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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MARCH 30 th - APRIL 5 th		
Mon.	7AM	Alice Sheets - St. Peter's Women's Group
Tues.	7AM	Thomas Stouffer - Marci & Ken Larimer
Wed.	7AM	Special Intention - Ben & Marge Vinzani Jr.
Holy Thurs.	7PM	No 7AM Mass Holy Thursday Mass & Procession
Good Fri.	3PM	No 7AM Mass No 11:15AM Mass Good Friday Service
Sat.	8PM	No 4PM Mass Easter Vigil Mass - For the People
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Intention of the Celebrant For the People Intention of the Celebrant

PALM SUNDAY

"Hosannah!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"



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 29 - APRIL 5th

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Palm Sun.	7PM	No CCD or Confirmation Classes - Palm Sunday OCIA Palm Sunday Retreat - Johnstown Stations of the Cross - Church
Mon.	12:15PM 7PM	6th Grade Living Stations of the Cross 6th Grade Living Stations of the Cross All are welcome to come to the presentations!
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House TMIY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 2-3PM 6:30PM 6PM	Quilters - Annex Confessions - Church Confessions - Church Catholic Daughters Meeting - Annex
Thurs.	7PM 8:30PM	School Early Dismissal - 12:40PM Holy Thursday Mass & Procession Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM
Good Fri.	1:45PM 3PM 5:30PM	NO SCHOOL - EASTER BREAK Rectory Office Closed Mary's Way of the Cross - Church Good Friday Service - Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, & Holy Communion Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church
Sat.	7:30AM 10AM 11AM 3PM 8PM	First Saturday Prayer Devotions Blessing of the Easter Food PTA Easter Egg Hunt - Parish Grounds Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church Solemn Easter Vigil Mass
Sun. 5	7PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet - Church

Please see the weekly schedule for Confession times. There are no scheduled confessions on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of Holy Week. If you would like to go to confession at a time we do not have them scheduled, please call the rectory to arrange an appointment.

There will be no 24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration April 4th - 5th due to Holy Week.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. The Church names this Holy Week. Of all the weeks in the year, this is the holiest. We carry our blessed palms as we enter the holy city of Jerusalem. In Jerusalem we will die and rise with our Lord this week. We have had forty days to name those things that must die and rise so that we can rise to new life with Christ. Holy Thursday evening we will gather in the Upper Room with the Lord; we will meet Him Good Friday on Calvary; we will pray outside His tomb Holy Saturday; and on Easter Sunday we will proclaim the joyful praises of the Church for all that God has done for us. Take your palms home and place them prominently to recall the glory of this week.

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be said on April 3rd at 5:30PM, April 4th at 3PM, April 5th at 7PM, and every evening of Easter week starting on Monday, April 6th at 6PM in the church and ending on Saturday, April 11th at 8AM. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is a Catholic devotion, prayed on a rosary, that focuses on God's mercy upon the world, especially for sinners, by invoking the redemptive merits of Jesus' sacrifice. We hope you can join us!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE - Our 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive continues. 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 and 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 campaign theme is "Sent to Serve." During this time of preparation for Easter, Sent to Serve is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Church, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of our time, talent and treasure.

Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive will draw us into an ever deeper relationship with Christ, as we share in His mission of love and service, proclaiming the Good News to all. There is no limit to what we can accomplish together in Christ. Please reflect on Bishop Mark's appeal, and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your donation through the offertory. All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be used toward the electrical upgrade for St. Peter's Hall. Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese's vital ministries.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting. There is a limit of one full meal/light eating on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive. Those with serious health problems are not required to fast.
- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total abstinence from meat. Days of Abstinence: All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.
- Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.
- Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Easter Season.

BOGUS E-MAIL - If you receive an email or text like the one below, do not open it. Delete it at once. It is false and bogus. I never send out such emails or texts. "Is your schedule open? Please, I have a request for you to kindly handle for me. I'll wait to hear from you when you receive this email. Blessings!" - Rev. Fr. Angelo J. Patti, VF

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION - Pope Leo has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic Schools, and offer Religious Education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the Sacred Shrines. During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the land where this great story unfolded. Supporting the Church in the Holy Land is an historic mission. Since the time of St. Paul, Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked and from where their faith originated. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the fundamental needs of the People of God, including basic things like food, medicine and school tuition to make sure their children can receive a Christian education. still living in this Land where the Church was born. Christians in the Holy Land face incredible hardships, relying on the Church far more than we do in our country. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS ON GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3!** For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday

Church and Brewery Bus Tour - All Saints Parish is sponsoring a bus trip to Northeastern PA on April 25th. The stops include 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 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 Matucci's in Mt. Carmel, PA. Pick up locations in Boswell and Central City. To register, please call (814) 629-5551. Cost is \$150 per person.

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.



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH 29th, 2026

3/30: Living Stations presented by Sixth 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
4/2: Special AM & PM Busing & Early Dismissal St. Peter School will be in session on 4/2/26 with an early dismissal. SASD buses will run special routes just for St. Peter School students in the AM & PM. Vans will run as usual. All students will be dismissed at 12:40PM. Holy Thursday Mass & Procession 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

LOOKINGAHEAD:

4/10: Grade 6 School Mass 11:15 AM; School SCRABBLE Tournament

CONGRATULATIONS, SPELLERS!

The following students earned the top three spots in each of their homeroom spelling bees and will compete in the school spelling bee to determine our school winner who will compete in the diocesan spelling bee in May. Congratulations spellers! Fourth Grade: Blake Romesberg, Nicho Coughenour and Carson Specht. Fifth Grade: Laurel Weigle, Allison Broucher, and Brooks Anderson. Sixth Grade: Anderson Coughenour, Laura Kikuchi, and Aubrey Zerfoss

2026 ST. PETER'S PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT!



(Sponsored by St. Peter's School PTA)

WHEN: Saturday, April 4th 2026

WHERE: St. Peter's Parish Grounds



Begins at 11AM! Please arrive by 10:45 - it goes quickly!

Children up to 6th grade welcome! Bring a basket or bag for your eggs.

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: \$136,439**



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We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Amy Reeping, Realtor - Berkshire Hathaway Home Services

CCD NEWS

Paula Vinzani, DRE

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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

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP will meet this Tuesday, March 31st 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, April 3rd at 1:45PM in the Church. *Please note the time change.*
SAVE THE DATE - Class of 2026 Graduates Recognition Mass & Luncheon on Sunday, May 17th 2026 - 12:15PM Mass. More information shared soon!

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

ULTREYA will not meet during the month of April due to Holy Week. Meetings will resume in May.



HOLY WEEK MINISTER SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday: 7PM
Lector: *Please Volunteer*
E.M.: Deacon Komula

Good Friday: 3PM
Lector: Demchak/Diesel
E.M.: Deacon Komula

MINISTER SCHEDULE:

April 4th - 5th
Cleaners: April 4th
T. Kolonich & N. Kozuch
Saturday (Easter Vigil) 8PM
EM: *Please Volunteer*
Lector: *Please Volunteer*
Greeters: Kolonich
Sunday - 8AM
EM: L. Wahl
Lector: L. Wahl
Greeters: Woy
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: F. Reeping III
Greeters: Menser, Hook
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: J. Faidley
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Snyder

STEWARDSHIP:
God invites each of us to cooperate with Him in small ways through sharing our time, talent, and material gifts

MARCH 22, 2026
Sunday Giving: \$8,039
Online Giving: \$2,690
School: \$225
Building Fund: \$1,714

