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SUNDAY DECEMBER 17, 2017
MASSES FOR THE WEEK: DEC.EMBER 18-24

Mon.	7:00AM 2:00PM	Mirko Rehar-Karen Berkey (Meadowview) Special Intention-Meadowview Residents
Tues.	7:00AM	Virginia Sanner-Charlie & Debbie Sanner
Wed.	7:00AM	Mary Jane Tokarz-KofC
Thurs	7:00AM 11:15AM	Do & Bernie Solomon-Mary Alyce Grimm Intentions of Blessed Virgin Mary-A Parishioner
Fri.	7:00AM	Nori McGuire-Mary Ann & Dave Orlovsk
Sat.	4:00PM	Dee Custer-Daughter Linda & Family
Sun.	8:00AM 10:00AM 12:15PM 2:00PM	Joshua Brant-Jessica Krepelka Dr. Baraniak-Barbera Family For the People SCI-Special Intention of those imprisoned
Sun.	5:00PM 7:30PM 10:00PM	Christmas Eve Intention of Celebrant For the People Intention of Celebrant
Mon.	8:00AM 10:00AM	Christmas Day Intention of Celebrant For the People

ORDINARY SCHEDULE
Sunday Masses: 4:00 PM Saturday
8:00 AM and 10 AM, 12:15 PM Sunday
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced
CONFESSIONS: 2:45 PM Saturday or anytime upon request.
Additional times during Advent & Lent.
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.

**ONLINE GIVING -We now offer Online Giving! If you are
interested, please go to www.stpetersparish.com for details.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun.	At all Masses 1-5PM	KofC Collection for the poor Youth Group-Annex
Mon.	6:30PM 7:00PM	Catholic Faith Discussion Group-Annex Msgr. Adult Religion Class-Annex
Tues.	12:30PM	Bible Study-Annex
Wed.	After 7AM Mass 8:30AM 5:30PM 6:30PM	Pro-Life Rosary Quilting Group-Annex Children's Choir-Church Choir Practice-Church
Thurs.	9-11AM 6:30-7:30PM	Toddler Time Confessions
Fri.	6:30-7:30PM	Confessions
Sat.	1:30-3:30PM	Confessions





**DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

* We welcome those visiting or passing through the Laurel Highlands over this weekend. May God grant you pleasure and safety on the journey.

* It's great to see our college students home for Christmas break. May the break energize you to confront and overcome the academic challenges ahead.

* Masses on Christmas are well attended. Attendance at the 5PM Christmas Eve Mass usually is far in excess of normal capacity of the church. I strongly encourage parishioners and visitors to consider attending one of the other less-crowded Christmas Mass options rather than the 5PM liturgy. The extreme crowding at the 5PM Mass can lead to a stressful, uncomfortable worship experience at a celebration of joy and peace. (Last year the 5PM Christmas Eve Mass was at capacity yet comfortable. I hope this trend continues.)

* Some parishioners encounter breathing problems when incense is used at worship. Incense will be used at the 7:30PM and 10PM Christmas Eve Masses. No incense will be used at the 5PM Mass on Christmas Eve or the 8AM or 10AM Masses on Christmas Day.

* **THE CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY COLLECTION** is very important to the financial strength and stability of our parish. It can be used to meet major obligations and provide a necessary reserve fund. Our Christmas spirit of generosity should extend to our parish. Please do what you can to sustain St. Peter's parish and its ministries by contributing generously to this year's Christmas collection.

* Recently I mentioned issues with traffic congestion surrounding the 10AM Sunday Mass. Caution should also be present related to the 7AM daily Mass when school is in session. There are students meeting the McCort van, parents dropping off St. Peter's students and daily Mass goes intermingling. Please demonstrate courtesy and caution at this time.

* Christmas is on Monday. The parish will observe the normal Sunday Mass schedule on Dec. 24 for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve Masses are on Sunday evening. Catholics should attend Mass twice, fulfilling both the Sunday and Christmas obligations.

OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, from 11AM-1PM. We are inviting those in the community as guests who would be alone or are in need or anyone else on that day. We'll need a number of volunteers to make the dinner a success, so we are asking you to sign up on the list in the vestibule, indicating when you can help. If you would want to bring small children during your work period, please only sign up adults or older children who are capable of performing services. We are asking for assistance to set up and decorate the hall of well as serving the Dinner on Christmas Day. Additionally, we are asking for desserts which would be delivered on Christmas Eve or by 10AM on Christmas morning.

IN YOUR PRAYERS please pray for Donald Pletcher, Leon Carey and Joyce Laus who died last week. May they rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console their families and friends.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be collecting donations for the poor after all Masses this weekend. Please be generous with donations of food for the Food Pantry or cash for the poor.

ST. PETER'S 2018 CALENDAR. For many years the parish religious calendar was a tradition. An impressive 2018 calendar has been made available compliments of the Miller Funeral Home and Crematory. The parish is grateful to Wally & Arlene Miller for continuing this pious tradition.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DONATIONS—Our dinner is open to everyone and demonstrates parish outreach into the local community. The parish underwrites the cost of the dinner. Donations for this endeavor are most welcome. Please designate any contributions to "Parish Christmas Dinner." Offerings may be placed in the weekend collection or dropped off at the Rectory.

GIFT CARD CHALLENGE A HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to our school and parish families for supporting our Holiday Gift Card Challenge. With all the family, corporate and service organization purchases since the beginning of Nov. we sold over \$50,000. GIFT CARDS! AMAZING! Special thanks to the helpers behind the scenes that helped organize all the orders. The school students will be treated to a Dress Down Day/Movies/Ice Cream Day this week and each child will receive a 'No Homework Pass' good for one homework assignment. And yes, the principal will be duct taped to the wall before the Christmas break. God bless all who supported this fundraiser event and Merry Christmas from a grateful school!

