

ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 8th, 2024 - Second Sunday of Advent

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: DEC. 9TH - 15TH		
Mon.	7AM	Elmer & Verda Glea Friedline - Carol & John Barbera Family
	11:15AM	Ella Mae Rubis - Rick & Kathy Yaworski
	7PM	Jano Family - Gary Family
Tues.	7AM	Albert Fetzko - Melanie & Vince Barbera
Wed.	7AM	Josephine & Joseph Polakoski - Family
Thurs.	7AM	Joan Zawisza - Zawisza Family
Fri.	7AM	Marge Jacobs - Mapes Family
	11:15AM	Tom Qualters - Suzy & Alan Black
Sat.	4PM	Mary Vinzani - Anna, Ben Jr., John, Gina and Families
Sun.	8AM	Virginia Meslovich - Carol Murphy
	10AM	Robert Maris - Zawisza Family
	12:15PM	For the People

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: DEC. 9TH		
Sun.	All Masses	Second Collection for Retirement Fund for the Religious
	11AM 6PM	CCD Class Confirmation Class
Mon.		Mass at 7AM, 11:15AM, & 7PM - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Tues.	12PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
Wed.	8AM	Quilters - Annex
Thurs.	6PM	Mass - Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Sun. 15	11AM	CCD Class
	6PM	Confirmation Class

"The endurance of darkness is the preparation of great light." - St. John the Cross

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: 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 of the parish, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:
Christmas Eve, December 24th
Solemn Christmas Eve Mass - 5PM
Solemn Christmas Mass at Night - 10PM
(Songs by the Choir begin at **11:30PM**)
Christmas Day - December 25th
Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning - 8AM
Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning - 10AM

Please join us this Christmas Season celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ.

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Immaculate Conception - This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on of the Blessed Virgin Mary (our national patronal feast day) is transferred from Sun., Dec. 8th, to Mon., Dec. 9th, and is a holy day of obligation. Since all Masses on Sun., Dec. 8th, must be of the Second Sunday of Advent, there can be no vigil Mass for the Solemnity. On Mon., Dec. 9th, we will have Masses at 7AM, 11:15AM and 7PM.

The Year of Grace 2025 began with the First Sunday of Advent, and ushered in the Jubilee Year 2025. Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. This Jubilee will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024. The theme of the Jubilee Year is HOPE. It is a time for us to realize that "hope does not disappoint" when it is rooted in the knowledge that God has committed himself to us in Emmanuel, "God with us." On Sun., Dec. 29th, Bishop Mark will open the Jubilee in our diocese with a special Mass at 2PM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Jubilee Indulgence is a concrete manifestation of God's mercy, which goes beyond and transforms the boundaries of human justice. This treasury of grace entered human history in the witness of Jesus and the saints, and by living in communion with them our hope for our own forgiveness is strengthened and becomes a certainty. Hope, the Decree says, "is a virtue that must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy." Recalling the Pope's declaration that the Jubilee Indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy," the Penitentiary says, "The [Holy Year] Indulgence, therefore, is a Jubilee grace."

The Holy Father declares that the gift of the Indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms 'mercy' and 'indulgence' were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds." (Spes non confundit, 23) For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the "door" (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as "our hope." (1 Tim 1:1).

Retirement Fund For Religious - Religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Our donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please be generous with the second collection this weekend.

December Sanctuary Candle will burn this month in memory of Richard & Ellen Huber & Kathryn Haggerty from Jeanne Flyte.

ADVENT PRAYER: *Help us, Lord Jesus, to hold steadfast to prayer, relying on the Word of God, in all our joys and sorrows, 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*

"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world." - Pope Francis

ADVENT is a prayerful time as we prepare for the birth of Christ. There are a limited number of Advent issues of the "Word Among Us" available for free in the vestibule. It offers valuable spiritual insight so please take a copy home and use it to enhance your Advent celebration.

ADVENT CANDLES can be purchased at the rectory for \$10 each. You may get them during regular business hours - 8AM to 4PM, Mon. through Fri.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS - Every Christmas season we offer you the opportunity to add beauty to our sanctuary with poinsettias. Flowers may be purchased in memory of a friend, relative or loved one. The cost for a poinsettia is \$25/each and there are envelopes in the vestibule area. For any questions, please call the rectory, 814 - 443 - 6574.

