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SUNDAY MARCH 31, 2024 MASSES FOR THE WEEK: APRIL 1-7

Mon.	7:00AM	Special Intention-Ben & Marge Vinzani, Jr.	
Tues.	7:00AM	Helen Matthews-John Matthews & Jennifer Long	
Wed.	7:00AM	Myrna Bertolini-Husband	
Thurs	7:00AM	Pat Mapes-Mapes Family	
Fri.	7:00AM 11:15PM		
Sat.	4:00PM	Lillian Brinham-Dave & Sue Smith	
Sun.	8:00AM 10:00AM 12:15PM	Special Intention Marge Molnar-Janet Will, Erica & Jeff Hutchens Betty Harris-James & Connie Harris For the People	

<u>REGINA COELI</u> (Prayed during the Easter Season) Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia.

For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia.

Has risen as He said, Alleluia.

Pray for us to God, Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. For the Lord is truly risen. Alleluia.

O God, Who by the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world, grant, we beseech You, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen



The Rectory Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1. Have a Happy and Blessed Easter.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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ORDINARY SCHEDULE

4:00 PM Saturday, Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM and 10 AM, 12:15 PM Sunday HOLY DAY MASSES – As announced

<u>CONFESSIONS</u>: 2:45 PM Saturday or anytime upon request. **<u>BAPTISM</u>**: 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				
Mon.	6:00PM	Divine Mercy Novena		
Tues.	12:00PM 6:00PM	Bible Study-Sue Sube's House Divine Mercy Novena		
Wed.	8:30AM 6:00PM 6:00PM	Quilters-Annex Catholic Daughters-Annex Divine Mercy Novena		
Thurs.	7:00PM 6:00PM	Ultreya-Annex Divine Mercy Novena		
Fri.	After 7AM Mass 6:00PM	Eucharistic Adoration Divine Mercy Novena		
Sat.	8:00AM 12:00pm After 4PM Mass	Divine Mercy Novena Prayer Garden Clean Up Five First Saturday Prayer Group-Church		
Sun.	12:15PM	Rite of Sending-Church and luncheon to follow in the Hall		

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION- Friday, April 5, is First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be held after the 7AM Mass. All are welcome!

FIVE FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP will meet Saturday, April 6, to pray for reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the church immediately following 4PM Mass. All are welcome!

MARCH 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS TRULY RISEN!

ALLELUIA! Today this Easter message of joy echoes throughout the whole world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. Because Jesus has died and risen, conquering sin and death, we believe that with Him we too shall live. As a People of Faith, we are called to make life-giving choices in every aspect of our life. We must always choose life and reject the sin, the relativism, the negativity, and the pessimism proclaimed by the devil and his followers. Because Jesus has defeated the devil, sin, and death, we believe that with Him we too shall live. Like the Apostles, we eat and drink with the risen Lord at every Sunday Mass. And we wait in hope for the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

THANK YOU to all who helped make our celebration of **Holy Week and the Easter Triduum** so beautiful. Thank you to our Music Director, Choir and Cantors, our faithful Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and all who helped with the preparation, cleaning and decoration of the Church, and all who participated in these sacred celebrations. I also thank all who have been so kind and thoughtful in remembering me with prayers and cards, and for the Easter treats, cookies, and candy.

The joy of the Easter Season continues for 50 days. Feel free to take some of the blessed Easter holy water home with you throughout the season. Our young parishioners will celebrate the Easter Sacraments of **Confirmation** here on Sunday, **April 21** at 4:00 PM and **First Holy Communion** on Saturday, **May 11** at 10:00 AM.

May you and all your loved ones have a blessed and joyous Easter! May the Peace of Christ which comes at this happy time remain with you throughout the year. And may Almighty God bless each of you with a joyous and life-giving Easter Season.

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Our 2024 *Catholic Ministries Drive* continues. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need, and formation of our priests and deacons.

This year's campaign theme is *Encountering Christ*. During this time of the Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* is an invitation to grow in our living relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to open our hearts to serving our brothers and sisters, and to fulfill our holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of our time, talent and treasure.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation if you have not already done so. Our *Catholic Ministries Drive* supports 10 ministries throughout our Diocese, which need your support.

You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory.

All contributions received beyond our parish goal, will be used to redo the pavers at the Front Entrance of St. Peter's Church. Thank you for the supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive*, St. Peter's Parish, and our diocese's vital ministries.

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive target for Saint Peter is \$57,495.

DIVINE MERCY

Next week we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, The Feast of Divine Mercy.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

(Using Rosary Beads)

Make the Sign of the Cross, look at the Divine Mercy image, and with faith say: Jesus, I trust in You.

Begin with: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles Creed.

On the five Our Father Beads:

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the ten Hail Mary Beads:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Conclude with:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. (Three times)



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Mon., 4/1: NO SCHOOL *EASTER BREAK* Tues., & Wed., 4/2 & 4/3: NO SCHOOL—St. Peter School students only; Teacher In-Service Thurs., 4/4: SCHOOL RESUMES Fri., 4/5: Grade 5 School Mass 11:15—Full Uniforms

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon., 4/8: NO SCHOOL—Flexible Instruction Day Fri., 4/12: Grade 3 School Mass 11:15—Full Uniforms Fri., 4/12—Sun., 4/14: St. Peter's CROP in Hall Tues., 4/16 Lifetouch Spring Pictures

FORENSICS TEAM MEDALS AT DIOCESAN FINAL!