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for the Religious Retirement Fund. Please give generously to the Retirement Fund which benefits the many deserving religious who served our nation, past and present. Envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks out to St. Peter's.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Nightengale and John Matthews, married this weekend here at St. Peter's. May God bless their sacred covenant.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"Any country that accepts abortion is the poorest of the poor."
Mother Teresa

KNIGHTS NOTES

The next meeting will be held on Wed., Jan. 10, at 6:30PM in the Annex.

STEWARDSHIP

How do we respond to St. Paul's challenge to give thanks to God in all circumstances? With an attitude of gratitude Christian stewards give their time, talents, and treasure in response to an internal *need to give* in thanks for God's blessings, and not because someone has a *need to receive*. Like the rose candle of the Advent Wreath may we "shine on" as we share our blessings in cheerfulness and joy.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION, \$7,017
ONLINE GIVING, \$1,887
VOTIVE, \$140
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, \$2,618
SCHOOL COLLECTION, \$95**

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 friend, relative or loved one. The cost for poinsettia is \$10 each. The envelopes can be found in the vestibule area. Deadline for the flowers is Dec. 18.



CCD NEWS
Kelsey Orange, DRE



Sun. Dec. 17: CCD 11 AM-12:05 PM
Confirmation Class 6-8:30 PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun. Dec. 24: NO CLASS—Merry Christmas!

Sun. Dec. 31: NO CLASS—Happy New Year!

BIRTHRIGHT COLLECTION Birthright donations can still be brought to class **Sun. Dec. 17.** Items may include diapers, wipes, bibs, towels, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

NO CCD OR CONFIRMATION CLASS Classes will resume Sun. Jan. 7. If you need a schedule, visit the parish website or email Kelsey. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT! St. Peter's parish cookbooks make a great gift for family and friends. They are available at the rectory Monday through Friday 8AM to 4PM. Cost is \$8.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Dec. 23, at 4:00PM

* E. M.: P-S. & D. Mapes, Sube / C-Charneys

* Lector: R. Blycheck

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

* Greeter: Kolonich

* Church Cleaners: Igou Family

Sunday, Dec. 24, at 8:00AM

* E.M.: P-Croushore, J. Isgan, Wilmotte / C-Wahls

* Lector: D. Halverson

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

* Greeters: Deskevich, Gusbar

Sunday, Dec. 24, at 10:00AM

* E.M.: P-Kuhn, Evans, Harris / C-Halversons

* Lector: S. Isgan

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

* Greeters: Murdy, Kolonich

Sunday, Dec. 24, at 12:15PM

* E.M.: P-Barbera, Bittner, Crimone / C-Croyle, Farkosh

* Lector: K. Gibson

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

* Greeter: Gombita

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 5:00PM

* E.M., : P-M.&M. Weimer, Please volunteer / C-C. Zanoni, Wilmotte

* Lector: T. Dwyer

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 7:30PM

* E.M.: P-Smerbeck, Swearman, M. Woy / C-Greene, J. Isgan

* Lector: T. Woy

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, at 10:00PM

* E.M.: P-Charneys, Fisher / C-Craig, Hook

* Lector: S. Rizzo

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 8:00AM

* E.M.: P-Croushore, Meyer, Gombita / C-Bowers, Sujansky

* Lector: M. Fapore

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**

Christmas Day, Dec. 25, at 10:00AM

* E. M.: P-Tomko, Komula, Barbera / C-Kuhn, Diesel

* Lector: J. Wahl

* Servers: **Please Volunteer**



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Mon., Dec. 18: Grades 3-6 Confessions

Tues., Dec. 19: Grade 6 "Christmas Around the World" Presentations and Luncheon

Wed., Dec. 20: "Red & Green" Dress Down Day with Movies & Ice Cream

Thurs., Dec. 21: Advent School Mass 11:15—Full Uniforms

Early Dismissal 12:40 pm Regular Transportation

Dec. 22—Jan. 2: Christmas Break

LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 3: School Resumes

Jan. 12: Modified Busing Somerset Area School District will be dismissing early on this day. St. Peter School will **not** dismiss early. Students who signed up for Modified Busing at the beginning of the year will be assigned a bus home that day. **Any changes to Modified Busing arrangements must be made by a written note sent in no later than Monday, January 8th.** Please be reminded that students riding buses on this day may arrive at their destinations earlier than usual so be sure someone is there to meet children. Van students will have regular transportation. Thank you!

Jan. 15: NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Day

RESTOCK, REFRESH AND RENEW! Before Christmas break, students will bring home supply pouches. We ask parents and students to clean them out and replace any needed supplies (crayons, pencils, glue etc.) for a fresh start to the new year. Thank you!

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. PETER SCHOOL On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Peter School, we wish all of our school students, families and parish family a warm and blessed holiday full of peace, joy and good health. We thank you for your love and dedication throughout this past year and pray that the new year will continue to bring blessings on our school and all of you!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dog Treat Wreath Making Christmas Party! Wear your favorite Christmas outfit and stop by this **Sun. Dec. 17 1-5 PM in the Annex** and help make wreaths to raise money for youth group! Enjoy Christmas movies, holiday snacks, and hanging out with friends! Parent help welcome, too.
Follow! Facebook, Instagram, and calendar (parish website).



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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HOMEMADE DOG TREAT WREATH! Ignite Youth Group is offering adorable wreaths filled with treats just in time for Christmas. **\$5 per wreath.** If you ordered a wreath, it can be picked up in the Rectory Dec. 18-20. A limited number of wreaths will also be available for purchase in Rectory. All proceeds go to Youth Group.

OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFFERS) are available in the rectory during regular office hours. The cost is \$2/package.