St. John declared, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." -LK 3:1-6

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: DEC. 14TH - 15TH

Saturday - 4:00PM	Sunday - 10:00AM
E.M.: S. Mapes	E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: B. Wilmotte	Lector: A. DiLoreto
Greeters: Lizambri	Greeters: Hilton, Komula
Cleaners: M. James & V. Saylor	Sunday - 12:15PM
Sunday - 8:00AM	E.M: J. Knopsnyder
E.M.: Please Volunteer	Lector: F. Kovac
Lector: S. Isgan	Greeters: Snyder
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ST. PETER SCHOOL

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12/9: Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass 11:15AM - Full Uniforms
12/10-13: "St. Nicholas Store" student shopping in school
12/13: Grade 2 School Mass 11:15AM - Full Uniforms

LOOKING AHEAD:

12/16: Grade 6 "Christmas Around the World" Presentations and Luncheon
12/19: St. Peter School Nativity Play, 11:30AM in Church. All are welcome! Please note that we will not have a Mass before our play this year. The Nativity Play will be at 11:30AM on Thur., Dec. 19th. We will have our Christmas Mass on Fri., Dec. 20th, at 11:15AM, with an early dismissal at 12:40PM for Christmas break.
12/20: School Mass 11:15AM; Early Dismissal 12:40PM Regular Transportation
12/23 - 1/3: Christmas Break
1/6: School Resumes

St. Peter School Christmas Poinsettia Sale - If you purchased a coupon, poinsettias can be picked up at Baker's until 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!"

CCD NEWS

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

12/8: CCD & Confirmation Class
12/15: CCD & Confirmation Class
12/22: NO CLASS - MERRY CHRISTMAS
12/29: NO CLASS - HAPPY 2025!

WOMEN'S GROUP Christmas Party is rescheduled for Mon., Dec. 16th at Noon at Eat n' Park Restaurant. Please contact Barb Farkosh at 814-479-4616 or bjfarkosh@verizon.net to RSVP. We look forward to celebrating with all of you!



Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available in the rectory during regular business hours. The case is \$3 a package.

Pre-Cana Class will be held at St. Peter's on March 22nd from 9AM-5PM. Snow Day is march the 29th.

PRAYER CHAIN - If you wish to join, please email Sue Sube - suejsube@yahoo.com.

Pro-Life Corner: "The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good." - (Gospel of Life, St. John Paul II)



An Advent of Christmas Concert - 7:30PM on Sat., Dec. 21st at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Bishop McCort Academy Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by the St John Gualbert Cathedral Chamber Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

Polish Christmas Carols - All Saints Parish in Boswell will host their annual singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Kolędy or Pastoralki) on Sun., Jan. 5th, at 2PM at the church (325 Quemahoning Street, Boswell). The hymns will be sung by their Polish choir. Following the singing of hymns by the Polish choir, there will be benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and refreshments. Kolędy help to capture some of the finest sentiments, values, and emotions of the Polish religious, national, and artistic heritage. Polish Christmas customs are very rich; whether you are Polish or not, please come and experience the time-honored hymns celebrating the birth of Christ. For more information call the parish office - 814-629-5551.

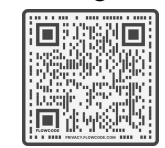
BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY - Have you ever considered that "hurrying" is a major obstacle to our spiritual well-being? Do you sometimes wish for extra hours in the day? Is there a way we can reset? Deacon Mark will be hosting a book study every Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30AM via Zoom, starting January 8th and running through February 15th. The book for discussion is "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John Mark Comer. To register, you can find the Google link on Facebook or email Deacon Mark at mkomula@dioceseaj.org.

Stewardship Reflection: December 8th - John tells us how to celebrate to the fullest this first "coming" on the feast of Christmas and how to prepare for the second coming - through repentance.

Scan the QR code for online giving or a one-time gift.



Regular Sunday: \$8,466
Votive: \$152
Online Giving: \$2,725
Christmas: \$2,000



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