Nine members of our Forensics Team competed at the Altoona-Johnstown Diocesan Forensics Competition on Friday, March 22nd. Our fifth and sixth grade students competed against the best teams in grades 5-8 from across our diocese. Congratulations to the following students who won medals in their speech category at this event: Duo-Drama: Fourth Place Medal to Leila Stankan & Gabby Maurer; Third Place Medal to Brody Stankan & Hudson Clarke; and Second Place Medal to Brooke Miller & Lidia Cacciotti. In Persuasive winning the Fifth Place Medal was Zachary Swearman and in the Impromptu Category Emily Borek won the Fifth Place Medal. Very special thanks to our coaches, Mrs. Lori Holloway, Mrs. Theresa Sanner, Mrs. Lindsey Swearman and Mrs. Joann Swearman. Also thank you to our volunteer judges!

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ULTREYA will meet on Thursday, April 4, at 7:00PM in the Annex.

STEWARDSHIP MARCH 24, 2024 COLLECTION

Today, we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ! This event is the greatest event in our Catholic faith. It is through the resurrection that Christ defeated sin and death and opened for us the gates to eternal life. All of God's promises are fulfilled through this glorious event. We have been preparing for 40 long days, through prayer and penance, so that we might be better prepared to receive Christ this day, and to better prepare our hearts to one day rise with Christ in eternal life. Today, we do not fast, but rather, celebrate and rejoice because of our great and merciful God! The meaning and joy of Easter is not just a "one-day" affair, but is an essential element of our Catholic faith. We are called to live out the joy of Easter all year long. Happy Easter!

SUNDAY COLLECTION, \$7,412 REGULAR ONLINE GIVING, \$1,905 VOTIVE, \$104



ST. PETER'S SPRING CROP

The PTA SPRING 2024 Crop for St. Peter School will be Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14 in St. Peter's

Parish Hall. Hours will be Fri., 7pm –Midnight; Sat., 9am— Midnight; Sun., 9am –5pm. Call to reserve some space and then bring along anything you'd like to do...or just hang out and visit! All are welcome! This is a wonderful event of fellowship and fun and a wonderful fundraiser for our school PTA. If you'd like to register, please stop by the rectory for a Registration Form or email Melinda Jacob at jwjmljmj@aol.com or call the school. Registration includes table space for chosen dates, light breakfast, lunch and dinner and coffee and drinks throughout the day; Goody Box and Door Prize tickets. REGISTRATIONS DUE BY APRIL 9TH. Hope **to see you there!**



CCD NEWS Prudence Shaulis, DRE 814-443-6574 ext. 4 pshaulis@dioceseaj.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun. April 7th: CCD Class Sun. April 14th: CCD Class and Confirmation Class Sun. April 21st: CCD Class Sun. April 28th: LAST DAY OF CCD CLASS

LOOKING AHEAD:

Rite Of Sending for Confirmation & Sponsors: Sunday, April 7th at 12:15PM Mass (Luncheon to follow). **2nd Grade Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion:** Sunday, April 14th from 12:15PM-1:15PM (Annex). **Confirmation Rehearsal for Candidate & Sponsor:** Saturday, April 20th at 10:00AM (Church). **Confirmation Mass:** Sunday, April 21st at 4:00PM .

SPRING HAS SPRUNG. Time to clean-up the prayer garden. On Saturday April 6, at noon, bring your rakes and gloves to help us clean the garden. We need your help to keep the garden beautiful.

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP invites ALL ladies to attend the **2024 Spring Benefit & Diaper Drive for BIRTH-RIGHT** on Sunday April 28th after 12:15pm Mass in the Parish Hall. Flyers with ticket information & other details are available on the easel in the Vestibule!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, April 6, at 4:00PM * E.M.: S. Kinsinger * Lector: V. Jacob * Greeters: Lizambri Cleaners: G. Sekela Sunday, April 7, at 8:00AM * E.M.: M. Craig * Lector: J. Wahl Greeters: Deskevich, Reeping Sunday, April 7, at 10:00AM * E.M.: Deacon Mark Komula * Lector: F. Reeping III Greeters: Sekela, Svirsko Sunday, April 7, at 12:15PM * E.M: B. Farkosh * Lector: F. Kovak Greeters: Snyder

JASON EVERT – CHASTITY TALK – MONDAY APRIL 8 – 6:00 – 9:00 PM

UPJ Living Learning Center 450 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents and adults.

What is the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and feminity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.

The event begins at 6:00 PM with a talk by Jason Evert followed by Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of Reconciliation at 8:30 PM. Praise and worship music may be offered during this time. After the 30 minutes, the Blessed Sacrament is reposed, and the evening ends.

The Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children. Therefore, the ideal way to transmit the message of chastity is in and through the family. Unfortunately, parents often don't know where to begin this discussion, or they're left out of the conversation altogether.

Our goal with Purified is to work with you to bring the parents and teens together in an experience where they can both learn God's plan for human love, and thus open up an opportunity for them to speak more openly about this issue at home. Also included in the evening is a time of Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship, and an opportunity for everyone to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. This format transforms a simple motivational talk into a miniature retreat for the family, allowing them to encounter the source of purity, Jesus Christ.



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank Bakers Home & Garden for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS NEWS Next meeting is Wed. April 3, 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. Thank you for all your help thru the year.

