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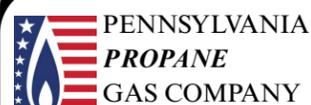
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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MARCH 16 - 22

Mon.	7AM	Sisters of St. Joseph - John & Betsy Matthews
Tues.	7AM	Jenny Crum - Swearman Family
Wed.	7AM	Mary Vinzani - Anna, Ben Jr., John, Gina & Families
Thurs.	7AM	Dana Menser - Ray Rizzo Sr. & Family
Fri.	7AM	Deacon Pat & Stacy Valerio - Fr. Peter Kuligowski
	11:15AM	Alice Sheets - Bob & Teri Kolonich
Sat.	4PM	Linda Gattian - Fapore Family
Sun.	8AM	Barry Knupp - James & Lois Moyer
	10AM	George Singer - Carol & Bob Brown Family
	12:15PM	For the People

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS
If you wish to purchase a flower for the altar, please fill out an envelope in the vestibule and drop it in the collection basket. The cost is \$20. The deadline to purchase is March 25th, 2026

THE LAST LENTEN FISH FRY will be held on Friday, March 27th from 4-7PM in the Parish Hall.

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: MARCH 15 - 22

Sun.	11AM	CCD Class
	6PM	Confirmation Class
	7PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
Mon.	12:15PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
	1PM	Rosary & Prayers - Church
	5PM	Parish Mission Dinner - Hall (Soup)
	6:30PM	Talk by Paulist Fr. Bruce Nieli - Church
	7:45PM	Confession & Reflections - Church
Tues.	Noon	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
	5PM	Parish Mission Dinner - Hall (Picnic)
	6:30PM	Talk by Paulist Fr. Bruce Nieli - Church
	7:45PM	Confession & Reflections - Church
Wed.	8AM	Quilters - Annex
	5PM	Parish Mission Dinner - Hall (Pasta)
	6:30PM	Talk by Paulist Fr. Bruce Nieli - Church
	7:45PM	Confession & Reflections - Church
Thurs.		Pro-Life Rosary - After 7AM Mass
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
	1PM	Mary's Way of the Cross - Church
Sun. 22	11AM	CCD Class
	12:15PM	CCD Jr. High Days for Grades 6 th - 8 th
		Rite of Sending Mass, Reception to follow - Hall
	7PM	Stations of the Cross - Church

2026 Parish Mission

"RESPONDING TO THE SPIRIT: IN THE SOUL, IN THE CHURCH, AND IN THE WORLD."

This week is the 2026 Parish Mission! Please see the weekly schedule above for the itinerary each evening. All are welcome and encouraged to come to this time of fellowship and spiritual growth. There is no cost and the talks given by Fr. Bruce Nieli will be recorded and shared for those who are unable to make it in person. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

THE 2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE - The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive is underway. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year’s theme, Sent to Serve, reminds us that, by virtue of our Baptism, each of us has been Sent To Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, “as each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10).

If you haven’t made your pledge yet, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese’s ministries need your support. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return the card and donation through the offertory at Mass.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be used for the new electrical work recently included in our Building Fund Goal. Thank you for supporting the diocese’s vital ministries through the Catholic Ministries Drive, as well as our parish here at St. Peter’s. Let this be a part of your Lent 2026 almsgiving/charitable contribution! The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive goal for Saint Peter Parish this year is \$53,000.

PARISH MISSION 2026 - MARCH 16th - 18th

Monday - “Responding to the Spirit in Soul!”

5PM: Soup Supper and Fellowship in the Hall

6:30PM: Mission Talk in the Church

7:45PM: Confessions in the Church

Tuesday - “Responding to the Spirit in the Church!”

5PM: Picnic Dinner and Fellowship in the Hall

6:30PM: Mission Talk in the Church

7:45PM: Confessions in the Church

Wednesday - “Responding to the Spirit in the World!”

