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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Nancy Rose, Parish Administrator
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Dan Paugh, Maintenance Supervisor
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Sean Isgan, Finance Council
Jason June, Choir Director
Abby Bristor, Social Media & Bulletin

MASSES FOR THE WEEK: SEPTEMBER 21 st - 27 th		
Mon.	7AM	Lucy T. Rascona - Mapes Family
Tues.	7AM	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Billetdeoux - Mapes Family
Wed.	7AM	Special Intention - Ben & Marge Vinzani Jr.
Thurs	7AM	Barb Savino - Mark & Jo DeLozier
Fri.	7AM	Ronnie Druist - Mom & Dad
	11:15AM	Linda Gattian - Suzy & Alan Black
Sat.	1:30PM	Wedding - Chantelle Hutchens & Patrick Retassie
	4PM	Richard P. Bulow - Angelitto & Rose
Sun.	8AM	Judy Visalli - Joseph Gunter
	10AM	Msgr. Tomaselli - Linda Gattian
	12:15PM	For the People

"There are ways of being crucified that do not involve rough wood or heavy nails, but a love beyond our capacity to love, which means a love that has been given to us by God."
-Catherine Doherty (Servant of God)



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: SEPTEMBER 20 th - 27 th		
Tues.	6:30PM	TMIY - Hall
Wed.	9AM	Quilters - Annex
	6:30PM	Adult Choir Practice - Church
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 27th	11AM	CCD Class
	11AM	Confirmation Class - Annex

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. PETER'S HOLIDAY BASKET BAZAAR



Saturday, Nov. 7th, 1PM – 6PM
Sunday, Nov. 8th, 9AM - 2PM
Baskets, Baked Goods Sale & Prize Drawing!
1st Prize: \$500 Cash, 2nd Prize: \$300 Cash, 3rd Prize: Queen-Size Quilt, 4th Prize: \$150 Cash.
PARISH ENGAGEMENT IS NEEDED FOR THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT!
Basket Donations (minimum \$25 value) should be covered in clear cellophane with a contents list, dropped off at the rectory by Nov. 5th.
Baked Goods donations are to be dropped off on Saturday after 12PM or Sunday at 8AM.
Volunteers Needed! Please call the rectory to sign-up!
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Thank you to everyone who supported the pig raffle. Tickets are sold out! We will be picking the winner on Monday, September 21st.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH PASTOR’S NOTES:
September 20, 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God’s logic and priorities often differ from worldly logic and priorities. What does this mean for us who call ourselves His disciples and stewards? It means that our way of life should look decidedly different from a “worldly” way of life. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the “Godly logic” of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. The landowner finds workers throughout the day, but pays them all the same at the end. This angered the laborers who had worked longest and they grumbled against the landowner. But those laborers were relying on human logic, and not thinking as God does. This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family, at work, and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger! We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. The more time we are given to do His work, the greater the gift.

TRIDUUM TO ST THERESE – SEPTEMBER 29th, 30th & OCTOBER 1st
Join us for three days of prayer to honor St Therese, and draw closer to God. There will be Communal Anointing of the Sick on Wednesday evening. This Sacrament gives healing, strength and the grace of Jesus Christ to its afflicted members. Any Catholic who is seriously ill, weakened by old age, chronically ill, or facing surgery, should receive this Sacrament.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Wednesday, September 30 of the St. Theresa Triduum)
[TRIDUUM OF ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS PRAYER INTENTION]

2026 PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION - On the weekend of September 26-27, all parishes in our diocese will take up a special collection to support our diocesan priests’ medical and retirement needs. Donations will help subsidize medical care for active priests as well as the medical and living expenses of senior priests. Our retired priests receive a modest pension, funded primarily by parish assessment, and take on their own housing and living expenses. Many graciously continue to serve parishes amid a shortage of active priests, celebrating Mass and visiting the sick and homebound. Your gift to this annual collection helps to ease the financial responsibility of our parishes, and, more importantly, shows your appreciation for the dedication of our priests. Thank you.

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 20 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 p.m. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families.

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG - This Monday, September 21st at 7:00 P.M. in collaboration with the Catholic Speakers organization, Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown, Holy Name Parish is sponsoring from the Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafael Capo. He is known as the “bodybuilding priest” and has connected with countless young people through speaking engagements across the U.S. and around the world. Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Joseph Isenman from Jack & Jane Miller, Mark & Pam Miller, John Vinzani, William & Stacey Whitacre, and Lynn Matthews
THANK YOU for the donation to St. Peter’s Church in memory of Joseph Schrock from Michael & Debra Carey, Rob & Cindy Law, Thomas & Judy Minnick, Craig & Crystal Sprock, Alan & Amy Angermeier, Mary Dinning, Roger, Sandy Pyle & Family, Gary & Eileen Singel, Linda & Dennis Troy, The Quilt Group (Building Fund), and Judith (Sprock) Klink & Family.

ALTAR SERVING - Children in Grades 3-10 who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become an altar server for St. Peter's Parish. Please use the QR code below or call the rectory to sign up your child for one of the training sessions with Fr. Patti and Katie Bobby. The dates for the session are Thursday, October 1st from 6-7PM and Saturday, October 10th from 9-10AM. Thank you for considering this ministry! *Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honor, a true holy service... you are servers of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest” - Pope John Paul*



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 heat tracing in gutters.
- Replaced the electric panel in the hall.
- Removed deteriorating pavers at the Church entrance and replaced with concrete.
- Contracted to have the hall air conditioners replaced.
- Replaced the boilers in the school.
- Replaced the stone steps at the hall.

