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SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH - SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Abby Bristol, Social Media/Bulletin

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK: JAN. 19 - 25

|        |         |                                      |
|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|
| Mon.   | 7AM     | Brenda Tinkey - John Kuhn & Angie    |
| Tues.  | 7AM     | Crystal Crum - Swearman Family       |
| Wed.   | 7AM     | Ken Halverson - Family               |
| Thurs. | 7AM     | Gene Molnar - Wife, Margie           |
| Fri.   | 7AM     | Souls in Purgatory - A Friend        |
|        | 11:15AM | Donna Mulcahy - Daniel & Susan Dobbs |
| Sat.   | 4PM     | Donna Mulcahy - Erma Mayak & Family  |
| Sun.   | 8AM     | Art Gusbar                           |
|        | 10AM    | For the People                       |
|        | 12:15PM | Linda Gattian - Fapore Family        |

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE: JAN. 18 - 25

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| Sun.    | 11AM    | CCD Class   |
|         | 6PM     | Confirmation Class                                      |
| Mon.    |         | No School - Teacher In-Service<br>Rectory Office Closed |
| Tues.   | Noon    | Bible Study - Sue Sube's House                          |
|         | 7PM     | TMIY Meeting - Hall                                     |
| Wed.    | 8AM     | Quilters - Annex  |
|         | 6:30PM  | Choir Practice - Church                                 |
| Fri.    | 11:15AM | Mass  |
| Sun. 25 | 11AM    | CCD Class   |
|         | 6PM     | Confirmation Class                                      |

"What makes us Saints of God is not our ability to be saintly but rather

God's ability to work through sinners". - St. Sebastian

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.

RECTORY HOURS - Starting next week, there will be a drop-box at the rectory entrance. The parish office will be open 9AM - 11AM during the week.

THANK YOU to all who helped make the St. Peter's Men's Group Spaghetti Dinner a great success! All proceeds will be donated to the 2026 Parish Mission.



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH PASTOR'S NOTES:**

**PRO-LIFE DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN** - On this sad anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs Wade (1973), all dioceses of the United States shall observe a day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Thursday, January 22, 2026 is observed in all dioceses of the United States as a particular Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It is a day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Personal acts of penance (prayer, fasting, etc.) are appropriate on this day. **I will offer a special Mass with our school students at 11:15 AM on Friday January 23.**

**A Prayer for Life** - *O God, our loving Creator, all life is in your hands from the moment of conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to be grateful for the privilege of sharing in your work of creation. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the poor, the handicapped, and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who do not value the gift of life. Help them to seek and find you. Grant that by our care and respect for all people, we might be a sign of your love in the world today. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** - Fri, January 23, 2026  
**THEME** - "Life is a Gift"  
**12PM** - Rally  
**1PM** - March for Life

**MARCH ON THE MOUNTAIN AT ST. FRANCIS UNIVERSITY** - This is a great opportunity for all who want to make their voices heard and who are unable to attend the March For Life in Washington, D. C. this month. March on the Mountain at St. Francis University ~ Fri., Jan. 23, 2026  
**10:30AM** - Rosary in the Chapel  
**11:00AM** - March begins around Campus Mall  
**12:00PM** - Pro-Life Mass - Immaculate Conception Chapel  
**12:30PM-4:00PM** - Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - *O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every person, at every stage of life. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.*

**Theology on Tap - Young Adult Group (18-39)** - March will be our 3-year anniversary, and we still have at least 1 new member join every month; however, some members are moving to different stages of life, so we are always seeking new members. Please help spread the word! All young adults (18-39) – regardless of their background – are invited to join us for faith, food, and fellowship. There is no cost to attend. Our next Theology on Tap Meeting will be at the Boulevard Grill on Wednesday, January 28th, 2026 at 6PM and the speaker will be Fr. Canice McMullen OSB. Fr. David Dodd TOR and others are already booked for 2026! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or [geoffstumpo@gmail.com](mailto:geoffstumpo@gmail.com).

**"Called by Name" Diocesan Vocations Campaign**

Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years. To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, which includes:

- A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- Our recent Called By Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events.
- Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several young men are already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris's appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- Creating a new website with discernment resources: [ajvocations.org](http://ajvocations.org).
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations. Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese. To learn more and make a gift, visit [ajvocations.org/give](http://ajvocations.org/give)



**2026 PARISH MISSION** - St Peters will have the joy and pleasure of a Lenten Mission again this year. Two years ago, Father Steve was with us for a 3-day Mission. All who attended will easily recall the incredible experience. More information will soon be available regarding this year's Mission. To assist with the expenses of the Mission event, St. Peters Men's group is having a spaghetti dinner on January 16, 2026. All proceeds will be used for Mission expenses. Please come and enjoy the fellowship of sharing a good meal, and support this most worthy effort.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS** please pray for Linda Gattian, our beloved church secretary, who died last week. May she rest in peace! May God bless, sustain and console her family and friends. *Linda spent 12 years as our dedicated and hard-working administrative assistant. She supported our priests, assisted parishioners, coordinated schedules, prepared bulletins and records, planned parish events, and helped ensure that the parish office was always a place where people could come for help and assistance and leave with a piece of chocolate. Her work often took place behind the scenes, but her impact and infectious laugh was deeply felt by all who came through our doors. We are grateful for her years of service and devotion to the Church.*