5PM: Pasta Dinner and Fellowship in the Hall

6:30PM: Mission Talk in the Church

7:45PM: Confessions in the Church

EXTENDING YOUR DAILY PRAYER LIFE Do you find it difficult to fast with the right frame of mind? Fasting is not just for Lent. Friday abstinence remains the law of the Latin Church, although many national bishops’ conferences — including the U.S. bishops — make exceptions in their jurisdictions, permitting Catholics to choose another form of penance instead. Often this may get overlooked. It may be that fasting from meat on Fridays all year-round may be the simpler method rather than remembering to offer another form of penance. During Lent, we often look to “give up” something in addition to, “no-meat-Fridays.” However, it has been said, “Fasting without prayer is just a diet!” So how do we enable fasting to help us draw closer to God in the process? Perhaps if we remember that fasting from food, or profanity, or gossip, or social media, is more than “white knuckling” and holding our breath to see if our self-control will be strong. Perhaps by realizing that we have come to rely on ourselves and these aforementioned types of attachment to bring us comfort and peace, we will learn that we are not choosing God in the process. If we are tempted, we can talk to God and ask him to fill the emptiness instead. Jesus longs to give us His mercy, we only have to ask!

(CONT.) This lent, think about a quote from Sr. Rita Yoches, TOR. She states, “When I fast, I say, ‘Father, I’m giving up this comfort, this food, this distraction, not to punish myself, but so that You have greater access to my heart.” Try it and see how it does change your heart!

Pope Leo XIV’s March Intentions For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



THANK YOU for the donations to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Sue Smith from Pat Gombita, Bob & Sue Hook, Becky Mapes, Amy Urban, Carl & Loretta Keiser, Ben & Marjorie Vinzani, Barry & AnnaLee Baker, and Thomas & Ryan Smith



THANK YOU for the donations to St. Peter’s School and St. Peter’s Church in memory of Penny Greene from Mario & Susan Fiori, Rebecca Dickey, Michael, Danielle, & Felicity Petrosky, Frank & Mary Kovak, The Tomaselli Family, John & Pam Morocco, Carl & Loretta Keiser, John & Carol Barbera, Damien & Stacey Renna, Ben & Marjorie Vinzani, The Mapes Family, Bob & Sue Hook, Sam & Karen Berkey, Sharon Rizzo, Celia Go, Paul McKenna, Willie McTiernan, The Bondi Family, and Scott Allen Walker



THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s School in memory of Kim Gibson from Judge George Pagano

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, 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**



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH 15TH, 2026

- 3/16: Stations of the Cross 12:15PM; Parish Mission!
- 3/17: Kindergarten Screenings; PTA Lenten Hot Lunch; Forensics Practice 3-4PM
- 3/18: Regional Forensics Competition at Bishop Carroll
- 3/19: Kindergarten Screenings; Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4PM
- 3/20: Modified Busing; Grade 2 School Mass 11:15AM

Looking Ahead:

- 3/23: Stations of the Cross 12:15PM
- 3/24: Gardner’s Candy Pick-up
- 3/25: End of Third Grading Period; Running Club
- 3/26: First Reconciliation 7PM
- 3/27: Diocesan Forensics at Holy Name Catholic School

GOOD LUCK FORENSICS TEAM! - Several of our fifth and sixth-grade students will travel to Bishop Carroll this Wednesday to participate in the Regional Forensics Tournament. Students have prepared speeches in many different categories They will compete against other students from our diocese in grades 5-8 and the top finishers will advance to the diocesan competition on March 27th. This year’s team members and their speech categories are: Grade 5: Laurel Weigle (Prose), Abigail Swearman (Prose), Grace Shaulis (Poetry), Charlotte Zelle (Poetry), Gabi McKelvey (Poetry), Allison Broucher & Katie Long (Duo-Drama). Grade 6: Bodie Raupach (Drama) Laura Kikuchi (Drama), Anderson Coughenour (Original Oratory), Tenley Wintersteen & Torie May (Duo-Drama) Sophia Zambanini & Lucy Stoy (Duo-Drama), Lauren Topper & Aubrey Zerfoss (Duo-Drama). Our Forensics coaches include Mrs. Lori Holloway, Mrs. Theresa Sanner, Mrs. Lindsey Swearman, and Mrs. Joanne Swearman. Good luck, team, and thank you, coaches!

