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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023 MASSES FOR THE WEEK: NOV. 6-12

Mon.	7:00AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory-A friend
Tues.	7:00AM	Joe Vergona-Sam & Karen Berkey
Wed.	7:00AM	Lucille Severine -Daughter
Thurs	7:00AM	Cecilia Pritts-JB Class of 66
Fri.	7:00AM 11:15AM	Virginia Reed-Janice & Michael Fapore Joan Trovato-Todd & Lisa Miller
Sat.	4:00PM	Karen Krause-Gene & Linda Gontis Family
Sun.	8:00AM 10:00AM 12:15PM	For the People 60th Wedding Anniversary Fred & Lindy Dipre-Family Concetta Panzica/Lanasa-Somerset Hospital Department of Surgery

ST. PETER'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR

SAT., NOV. 11, 1PM TO 6PM

SUN., NOV. 12, 9AM TO 2PM

PLEASE BRING BASKETS TO THE
 RECTORY DURING OFFICE HOURS THIS
 WEEK.

PIZZAS AND SUBS...DIPS AND MIXES...

Something for Everyone! St. Peter School PTA is currently selling "Marianna's Pizzas and Subs" as well as a new addition of "Aunt Carol's Dips & Mixes." Funds from this sale will help pay the transportation costs for our Rock'n Readers to both their fall and spring competitions. Orders are due by 9am Thurs., 11/9 and will be available for pickup after 1pm on Fri., 11/17. Order yours today to have some quick and easy meals before the holiday cooking frenzy! "Aunt Carol's Gourmet Dips and Mixes" Introducing a new PTA Fundraiser just in time for holiday gatherings and gifts. Dips include sweet and savory dips, olive oil dip mixes, and adult slushie mixes. Each mix is only \$5. Orders can be placed with a school family and are due by Nov.16th. Dips will arrive the week of Dec. 14th. Call the school for more information.

ORDINARY SCHEDULE

4:00 PM Saturday, Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM and 10 AM, 12:15 PM Sunday

HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced

CONFESSIONS: 2:45 PM Saturday or anytime upon request.

BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.

MARRIAGES: Please make the priest your initial contact as early as possible. An interview with the couple must precede setting a date. He will guide the preparation process.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please 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 the home-bound on a regular basis.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: It is important to be a registered parishioner in order to gain the benefits and privileges of parish membership. New parishioners are most welcome. If you have moved into, within or outside the parish or are not a member of the parish at present please call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sat.	After 4PM Mass	Five First Saturday Prayer Group-Church
Mon.	6-7:30PM	RCIA-Annex
Tues.	12PM	Bible Study-Sue Sube's House
Wed.	8:30AM 6:00PM 6:30-8PM	Quilters-Annex Childrens Choir Rehearsal-Choir Loft Adult Choir Practice-Church
Thur.	9-11:00AM	Moms & Tots-Hall
Sat.	1PM-6PM	HOLIDAY BAZAAR-HALL
Sun	9AM-2PM	HOLIDAY BAZAAR-HALL

BOGUS TEXT MESSAGES If you receive a text "Hello, are you available please return my text when you get it, I have a favor to ask?" Fr. Angelo J. Patti

DISREGARD IT! I NEVER TEXT ASKING FOR FAVORS.

ATTENTION: PROJECT LUNCH BAG (Christmas For the Homeless)

Would you be willing to donate a \$10 Walmart gift card for a homeless person for Christmas.? Please drop off the gift card at the church office or place in the collection basket noting Project Lunch Bag on the envelope. **Gift cards are needed on or before December 6, 2023** . Thank you and God Bless!

**NOVEMBER 5, 2023
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS The Church has always encouraged the faithful to pray for one another, both living and dead. The greatest way we pray for them is to have Masses offered for them and their intentions. So important is this concept, that the Church requires pastors to offer Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for the intentions of all the parishioners. You will note this in the bulletin each week. As your pastor, every Sunday and Holy Day I offer Mass for each one of you, your families—living and deceased members—and your intentions.

As we begin scheduling Masses for 2023, I offer a few reminders.

