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SUNDAY, JULY 21ST, 2024 - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK: JULY 22 - JULY 28

<b>Mon.</b>	7AM	Jane Svonavec - Angie Svonavec
<b>Tues.</b>	7AM	Lester Brunell - Family
<b>Wed.</b>	7AM	Samuel Crimone - Family
<b>Thurs.</b>	7AM	Josephine Hill - Family
<b>Fri.</b>	7AM	Fred & Frances Guadagnini - George Coyle
<b>Sat.</b>	4PM	Orlin Clevenger - Joanne Orslene
<b>Sun.</b>	8AM	Victor & Elmira Schriff - Bill & Janice Schriff
	10AM	For the People
	12:15PM	John Minard - Mike, Janice, Patrick, Yolen, Michael, Michaela, & Daniel

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

<b>Sun.</b>	The Knights of Columbus will collect for the poor at all Masses.
<b>Wed.</b>	8:30AM - Quilters - Annex.

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

**HOLY DAY MASSES** - As announced.

**CONFESSIONS:** 2:45PM Saturday 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:** 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.*

## Stewardship Reflections

Our readings today provide examples of people who trusted in the Lord. It is a reminder for us to live our day-to-day lives in total surrender to His care.

When we live our lives doing the will of God, there will be days that are hard. Just because we are doing what the Lord is asking of us, doesn't mean every day will be perfect. As a matter of fact, we might be led to rejection or suffering because of what we believe. The moment we are faced with that conflict, we are called to respond as Amos did - not by turning our back on God, but rather, remaining faithful to Him. God has a plan, even in the darkest moments. We are called to trust in his ways.

## Stewardship & Online Giving

Regular Sunday: \$ 8,332

Votive: \$135

Online Giving: \$ 2,285

Scan the QR code for online giving or make a one time gift. Thank you for supporting our parish.



## Prayer Before a Crucifix

*Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus while before Your face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech You to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Your five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Your prophet, said to You, my Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones." Amen.*

## Sts. Joachim & Anne, Feast Day - July 26th.

### Parents to Mary & Patron Saints of Grandparents

It was Saints Anne and Joachim who cultivated in the young Mary a love for God, preparing her for her role in the story of divine redemption.

*O Lord, God of our Fathers, who bestowed on Saints Joachim and Anne this grace, that of them should be born the Mother of your incarnate Son, grant, through the prayers of both, that we may attain the salvation you have promised to your people. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



**ST. PETER'S PARISH AUCTION/BBQ** was a great success!

The parish netted \$51,440.19. We thank everybody who took the time to help in any way and for all the people who came out to participate. For this we are most grateful.

**Deposits \$68,548.63 Expenses: \$17,108.44 Profit: \$51,440.19**



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER PATTI

### U.S. BISHOPS' PRESIDENT CONDEMNS POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND CALLS FOR PRAYERS FOR PEACE

**WASHINGTON** – Following the news of the shooting at a political rally involving former President Donald Trump, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, and president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops (USCCB) offered the following statement:

*“Together with my brother bishops, we condemn political violence, and we offer our prayers for President Trump, and those who were killed or injured. We also pray for our country and for an end to political violence, which is never a solution to political disagreements. We ask all people of goodwill to join us in praying for peace in our country. Mary, Mother of God and Patroness of the Americas, pray for us.”* Earlier this summer, the USCCB issued a statement on political violence, urging all Christians and people of good will to abstain from political violence, and instead, ‘pursue what leads to peace and building up one another’ through dialogue, seeking justice.

**THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL** is a five-day gathering of Catholics in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17 - 21, 2024 is taking place at Lucas Oil Stadium and the convention center before more than 50,000 people. The revival is the culmination of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which included four cross-country pilgrimages, one of which came through our diocese, and is ending in Indianapolis. The revival will conclude with a final Mass celebrated by a Papal Delegate. It is so important that we meditate on the tremendous value of going to Mass, which is the highest form of prayer and worship to God.

### GRACES OBTAINED FROM ASSISTING AT MASS

1. The Mass is Calvary continued.
2. Every Mass is worth as much as the sacrifice of Our Lord's life, sufferings and death.
3. Holy Mass is the most powerful atonement for your sins.
4. At the hour of death the Masses you have heard will be your greatest consolation.
5. Every Mass will go with you to judgment and plead for pardon.
6. At Mass you can diminish punishment due to your sins, according to your fervor.
7. Assisting devoutly at Holy Mass you render to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage.
8. He supplies for many of your negligences and omissions.
9. He forgives the venial sins which you have not confessed.
10. You afford the souls in Purgatory the greatest possible relief.
11. One Mass heard during your life will be of more benefit to you than many heard for you after your death.
12. You are preserved from dangers and misfortunes which otherwise might have befallen you and shorten your stay in Purgatory.
13. Every Mass wins for you a higher degree of glory in Heaven.
14. You receive the priest's blessing which Our Lord ratifies in Heaven.
15. You kneel amidst a multitude of holy angels, who are present at the Adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe.
16. You are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs. In eternity we shall fully realize that it was certainly worthwhile to have assisted at Holy Mass daily.

*Pray for priests that they may offer the Mass with holy love and reference.*



## ST. PETER SCHOOL

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### School Summer Office Hours:

We will not have regular office hours in July, but please email Mrs. Harris or Mrs. Svonavec with any questions or to find out when the office will be open.

The office will be open Monday - Thursday 8:30AM - 2PM beginning Monday, August 5th.

