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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MAR. 3 - 9

Mon.	7AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory - A friend
Tues.	7AM	Special Intention - Cindy and Dave Hauger
Ash Wed.	7AM	Dennis Penatzer - Janice & Bill Schrift
	11:15AM	Al Lefevre-Mike & Janice
	7PM	Joan Luciano - Roy & Cate Burger-Leister
Thurs.	7AM	Sara Beachy - John Vinzani
Fri.	7AM	Rehar & Jordan Family - Karen & Sam
	11:15AM	Jenny Crum - Swearman Family
Sat.	7AM	James Rice - Mary Dinning
	4PM	Marge Jacob - Husband
Sun.	8AM	For the people
	10AM	Mary Vinzani - Anna, Ben John, Gina & Families
	12:15PM	Loan Luciano-Roy & Cate Burger-Leister

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: MAR. 2 - 9

Sun.	11AM	CCD Class
	11AM	PTA BBQ Chicken Pickup - School
Tues.	12PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House
Wed.	7AM	Mass - Ash Wednesday
	8AM	Quilters - Annex
	11:15AM	Mass - Ash Wednesday
	7PM	Mass - Ash Wednesday
Thurs.	6PM	Catholic Daughters Meeting - Annex
	7PM	Ultreya Meeting - Annex
Fri.		24-Hour Eucharistic Adoration - After 7AM Mass
	1PM	Stations of the Cross - Mary's Way
	4PM	Fish Fry - Hall
Sat.		First Saturday Prayer Devotions - After 7AM Mass in the Church
	9:30AM	Deacon Mark Book Study - Zoom
Sun. 3/9	11AM	CCD Class
	12:15PM	2nd Grade Parent Meeting - Reconciliation
	6PM	Confirmation Class
	7PM	Stations of the Cross - Church

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity."
- St. Augustine

ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.
CONFESSIONS: 2:45PM Sat. 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, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th
Masses on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated at 7 AM, 11:15 AM and 7 PM. The Church invites us to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Our Ash Wednesday collection will benefit our "sister" Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica.

24-HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Spend time with the Lord on Friday, March 7, following the 7AM Mass, and continuing until the conclusion of the 7AM Mass on Saturday morning.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:
Please join us on Sundays at 7PM, Mondays at 12:15PM, and Fridays at 1PM (Mary's Way of the Cross). Stations take place in the Church.

REGULATIONS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, March 5 and Good Friday, April 18 are days of Fast and Abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of Abstinence.

Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not be equal to another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (milk, juice, water, etc.) are allowed.

Abstinence is to be observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the parish priest should be consulted.

Those under the age of 14: While not bound to law, they should be encouraged to observe the spirit of the Lenten fast and abstinence with older members of their family.

Age 59 years and older: Those who have celebrated their 59th birthday are to abstain from meat unless health would be seriously affected. They are welcome to share with the community in the practice of fasting, but are not bound. Anyone, of any age, who is ill, should take appropriate care regarding their personal health conditions.

Eucharistic Revival Spring Priest Presentations - The last of the Eucharistic Revival Year presentations will be on Saturday, March 29th, at St. Francis University, JFK Center in Loretto from 9AM to 11:30AM. You may register online at dioceseaj.org/spring-priest-presentations or by mail. Forms are available. The speakers are: Father Jozef Kovacic, Father George Jakopac, and Father Brian Saylor.

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown STRENGTH IN CHRIST Men's Conference - Sunday, March 30th, 2025 from 11:30AM - 5:30PM at Mount Aloysius College, Cresson. Join us for a day that includes lunch, Sunday Mass, talks from local priests, personal testimonies, and a panel discussion with local Catholic men. Visit www.dioceseaj.org to register online. There is no cost. For those unable to register online, paper registration forms can be found at each parish to complete and return via mail. Please be sure to register by March 21st. Online registration is encouraged due to limited seating.

Save the Date! - The world-famous Westminster Cathedral Choir of Boys & Men, London, England will present a concert at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, April 3, 2025, 7PM. Founded in 1901, the Choir of Westminster Cathedral remains the only Catholic cathedral choir in the world to sing daily Mass and Vespers, while still performing concerts at home and abroad. Comprised of up to 20 boy trebles and altos, aged 8-13, and ten professional Lay Clerks, the Choir is known internationally through its tours and recordings. The concert is free, but tickets are required to attend. This is an official Jubilee 2025 event!

Mother Teresa's Anyway Poem

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God; It was never between you and them anyway.

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

LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER - Join us on March 15th from 9AM to 2:15PM at St. Peter's Church. Our featured speaker, Fr. Jason, will present morning talks centered around the theme, "Cultivating Virtues in Our Families, Our Community, and Ourselves." A free lunch will be provided, followed by afternoon prayers and reflection. To participate, please register using the Google link on the Parish Facebook page @StPetersChurch-Somerset or via the Flocknote this that will be sent out this week. For any questions, please contact Deacon Mark, 814-233-9285. All are welcome to attend!



