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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: AUGUST 31st - SEPTEMBER 6th		
Mon.	7AM	Kim Gibson - Wahl Family
Tues.	7AM 11:15AM	Sue Smith - Jean Knecht Special Intention - First Day of School
Wed.	7AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs	7AM	Danielle Meyers
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	Special Intention - Ben & Marge Vinzani Jr. Alice Sheets - Laura Nestor
Sat.	7AM 1PM 4PM	William F. Free - Monica Free *Wedding - Willa Sharbaugh & Jordan Love* William & Sue Gibson - The Gibson Family
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Mash, Bowlby, & Fatula Families - Robert & Jeanne Bowlby For the People Christine McShore - Pat & Family

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held on Friday, September 4th after 7AM Mass until the conclusion of 7AM Mass on Saturday morning.
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will take place immediately following 7AM Mass on Saturday.

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: AUGUST 30th - SEPTEMBER 6th		
Sun.	Noon	Men's Group TMIY Kickoff Picnic - Behind the school. All are welcome!
Tues.	11:15AM	First Day of School! Mass
Wed.	9AM 6PM	Quilters - Annex Catholic Daughters Meeting - Annex
Thurs.	7PM	Ultreya Meeting - Annex
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Beginning after 7AM Mass. Mass
Sat.		First Saturday Devotions - After 7AM Mass

WELCOME BACK…"BE BRAVE…BE KIND"

We are very excited to gather once again as a school family this Tuesday, ready to begin a new year of learning, growing, and walking in faith. This year our theme is "Be Brave...Be Kind!" Like the saints before us, we are called to follow Jesus in our actions and words each day. Sometimes it takes real courage to extend kindness to others. But every time we choose compassion, forgiveness, patience, and generosity—especially when it isn't easy – we are walking the way of the saints and more importantly, the way of Christ. We will step boldly into this new year armed with the courage to be brave, the heart to be kind, and the grace to bring goodness and kindness to the world around us.

Kindergarten: Ms. Amanda Ambrocik; **First Grade:** Mrs. Lori Holloway; **Second Grade:** Mrs. Carlye Grosholz; **Third Grade:** Miss Taylor Stinebiser; **Fourth Grade:** Mrs. Cathy Olsavsky; **Fifth Grade:** Mrs. Samantha Leazier; **Sixth Grade:** Mrs. Amanda Zimmerman; **Administrative Assistant:** Mrs. Tiffany Foy; **Phys. Ed.:** Mrs. Torie Miller; **Spanish:** Paulette Parlock; **Paraprofessional & Music Teacher:** Mrs. Polly Close; **STREAM Teacher/Academic Support & Enrichment:** Mrs. Theresa Sanner; **Guidance Counselor:** Mrs. Marissa O'Connor; **Title I Teacher & Librarian:** Mrs. Lindsey Swearman; **Act 89 Reading:** Dr. Krysten Farabaugh; **Aides:** Mrs. Pam Schrift, Mrs. Mary-Catherine Cordial, Mrs. Cindy Miller, & Mrs. Sis Taggart.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

August 30, 2026 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
If we are striving to live the stewardship way of life, we must be honest with ourselves and admit it's not going to be easy. Dying to self and living for Christ and others is tough. It's the work of a lifetime. But in the end, it's the only work that really matters and the only life that truly satisfies. Our readings today reflect this challenging reality. It's all about love. Jesus loved us totally, giving us all of Himself on the Cross, in His word, and in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. And so we must choose: love of self, or love of God and others – which is tough but fulfilling and leads to the eternal reward of heaven. Jesus promises that He "will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then He will repay all according to his conduct." Let us make the tough choice to lose our life for Christ's sake, in grateful response to His love. Honestly, what better life could there be?

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION - A Birth of Mary Celebration will be held on **Tues., September 8th, at St. Catherine Siena Church/Shrine, 308 Old Rt. 22, Duncansville Mass Times: 7AM, 12:05PM, & 5:30PM.**
Evening Mass and Rosary Procession at the Shrine; Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, celebrant. Please bring a lawn chair. If inclement weather, the mass will be celebrated in the church.
Rosary times: 7:30AM, 11:15AM, 1PM, & 4:30PM.
Food, exhibits, and crafts will be in the church hall. Conclude the day with birthday cake for all in the church hall.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY
Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, **September 13** in **ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, **September 20** in **JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at **2PM.** Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.
Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Friday, September 11th.

PILGRIMAGE TO PADRE PIO SHRINE - Saint Andrew Catholic Church in Johnstown is organizing a pilgrimage on the feast day of Saint Padre Pio to the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto, PA on Wednesday September 23. We will plan to leave Saint Andrew Church parking lot by 6am and depart Barto at 3pm. Seats on the bus are $55 and children are free. We will participate in Mass celebrated with an auxiliary bishop of Philadelphia , Fr Crowe, and other priests present, outdoor procession with a statue of Padre Pio accompanied by the Italian Festival band, Confessions will also be available. We will be able to view many of Padre Pio's relics and learn more about his life. The Padre Pio Museum and Cultural center will be open for visits. A food truck will be available for lunch. We will stop for dinner on the way back home. The ticket price does not include food. Please sign up with the sign up sheet located at thedinner on the way back home. The ticket price does not include food. Please sign up with the sign up sheet located at the St Andrew adoration chapel foyer. Signups are first come, first served, so sign up today! **Payment is due by September 7. This allows us to properly plan and pay for everything. If you would like to go but the cost of the ticket might be prohibitive, please do not let this stop you. Financial assistance may be available to help cover the cost of the ticket. Please contact Eileen Bohensky for more details or if you would like to sign up. Phone number: 814-893-5702.** Email:ebohensky@comcast.net.

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE CELEBRATING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE.

