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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH - FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: FEB. 9 - 15

Mon.	7AM	Elmer & Verda Glee Friedline - Carol & John Barbera
Tues.	7AM	Linda Gattian - St. Peter School Teachers
Wed.	7AM	Benedict Vinzani Sr. - Anna, Ben Jr., John, Gina, & Families
Thurs.	7AM	Fred Dipre - Quilters
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	Deceased Members of Jano Family - Family George Singer - Carol Rozinsky
Sat.	4PM	Heidi Diaz - Jeanne Flyte
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Tom Qualters - Family Special Intention - Ben & Marge Vinzani Jr. For the People

Sun.	11AM	CCD Class
Mon.	6:30PM	OCIA Class - Annex
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House TMiY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 6:30PM 5:30PM	Quilters - Annex Choir Practice - Church Church Chats - Church
Fri.	1PM 11:15AM	Rosary & Prayers - Church Mass
Sun. 15	11AM	No CCD or Confirmation Class - Winter Break



"The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good." - (Gospel of Life, St. John Paul II)

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'S LENTEN FISH FRIES are back and will be held in the hall on February 20th, March 13th and March 27th. Dine in and take out are both available. Menu will be baked or fried fish, mac and cheese, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, applesauce, rolls, dessert and drinks. Adult meals are \$15 and kids meal are \$5. We are looking for volunteers to help with serving, clean up, and also desserts. The dinners will be successful with the help of everyone so please scan the QR code to sign-up to volunteer and/or donate a dessert. You can also contact Bill Croushore at billcroushore6768@gmail.com to help.



2026 PARISH MISSION - March 16-18

This year our theme is "**Responding to the Spirit: In the Soul, in the Church, and in the World.**" Each evening we will have supper at 5PM, followed by inspiring talks by Paulist Father Bruce Neili at 6PM, and the opportunity for prayer and confession at 7PM. Don't miss out on this time in community with our parish family. More details will follow.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

POPE LEO XIV DECLARES 2026 - A YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI - LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV TO THE MINISTERS GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE EIGHTH CENTENARY OF THE DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI [Assisi, 10 January 2026]

To the Ministers General of the Conference of the Franciscan Family "Our Sister Death", exclaimed Saint Francis on 3 October 1226 in Porziuncola, as he went towards her as a man finally at peace. Eight centuries have passed since the death of the Poverello of Assisi, who wrote the word of Christ's salvation indelibly in the hearts of the people of his time. In commemorating the significant anniversary of the eighth centenary of his passing, I wish to join spiritually with the entire Franciscan Family and with all those who will take part in the commemorative events, hoping that the message of peace may find a profound echo in the Church and society today.

At the beginning of his evangelical life, he heard a call: "The Lord revealed to me that we should say this greeting: "May the Lord give you peace" [1]. With these essential words, he conveys to his friars and to every believer the inner wonder that the Gospel had brought into his life: peace is the sum of all God's gifts, a gift that comes from above. What an illusion it would be to think that it can be built by human efforts alone! And yet it is an active gift, to be welcomed and lived every day [2].

It is the same greeting that, on the evening of Easter, the Risen Lord addresses to his disciples, afraid and locked in the Upper Room: "Peace be with you" [3]. It is not a formula of courtesy, but the certain proclamation of Christ's victory over death. Like the voice of the Angels on Christmas night – "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those whom he loves" [4] – so the peace that the Seraphic Father proclaims is the peace that Christ himself made resound between heaven and earth. In this age, marked by so many seemingly interminable wars, by internal and social divisions that create mistrust and fear, he continues to speak. Not because he offers technical solutions, but because his life points to the authentic source of peace.

The Franciscan vision of peace is not limited to the relations between human beings, but also embraces the whole of creation. Francis, who calls the sun "brother" and the moon "sister", who recognizes in every creature a reflection of divine beauty, reminds us that peace must be extended to the entire family of Creation. This insight resonates with particular urgency in our time, when our common home is threatened and cries out under exploitation. Peace with God, peace among human beings and with creation are inseparable dimensions of a single call to universal reconciliation.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the example and spiritual legacy of this Saint, strong in faith, steadfast in hope and ardent in active charity towards his neighbor, inspire in everyone the importance of trusting in the Lord, of living a life faithful to the Gospel, and of accepting and illuminating every circumstance and action of life with faith and prayer. In this Year of Grace, I wish to offer you a prayer that Saint Francis of Assisi may continue to instill in all of us perfect joy and harmony: *Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight*

(cont.) hundred years ago went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace, intercede for us before the Lord. You recognized true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano, teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation that breaks down every wall. You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war and misunderstanding, give us the courage to build bridges where the world raises up boundaries. In this time afflicted by conflict and division, intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers: unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ. Amen

With these sentiments, I express my fervent wishes for good, especially for all of you who follow the charism of the Poverello of Assisi and for those who will commemorate the anniversary of his dies natalis in various ways, while I cordially impart my desired Apostolic Blessing.

From the Vatican, 7 January 2026, LEO PP. XIV
[1] Testament 23. [2] Cf. Pope Leo XIV, Address to the Diplomatic Corps, 16 May 2025. [3] Jn 20:19. [4] Lk 2:14.
Holy See Press Office Bulletin, 10 January 2026

THANK YOU for the donations to St. Peter's Church in memory of Linda Gattian from Frank & Lutie Sujansky, Mary Dinning, Frank Mayak Jr. & Stoystown Auto Wreckers, Joyce & Mike Farrell, Pam & John Morocco, John & Carol Barbera, Robert & Pam Diesel, Benedict & Marjorie Vinzani, Carl & Loretta Keiser, and John & Melinda Jacob.

