

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST PASTOR’S NOTES:

On this Feast of All Saints, we have the profound joy of celebrating our big brothers and sisters in Christ: the saints! This is an especially meaningful feast for us as Christian stewards. Saints inspire us and lead us to Christ by their example of heroic virtue. Sainthood is meant for all of us – not just the canonized, and not only the martyrs and missionaries. At our Baptism, we all receive the call to holiness and discipleship – in other words, the call to sainthood. If we wish to go to Heaven, we must strive to become saints! Thankfully, armed with grace and the stewardship way of life, we can have firm hope that one day we will join our big brothers and sisters in the never-ending joys and celebration of Heaven.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - During November, the Church invites us in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest" (Eucharistic Prayer II). November begins with the celebration Of All Saints Day Mass on the weekend Of October 31- November 1. **All Souls’ Day Masses** will be celebrated on Monday, November 2nd at 7AM; 11:15AM; and 6PM. All through November we remember all the faithful departed (all souls being purified in purgatory), including the deceased members of our families. Throughout the month, you are encouraged to inscribe the names of your beloved dead in the book which will be placed near the baptismal font. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

ALL DAY ADORATION - St. Peter's will have an additional day of Adoration as of the second Friday of each month beginning November 13, 2026. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed following the 7AM Mass and will close with Benediction at 7PM (with reposition for the 11:15AM school mass). The parish theme for this monthly day of Adoration will be "Prayer for Vocations". We would like to rely on many visits by our parishioners throughout the day. Details for signup times will be coming soon. Please plan to come and spend some time with the Lord in private prayer for Vocations as well as your own personal intentions.

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life
Dearest St Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God’s humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem. Welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far away from your homeland for the Safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God’s most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life—especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

Pastoral Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 6PM in the annex.

Parish Finance Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 6PM in the annex.

WAYS TO ASSIST THE SOULS IN PURGATORY:
Have Masses Offered for Them - “From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all, the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.”(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1032)
Visit to a Cemetery - An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary (full) each day from the 1st to the 8th of November; on other days of the year it is partial. (Enchiridion of Indulgences, 1968, No. 13)
Prayer & Sacrifice for Their Relief - It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they might be loosed from their sins. (2 Macc 12:46) “Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Come spend time with our Lord in adoration beginning Friday, November 6th, after 7AM Mass until the conclusion of 7AM Mass on Saturday morning.

FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER DEVOTIONS will meet this Saturday, November 7th, to pray for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotions take place in the church following 7AM Mass. All are welcome!

Bringing the Eucharist to Your Home
St. Peter’s parish community is dedicated to ensuring that no one is cut off from the Sacraments due to illness, recovery, or advanced age. If you would like to have Communion brought to you in your home, please call the rectory at 814-443-6574. We will gladly arrange for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to visit and pray with you.

***THANK YOU** for the donation to St. Peter’s School in memory of Theresa Farling from Willie McTiernan*

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: \$219,563

**ST. PETER SCHOOL**
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SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026
Nov. 2: PTA Hot Lunch
Nov. 3: End of First Grading Period
Nov. 5: Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4 PM
Nov 6: Grade 5 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms

LOOKING AHEAD:
Nov. 11: Rock’n Readers Practice 3-4 PM
Nov. 13: Grade 4 School Mass 11:15 – Full Uniforms; Modified Busing Somerset Area School District has an early dismissal this day. St. Peter School will have a full day of school, and busing will be arranged for those who request MODIFIED BUSING in Pickup Patrol by 10:00 am Friday, November 6th. Vans will run as usual, and parents are reminded that students may arrive home earlier than usual due to the shortened routes.
Nov. 17: Appalachia Intermediate Unit Elementary Reading Competition
Nov. 19: Lifetouch Picture Retake

CCD NEWS
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11/1: CCD/Confirmation Class
11/8: CCD/Confirmation Class
11/15: CCD/Confirmation Class
11/22: CCD/Confirmation Class
11/29: NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING BREAK

CCD Substitute Teachers Needed! We are looking for volunteers to serve as substitute CCD teachers to help cover classes when a regular teacher is occasionally unable to attend. All required clearances must be completed for this volunteer position. If you are interested in helping support our CCD program, please prayerfully consider volunteering and contact Paula Vinzani at pvinzani@dioceseaj.org for more information.

NOVEMBER SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn this month in memory of the Forgotten Souls of Purgatory.



On behalf of our parish family, we would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month.

Heavenly Father, bless these couples so that the love they have for each other may continue to reflect the love of Christ for his Church. Look with kindness upon them and continue to bless them with peace, joy, health and happiness.

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: Jennerstown Speedway

**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** will have its next meeting this Wednesday, November 4th, at 6PM in the annex.

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP - That Man Is You! resumes this Tuesday, November 3rd. Join us for food, fellowship and some catechesis in the hall. Dinner is at 7PM, followed by a 30 minute video presentation and concludes with small group discussion. We dismiss promptly at 8:30PM. If you have never been to a TMIY meeting, please come see what you've been missing!

ULTREYA will meet this Thursday, November 5th at 7PM in the annex.

THANK YOU to St. Peter's Church Women's Group for the Memorial Poster honoring our deceased parishioners from the past year. It will be displayed in the Sanctuary throughout November.
A MEMORIAL ROSARY will be prayed before the 6PM All Souls’ Day Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend!
A SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE will be held on Monday, November 16th, at 1PM in the Church to honor this year's deceased parishioners. Following the service, there will be rosary and prayers. Everyone is invited to participate, especially family members of our dearly departed.

*O Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Charity!
Filled with joy, prostrate at your feet, I entrust myself entirely to you. Virgin of Miracles, heal the sick, console the afflicted, give hope to the destitute, preserve families from evil, protect the young and innocent. From your Chapel at Cobre, watch over the just, convert sinners, fortify thy priests, and save all Christians. Amen.*

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
November 7 - 8
Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: M. Weimer
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Kolonich
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: L. Wahl
Lector: B. Wilmotte
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: R. Halverson
Lector: D. DiLoreto
Greeters: Komula, Murdy
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: B. Farkosh
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Gombita

STEWARDSHIP:
May the example of the saints inspire us to persevere in our own call to holiness, trusting that one day we will join them in the everlasting joy of heaven.

OCTOBER 25TH 2026
Sunday Giving: \$7,996
Sunday Online: \$3,035
School: \$0
Votive: \$124
Building Fund: \$2,226

thank you!