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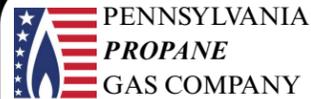
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SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MARCH 23 - 29		
Mon.	7AM	Heidi Diaz - Troll Family
Tues.	7AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Wed.	7AM	Kathryn Jacob Frye - Ben & Marge Vinzani Jr.
Thurs.	7AM	Linda Gattian - Tomaselli Family
Fri.	7AM	Linda Visalli - Paul & Mary Ann Felton
	11:15AM	Deceased Members of Hook & Uschak Families - Bob & Sue Hook
Sat.	4PM	Helen Matthews - John & Jennifer
Sun.	8AM	Souls in Purgatory
	10AM	For the People
	12:15PM	Fochtman & Stouffer Families - Ken & Marci Larimer

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: MARCH 22 - 29		
Sun.	11AM	CCD Class
	12:15PM	CCD Jr. High Days for Grades 6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>
		Rite of Sending Mass, Reception to follow in the Hall
	7PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
Mon.	12:15PM	Stations of the Cross - Church
	6:30PM	OCIA Class - Annex
Tues.	Noon	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
	7PM	Gardner's Candy Pick-Up
		TMIY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM	Quilters - Annex
Thurs.	7PM	First Reconciliation - Church
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
	1PM	Mary's Way of the Cross - Church
	4PM	LAST Lenten Fish Fry - Hall
Palm Sun. 29		No CCD or Confirmation Classes - Palm Sunday

Please pray for our nursing home residents and homebound parishioners as they will be remembered by Fr. Patti, Fr. Michael, Deacon Mark and all St. Peter Parish members at the Easter Octave of Holy Masses beginning Easter Sunday and ending on Divine Mercy Sunday.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION - MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
Exactly nine months before we remember the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, we celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord.

In the Gospel story, we hear how Mary answered God's call to bear his only Son. How are you called to serve the Lord in your daily life? Are you truly and silently paying attention and listening to what God is asking of you?



"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word"

## ST. PETER'S LENTEN FISH FRY

WHEN: Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6:30PM.

WHERE: Hall; COST: \$15/Adults, \$5/Kids

Baked or fried fish, mac and cheese, cole slaw, stewed tomatoes, roll, drink, and dessert.

Scan the QR code to sign-up to help as directed.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND PASTOR'S NOTES:**

**PARISH MISSION** - Thank you to all who helped with the many different aspects of our Parish Mission! A lot of behind the scenes work: the beautiful music, the placement of the signs, those who helped with the meals, the preparation ... Lots and lots of help is always needed for a successful mission. Thank you to Jim Zern and our Parish Mission Committee members, and, most especially, to all who so faithfully came to the mission, even in the bad weather! It was really encouraging to see so many people come to the mission each evening, including many families with young children. And a big THANK YOU to our Leader of the Holy Spirit, Father Bruce Nieli, who inspired us with his talks and music. We truly will remember Father Bruce when we view our beautifully inspired Holy Spirit Banners going forward. What a powerful witness it was to experience the Holy Spirit through so many people each evening, praying and singing together! May God blesses you abundantly.

**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE** - The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive is moving along. 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 this sacrificial season of Lent 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 a pledge or gift 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 needed in our Church Hall, which was recently included in our Building Fund Goal. Thank you for supporting the diocese's vital ministries through Catholic Ministries Drive, as well as our parish here at St. Peter's. *The 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive goal for Saint Peter Parish this year is \$53,000.*

**SPIRIT MISSION PRAYER** - By Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP  
*O Holy Spirit of God,  
may we drink of your rivers of living water.  
In our thirst for unity,  
lead us to the heart of Jesus, our most intimate friend.  
In our thirst for truth,  
lead us to the heart of Jesus, our most changeless friend.  
In our thirst for goodness, lead us to the heart of Jesus, who  
lays down His life on the cross for His friends.  
In our thirst for beauty, lead us to the heart of Jesus, the  
image of the invisible God and firstborn friend of all creation.  
Make us channels of these rivers of love, so that all the  
thirsting souls of humanity may someday become one body,  
one Spirit in Christ, in eternal friendship and freedom. Amen.  
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, pray for us.  
Saint Paul the Apostle, pray for us.*

**Church and Brewery Bus Tour - April 25<sup>th</sup>** - All Saints Parish in Boswell will be sponsoring a bus trip to Northeastern Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The stops will include tours of St. Casimir Church, Shenandoah (home parish of the famed Soviet prisoner Father Walter Czisek), Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Church in Centralia (the town that is one fire), tours of the

**(CONT.)** Yuengling Brewery (with samples included) and the historic Carbon County Jail (where the Molly Maguires were housed) as well as the historic Eckley Miner's Village. Mass will be celebrated in the historic Immaculate Conception Church in Eckley and a high-quality Italian meal is included at Maticci's in Mt. Carmel, PA. Pick up locations in Boswell and Central City. For more information or to register for the trip, please call All Saints office (814) 629-5551. The cost of the trip is \$150 per person. All are welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Woods Thomas Stiffler, son of Ian and Julie Stiffler, who joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless him and his family!



