



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ***November 15, 2015***

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

Baptisms

Parents anticipating the birth of their first child are asked to attend baptismal instructions classes before the birth of their child, if possible. Please contact the Rectory to register. Note: Baptisms cannot be scheduled until all the necessary paperwork is completed.

Confirmation

Confirmation is administered every three years to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students in our Parish CCD program. Children wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled and participating in the CCD program for two years before they are eligible to receive the sacrament.

Marriages

In order to complete the necessary paperwork, couples are asked to contact the Rectory at least one full year in advance of the proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized. Please note, because of the new government regulations regarding privacy, hospitals cannot release information without a patient's consent.

Reconciliation

The sacrament is celebrated each **Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45pm and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:45am – 12:00noon** in the church and also by appointment.

Monthly Visitations

Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist on a monthly basis is asked to contact the Rectory to schedule a visit.

Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA prepares interested adults for reception into the Catholic Church. The program is adapted to the each person's needs and prepares them for full initiation into the faith. Please contact the rectory to register for the classes.

Welcome to our Visitors

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us in worship and invite you to become part of our church family by contacting the Rectory.

St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

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Parish Staff

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Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm ~ Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:45am-12:00noon

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If no answer, please call 570-329-5762. This is a pager. You will be instructed to enter your phone number and Fr. Bechtel will return your call.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. Confirmation Prep Class meets one Sunday a month from 5:00–6:30pm as scheduled.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310

Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS

Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center (570) 673-4476

Parish Contact Listing

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – Patti Mitchell 570-724-3371

Guardians of the Redeemer – Rectory 570-724-3371

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-724-2360

St. John Neumann's Prayer Group – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085

Contemplative Spirituality Group – Kate Black 570-724-3047

Cards & Games – Patty Kramer 570-948-9023

Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216

Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175

Parish Rummage Sale – Rectory 570-724-3371

Funeral Luncheon Group – Rectory 570-724-3371

Church Linens & Decorations – Sue Singer 570-724-2360

Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591

Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529

Fundraising Dinners – Kathy Wilcox 570-724-3371

Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085,

Marilyn deGuzman 570-376-5427, Marian Miller 570-724-5245

Samaritan House – Daria Guelig 570-724-3030

Youth Group – Maureen Poirier 570-724-9789

Eucharistic Adoration – Mary Cleveland 570-724-5286

Finance Council – Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056

Parish Council – Jon Banik 570-724-5968

Worship Committee – Rectory 570- 724-3371

Sunday Communion at Nursing Homes – Eileen Evert 570-439-4470

Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-724-3047

Order of Secular Carmelite – Lori Makos 570-724-3371

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 11/16 <i>1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57, 62-63; Lk 18:35-43</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Merle Wilcox (Wife, Kathy)
Tuesday 11/17 <i>2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Mary Simonis Rush (Dy Family)
Wednesday 11/18 <i>2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Lk 19:11-28</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Robert Cleveland (Mary Cleveland)
Thursday 11/19 <i>1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Michael Kubas (Parents)
Friday 11/20 <i>1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59; Lk 19:45-48</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Peter 'Bud' Urban (Ostapowicz Family)
Saturday 11/21 <i>1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40</i>	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of T.J. DiPiano (Grab Family)
Sunday 11/22 <i>Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37</i>	8:30am 11:00am	Deceased Members of the Banik Family (Jon Banik & Siblings) All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church



This Week's Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle is a reminder to us of the presence of Christ reserved in the Tabernacle.
This week's candle is offered in memory of **Parishioners of St. Peter's Church**

Stewardship

Your Gift of Time, Talent & Treasure

Thanks for your continued support and generosity!

Sunday Collection for Nov. 8th: **\$7,031.00**

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00

Difference: \$1,041.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$4,260.36)

Anna Osborn's Mission Trip Collection: \$2,576.84

Attendance for weekend of November 8th

5:00pm – 158; 8:30am – 230; 11:00am – 145

Total number attending Mass – 533

Number of registered families – 477

Number of registered parishioners – 998

Reflect on your gifts...and your giving!

