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SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2018
MASSES FOR THE WEEK: MARCH 26-APRIL 1

Mon.	7:00AM 7:00PM	Michael Polakoski-Family Victor Hippler-Charlotte & James Gartland
Tues.	7:00AM 7:00PM	Special Intention-Karen Berkey Special Intention Joan Smith-Family
Wed.	7:00AM 7:00PM	Luke Woy-Family Special Intention of Nursing Home Residents
Thurs	7:00PM 8:30PM	No 7AM Mass no 11:15AM Mass Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Cathy Qualters-Tony Murawski & Barbara Johnson Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10PM (No evening prayer service this year)
Fri.	3:00PM 7:00PM	No 7AM No Morning Prayer Service Good Friday Service Good Friday Service
Sat.	8:30PM	No 4PM Mass Easter Vigil-For the People
Sun.	8:00AM 10:00AM 12:15PM	Intention of the Celebrant Intention of the 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.

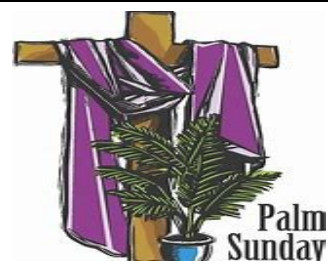
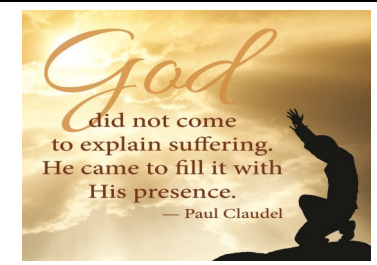
MARRIAGES: Please make the priest your initial contact as early as possible. An interview with the couple must precede setting a date. He will guide the preparation process.

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sun.	7:00PM	Stations of the Cross-Church
Mon.	12:00PM 7:00PM	Stations of the Cross-Church Msgr. Adult Religion Class - Annex Confessions after 7PM Mass
Tues.	12:30PM	Bible Study - Annex Confessions after 7PM Mass
Wed.	8:30AM	Quilting Group - Annex Confessions 2-4PM
Thurs	9-11:00AM 7:00PM 8:30-10PM	Toddler Time-Hall Mass of the Lord's Supper & Procession Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament No Evening Prayer Service
Fri.	3:00 & 7:00PM 5:30PM	Celebration of the Lord's Passion Divine Mercy Novena
Sat.	10:00AM 11:00AM 7:00PM 8:30PM	Blessing of Food Baskets Easter Egg Hunt Divine Mercy Novena Easter Vigil Service





**MARCH 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD
PASTOR'S COMMENTS**

* Today we begin the most important week of the year for Christians. In special liturgies we commemorate the momentous events in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ that led to our salvation. Plan to participate in these services that enhance our understanding and gratitude for the saving actions of Jesus Christ. Please refer to the bulletin for various service times.

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE. Abstinence refers to not eating meat during the day. All those age 14 and older are obligated to abstain. Fasting means one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. All those age 18 to 60 are obligated to fast.

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS! Holy Saturday 10AM. In earlier times meats and dairy products were excluded from the diet during Lent. As the end of rigorous fast approached, people showed joy and gratitude by taking food to church for blessing on Holy Saturday and reserved it to eat after Easter Mass. The custom remains in Eastern Europe for Christians of both Eastern and Western Rites. Brought to the U.S. by immigrants, its popularity is increasing and has meaning for us today. As we celebrate Easter we bless food which sustains physical life and whole being. We express joy and gratitude for food which nourishes us.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION-Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year after their First Holy Communion. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season.

EASTER OFFERTORY COLLECTION is important because it allows the parish to meet sizable diocesan obligations. The financial strength and stability of St. Peter's parish are a testament to the commitment and generosity of parishioners. Please contribute as generously as you can to the Easter collection.

BIBLE STUDY will meet at 12:30 on Tuesday, March 27, at Schrift's for the annual Seder Meal. Call with any questions.

Fr. O'Neill-I want to thank everyone for the Saint Patrick's Day cards and gifts. It is neat day when so many people celebrate with the Irish. It should at least be a Holy Day of Obligation!

