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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 16 - 22		
Mon.	7AM	Penny Greene - McNelly Family
Tues.	7AM	Joseph Isenman - Mike & Janice Fapore
Wed.	7AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Thurs.	7AM	Theresa Rascona - Janice Fike
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	William Free - Monica Free Linda Gattian - Isgan Family
Sat.	4PM	Joe Schrock - Joan Lizambri
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Diocesean Priests Joe Schrock - Family For the People

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 15 - 22		
Sun.	11AM	CCD & Confirmation Class
Mon.	1PM	Prayer Service followed by Rosary and Prayers
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House Men's Group TMIY - Hall
Wed.	9AM 6PM 6PM 6PM 6:45PM	Quilters - Annex Children's Choir Practice - Church Pastoral Council Meeting - Annex Children's Choir Practice - Church Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thurs.		Pro-Life Rosary after 7AM Mass
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 22	11AM	CCD & Confirmation Class

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O Gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Your departed servants. Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Savior, send Your holy angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. Amen

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.

St. Peter's School PTA Craft & Vendor Fair

WHEN: DEC. 5, 9AM - 3PM
WHERE: PARISH HALL

Handmade jewelry, candles, wood crafts, pottery, beauty products, essential oils, homemade sweet treats and everything in between!

There will also be a chinese auction, soup sale, and other lunch items. Please join us!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today's readings challenge us to live not for the "here and now," but rather with eternity in mind. We are reminded that we will be called one day to give an account for the gifts God has given us – our physical, intellectual and material gifts – as well as the gift of time itself. We must examine our lives to determine whether we are making the best use of our gifts with the time we have been given to use them. St. Paul gives us a wonderful lens through which to do this type of self-examination, in our Second Reading from 1 Thessalonians. He reminds us of our true identity as disciples of Christ. "All of you are… children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober." We are to live in a way that is counter to the prevailing wisdom, living not for ourselves and for the pleasure of immediate gratification, but rather to advance the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us embrace the stewardship way of life, using all the gifts entrusted to us – time, talent and treasure – in such a way that at the end of our life on this earth, we will hear these words from our Father: "Well done, my good and faithful servant… Come, share your master's joy."

Hungarian Presentation – November 22nd – Holy Family Parish – Hooversville In conjunction with All Saints Parish in Boswell, Holy Family Parish in Hooversville will host a lecture on Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 PM at All Saints Lyceum (332 Stoneycreek Street – Boswell) by Dr. Endre Szentkiralyi on the basics on Hungarian culture. Born and raised near Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Szentkiralyi studied English and German at Cleveland State University, received a MA in English from the University of Akron, and earned his PhD in literary and cultural studies from the University of Debrecen in Hungary. He is author of several books on Hungarian and Hungarian-American culture. He is currently the director of the Cleveland Hungarian School. This presentation is free and open to all, however, since refreshments will be served, it's asked that all those planning to attend call the All Saints Parish office (814-629-5551) to register.

ALL SOULS - During November, the Church invites us in a special way to remember "our brothers and sisters who have died and gone to their rest." (Eucharistic Prayer II). November began with the celebration of All Saints and All Souls, and throughout the entire month we will remember all the faithful departed (all souls being purified in purgatory), including the deceased members of our families.

PROPER BURIAL OF OUR DECEASED BROTHERS AND SISTERS - The proper interment of the body has never been an issue in the past, but since cremation has become a more common practice, questions and concerns have arisen. There have been several occasions in past years in which Catholic families have requested funeral rites contrary to Catholic practice (wanting to scatter ashes on the ground or allowing families to retain cremains in their homes). A Catholic priest is not permitted to conduct funeral services in violation of sound and respectful Catholic burial practices. Our local funeral directors are aware of this. In order that all may understand Church teaching, I share the following with you.

Principles Regarding Cremation/ Reverence for the Sacredness of the Human Body - Because the human body is integral to the human person, it is difficult to think of a person apart from their body. "Thus, the Roman Catholic Church's reverence and care for the body grows out of a reverence and concern for the person whom the Church now commends to the care of God." The long-standing practice of burying the body of the deceased in a grave or tomb or mausoleum continues to be encouraged as a sign of Christian faith. However, the Church does not forbid cremation as a means of disposition of the body, unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Church teaching.

Preference for the Presence of the Body at the Funeral - The body of a deceased loved one forcefully brings to mind the mystery of life and death. As Christians, the body of the deceased speaks also to our belief that we are destined for future glory at the resurrection of the dead. Therefore "the Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for its funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values which the Church affirms in its rites." When cremation is chosen, the Church prefers that the body be cremated after the Funeral, thus allowing for the presence of the body at the Funeral Mass. When circumstances require it, however, cremation may take place even before the Funeral liturgy. The cremated remains may be present at the Funeral Mass, and blessed with holy water at the opening rites.