*The St. Peter School 24-25 Calendar, Class Supply Lists, and Summer Reading Activities were emailed to families and are available on our school website.*

### Attention Students/Families entering Grades 3 & 6:

Please see emails concerning medical and dental physical forms that are required for the upcoming school year.

St. Peter School is looking for substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. If you would like to learn more about how to become a substitute teacher, please email Mrs. Jill Harris at [jharris@saintpeterschool.org](mailto:jharris@saintpeterschool.org). Thank you!

**THANK YOU** for the donation to St. Peter's Church in memory of grandson, Petey Wheeler from Joan Wheeler.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ian Stiffler and Julie Walker married this weekend here at St. Peter's. May God bless their marriage covenant!



### LOOKING FOR A WAY TO SERVE THE MASS?

Consider joining one of our Church Ministries. We are always looking for individuals to serve as a Eucharistic minister, lector, greeter or church cleaner. We appreciate everyone who is willing to give their time and talents. If you are interested, please contact the rectory at 814-443-6574. Thank you!

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE: JULY 27-28

#### Saturday, at 4:00PM

E.M.: D. Sube

Lector: V. Jacob

Greeters: Kinsinger

Cleaners: T. Kolonich & N. Kozuch

#### Sunday, at 8:00AM

E.M.: J. Wahl

Lector: S. Isgan

Greeters: Delano, Gusbar

#### Sunday, at 10:00AM

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: D. Niemiec

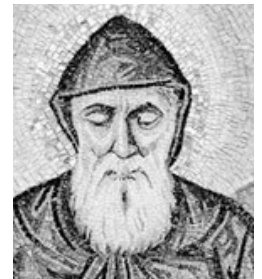
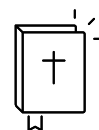
Greeters: Hilton, Komula

#### Sunday, at 12:15PM

E.M.: J. Faidley

Lector: F. Kovak

Greeters: Sheets



**St. Charbel - Feast Day, July 24th. Patron Saint of Suffering.**

A Monastic Priest from Lebanon known to perform many miracles both in life and death. "O Saint Charbel, joy of heaven and earth, intercede for me!"

**SAINT ANNE TRIDUUM** - St. John Gualbert Cathedral will celebrate and honor Saint Anne, the mother of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and grandmother of our Lord, Jesus Christ, with an annual Triduum which will take place at St. John Gualbert Cathedral on Wednesday, July 24th through Friday, July 26th. This is part of the heritage at St. John Gualbert, started by Msgr. John N. Codori in the 1900's. He established the St. Anne Mass Society to invoke St. Anne's prayers on our behalf of our needs. The Shrine is dedicated to St. Anne with the beautiful statue of her positioned above the tabernacle, where she is shown standing protectively behind her daughter, our Blessed Mother. On the first evening of the Triduum, there will be Vespers followed by confessions. On the second evening there will be Mass also followed by confessions. For the third and closing evening, there will be Mass followed by a cookie table social at the St. John Activities Center. Three Deacons of our diocese will be featured as the homilists at this three-day event. Deacon Don Gibboney from Huntingdon will be the homilist at Vespers on day one, Deacon Chris Conner from Hastings, the homilist at the Mass on day two, and St. Peter's own Deacon Mark Komula on Friday, July 26th, the closing evening of the Triduum. Each evening's event starts at 6PM. Please plan on attending one or all three evenings. All are welcome!



**PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE** - There are still seats available on the bus for anyone who is interested in going on the Padre Pio Pilgrimage on August 19th. The bus will depart at 6AM and return by 8PM. Registrations and check made out to Deacon Mark for \$75 are now due by **July 28th**. For any further questions, please email Deacon Mark - mkomula@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome to join!

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be collecting for the poor in our area this Sunday, July 21st. Please be generous in your giving.



**MEN'S GROUP** - Are you looking for a way to grow in your faith, find community, and give back? Consider joining the St. Peter's Men's Group. Any man who is interested in joining, please contact Bill Croushore at 814-233-6768 for more information.



**MOMS & TOTS** - Looking for fellowship and fun? Come join us! Any mom and child/children aged five and under are welcome. If interested in joining, please contact Cassie Burke - 814-279-2153 or Abby Bristor - 814-289-5945.

**PRAYER CHAIN** - If you are interested in joining the prayer chain, please email Sue Sube suejsube@yahoo.com. *"Pray for others more than yourself."* - Saint Sophia

**PRO-LIFE CORNER** - "Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection. And every elderly person...even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the 'culture of waste' suggests!" - Pope Francis

**Have you thought about the religious life?** You can contact the Vocation Office for the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown - Vocations@dioceseaj.org and continue your discernment. Anyone can join the Holy Hour for Vocations every Wednesday from 6-7PM at St. Michael Basilica in Loretto *O Lord of the Harvest, your Word finds a home in our hearts, calls us to community, and invites us to generous service of the human family. Bless with courage and spirit your priestly people, called to full participation in the one Body of Christ. May many choose to respond in public service to our call offered in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE**

The Sisters of St. Ann announce the annual nine days Novena in honor of St. Ann to be held at Mt. Saint Ann, 1120 N. Center St. Ebensburg beginning Thursday, July 18th and ending Friday July 26th, the Feast of Sts. Joachim & Ann. The Eucharistic celebration and devotion will be held every evening at 7PM at the outside shrine. The Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown will be the main celebrant for the closing of the Novena. The public is invited to attend the Novena and to welcome our Bishop Mark.



**ST. ANNE, PRAY FOR US!**



**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA**  
The Catholic Daughters will have their next meeting on Wednesday, August 7th at 6PM in the annex.

**KNIGHT'S 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 of your help throughout the year.

*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.*

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