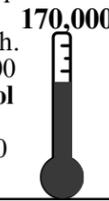
CCD NEWS

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- 3/15: CCD & Confirmation class
- 3/22: CCD Jr. High Days for Grades 6th - 8th & Rite of Sending Mass at 12:15PM. Reception in Hall to follow.
- 3/29: No Classes - Palm Sunday
- 4/5: No Classes - Easter Sunday

DEAR PARISHIONERS, The second collection will be for the building fund. Last year, we raised over \$100,000 and complete nearly all of what was a very ambitious and much needed list of maintenance items. The last of the 2025 projects will be completed this spring. Recently, the electrical panel box in the Hall (original equipment) has presented several problems. Use of many of the circuits is now limited. We are increasing the goal to \$170,000 for 2026 to support provision of a new breaker box, replacing a large portion of existing wiring, and replacing all of the original receptacles and switches. A new primary service line may be required. Thank you for supporting and maintaining the physical plant requirements of our wonderful parish. **COMPLETED PROJECTS: Roof Repairs: \$25,000 Church Pavers: \$6,700, Parking Lot: \$22,000, School Boilers: \$54,000. UNFINISHED: Hall Air Conditioners: \$14,000 and Electrical Work: \$50,000 Thank you! Funds Raised: \$133,177**



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: AC Pro Tree Service

CONGRATULATIONS to Lettie , daughter of Haven Jano, who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless her and her family!



IN YOUR PRAYERS - Please pray for Mardelle Friedline, mother of Jeanne Gusbar, who died recently. May she rest in peace! May God bless, sustain, and console her family and friends.



ROSARY & PRAYERS will be held tomorrow, March 16th, in the Church at 1PM. The intention is for the success of our Parish Mission. All are welcome!

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP will not meet this Tuesday, March 17th for TMIY due to the Parish Mission.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be said this Thursday, March 19th after the 7AM Mass. Please join us!

ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP will lead **Mary’s Way of the Cross** this Friday, March 20th at 1PM in the Church. **SAVE THE DATE** - Class of 2026 Graduates Recognition Mass & Luncheon on Sunday May 17, 2026 - 12:15PM Mass. More information shared soon!

LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT - Kaleigh Vinzani is collecting items for the Humane Society until March 22nd. Needed items include: bleach, laundry detergent, hard and soft dog treats, hard dog toys, clumping cat litter, pine cat litter, friskies wet cat food, purina one chicken and rice dog food, purina dry cat and dog food, paper towels and Clorox wipes. Donations can be dropped off in donation box provided in the vestibule

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA next meeting is Wed., April 1st at 6PM in the annex.

MINISTER SCHEDULE:

- March 21 - 22**
- Cleaners: (Fri. March 20)** Barb & Jeff Igou
- Saturday - 4PM** EM: M. Weimer Lector: C. Madigan Greeters: McTiernan
- Sunday - 8AM** EM: J. Sujansky Lector: B. Wilmotte Greeters: Deskevich
- Sunday - 10AM** E.M.: Deacon Komula Lector: D. DiLoreto Greeters: Hilton, Komula
- Sunday - 12:15PM** E.M: V. Barbera Lector: L. Latuch Greeters: Gombita

STEWARDSHIP:

A stewardship way of life provides a daily guide to help us live as children of the light.

MARCH 8TH, 2026
Sunday Giving: \$8,609
Online Giving: \$3,340
School: \$253
Building Fund: \$1,626

