: D. Woy
Lector: J. Wahl
Greeters: Gusbar

Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: A. DiLoreto
Greeters: Sekela, Svirsko

Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: J. Zern
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Sheets



**Our Lady of the Stars,
Pray for us!**