Envelope usage statistics for the weekend of November 8th

Amount Given	Number of Contributors	Percentage of Contributors	Total Amount
\$0.00	312	66.24%	\$ 0.00
\$0.01 – \$1.00	3	0.64%	\$ 3.00
\$1.01 – \$5.00	16	3.40%	\$ 67.00
\$5.01 – \$10.00	26	5.52%	\$ 257.00
\$10.01 – \$15.00	9	1.91%	\$ 122.00
\$15.01 – \$20.00	24	5.10%	\$ 473.00
\$20.01 – \$25.00	20	4.25%	\$ 497.00
\$25.01 – \$50.00	39	8.28%	\$ 1,544.00
\$50.01 – \$75.00	6	1.27%	\$ 376.00
\$75.01 – \$100.00	5	1.06%	\$ 500.00
\$100.01 – \$500.00	11	2.34%	\$ 2,440.00
Totals	471		\$ 6,279.00

Loose Collection: \$ 752.00

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 15, 2015

Religious Education – Preschool: 8:30am; K-12th: 9:30am

Disclaced Carmelites Meeting – 1:00pm, Parish Center

MONDAY, November 16, 2015

Adult Education Series – 6:30pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, November 17, 2015

Adoration – 7:30am – 7:00pm

Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center

Ministerium Meeting – 9:00am, Parish Center

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, November 18, 2015

Staff Meeting – 8:30am, Rectory

Christmas Choir Practice – 5:00-7:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, November 19, 2015

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

R.C.I.A. – 6:00pm, Parish Center

St. John Neumann Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Parish Center

SUNDAY, November 22, 2015

Family Advent Celebration – 9:30am, Parish Center

Confirmation Prep Class – 5:00pm, Parish Center

On November 16th, Cecelia Gamble will turn 101 years old. Cecelia is the oldest, living parishioner of St. Peter's Church. Happy Birthday and God's blessings, Cecelia!!





Liturgical Reflection

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FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel, who earlier interpreted dreams and advised the Babylonians king, is here warning the people to live uprightly, for there will come a day of severe reckoning. Wisdom and prudence tell us to live in a manner that acknowledges a day of judgment, when our lives shall be evaluated and a sentence passed. A key point of this passage is its reference to the notion of resurrection. While earlier Jewish thought told only of Sheol, the abode of the dead, here we find one of the earliest references to the resurrection of the just, to be later developed in the New Testament. It is the one of the clearest references to belief in eternal life for the righteous; it is this trust that offers hope to Jews suffering persecution and to faithful believers to this day.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

This week the author of Hebrews brings another dimension to the fruitless efforts of sacrifice according to the Old Law. The priests offer sacrifice daily, but it failed to bring about its hoped-for results. Again, it is Christ whose sacrifice has accomplished the reconciliation that had never been done before; he thus eliminates the levitical priesthood. Christ's once-for-all and single sacrifice, has opened the way for our eternal salvation.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-32



Today's Gospel appears near the end of a chapter often called "Mark's apocalypse." Watching for signs has give rise to predictions of the final and awesome day; yet Jesus clearly says of that day, "no one knows," but the Father. With all the upheaval that will take place, the

one thing that will remain is God's Word: "my words will not pass away." Mark is encouraging the early Christians to hold fast to their faith, for in the end it brings them a share in the heavenly and eternal kingdom. Most importantly, they must remain firm and faithful. Those who trust in that final coming must be always awake and watchful, listening to the Word that does not pass away.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The Collect identifies for us where the source of "constant gladness" and "full and lasting happiness" is to be found in serving "with constancy/ the author that is good." This Collect asks that we make sure we are using all our gifts and resources to ser God well; it is only by doing so that we can hope to share in the fullness of the joy of the kingdom. The Prayer over the Offerings asks that what we offer at this Eucharist may "gain us the prize of everlasting happiness." The Prayer after Communion, however, is focused more on the present as it implores that, having partaken of "the gifts of this sacred mystery," we may be given "a growth in charity."

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of November 22nd

5:00pm

Servers: J.Grab, G.Macensky, M. Mann

Lectors: D.Sherman, L.Sampson

E. Min.: G.Poirier, K.Wilcox, L.Tascione

8:30am

Servers: J.Singer, L.Singer, Z.Singer

Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, A.Singer

E. Min.: A.Singer, M.Bialas, T.Gamble

11:00am

Servers: N.Burge, A.Burge, L.Burge

Lectors: B.Dalton, C.Waclawik

E. Min.: M.Stirnaman, M.Osborn, B.Brown

Parish Activities and Information

PARISH FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

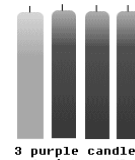
Sunday, November 22nd is the date of our annual parish Family Advent Celebration. This celebration is **for all members of our Parish** and includes Advent crafts to make with your children, Advent handouts, door prizes, guessing jars, coffee and donuts. Please come and share in this time of fellowship with member of our Parish family.

The middle school youth group will host this event and



will also have a **bake sale**, with proceeds going to support upcoming youth group activities. **Donations of baked goods** are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off before 9:30am.