- While it is oftentimes desirable to have Masses said here at St. Peter and at a particular time, we can't always accommodate so many specific requests.
- There are retired priests, smaller outlying parishes within our deanery, and convents in our diocese which do not receive Mass intentions. We will be happy to accept your Mass intentions and, if agreeable with you, may send some of them to these places. In any case, please be assured the Masses will be offered, and we will do our best to accommodate all your requests.
- As in past years, we will not schedule individual intentions for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day. These annual special days are times when particular intentions are not as appropriate as intentions that touch all parishioners. The intentions for Mother's Day and Father's Day will be for ALL OUR MOTHERS and ALL OUR FATHERS. The same holds true for special Holy Days like Christmas and Easter. On those days, all intentions will be for ALL PEOPLE OF THE PARISH.
- Please know as well that we are able to schedule Masses ONLY for the present year, and when the Mass calendar is set up, for the following year. It is not possible, for instance, to reserve a particular date for many years in advance but only for the present year.
- The suggested offering for each Mass is \$10.00. It is important to keep in mind that it is an **offering** and is voluntary. Moreover, it is an offering and must **never** be considered as payment for the Mass. Holy Mass is the highest form of prayer and we as priests are privileged to offer Mass for you and your intentions. Any offering you give is more than adequate and the Lord will bless you for your devotion.

OFFER UP MASS: Did you know that you can offer up Mass for your own intentions? This is true! Not only once during the Mass but twice! From an article on the Good Catholic website, "The place in the Mass where this happens is the Offertory, which immediately follows the Prayers of the Faithful. The bread and wine are brought to the altar, and the priest begins the preparation and blessing of the gifts. When he uncovers the paten, we can mentally place our intentions on the host." We then receive an invitation to stand, as the priest says, "Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." Have you thought about the phrase "and yours?" Ask not what we can "get out of Mass" but what we ourselves give, as we respond, "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 more fully participate in uniting Jesus' offering of Himself with your own sacrifice.

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.

ST. PETER SCHOOL PTA CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE!

St. Peter School is selling coupons for one 6" potted poinsettia from Baker's Home and Garden Center through *Wed., Nov. 15th*. They make excellent gifts or additions to your Christmas decorations. Coupons are \$15 each and match the "at store" price at Baker's for the same item. Coupons can be purchased at the school or rectory and can be picked up at Baker's beginning Nov 15th through Dec. 22nd. Coupons are "same as cash" and cannot be replaced if lost or stolen. Thank you Baker's Home and Garden Center for your support of our school!

The Women's Group Christmas/Winter Outreach Project. We are collecting NEW and/or VERY Gently Used Winter Hats, Gloves, Scarves & Coats to be given to Project Lunch Bag individuals. Sizes infant, toddler, youth, teen & adults both male & female are needed. A bin for your donations will be located in the Vestibule Nov. 1st thru the 15th. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, the Committee will do the shopping. Place your donation in an envelope marked Women's Group Outreach Project. Thanks very much for your support of this project!!

IN YOUR PRAYERS please pray for Patti Hoffman, mother of Christina Pritts, who recently died. May she rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console her family and friends.



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Tues., 11/7: Grade 3 Field Trip to Johnstown Heritage Museum
Thurs., 11/9: Marianna's Pizza/Sub Orders Due by 9 am.
"Rock'n Readers Practice 3-4 pm Bring notes to stay after school.
Fri., 11/10: Grade 5 School Mass 11:15 am. Full Uniforms.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., 11/13: ST. PETER SCHOOL IN SESSION St. Peter School will be in session all day this day even though local districts do not. Vans will run as usual. Those parents who signed their child up for AM and/or PM Somerset busing will have transportation this day. Please be alert to altered pick-up or drop-off times on this day. PTA Thanksgiving Hot Lunch; Rock'n Readers Practice 3-4 pm

Tues., 11/14: Elementary Reading Competition at Bellwood Antis High School;

PTA Meeting & Safety Presentation 7pm in Hall

Thurs., 11/16: Grades 1-3 "Thanksgiving Celebration" in Hall

Fri., 11/17: Grade 4 School Mass 11:15 *Full Uniforms.*

Tues., 11/21: Early Dismissal 12:40 pm

Wed., 11/22—Mon., 11/27: Thanksgiving Break

Tues., 11/28: School Resumes

GOOD LUCK ROCK'N READERS!