The diocesan family conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders.

This day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon **(also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates)** and Junior High Youth Day. This day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register online at: dioceseaj.org or copies of the registration booklet are available in the vestibule or by contacting the parish office. Please also prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day. Information on the day and to be a sponsor are in the registration booklet. For additional information contact Francine Swope at fswope@dioceseaj.org OR (814)317-2646.

Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi - 9/17/26
In celebration of the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo XIV has established a special Jubilee Year in 2026. A Plenary Indulgence is available to those who participate devoutly in the Jubilee observances and fulfill the usual conditions. St. John Vianney Church in Johnstown has been designated as a pilgrimage site for this indulgence.
Event Details:
- Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026
- Location: St. John Vianney Church, 3513 William Penn Avenue, Johnstown
- 6PM: Special event featuring a talk by Fr. Timothy on St. Francis and the gift of the Stigmata, followed by the required prayers for the indulgence.
- 6:30PM: Mass - The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis.
- After Mass: Franciscan friars will hear Confessions.

Requirements for the Plenary Indulgence (for oneself or a deceased person):
1. Visit a designated Franciscan church or pilgrimage site.
2. Go to Sacramental Confession within 8 days before or after the pilgrimage.
3. Participate in Mass and receive Holy Communion.
4. Recite the Lord's Prayer.
5. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

Please contact Fr. Timothy in advance so enough seating can be arranged - (814) 322-4789 or THarris@dioceseaj.org.

Pig Raffle Announcement!
St. Peter's Parish is excited to announce the sale of $10 pig raffle tickets from September 5th-20th. Two winners will be chosen, with each receiving a half pig! Tickets will be available in the vestibule at all Masses. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets at a different time, please contact Rita Halverson - 814-442-8312.

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR AUGUST 30TH 2026

8/30: 5-6:30 PM: "Meet the Teacher / Open House" for Grades 1-6
8/30: 6–8 PM: "Back to School Picnic" Hot dogs/buns/s'mores provided. Bring a side dish to share, chairs, and roasting sticks!
8/31: St. Peter School In-Service; Office closed 8AM - Noon
9/1: **FIRST DAY!** Opening Mass 11:15AM – Grades 1-6 Full Uniforms; Kindergarten Regular Uniforms. Please join us!
9/2: Gym & Library – Wear gym clothes
9/4: School Mass 11:15 – Full Uniforms

Looking Ahead:
9/7: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
9/8: All Family Folder and PowerSchool Forms Due
9/11: Grade 5 First Friday Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms
9/14: Grandparent Mass & Celebration 10:15AM; I55 Book Fair
9/14 – 9/17: I55 Book Fair
8/18: - NO SCHOOL – Diocesan In-Service

PARKING LOT ALERT:

With school beginning this week, we kindly ask that everyone drive slowly, follow all traffic pattern arrows and signs, and drive with caution from 7AM – 3PM across all school and parish areas. Thank you!

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION:

Thank you to all who have contributed to the building fund. To date, we have completed several projects including:

- Roof and gutter repairs and installed heat tracing in gutters.
- Replaced the electric panel in the hall.
- Removed the deteriorating pavers at the Church entrance and replaced with concrete.
- Contracted to have the hall air conditioners replaced.
- Replaced the boilers in the school.
- Replace the stone steps at the hall. ***Recently completed!***

Fundraising will continue for the following projects:
- Replace the pipes from the hall gutters that drain under the parking lot. Budget estimate is $20,000.
- Upgrade the air conditioning in the rectory. Budget estimate is $25,000.
- Replace the broken sidewalk at the east end of the school. Budget estimate is $10,000.
- Roof Replacement (Church, Hall Rectory). This is a future project but the roofs are soon beyond repair and the last storm blew off some slate tiles. Budget estimate is $200,000.
- Parking Lot Replacement. This is another future project and will be done in phases. Budget estimate is $300,000.

FUNDS RAISED: $192,224

CCD NEWS

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CCD and Confirmation classes begin September 13th. Please register your children ASAP if you haven't already done so.

Confirmation class will NOW be held Sunday mornings from 11AM-12:05PM in the annex. *Confirmation class will follow the CCD schedule.*

9/13: FIRST DAY OF CCD / CONFIRMATION
9/20: CCD / Confirmation Class
9/27: CCD / Confirmation Class

CONGRATULATIONS to Rosemary Miller, daughter of Lewis & Mary Miller, who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless her and her family.

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP invite you to their 'That Man is You' Program Kickoff Picnic on Sunday, August 30th from Noon - 2PM behind the school. All men and their families are welcome and encouraged to join! The program begins September 15th at 7PM in the hall.

ULTREYA will be held this Thursday, August 3rd at 7PM in the annex.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting this Wednesday, September 2nd at 6PM in the annex.

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP - Fall Painting Party' will take place on Friday, September 18th at 6PM in the parish hall. Cost is $25 and RSVP's are due by September 8th. You are welcome to bring food and drinks. Please mail check and design choice to Danielle Holiday:1502 Turkeyfoot Trail Rd, Markleton, PA 15551. Include your name, phone number, and design choice number which can be found on the easel in the vestibule or on social media.

MINISTER SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 5 - 6

Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: D. Sube
Lector: J. Matthews
Greeters: McTiernan
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: D. Woy
Lector: L. Wahl
Greeters: Gusbar
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Niemiec
Greeters: Halverson, Hook
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: V. Barbera
Lector: L. Latuch
Greeters: Gusbar

STEWARDHIP:

Dying to self and living for Christ and others requires sacrifice. It is the work of a lifetime.

AUGUST 23RD 2026
Sunday Giving: $11,691
School: $210
Votive: $165
Building Fund: $2,173

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Thank you to our sponsor of the week: SDC Building Center