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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6		
Mon.	7AM	Grace Svonavec - Vince & Melanie Barbera
Tues.	7AM	Souls in Purgatory - A Friend
Wed.	7AM	Lucy Rascona - Isgan Family
Thurs.	9AM	Susan Mapes - Mapes Family
Fri.	7AM 11:15AM	Sue Smith - Karen & Sam Berkey Judy Visalli - Sue & Tom Krise
Sat.	7AM 4PM	Albert Feczko - Vince & Melanie Barbera Patricia McGuire - Theresa & Ed Mimna
Sun.	8AM 10AM 12:15PM	Jennifer Harrelson - Mom & Dad For the People Fred & Ruth Clarke - Mike, Janice, & Family

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Come spend time with our Lord in adoration, beginning Friday, December 4th, after 7AM Mass until the conclusion of 7AM Mass on Saturday morning.

FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER DEVOTIONS will be held this Saturday, December 5th, to pray for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotions take place in the church following 7AM Mass. All are welcome!

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: NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 6		
Sun.	11AM	**No CCD or Confirmation Class - Thanksgiving**
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House Men's Group TMIY - Hall
Wed.	9AM 6PM 6PM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex Children's Choir Rehearsal - Church Catholic Daughters Meeting - Annex Adult Choir Rehearsal - Church
Thurs.	6:30PM 7PM	Advent Confessions - Church Ultreya Meeting
Fri.		24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration - Begins after 7AM Mass
Sat.	9AM	First Saturday Devotions - After 7AM Mass Saint Peter School PTA Craft & Vendor Fair - Hall
Sun. 6.		CCD & Confirmation Class

St. Peter's School PTA Craft & Vendor Fair

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

From handmade jewelry, candles, wood crafts, pottery, beauty products, and essential oils to homemade sweet treats and everything in between, this Craft & Vendor Fair has something for everyone's holiday shopping and decorating.

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH PASTOR'S NOTES:

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder that Advent doesn't always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards. Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us awaken if we have grown weary or complacent, and recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby, and He is coming again. Be watchful!

ADVENT - Celebrate the Season of Advent. Many of us look forward to Christmas all year but let Advent pass unnoticed. This quiet season can't compete with the lights, the joy, and the excitement of Christmas. Instead, why not use this year's season of Advent to prepare for Christmas? Look beyond what your eyes can see to focus on your inner preparations.

Keep watch. Jesus is coming. We know that because we celebrate his coming every Christmas. He will also come again in glory but we don't know when that will be. Advent reminds us to always be prepared for the coming of Christ. "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths (Matthew 3:3)

Give the gift of yourself. This year prepare the one gift for Jesus that he truly wants: YOU. Jesus thought each of us was worth love and his life. To him we are a gift from the Father. Prepare yourself during Advent so that when he unwraps your gift on Christmas morning, it is the very best you have to offer-your love.

Get rid of distractions. Let go of anything that stands between you and your faith. Perhaps you have a bad habit or companion who is a poor influence. Take the opportunity during Advent to make things right. Ridding yourself of opportunities for sin will help you be ready to greet the Savior when he comes.

Why do we light candles on wreaths during Advent? - Advent wreaths are a time-honored tradition and are rich in symbolism. The wreath is an ancient symbol of victory, in this case, paying tribute to Christ's victory over sin. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal; he – like his everlasting love for us - has no beginning and no end. The wreath is usually made of evergreen branches, symbolizing everlasting life. Traditionally, the four candles (three violet, one rose) represent the four thousand years between the fall of Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ. Each week an additional candle is lit, accompanied by Scriptural meditations and prayers. The three violet candles stand for the prayers, penances, and good works we do to prepare for Christ's coming. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent as a reminder to rejoice, because it tells us the season is almost over. Finally, the progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the light of Jesus' arrival, which brought us out of the darkness of sin.

Advent Spiritual Reading - All are welcome to pick up a copy of "The Word Among Us."

The Christmas Offertory Collection is very important for the well-being of our parish. Please be as charitable as you can to St Peter's parish and its ministries by contributing generously to this year's Christmas collection.

ADVENT PRAYER - Help us, Lord Jesus, to hold steadfast to prayer, relying on the word of God, in all despair, that our hopes in You will ever increase while our doubts and fears slowly decrease. Help us, Lord, to be a light of hope to those who are in need. To be an example of Your love and mercy, and to tell others of Your great grace and glory, Amen.