**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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026



**2026 ST. PETER'S PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT!**



*(Sponsored by St. Peter's School PTA)*



**WHEN:** Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

**WHERE:** St. Peter's Parish Grounds

***Begins at 11AM! Please arrive by 10:45 - it goes quickly!***  
Children up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade welcome! Bring a basket or bag for your eggs.

**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**



**ST. PETER SCHOOL**

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**SCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH 22ND, 2026**

- 3/23: Stations of the Cross 12:15PM
- 3/24: Forensics Practice 3-4PM & Gardner's Candy Pick-up 7:30AM-4PM
- 3/25: End of Third Grading Period; Running Club
- 3/26: Rock'n Readers 3-4PM; First Reconciliation - 7PM
- 3/27: Diocesan Forensics at Holy Name Catholic School

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- 3/30: Living Stations presented by 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12:15PM & 7PM
- 4/1: Modified Busing: SASD will have an early dismissal this day. St. Peter School will dismiss at the regular time. Parents are to enter "Modified Busing" or "Car Rider" for 4/1. Vans will run as usual.
- 4/2: Special AM & PM Busing & Early Dismissal St. Peter School will be in session on 4/2 with an early dismissal. SASD buses will run special routes just for St. Peter School students in the AM & PM. Parents of bus students are to enter their transportation choices for AM & PM in PickUp Patrol for 4/2. Vans will run as usual. All students dismissed at 12:40PM
- 4/2: Holy Thursday Mass & Procession at 7PM.
- 4/3 – 4/6: **NO SCHOOL**
- 4/4: St. Peter School & Parish Easter Egg Hunt 11AM on St. Peter Parish grounds. All are welcome! Bring a bag or basket of your own, and be sure to arrive by 10:45AM, as we start at precisely 11AM, and it goes fast!
- 4/7: **School Resumes**

**CONGRATULATIONS, FORENSICS TEAM!** Thirteen of our sixteen Forensics team members placed in this past week's Regional Forensics Competition at Bishop Carroll High School, taking the first-place ribbons in three of the speech categories! These students will advance to the Diocesan Forensics Competition this Friday at Holy Name Elementary School in Ebensburg. Our fifth and sixth-graders compete against other students from diocesan schools from fifth to eighth grade! These students who placed in the top six spots and who compete again this Friday are: In Prose: Laurel Weigle (3rd Place) and Abigail Swearman (4th Place) In Poetry, Charlotte Zellem (4th Place) and Grace Shaulis (6th Place) In Original Oratory, Anderson Coughenour (1st Place) In Drama, Laura Kikuchi (1st Place) and Bodie Raupach (2nd Place) Duo-Drama Lauren Topper & Aubrey Zerfoss (1st Place) Allison Broucher & Katie Long (3rd Place) Sophia Zambanini

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** The second collection will be for the building fund. Last year, we raised over \$100,000 and completed nearly all of the much needed list of maintenance items. Recently, the original electrical panel box in the Hall 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. **170,000 COMPLETED PROJECTS: Roof Repairs: \$25,000 Church Pavers: \$6,700, Parking Lot: \$22,000, School Boilers: \$54,000. UNFINISHED: Hall Air Conditioners: \$14,000 and Electrical Work: \$50,000 Thank you! Funds Raised: \$134,725**



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**We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Barebera Law, LLC**

**CCD NEWS**

Paula Vinzani, DRE

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- 3/22: CCD Jr. High Days for Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & Rite of Sending Mass at 12:15PM. Reception in Hall to follow.
- 3/29: **No CCD or Confirmation Class - Palm Sunday**
- 4/5: **No CCD or Confirmation Class - Easter Sunday**
- 4/12: CCD Class & Last Confirmation Class
- 4/25: Confirmation Rehearsal - 10AM in the Church (students & sponsors)
- 4/26: CCD Class & Confirmation Mass - 2PM (students and sponsors meet in the hall at 1:15PM)
- 5/3: Last CCD Class for the year

*Congratulations to all of the candidates as they take the important step towards Confirmation during the Rite of Sending Mass this weekend! As a parish community, let us keep these individuals in our prayers. May God bless each of you!*



**ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP** will meet this Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for TMIY. All men of the parish are welcome!

**ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP** will lead **Mary's Way of the Cross** this Friday, March 27th at 1PM in the Church.



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

**LENTEN SERVICE PROJECT** - Kaleigh Vinzani is collecting items for the Humane Society until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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

**MINISTER SCHEDULE:**

- March 28 - 29**
- Cleaners: (Fri. March 27)**  
K. Berkey, B. Neilan, & M. Vukela
- Saturday - 4PM**  
EM: S. McNelly  
Lector: Jacob & Matthews  
Greeters: Kolonich
- Sunday - 8AM**  
EM: J. Wahl  
Lector: Fapore, Wahl  
Greeters: Woy
- Sunday - 10AM**  
E.M.: Deacon Komula  
Lector: Rullo, Niemiec  
Greeters: Murdy, Wilk
- Sunday - 12:15PM**  
E.M: B. Farkosh  
Lector: L. Latuch  
Greeters: Petrosky, Kovak

**STEWARDSHIP:**

*As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life.*

**MARCH 15TH, 2026**  
**Sunday Giving: \$10,560**  
**Online Giving: \$2,965**  
**School: \$598**  
**Building Fund: \$1,548**  
**Catholic Relief: \$1,148**