We will also be selling **Advent Wreath candles**. The set includes 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle and costs \$4.00 per set.



THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE



THANKSGIVING MASS St. Peter's Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00pm. There will be no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesday, November 25th, Thursday, November 26th, or Friday, November 27th.

All parishioners are invited to bring a donation to the food bank to the Thanksgiving Mass and present their donation as the gifts are brought forward.

ATTENTION LECTORS

Your 2016 Lector Workbook is here and can be picked up after any Mass. The books are on the counter in the Sacristy and begin with the readings for November 29th, the First Sunday of Advent.

We welcome Lillian Michele Abbott as the newest member of St. Peter's Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism on November 9, 2015. Lillian is the daughter of Justin & Whitney Abbott.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The Social Concerns committee is once again organizing the Christmas Giving Tree project. Share Christmas joy with a child, a nursing home resident, or a donation of bedding for the Seeds

of Hope organization. Select from the Giving Tree a red tag for a child, a green tag for a nursing home resident, or a white tag for a bedding donation. **Deliver the gifts for the nursing home residents in person, by December 24th.**

Please place the gifts for the children, in a gift bag UNWRAPPED, back under the tree, by Sunday, December 6th. The donations of bedding can be put in a plastic bag and should be placed under the tree by December 6th. If you, as a member of our parish are in need, or know of a family in our parish in need, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. Questions? Contact Jackie Murphy 570-724-7334.

PARISHIONERS WANTED TO LIGHT THE CANDLES DURING ADVENT

Would your family like to light the Advent Wreath candles at one of the Masses during the season of Advent? A Sign-up sheet can be found on the handout table on the side of the church. Those lighting the candles should wait for



Fr. Bechtel in the back of the church prior to the Mass and will then process in behind the Altar Servers and Lector, light the appropriate candle(s), and then proceed to their pew as the opening hymn continues.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Make a difference in someone's life! Come to the 6th annual Alternative Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 5th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the First Presbyterian Church, where shoppers will have the opportunity to buy a "Bible," a "sheep," "school supplies," or other such items for needy persons and communities that can be given on behalf of themselves or another. Each organization represented will have a table with pictures, brochures, posters, etc. that will explain their mission and goals and have representatives available to answer your questions. They will also have a "price list" of items to "purchase." Seeds of Hope Partners, Wellsboro Food Pantry, **The Samaritan House**, Haven, Salvation Army, Tioga County Homeless Initiative, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, His Thousand Hills, and Child Evangelism Fellowship, Medical Benevolence Foundation, National Alliance on Mental Health, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are the supported organizations this year.

SOCIAL CONCERNS FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

The Social Concerns Committee is accepting specific donations for the local food pantry on a monthly rotation. **November's food items are Pork & Beans and canned fruit (15oz).** Please place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church anytime throughout the month.

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

Parishioners are reminded that there are special All Souls Intention envelopes in your monthly packets to remember deceased family members and friends. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November to remember your intentions. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket this month.



BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The Church has a long tradition of remembering those who have died, to the love and mercy of God. We do this in a special way on the Feast of All Souls Day, and throughout November. During the month of November, a Book of the Names of the Dead will be located near the front entrance of the church. All Parishioners are welcome to write the names of those they wish to remember in this special book.

ADULT EDUCATION

Our Adult Education Series continues Monday, 16 November, at 6:30pm with the film "*The Rite of Exorcism – Myths, Mystery & Hope*". This compelling documentary puts forward the Church's teachings on the origins of evil, the existence of the Devil, and the mission of the Catholic Church to combat evil in modern times. Discussion and refreshments follow each viewing. All are welcome and there is no charge.

Pro Life News

WORD OF LIFE

"Every life is a good and perfect gift." — *USCCB, Respect Life Program.*

Longtime country music singer Kenny Rogers has a song called "Water and Bridges," which highlights a father's pain after losing a child to abortion. Rogers told CNN that the song is not about him, but is "really about choices you make when you're young that you pay for when you're old." He goes on to explain, "It starts off with a young couple who have an abortion, and the guy says, 'If a father could hold his son, I could undo what's been done, but I guess everyone is living with water and bridges.'" *Counseling and healing is available for any man or woman who has lost a child to abortion. For more information visit www.RachelsVineyard.org.*

Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty.

Visit www.usccb.org/pray.

Join the Movement

Diocese of Scranton News

MEN'S CONFERENCE – SAVE THE DATE

The 2nd Annual Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The speakers will be Dr. Schott Hahn and Msgr. Charles Pope.