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 have storm damage. 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: \$198,349

**ST. PETER SCHOOL**
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SCHOOL NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER 20th 2026
9/21: PTA Meeting in Hall 7PM
9/25: Grade 3 School Mass 11:15AM
LOOKING AHEAD:
9/28: PTA Hot Lunch
9/30: Midterm of First Grading Period
Class of 1966 Visits St. Peter School - A very warm thank-you to the St. Peter School Class of 1966, who visited with us recently. On the occasion of the 60th anniversary of their graduation from St. Peter School, the group gathered for a sort of “reunion” to re-enact their 8th grade graduation photo on the school's front steps. They toured the school and answered students' questions about what it was like when the alumni attended. They were delighted to hear that some of our desks are actually original to the school and learned about the nuns who were their teachers. Having started as fourth graders at St. Peter School in the fall of 1961, when the school first opened, only grades 1-4 were offered. Grades 5 through 8 were added each following year until their class graduated in 8th grade. Fr. Gartland was the pastor at the time, and his sister was one of their teachers. What a beautiful legacy our school has! Thanks to these members of the St. Peter School Class of 1966 for sharing their time and memories: John Farkosh, Barb Farkosh, Janet Higgins, Ben Vinzani and Len Johnson. And may our school continue to inspire this same spirit in all of our graduates who someday might walk our hallway remembering all of us.

CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, DRE
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9/20: CCD/Confirmation Class
9/27: CCD/Confirmation Class
LOOKING AHEAD:
10/4: CCD/Confirmation Class /Rite of Commitment Mass at 12:15 PM.
10/11: NO CLASS : FALL BREAK
10/18: CCD /Confirmation Class

ST. PETER'S PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
will be held this Thursday, September 24th at 6:30PM in the annex.



**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**
will have their next meeting on Wednesday, October 7th, at 6PM in the annex.

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - That Man Is You! will meet this Tuesday, September 22nd at 7PM in the hall. It is open to all men of the parish. Dinner is at 7PM, video presentation at 7:30PM, and small group discussion at 8PM. We dismiss promptly at 8:30PM.

For social media or website content, email editor@stpetersparish.com. For bulletin announcements and parish calendar events, email both editor@stpetersparish.com **and** office@stpetersparish.com. Submit bulletin requests by the Wednesday before the Sunday announcement.

Thank you to our sponsor of the week: Daniel J. Woy, Inc. Plumbing & Heating

Parish Pro-life Prayer
Dear Heavenly Father,
We thank You and praise You for the precious gift of life that You have given to each of Your children. We are deeply troubled that a culture of death has taken root in our society. Help us to be aware each day of the ways that we can foster and promote a prolife culture.

Strengthen in our hearts a prolife attitude and a commitment to support prolife activities in our homes, schools, workplaces, government, and society. We pray with special concern for our tiny preborn brothers and sisters, and for a speedy end to abortion, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research. We ask You to sanctify and multiply our prolife efforts.

Mary Most Holy, Our Lady of Life, pray for us! Through your Holy and Immaculate Conception, we ask you to intercede for us, and to obtain a prolife renewal and a love for life in our hearts, in our nation, and in our world.
Amen.

ST. PETER’S WOMEN’S GROUP

- **Women’s Retreat:** All women are invited to a day filled with prayer, fellowship, adoration, discussions, and the sacrament of reconciliation led by Father Mark Pattock. The retreat is scheduled for October 10th, 2026, from 9AM to 4PM at St. John the Baptist Church in New Baltimore. The theme for this year is ‘Honoring the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis.’ Cost is \$20, which includes a light breakfast and lunch. To register, please contact Sue Sube at 814-442-6168 or suejsube@yahoo.com. Carpooling options available.
- **Fall Ethnic Potluck Celebration** - Something new is going to take place at St. Peter's Parish - a fun evening of enjoying various ethnic food items. On Saturday, October 17th, after the 4PM Mass, everyone is invited to prepare a special dish from their ethnic background to share with those in attendance. More information to come!

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
SEPTEMBER 26 - 27
Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: M. Farrell
Lector: C. Madigan
Greeters: Keiser
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: M. Kuhn
Lector: J. Wahl
Greeters: Kuhn
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. DiLoreto
Greeters: Hilton, Komula
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: J. Zern
Lector: T. Dirienzo
Greeters: Gombita

STEWARDSHIP:
We may compare ourselves to others and wonder whether everyone else is contributing as much as we are at home, in our parish, or in our community. Instead, we should remember what a privilege it is to have been invited into the Lord's vineyard.
SEPTEMBER 13TH 2026
Sunday Giving: \$9,991
School: \$170
Votive: \$101
Building Fund: \$1,786
thank you!



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Vehicles parked outside marked spaces create safety hazards for parishioners walking through the parking lot and can obstruct access for emergency vehicles should they be needed. We respectfully ask everyone to honor this request each time you visit our parish. Your cooperation is essential in helping us maintain a safe and accessible environment for all.



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