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THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter's Church in memory of Alice Sheets from Rebecca Dickey

As we continue to receive donations, we sincerely thank everyone who contributes to our Parish in memory of someone.

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION - St. Peter's is accepting applications for a part time Parish Secretary. We anticipate this may be a shared position with the office being open 4 hours per day Monday – Friday. The Parish Secretary provides essential administrative and clerical support to the Pastor and parish staff. As the first point of contact for parishioners and visitors, this role requires a welcoming demeanor, high level of confidentiality, and the ability to manage diverse tasks in a ministry focused environment.

Responsibilities include: Compiling employee time sheets;

Acting in the role of Point of Contact for Parish related functions;

Answering the phone and email messages;

Assisting with parish projects and fundraisers as directed by Pastor;

Processing mail and coordinating bill payment;

Assisting with preparation of the weekly Church Bulletin;

Ordering supplies; and other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications: Supportive of the mission of the Catholic Church and abide by the Diocesan Code of Conduct; Able to satisfactorily complete background checks and training applicable to diocesan requirements; Ability to maintain high levels of confidentiality; professionalism and integrity; Demonstration of strong communication skills through phone and face-to-face contact; Working knowledge of Microsoft Office programs; Proficiency with standard office equipment and technology; Ability to effectively work with St Peter Catholic School Administration and St Peter Religious Education Program, staff members and volunteers, and parents.

Interested candidates can drop off or mail a Letter of Interest and Resume to: St. Peter Church - 433 West Church St., Somerset PA 15501. Email: office@stpetersparish.com



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2026

- 2/9: PTA Hot Lunch
- 2/10: Forensics Practice 3-4 PM
- 2/11: Forensics Practice 3-4 PM
- 2/6: Grade 6 School Mass 11:15 – Full Uniforms - All are welcome! Valentine Parties 1:40 PM; Modified Busing
- 2/16: NO SCHOOL – Presidents' Day

LOOKING AHEAD

- 2/17: Forensics Practice 3-4 PM
- 2/18: Ash Wednesday Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms; Midterm of Third Grading Period; Forensics Practice 3-4 PM
- 2/27: NO SCHOOL – Diocesan Professional Learning Day

CONGRATULATIONS ART SHOW HONOREES!

St. Peter School recently participated in the 2026 Laurel Arts Elementary Art Show. Two of our students were recognized by the judges for their art work. Sixth grader Lauren Topper received a Third Place Ribbon for her clay sculpture and Kindergartener, Cecilia Ritko received an Honorable Mention for her art. Congratulations students!

PTA CHICKEN PICKUP TODAY! SECOND AND FINAL CHICKEN SALE! Our February sale was sold out! Those who purchased chicken tickets for February, please bring your tickets to the ramp entrance of St. Peter School today, Sun., February 1st from 11AM – 1:30PM to pick up your chickens. We will start selling tickets for the March fundraiser this week. Tickets are \$8 for a grilled and hot half chicken to be picked up on Sun., March 1st. Get your tickets early - they can be purchased at the school office from 7AM – 4PM during the week. Thank you!

2026-2027 School Registration is now open! Scan the QR code to begin the application process or call the school for a tour and more information. Come learn about the gift of Catholic education!

 **Gardner's Candy 2026 Kickoff** - St. Peter School's longest standing and most successful fundraiser has begun. We are now taking orders. Candy will be picked up at St. Peter's beginning Tuesday, March 24th in time for all of your Easter celebrations. To place your order, please see a school family or stop by the school or rectory to pick up an order form. All orders are due by Friday, March 20th. Thank you!

CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, DRE
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- 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: Rooted in Health, Holistic Health Center

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You! will be held this Tuesday, Feb. 10th at 7PM in the hall. All men of the parish are welcome to join.

CHURCH CHATS will be held this Wed., February 11th at 7PM in the church. The topic for this month is 'Personalizing Lent.' This is a great opportunity for all parishioners to gather and learn about our faith. This talk will also count toward the discipleship requirement for Confirmation candidates.

ROSARY & PRAYERS will be held this Fri., February 13th at 1PM in the Church. All are welcome!

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA
Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 4th at 6PM in the annex. Tickets are still available for 'Night at the Races.' Please contact Ann Thome, 814-233-0193 or Kathy Custer, 814-279-8535 to purchase.



Caring for our brothers and sisters is the responsibility of the Christian steward.

Stewardship: 2/1/25
Sunday Collection: \$7,792
Online Giving: \$2,560
Votive: \$105
School: \$1,150



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

COMPLETED PROJECTS: Roof Repairs - \$25,000
Church Pavers - \$6,700, Parking Lot - 22,000, School
Boilers - \$54,000. **UNFINISHED:** Hall Air Conditioners
-\$14,000. Thank you! Funds Raised: 101,828

MINISTER SCHEDULE:

February 14 - 15

Saturday - 4PM
EM: S. Kinsinger
Lector: P. Diesel
Greeters: Keiser
Cleaners: K. & C. Neilan

Sunday - 8AM
EM: B. Croushore
Lector: M. Fapore
Greeters: Deskevich

Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Rullo
Greeters: Hilton, Komula

Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: V. Barbera
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Soberdash



Our Lady of Good Counsel,
Pray for us!