ANNUAL APPEAL



“Make my heart open to goodness. Make my heart open to the beauty of God every day.”

Thank you to those who have already joined “Good Hearts, Generous Spirits,” by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Your gifts support major ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

- Catholic Social Services and Parish Outreach
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, envelopes can be found at each entrance to the church. St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,500. Current Pledged Amount: \$ 30,492 (*Does not include in pew commitment weekend pledges*)

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY



How can we show others the mercy of God? We say that God is compassionate, but we ignore the poor. We say that God loves us and has mercy on us, but we hold grudges against our friends. Our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy.

This Holy Year will commence on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

“I am confident that the whole Church, which is in such need of mercy for we are sinners, will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time. Do not forget that God forgives all, and God forgives always. Let us never tire of asking forgiveness. Let us henceforth entrust this Year to the Mother of Mercy, that she turn her gaze upon us and watch over our journey: our penitential journey, our year-long journey with an open heart, to receive the indulgence of God, to receive the mercy of God.” Pope Francis

Visit www.usccb.org for ways you can participate in the Jubilee of Mercy.



That's The Way It Is!

By Fr. Dave Bechtel

Last week I explained more or less what a priest at his core is not. I said that reason women cannot be ordained lies at the heart of what the priesthood is. This week I will cover what a priest is.

The essence of the priesthood lies in the fact that the priest is the one who makes the atonement offering. Another way of saying this: at the core of the priesthood is the offering of sacrifice for sin. Priests in the Old Testament offered sacrifice for sin. The entire Old Testament priesthood and the cultic institution was a foreshadowing and prefiguring of the one high priesthood found in Jesus Christ. In the New Testament, the only time the word “priest” appears is in the Letter to the Hebrews and it is used only in reference to Jesus Christ.

The only priesthood that exists is that of Christ. Jesus gives the Church a share in the priesthood in two ways: the universal priesthood of all believers (received in Baptism) and the Ministerial Priesthood (received in the Sacrament of Holy Orders.) It is important to note that women, already do participate in the priesthood of Jesus Christ through their Baptism. Through the priesthood of all believers the lay people make Christ present in the world and sanctify it.

The Ministerial Priesthood on the other hand is given for service and nourishment of the Priesthood of the Baptized. Through the exercise of the Ministerial Priesthood the Fatherhood of God and headship of Christ is made present in the Church. Note that God is called “Father” and it is this Fatherhood of God that is made present and exercised in the Ministerial Priesthood. God is called Father because God is a Father to His people. Those who look upon the priest see Christ, and those who look on Christ see the Father. The priest stands in persona Christi—that is—in the person of Christ.

Because the priest is an icon of Christ, and because the priest makes present the Fatherhood of God and the headship of Christ, it should now make perfect sense why women cannot be ordained: women cannot exercise Fatherhood, nor can women serve as an icon of Christ. Christ is male, not female. The priest being a Sacramental Sign of Christ must bear resemblance to the thing being signified: namely Christ as male. Men and women both image God, but they do so in distinct ways, ways that are based on their gender. Women exercise motherhood and thus image the Church as the Bride of Christ, and Mother of God. Women image the motherhood of Mary and by extension image Mary as Bride of Christ and Mother of God.

If the Church were to ordain women, our entire understanding of what the Ministerial Priesthood is would have to change. The priest would no longer be understood as someone who is an icon of Christ and one who makes present the Fatherhood of God but something else.

Remember that I said we call priests “Father” for a reason. We call priests “Father” because indeed that is what they are.

GK Chesterton, a 19th century Catholic apologist had this to say: “My attitude toward progress has passed from antagonism to boredom. I have long ceased to argue with people who prefer Thursday to Wednesday because it is Thursday.” In other words—a just because a practice isn’t in fashion and is judged to be outdated does not entail the practice is false.

That's the way it is!

Father Dave Bechtel

News From the Vatican



INTERVIEW WITH POPE FRANCIS
Vatican City, 6 November 2015 (VIS) – The Dutch newspaper “Straatnieuws”, published by the homeless, today published an interview granted by Pope Francis on October 27th. The article is also present in other dailies of the same type

associated with the International Network of Street Papers (INSP), which has 113 members. This type of publication is sold directly by the homeless, thus providing them with a source of income.

Interviewer: What is the Church's message for the homeless? What does Christian solidarity mean for them in practice?

