

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2024 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: April 15th, 2024

MONDAY:

7:00AM - Theresa Dill - Family

TUESDAY:

7:00AM - Jerry and Bob - Bev and Carol

WEDNESDAY:

7:00AM - Tom Qualters - Jon and Laurie Wahl and Family

THURSDAY:

7:00AM - Guy Stoltz - Renna Family

FRIDAY:

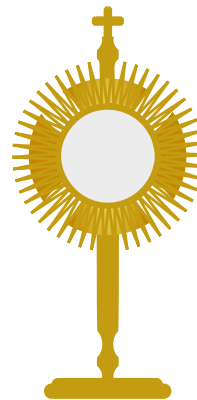
7:00AM - Joan Daquelente - Stacey and Damien Renna
 11:15AM - Sisters of St. Joseph stationed at St. Peter's Church 1967 - John and Betsy (Will) Matthews

SATURDAY:

4:00PM - Mabel and Bill Revello - Suzie Coleman

SUNDAY:

8:00AM - Earl Demorest - Robson Family
 10:00am - For the People
 12:15PM - Elizabeth Coffee - Theresa



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY: (April 14th)

9AM - 5PM - PTA Spring Crop in Parish Hall
 12:15PM - 1:15PM - 2nd Grade Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion

MONDAY:

1PM - Women's Group Rosary - Church

TUESDAY:

12:00PM - Bible Study - Sue Sube's House

WEDNESDAY:

8:30AM - Quilters - Annex
 6:30PM - Adult Choir - Church

THURSDAY:

After 7AM Mass - Pro-Life Rosary

FRIDAY:

11:15AM - School Mass

SATURDAY:

10AM Confirmation Rehearsal (for candidate & sponsor)

SUNDAY: (21st)

4PM - Confirmation Mass
 Knights of Columbus collecting for the poor at all Masses.

ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Saturday Mass: 4PM, Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

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.*

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PATTI

The joy of the Easter continues for 50 days. The Easter Sacraments of Confirmation will be celebrated here on Sunday, April 21 at 4:00 PM and First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 AM. May the Peace of Christ which comes at Easter remain with you throughout the year. And may Almighty God bless each of you with a joyous and life-giving Easter Season.

Why does the Church oppose in vitro fertilization?
(Modified from: www.catholiccomehome.org.)

Does the Church essentially teach that infertile couples cannot share in the great joy that is having children? Absolutely not! The Catholic Church celebrates human life and the family more than any other institution in today's world. The Church recognizes that infertility is a great cross for couples to carry. The Church is a compassionate and loving Mother, and thus she encourages infertile couples to nonetheless try to form a family. There are millions of children in the United States and all over the world who dream of nothing more than to have parents. It is a great act of Christian charity, and one that brings much joy, to decide to adopt children. This does not mean, however, that the Church is against science in its efforts to help infertile couples. The Church is not against medical advancements that would help infertile couples as long as they do not interfere with God's vision of human sexuality and do not disrespect human life. For this reason, the Church is an enthusiastic supporter of NaPro TECHNOLOGY. This pioneering method, developed by world-renowned gynecologist Dr. Thomas Hilgers, allows physicians to diagnose the causes of fertility and help couples find a time when they can engage in intercourse with the greatest chance of getting pregnant. In fact, NaPro TECHNOLOGY is much more effective than in vitro fertilization, not to say much cheaper and safer. To learn more about NaPro TECHNOLOGY and find a doctor who will lead you through the process see: <https://fertilitycare.org/what-is-naprotechnology>.

Since the Church is against in vitro fertilization, does this mean that the Church sees children conceived this way as somehow worse or evil? Absolutely not! The Church believes that every human life is a beautiful gift from God, even if the baby was not necessarily conceived in accordance with God's objective plan. For this reason, the Church celebrates life and is pro-life in the case of every pregnancy, regardless of how the baby was conceived.

I have tried in vitro fertilization - how do I get things right with God? Our Church knows all of us are sinners, so it realizes that all people make decisions at times that are not in accordance with God's plan. Part of being a Catholic is to recognize that reality. We are blessed with the great gift of the Sacrament of Confession. God absolves us of our sins there and gives us a new chance to live a holy life. If you have done IVF, then we priests will help you.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: April 20th-21st



Saturday, 4:00PM

E.M.: S. Mapes

Lector: D. Demchak

Greeters: Kolonich

Cleaners: B. Igou

& S. Robson

Sunday, at 8:00AM

E.M.: J. Sujansky

Lector: T. Woy

Greeters: Gusbar, Deskevich

Sunday, at 10:00AM

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: D. Diloreto

Greeters: Murdy, Wilk

Sunday, March 3, at 12:15PM

E.M.: J. Knopsnyder

Lector: M. Petrosky

Greeters: Soberdash



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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Mon. 4/15: PTA Hot Lunch

Tues., 4/16: Lifetouch Spring Pictures - Dress Nicely!
Fri., 4/19: School SCRABBLE Tournament in Hall 12:30 pm;
Grade 4 School Mass 11:15 - Full Uniforms - Please join us!