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**SCHOOL NEWS FOR JANUARY 18TH 2025**

**1/19:** NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service  
**1/23:** Grade 2 School Mass 11:15 - Full Uniforms; Marianna's Pizza/Sub Delivery; Winter Carnival Set-up 5-7 PM in Hall

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**1/24 - 1/25:** Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Masses  
**1/26:** PTA Hot Lunch; Open House 6:30 - 8PM  
**1/28:** Winter Carnival 6-8PM in Hall

**PTA CHICKEN BARBECUE FUNDRAISERS** - St. Peter School PTA Barbecue Chicken Fundraiser vouchers are on sale now! Each voucher is \$8 and can be redeemed for a grilled and hot half chicken to be picked up on Sun., Feb. 1st from 11AM - 1:30PM at the school entrance. Vouchers are on sale at the school and rectory office and are selling fast! Thank you, PTA!

**St. Peter School 2026-2027 Registration and Open House** - St. Peter School will begin Registration for the 2026-2027 school year on Monday, January 26th. More information will be forthcoming to register online this year. Students entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2026 must be five years old by August 31, 2026. If you or someone you know would like to know more about the gift of Catholic education, all are invited to visit our 2026 Open House on Monday, January 26th, from 6:30 - 8PM or call the school to arrange a visit and tour.

**Congratulations Art Show Honorees** - Fifteen students from St. Peter School had their artwork selected to participate in the Somerset County Student Art Show hosted by The Philip Dressler Center for the Arts / Laurel Arts. The exhibit is open to the public at the Dressler Center in Somerset so stop by to see our students' wonderful work. Our Art Show participants this year are: Cecelia Ritko, Quinn Nair (Kindergarten) Silas Shaulis, Liliana Hurd (1st Grade) Mera Zambanini, Reese Ickes (2nd Grade) Ethan Stoy, Emma Gontis (3rd Grade) Gwendolyn Gombita, Wyatt Rhoades (4th Grade) Allison Broucher, Evan Gontis (5th Grade) Lauren Topper, Lucy Stoy, Aubrey Zerfoss (6th Grade). Well done students!

**CCD NEWS**

**Paula Vinzani, DRE**  
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**1/18:** CCD & Confirmation Class (*Make-up Class*)  
**1/25:** CCD & Confirmation Class

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**2/1:** CCD & Confirmation Class  
**2/8:** CCD Class  
**2/15:** No CCD or Confirmation Class - Winter Break  
**2/22:** CCD & Confirmation Class

**DEAR PARISHIONERS,** The second collection will be for the building fund. The sum total of the costs is **\$122,000.**

- 1. Roof Repairs:** \$25,000 **COMPLETED**
- 2. Church Pavers:** \$6,700 **COMPLETED**
- 3. Parking Lot:** 22,000 **COMPLETED**
- 4. Hall Air Conditioners:** \$14,400.
- 5. School Boilers:** \$54,000. **COMPLETED**

We hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you! **FUNDS RAISED: \$101,828**



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**We would like to thank our sponsor of the week: Michael L. Kuhn, Esq.**

**ST. PETER'S MEN'S GROUP - That Man Is You!** resumes this Tuesday, Jan. 20th at 7PM in the hall. If you're on the fence, please plan to come to the first meeting and see for yourself. The food and fellowship are always great and the experience is exceptional.

**ST. PETER'S WOMEN'S GROUP** - Save the date for our *'Beat the Winter Blues Bowling Party'* on Monday, Feb. 16th at 3:30PM at Terrace Lanes. Details will be shared in the next few weeks!



**THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA** are selling tickets to our next "Night at the Races" on March 7th. See any member for tickets." Our next meeting is on Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 6PM in the annex.

**ROSARY BEADS** made by parishioner Jordan Shaulis are available in the cabinet in the church vestibule. All proceeds are donated to St. Peter's Church.

**STAY CONNECTED** by following our Facebook and Instagram page @St.Peter'sChurch-Somerset Pa. It's a great way to stay up to date on parish events, engage with other parishioners, and enjoy Catholic content. If you wish to share something over social media, you can email [editor@stpetersparish.com](mailto:editor@stpetersparish.com).



**STEWARDSHIP: JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026** - St. Peter gives us a glimpse of the person of Jesus we should imitate.

**Regular Sunday Collection: \$7,551**

*Thank You*

**Online Giving: \$2,903**  
**Votive: \$93**  
**School: \$105**  
**Building Fund: \$1,532**



**MINISTER SCHEDULE:**

**January 24 - 25**

**Saturday - 4PM**

EM: M. Weimer

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**Sunday - 8AM**

E.M.: L. Wahl

Lector: St. Peter Students

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**Sunday - 10AM**

E.M.: Deacon Komula

Lector: St. Peter Students

Greeters: St. Peter Students

**Sunday - 12:15PM**

E.M: J. Faidley

Lector: St. Peter Students

Greeters: St. Peter Students



**Our Lady of Life, Pray for us!**