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT will take place on Holy Saturday at 11AM on the parish grounds. (The hall will be used if weather is nasty.) We encourage our youngest parishioners to take part.

BAPTISM CLASS will be held on Thursday, April 5, at 7PM in the Annex. If you are planning to attend **MUST** call Deacon Ron at 893-0162 to register.

A MASS INTENTION is featured for each liturgy. At the present time we have few unfulfilled Mass intentions. If you would like to offer a Mass for a deceased loved one or friend or for a particular purpose, this is a great opportunity. Please stop at or call the rectory to schedule Mass intentions.

ON HOLY THURSDAY we will be restoring the communion from the cup option and shaking hands at the peace rite. Please refrain from these practices if you are not feeling well.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE CONTINUES. Our assigned target goal is \$58,943. An additional parish goal of \$61,057 is to be directed toward hall floor replacement. To this point 39 households have contributed \$15,780. If we are to approach our goals we will need a strong rate of participation. Last year our parish easily exceeded the assigned goal. But it was very disappointing that only about 20% of parish households contributed. We have a real need related to our parish hall. We need your help if the hall project is to be brought to fruition.

BISHOP MCCORT HIGH SCHOOL AND DIVINE MERCY ACADEMY offer students a fine education rooted in Catholic tradition and values. Busing is available to and from Johnstown. Our parish has designated funds available for tuition aid.

ST. PETER SCHOOL Our parish is blessed with an excellent catholic school. It affords a great education with strong academics and a foundation of faith. There are openings at all class levels for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Tuition aid is available.

MEMORIAL ALTAR EASTER FLOWERS: If you wish to purchase a flower for the altar, please fill out an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. The cost is \$10. **Deadline for inclusion in the bulletin is Monday, March 26.**

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION- Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collections provides humanitarian aide to refugees. Please be generous. Envelopes are in your packet.

THE DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC ACADEMY PTO BASKET PARTY will be held April 15 at St. Andrews Hall. Doors open at noon and drawings begin at 2PM. Donation is \$10 and includes lunch and 25 chances. All tickets are sold in advance at all DMCA Campuses.

KNIGHTS NOTES
Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 6:30PM in the Annex.

PRO-LIFE CORNER
We pray that more people may respond, "Here I am," to God's call to defend the unborn.

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Lenten Confession is an important component in preparation for Easter for most Catholics. Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance will be offered at these times.
Monday, March 26, after 7PM Mass
Tuesday, March 27, after 7PM Mass
Wednesday, March 28, 2-4:00PM
Confessions will be heard by appointment only after Wednesday, March 28.
After Easter, our regular confession period is Saturday at 2:45PM.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
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STEWARDSHIP—MARCH 18, 2018 COLLECTION

Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting God's will. A good steward stays awake with Christ in solidarity to the sin and suffering in this world.

SUNDAY COLLECTION, \$8,109
ONLINE GIVING, \$1,960
VOTIVE, \$34
CATHOLIC RELIEF, \$300
PERQUISITES, \$120
SCHOOL COLLECTION, \$700

THE RECTORY OFFICE will be closed on Friday, March 30 in observance of Good Friday.

CCD NEWS

Kelsey Orange, DRE



Sun. March 25: NO CCD CLASS- Palm Sunday
MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun. April 1: NO CCD CLASS- Happy Easter!

Sat. April 7: Confirmation Rehearsal 11AM- Church

Sun. April 8: CCD CLASS 11AM-12:05 PM

Confirmation Mass 4PM- Church

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL will be held on Sat. April 7 at 11AM in the Church. All candidates and sponsor **MUST** attend. Any questions or concerns, call Kelsey.