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues., 4/23: Grade 6 Field Trip
Wed., 4/24: St. Peter School 12th Annual Fr. Gartland Walk
12:30 - 2:30 pm
Fri., 4/26: Grade 1 School Mass 11:15 - Full Uniforms - Please join us!

2024 St. Peter School Spring Flower Basket Coupons

St. Peter School is holding its annual Spring Flower Basket Sale through Tuesday, April 30th. Coupons can be purchased at the school or rectory and are redeemable for a 10" hanging basket at Bakers Home & Garden Center in Somerset anytime from May 1st - June 30th. Coupons are \$32 each and St. Peter School earns \$6 per coupon. Spring is finally here and these baskets of many varieties of plants are sure to brighten indoor or outdoor spaces or would make a wonderful gift for Mother's Day! Please make checks payable to St. Peter School. Thank you!



FINAL ST. PETER'S PTA MARIANNA'S PIZZA AND SUB SALE!

St. Peter School PTA's final Marianna's Pizza and Sub Sale for the 23-24 school year is underway.

All orders and payment are due by 9 am Tuesday, April 30th. Delivery will be Friday, May 10th.

Please see a school family to place an order by April 30th. Just the ticket to cover a few meals during a busy month! Our sincere thanks to everyone who made this fundraiser such a success for our PTA this year. Sales will start again in September!

CCD NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun. April 14th: CCD Class

Sun. April 21st: CCD Class

Sun. April 28th: LAST DAY OF CCD CLASS

LOOKING AHEAD:

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
First Holy Communion: Saturday, May 11th at 10:00AM



St. Peter's is bringing back the Children's Vacation Bible School! June 18th - 20th for children aged 4-5 and children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. Scan the QR code or grab a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to register your child or volunteer. (Teens encouraged to help!).



Please sign-up by May 5th

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. Have a wonderful anniversary!

It is time for the Meals on Wheels Baking! Sue Smith will be contacting you starting April 15th.

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP:

Please join us for prayers & rosary on Monday April 15th at 1:00PM in the church.

Tickets for the 2024 Spring Benefit & Diaper Drive for BIRTHRIGHT Event hosted by the Women's Group on Sunday April 28th will be available to purchase after Mass this weekend. Tickets are \$20. Please join us for a fun afternoon while supporting this local organization!

Calling ALL ladies of St. Peter's Church.....The Women's Group cordially invites you to join us. Are you looking for a way to be of SERVICE, to SOCIALIZE, and SUPPORT one another & our Parish Community? Flyers with more information regarding our Group are located on the table in the Vestibule. Any questions please contact Denise Demchak 814-395-5079 or Rita Halverson 814-442-8312.



STEWARDSHIP

Regular Sunday: \$9,124

Online Giving: \$3,681



SCAN FOR ONLINE GIVING

If you would like to submit content for the bulletin, social media, or the website, please email Abby at editor@stpetersparish.com and please submit bulletin announcements by the Wednesday before.

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Miller Excavating

PTA SPRING 2024 Crop for St. Peter School
There is still time to join in on the fun this weekend at the parish hall! Sat., 9AM—Midnight; Sun., 9AM-5PM. Come hang out and visit! All are welcome! This is a wonderful event of fellowship and fun and a wonderful fundraiser for our school PTA. Email Melinda Jacob at pwjmlj@aol.com or call the school with any questions. Goody Box and Door Prize tickets.
Hope to see you there!

The Pro-life Rosary will be recited on Thursday, April 18, after the 7:00 Mass. Please join us as we pray to end abortion in this country and in the whole world.

Catholic Daughters:

Catholic Daughters will have their next meeting on May 2nd, 2024.



Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive (mail-in envelopes). The theme is *Encountering Christ and offers an opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ along with supporting our priests, deacons, and religious. The money goes towards 10 different ministries in our diocese and any additional funds will be used to redo the pavers in the front of the church. The goal is \$57,495.*



Congratulations to the 2024 Confirmation Candidates!

Skylar Atchison, Julianne Barto, Isabella Basala, Benjamin Bowers, Samantha Brinton, Kali Dirienzo, Jude Glover, Ava Guerrieri, Hannah Jacob, Cole Johnson, Anthony Knecht, Abigail Ledney, Kimberly Macedo, Dominic McKelvey, Callen Miller, Sophia Morocco, Ethan Rosenbaum, Kamyra Ross, Emily Rush, Carson Vough, Bryce Wagner

Moms & Tots Playgroup!

If you are a mom looking for fellowship and playtime for your little one/s aged 5 and under, then come join us! We meet 3 Thursdays and 1 Saturday each month from 9-11AM in the parish hall. Call or text Cassie Burke - 814 279-2153 or Abby Bristor - 814-289-5945 for more information. Bring coffee and toys and get ready for fun!

Knights' Notes:

The Knights will be collecting next Sunday, April 21st for the poor in our area. Please be generous in your giving. Any man who wishes to join St. Peter's Knights of Columbus, please call Brett Wilmette at 814-659-9591 or Dave Greene at 724-413-4007 for information. Thank you for all of your help thru the year.