Pope Francis: “Two things come to mind. Jesus came to the world homeless, and made Himself poor. Then, the Church wishes to embrace all and to say that it is a right to have a roof over your head. In popular movements they work according to the three Spanish 't's: trabajo (work), techo (casa) and tierra (earth). The Church teaches that every person has a right to all three.”

Interviewer: You often ask for attention to the poor and refugees. Do you not fear that in this way a sort of weariness in relation to this theme may be generated in the mass media or in society in general?

Pope Francis: “When we return to a theme that is not pleasant, because it is disagreeable to talk about it, we are all tempted to say, 'That's enough, I am tired of this.' I feel that this weariness exists, but I am not afraid of it. I must continue to speak the truth and say how these things are.”

Interviewer: Are you not afraid that your defense of solidarity and assistance for the homeless and other poor people may be exploited politically? How should the Church speak in order to be influential and at the same time remain external to political affiliations?

Pope Francis: “There are roads that lead to errors in this regard. I would like to underline two temptations. The Church must speak truthfully and also by her witness: the witness of poverty. If a believer speaks about poverty or the homeless and lives like a pharaoh, this is not good. This is the first temptation. The second temptation is to make agreements with governments. Agreements can be made but they must be clear and transparent. For example, we manage this building, but the accounts are all audited, in order to avoid corruption, as there is always the temptation to corruption in public life,

both political and religious. Once I asked a question to a minister in Argentina, an honest man – one who left his post because he could not reconcile himself with various obscure aspects. I asked him: when you give assistance in the form of meals, clothing or money to the poor and needy, what percentage of what you send arrives? And he answered, 35 percent. That means that 65 percent is lost. It is corruption: a cut for me, another cut for you.”

Interviewer: Your namesake St. Francis chose radical poverty and even sold his evangelarium. As the Pope, and bishop of Rome, do you ever feel under pressure to sell the Church's treasures?

Pope Francis: “This is an easy question. They are not the treasures of the Church, they are treasures of humanity. For example, if tomorrow I decide to put Michelangelo's Pieta up for auction, I cannot do this, since it is not the property of the Church. It is kept in a church but it belongs to humanity. This is true of all the treasures of the Church. But we have started to sell gifts and other things that are given to me, and the proceeds from sales go to Msgr. Krajewski, who is my almoner. Then there is the lottery. There were cars that have all been sold or given away with a lottery and the proceeds are used for the poor. There are things that can be sold, and we sell these.”

Interviewer: Are you aware that the wealth of the Church can give rise to this type of expectation?

Pope Francis: “Yes, if we make a catalogue of the assets of the Church, it seems that the Church is very rich. But when the Concordat was made with Italy in 1929 on the Roman Question, the Italian government at the time offered to the Church a large park in Rome. And the then Pope Pius XI said no, I would like just half a square kilometer to guarantee the Church's independence. This principle still stands. Yes, the real estate of the Church is considerable, but we use it to maintain the structures of the Church and to maintain many works that are carried out in countries in need: hospitals and schools. Yesterday, for example, I asked for 50,000 Euros to be sent to Congo to build three schools in poor villages, as education is important for children. They went to the competent administration, I made the request, and the money was sent.”

Interviewer: Holy Father, is it possible to imagine a world without the poor?

Pope Francis: “I would like a world without the poor. We must fight for this. But I am a believer and I know that sin is always within us. And there is always human greed, the lack of solidarity, the selfishness that creates poverty. Therefore, would seem difficult to me to imagine a world without the poor. If you think about children exploited for slave labor, or sexually abused children. And another form of exploitation: children killed for the trafficking of organs. Killing children to remove their organs is greed. Therefore, I do not know if we will be able to make a world without poverty, because sin is always there and leads to selfishness. But we must always fight, always.”

Pope Francis @Pontifex (Oct 27)

Parents, can you “waste time” with your children? It is one of the most important things that you can do each day.

Bread Pudding Stand



When: Saturday, December 5th

Where: Main Street, Wellsboro






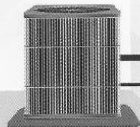

When: 9:00am - 4:00pm

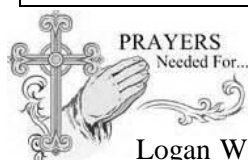
This parish fundraiser helps support the operation of the church. In order for this parish fundraiser to be a success, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, working the booth, and as couriers. Some non-food items are also needed and monetary donations are welcome to help offset the cost of food supplies. Victorian style costumes are required for booth workers, but can be as simple as a long skirt, shawl, pants tucked into knee socks, or boots and a heavy sweater.



**Sign-up sheets can be found in the
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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Clifford Parsells, Orpha Lundgren

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you. Amen.