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: MARCH 8 - 9

Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: R. Charney
Lector: B. Wilmotte
Greeters: Gary
Cleaners: M. James, V. Saylor

Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: M. Craig
Lector: S. Isgan
Greeters: Woy & Kuhn
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Niemiec
Greeters: Halverson & Hook

Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: **Please Volunteer**
Lector: F. Kovak
Greeters: Snyder



Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us.



ST. PETER SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS FOR MARCH 2, 2025

3/2: PTA Chicken Sale Pickup 11AM - 1:30PM

3/4: Grades 1 & 2 Field Trip to Laurel Hill State Park Maple Camp; Forensics Practice 3-4PM

3/5: Ash Wednesday Mass 11:15AM - Full Uniforms; Forensics Practice 3 - 4PM

3/6: Rock'n Readers Practice 3 - 4PM

3/7: Grade 1 School Mass 11:15AM - Please join us!

3/9: Grade 2 Parent Meeting 12:15PM - Annex

LOOKING AHEAD:

3/10: Stations of the Cross 12:15PM - Please join us!

3/11: PTA Hot Lunch; Rock'n Readers Practice 3 - 4PM

3/12: Forensics Practice 3 - 4PM

3/13: Forensics Practice 3 - 4PM

3/14: Grade 6 School Mass - Please join us!; Gardner's Candy Orders Due; Modified Busing Somerset School District has an early dismissal this day. St Peter School will dismiss at the regular time. Vans and "mini buses" will run as usual. Parents of all SASD bus students are to sign up for Modified Busing or Car Rider in Pickup Patrol by 10AM, Mon., March 10th. Thank you.

3/17: St. Peter School will be in Session - Special Busing

3/20: NO SCHOOL - Diocesan Professional Learning Day for St. Peter School Staff

Gardner's Candy 2025 Kickoff - St. Peter School's longest standing and most successful fundraiser kicks off this week. We will begin taking orders for Gardner's Easter sweets this week. Candy will be picked up at St. Peter's beginning Tues., April 8th in time for all of your Easter celebrations. To place your order, please see a school family or stop by the school or rectory to pick up an order form. All orders are due by Fri., March 14th. Thank you!

CCD NEWS

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

3/2: CCD Class

3/9: CCD Class & Confirmation Class

3/16: CCD Class & Confirmation Class

3/23: CCD Class

3/30: CCD Class

LOOKING AHEAD:

3/9: 2nd Grade Parent Retreat/Meeting for Reconciliation from 12:15PM - 1:15PM in the Annex.

3/22: 10th Grade Retreat from 10AM - 3PM, information was provided. Please register your 10th grader.

3/27: Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7PM.

4/5: 11th Grade Retreat from 10AM - 5PM. Information was provided via email; please register your 11th grader.

4/6: 2nd Grade Parent Retreat/Meeting for Communion from 12:15PM - 1:15PM.

5/10: Sacrament of Holy Communion at 10AM.

For social media or website content, email editor@stpetersparish.com. For bulletin announcements & events for the calendar, email editor@stpetersparish.com AND lrgattian@stpetersparish.com. Submit bulletin announcements by the Wednesday before.

We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Paul Bunyan: Stump Removal

PRO-LIFE CORNER: *Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world.*

LENTEN FISH FRY! Join us this Friday, March 7th, March 21st, and April 11th from 4PM - 6PM for a delicious fish dinner, available for both dine-in and take-out! We are seeking volunteers for all three dates to contribute desserts, assist in the kitchen and dining area, and help with cleanup. If you're available to lend a hand, please email tedvharris@gmail.com, use the link provided on the Parish Facebook page, or sign up on the poster located in the back of the church.

THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will meet this Thurs., March 7th at 6PM in the annex. **PADRE PIO RELIC TOUR** is March 11th - 12th beginning at 11AM and ending with Mass at 7PM. **NIGHT AT THE RACES** - Join us for a night of fun and fellowship on March 22nd. The event begins at 5:30PM and dinner is served at 6PM. B.Y.O.B and you must be 21+ to enter. \$25 ticket includes dinner/refreshments and one horse. To purchase a ticket, contact Ann, 814-233-0193.

ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP - We invite you to join us every Friday at 1PM in the Church during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross, Mary's Way. These reflections depict our Lord's Passion and Crucifixion from the perspective of our beloved Mother, Mary.

ULTRAYA will meet this Thursday, Feb. 6th at 7PM in the annex.

TURKEY DINNER - The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto will have the Annual Men's Turkey Dinner on Sun., March 16th, 2025, 11AM - 3PM or until sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15. Please stop by for dinner!

PRAYER CHAIN - If you wish to join, please email suejsube@yahoo.com. "Pray, hope, and don't worry." - St. Pio



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: March 2nd - Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Scan the QR code for online giving or a one-time gift.



Regular Sunday: \$8,069

Votive: \$116

Online Giving: \$3,110