Proper Burial of the Cremated Remains - "Cremated remains may be buried in a grave, entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium or even buried at sea." The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground is not permitted. Likewise, "keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires." The principle of respect for the cremated remains of a deceased Christian mirrors the respect afforded their body. The body is always laid to rest with solemnity and dignity. All references taken from the Order of Christian Funerals, Appendix: Cremation; 1997. **Note**: If you are aware of members of your family who have not properly interred the cremains of your beloved relatives, please share with them the above. It is out of respect for the relationship of the deceased with their eternal design that proper interment (burial) should be realized.

OFFER UP MASS: Did you know that you can offer up Mass for your own intentions? Don't ask what you can "get out of Mass" but what you can give, by responding, "May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church." Here we offer ourselves and our intentions. Listen for these words this week when you attend Mass. Allow yourself to feel called to participate in uniting Jesus' offering of Himself with your own sacrifice.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL COLLECTION - Over the last 80 years Catholic Charities has provided emergency needs such as heat, rent, shelter, doctor visits and funeral expenses, to many families throughout Central Pennsylvania. 100% of contributions received through this month's collection will directly help our neighbors in need. Thank you to all who have already contributed. Please use the special envelope or the one in your packet. Thank you for helping Catholic Charities to reduce poverty in communities throughout our diocese.

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.
- Upgrade HVAC system in the rectory. **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.
- 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: $243,595

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Nov. 16: PTA Thanksgiving Hot Lunch Please bring in donations for Food Pantry by Monday
Nov. 17: Reading Competition at Bellwood Antis High School Team members should wear team shirts and jeans/pants to school. GOOD LUCK!
Nov. 19: School Picture Retake Day
Nov. 20: 4 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms; Grades 1-3 Thanksgiving Celebration 1 – 2:30PM in school

LOOKING AHEAD:

Nov. 24: 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 Wednesday, November 18th. Vans will run as usual.
Nov. 25: Special Busing: Somerset Area School District does not have school this day. St. Peter School will be in session on this day and will dismiss early at 12:40PM. SASD buses will be provided for AM & PM transportation. Parents of all students who ride an SASD bus in the AM or PM are asked to enter their transportation arrangements for this Special Busing day by Wednesday, November 18th. Vans will be provided as usual. ALL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 12:40PM
Nov. 26 - Nov. 30: No School - Thankgiving Break!
Dec. 5: PTA Craft & Vendor Fair 9AM – 3PM in Parish Hall

GOOD LUCK ROCK'N READERS! -This Tuesday, our St. Peter School Rock'n Readers will travel to Bellwood Antis High School to compete in the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Fall Elementary Reading Competition. This group of 10 fourth, fifth, and sixth graders has been reading up a storm since last spring's competition, when they won the All Around First Place trophy! They will compete against teams from several Catholic and public elementary schools, and we are so proud of the work they have done to prepare for this big day. Good luck to this fall's Rock'n Readers! 4th Grade: Lydia Gerber, Emma Gontis, Ethan Stoy and Dominic Zawisza. 5th Grade: Gwendolyn Gombita and John Sheahan. 6th Grade: Griffin Faidley, Evan Gontis, Abigail Swearman and Laurel Weigle. Thanks to our dedicated coaches, Mrs. Lindsey Swearman and Mrs. Cindy Miller and to our parent volunteers!

CCD NEWS

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11/15: CCD/Confirmation Class
11/22: CCD/Confirmation Class
11/29: NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING BREAK
12/6: CCD/Confirmation Class
12/13: CCD/Confirmation Class
12/20: CCD/Confirmation Class
12/27: NO CLASS: CHRISTMAS BREAK

CCD Substitute Teachers Needed! All required clearances must be completed for this volunteer position. Contact Paula Vinzani.

***CONGRATULATIONS** to Harmony Clark, daughter of Andrew & Brandy Clark, who recently joined our parish family through Baptism. May God bless her and her family!*

PROJECT LUNCHBAG is collecting $10 Walmart Gift Cards. Please consider donating! Cards can be dropped off in the collection basket or the rectory. Thank you!

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

SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICE will be held on Monday, November 16th, at 1PM in the Church followed by rosary and prayers.

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You!
Program will be held this Tuesday, November 17th. Join us for food, fellowship and some catechesis in the hall. Dinner is at 7PM, followed by a 30 minute video presentation and small group discussion. We dismiss promptly at 8:30PM.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will be held this Thursday, November 19th after the 7AM Mass. All are encouraged to attend!

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP extends a cordial invitation to all ladies to attend our Christmas Party on Sunday, November 29th. Information is in the vestibule along with flyers. Please RSVP by November 16th.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
November 21 - 22

Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: V. Jacob
Lector: D. Demchak
Greeters: Keiser
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: M. Woy
Lector: J. Wahl
Greeters: Kuhn
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: D. Rullo
Lector: D. Niemiec
Greeters: Halverson, Hook
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: V. Barbera
Lector: L. Wahl
Greeters: Soberdash

STEWARDSHIP:

May we live each day so that, when our work is finished, we too may hear those joyful words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant... Come, share your master's joy."

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