CONFIRMATION MASS will be held on Sun. April 8 at 4PM in the Church. All candidates and sponsor must be in the Hall by 3 PM to meet the Bishop; please be on time.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Holy Thursday, March 29, at 7:00PM

* E.M.: P-Madigan, McNelly, Battaglia / C-Jacob, Kinsinger

* Lector: J. Wahl

* Servers: Please volunteer your services at all Masses

Good Friday, March 30, at 3:00PM

* E.M.: P-Singels, Beth Mapes (no cups)

* Lector: Diesel / Wilmotte

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

Good Friday, March 30, at 7:00PM

* E. M.: P-Basala, Brennan, Mark Weimer (no cups)

* Lector: Rullo / Orange

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

Holy Saturday, March 31, at 8:30PM

* E. M.: P-Sujansky, Wahls / C-Greene, Jacob

* Lector: K. Gibson

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

* Greeters: Saylor

Easter Sunday, April 1, at 8:00AM

* E.M.: P-Croushore, Gombita, Blycheck / C-D. & T. Woy

* Lector: T. Woy

* Greeters: Keiser, Reeping

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

Easter Sunday, April 1, at 10:00AM

* E.M.: P-Svonavec, Sube, B. Mapes / C-Maria Weimer, Kasunich

* Lector: S. Rizzo

* Greeters: Hook, Lincoln

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**

Easter Sunday, April 1, at 12:15PM

* E.M.: P-Farkosh, Pessalano, Knopsnyder / C-Bittner, Gibson

* Lector: L. Latuch

* Greeters: Sheets

* Servers: **Please volunteer your services at all Masses**



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Mon., March 26: End of 3rd grading period, Stations of the Cross at noon, "Rock'n Readers" practice 3-4 pm -Bring notes.

Tues., March 27: 1st Grade field trip to Laurel Hill Maple Camp

Wed., March 28: Modified Busing. St. Peter School will have a full day of school this day. Students signed up for Modified Busing on these days will have bus transportation. Vans will run as usual. Any notes to change bus transportation on this day are due by **Mon. March 26**. Parents are reminded that bus students may arrive a little earlier or later due to the modified routes so please be aware.

Thurs., March 29: St. Peter School WILL BE IN SESSION a 1/2 day. Special Busing arrangements will be made for bus students in morning and afternoon. We will dismiss at 12:40 pm for Easter Break

Holy Thursday Mass & Procession 7pm. Students are to be in church by 6:50 pm in best uniforms.

March 30 - April 2: Easter Break

LOOKING AHEAD

Tues., April 3: School Resumes- Library Grades 1-6- Bring books. "Rock'n Readers" Practice 3-4pm—Bring notes to stay

April 4-10: ITBS Testing - Grades 2-6

April 5: School Mass 11:15 am—Please join us!, Rock'n Readers Spring Competition at Forest Hills- depart approx. 2pm

April 9: PTA Hot Lunch

April 13: St. Peter's SCRABBLE Tournament 12:30 pm- hall

April 15-18: Middle States Reaccreditation Visit

April 20-22: St. Peter's PTA Spring "Crop" in Hall

Congratulations Abby Urban! Sixth grader, Abby Urban, won Second Place in the Prose Category at the Diocesan Forensic Regional Competition. She advances to the Diocesan Competition held at Bishop McCort High School on Tues. March 27. We are very proud of Abby and all our 2018 Forensics Team members! Good luck, Abby! Great job!

St. Peter School's Lenten Service Projects For our Lenten observance this year, each class chose service projects. We are proud of our school's awareness of and commitment to service during Lent and all year long. This year's Classroom Lenten Projects included: Kindergarten- Cards for a parishioner in the service and is deployed overseas; Grade 1- Seimon's Nursing Home cards and care packages; Grade 2- Spring cards and flower magnets for Patriot Manor residents; Grade 3- Easter Egg Decorating Bags for Somerset Food Pantry; Grade 4- Salvation Army donations for their food pantry; Grade 5- Patriot Manor cards and personal care packages; Grade 6- Humane Society collection, blankets for Birthright of Somerset, and Somerset Oncology and prayer cards for Somerset Hospice. Well done, all!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

HEY TEENS, LET'S GO BOWLING this Sunday, March 25, 3-5 PM! Meet at Terrace Lanes for a fun afternoon of bowling, pizza, and fellowship. Highest score wins prize! \$5 per person. **Not registered but would like to come? No problem! Call 442-1290.**