(CONT.) IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - TUESDAY, DEC 8 is a HOLY DAY of OBILGATION.

This feast commemorates the Patroness of the United States, who gave birth to Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, and who was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. This year, America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over us and protect us once again. **Masses will be celebrated on Monday evening, December 7 at 4:15PM and on Tuesday December 8th at 7AM, 11:15AM & 7PM.**

GIVING TUESDAY - On December 1st, thousands of people around the world will come together to give back, support meaningful causes, and strengthen their communities. This Giving Tuesday, we invite you to be a part of that spirit of generosity by supporting the parishes, schools and ministries right here in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown that help us share Christ's love and spread his message. ***Give today. Create Hope for tomorrow. Envelopes are in the pews!*** Go to www.dioceseaj.org/giving to donate online to St. Peter's Parish today!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

will be held on Thursday, December 3, from 6:30 - 7:30PM in the church. All are welcome and encouraged to join!

PREPARING FOR ADVENT!

ADVENT is a prayerful time as we prepare for the birth of Christ. There are a limited amount of '***Word Among Us'*** available for free in the Vestibule. It offers valuable spiritual insight so please take a copy home!

ADVENT CANDLES & WREATHS - Candles can be purchased individually at the rectory for $10 each. A set of candles and wreath is available for $25. You can pick them up at the rectory from 9AM to 1PM, Monday through Friday.

OPLATKI (Christmas Wafers) are now available in the rectory. The cost is $3 per package.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS - Cost for a poinsettia is $20 and there are envelopes in the vestibule. The deadline is December 14th. ***For questions, please call the rectory, 814-443-6574.***

LECTOR TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a lector? A training session will be held in the coming weeks for all those would like to participate. Current lectors are also encouraged to come and refresh their skills. For more information and to sign up for the training, please call Deb Niemiec at 814-233-2591.

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Nov. 30: NO SCHOOL
Dec. 1: School Resumes
Dec. 4: School Mass 11:15 AM – Full Uniforms
Dec. 5: PTA Craft & Vendor Fair 9AM – 3PM in Parish Hall

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec. 7: Family Advent Night 6:30PM in Hall – See newsletters to RSVP
Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms; Midterm of Second Grading Period
Dec. 11: Grade 2 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms
Dec. 14: PTA Hot Lunch
Dec. 15: Grade 6 "Christmas Around the World" Presentations & Luncheon in Hall
9AM – 1PM; "Follow the Star" Family Event 6PM

CCD NEWS

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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 are required. Please contact Paula Vinzani.

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.

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: $245,556

ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You!

Program will be held this Tuesday, December 1. 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.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

Just in time for Advent! **The Catholic Daughters 'Divine Decor'** will be open this weekend November 28-29, with some brand new merchandise including beautiful handmade rosaries from Jordan Shaulis. Please check us out after Masses. Remember, cash or check only!

Nursing Home Donations - We are collecting items until Dec. 14 for our local nursing homes. We would appreciate donations of large print puzzle books, toiletries and lap blankets. Thank you!

Next Monthly Meeting is this Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6PM in the annex.

ADVENT RORATE MASSES - Join us for an enchanted, candlelight Mass at 6:30AM, featuring beautiful sacred music every Saturday during Advent. Here's the schedule: December 5 at Resurrection Parish, Johnstown; December 12 at St. John Gualbert, Johnstown; December 19 at St. Andrew's, Johnstown; and December 19 at St. John's, Central City. Refreshments will be provided each evening!

First Sunday of Advent



MINISTER SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 5-6

Saturday - 4PM Mass
EM: C. Madigan
Lector: C. Madigan
Greeters: Saylor
Sunday - 8AM Mass
EM: B. Wilmotte
Lector: M. Kuhn
Greeters: Delano
Sunday - 10AM Mass
E.M.: A.DiLoreto
Lector: R. Halverson
Greeters: Frazier, Custer
Sunday - 12:15PM Mass
E.M.: T. Dirienzo
Lector: J. Zern
Greeters: Snyder

STEWARDSHIP:

Advent invites us to do more than prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. It also calls us to prepare our hearts for His glorious return.

NOVEMBER 22, 2026
Sunday Giving: $8,459
Sunday Online: $3,225
School: $50
Votive: $109
Building Fund: $1,851
Catholic Charities: $5,500

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