We are excited to have two teams of Rock'n Readers representing St. Peter School at this week's Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08's Elementary Reading Competition. Both teams will be competing at Bellwood Antis High School this Tuesday afternoon and we wish them all GOOD LUCK! "Rock'n Readers 1" Team Members: Carter Lohr, Lucy Stoy, Laura Kikuchi, Leighton McGuire, Zachary Swearman, Avalyn Bergstresser, Hudson Clarke, Ella Sube, Addyson Gontis and Coach Mrs. Lindsey Swearman. "Rock'n Readers 2" Team Members: Tenley Wintersteen, Lauren Topper, Anderson Coughenour, Brooke Miller, Emily Borek, Abigail Sleasman, Karsyn Ickes, Koa Anderson, Jackson Topper and Coach Mrs. Sheila Ulerich.

St. Peter School Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair

The 8th Annual PTA Christmas Craft & Vendor Fair with Baked Sale and Soup Sale will be Saturday, December 2nd from 9am - 3pm in the St. Peter's Parish Hall. Many local favorite vendors will feature a wide variety of hand-crafted items and direct marketing products. There will be a soup sale, bake sale, light lunch items and a Chinese Auction! Be sure to stop by and check off a few items from your gift shopping list! There is still room for vendors so please contact Jen McKelvey at 814-445-1846.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Nov. 11, at 4:00PM

- * E.M.: S. Mapes
- * Lector: C. Madigan
- * Greeters: Saylor
- * Cleaners: L. Holloway, A. Vought

Sunday, Nov. 12, at 8:00AM

- * E.M.: J. Sujansky
- * Lector: M. Fapore
- * Greeters: Kuhn, Gusbar

Sunday, Nov. 12, at 10:00AM

- * E.M.: Deacon Mark
- * Lector: F. Reeping III
- * Greeters: Halverson, Bruening

Sunday, Nov. 12, at 12:15PM

- * E.M: K. Pessolano
- * Lector: M. Petrosky
- * Greeters: Sheets



CCD NEWS

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun. Nov 5th: CCD Class
Sun. Nov 12th: CCD and Confirmation Classes
Sun. Nov. 19th: CCD and Confirmation Classes
Sun. Nov. 26th: NO CLASS- THANKSGIVING

LOOKING AHEAD

Children's Choir Practice: **Wednesday, November 8th** from **6:00PM-6:30pm** at the Church
10th Grade Retreat: **Saturday, March 2nd** from **10:00AM-3:00PM** (parent or sponsor must attend with 10th grader). *Snow make-up day will be March 9th.*

STEWARDSHIP OCT. 29, 2023 COLLECTION

SUNDAY GIVING, \$6,327
REGULAR ONLINE GIVING, \$1,565
VOTIVE, \$365
SCHOOL, \$200

iGiveCatholic-We're just **6 weeks and 1 day** away from #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday - November 28th! And, of course, Advanced Giving opens at 12:00 AM on Monday, November 13th and runs through 11:59 PM on Monday, November 27th.

It can be difficult and costly when we are faced with an unforeseen repair or invest in a major upgrade at our church and school. Did you know that it cost the parish more than \$500,000 to operate our school and church, which comes directly from Sunday collections, tuition, and scholarships. We pay the utilities, salaries, repairs and upkeep of the school and church from our Sunday collections twelve months a year, and like your households, our household expenses are raising. We took a large hit during covid with collections being down and it has been hard catching up. This was a significant increase over the previous year's. Please take the time this month for iGiveCatholic to make a donation. Thank you!



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS

Next meeting is Wed. December 6, at 6PM in the Annex.



KNIGHTS NOTES

Any man who wishes to join St. Peter's Knights of Columbus, please call Brett Wilmotte at 814-659-9391 or Dave Greene at 724-413-4007 for information.



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