



Sixth Sunday of Easter *May 1, 2016*

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 year to all 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 4:15 – 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

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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

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Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175

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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

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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 – Rectory 570-724-3371

Worship Committee – Rectory 570-724-3371

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

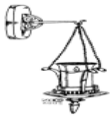
Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-724-3047

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

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 5/2 <i>Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Joseph Boroch (Catherine Bogaczyk)
Tuesday 5/3 <i>1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Charles Griscavage (Rick & Suzanne Niles)
Wednesday 5/4 <i>Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15</i>	5:00pm	In Memory of Henry Sulewski (Daughter, Kathy)
Thursday 5/5 <i>Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:1-23; Lk 24:46-53</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm 7:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Joseph & Anna Henneberger (Ostapowicz Family) In Memory of William Colegrove (Kevin & Jane Zink)
Friday 5/6 <i>Acts 18:9-18; Jn 16:20-23</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Jean Getgen (Joan Getgen)
Saturday 5/7 <i>Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28</i>	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confession Our Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday 5/8 <i>Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 20; Jn 17:20-26</i>	8:30am 11:00am	Our Mother's Day Intentions Our Mother's Day Intentions



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 **Johanna Whitmer** (Katey Pacific)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, May 1, 2016

May Crowning – 8:30am Mass
Sacrament of Confirmation – 4:00pm

TUESDAY, May 3, 2016

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am – 7:00pm
Finance Council Meeting – 8:00am, Rectory
Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center
Worship Committee Meeting – 7:00pm, Rectory
AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2016

Social Concerns Meeting – 3:00pm, Parish Center
ChristLife Series – 6:30pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, May 5, 2016

Rectory Closed

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center
St. John Neumann Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Parish Center

The Ascension of the Lord – May 5th

Mass Times

Wednesday, May 4th – 5:00pm (Vigil)
Thursday, May 5th – 12:10pm & 7:00pm

This is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Ascension

5:00pm

Servers: A.Banik, J.Grab, B.Levindoski
Lectors: L.Nonnenmacher, P.Walrath
E. Min.: T.Straniere, E.Evert, I.Dziengowski

12:10pm

Servers: F.Kennedy, K.Pacific
Lectors: R.Kramer, P.Kramer
E. Min.: K.Wilcox, T.Gamble, L.Whitney

7:00pm

Servers: A.Burge, L.Burge, X.Tellgren
Lectors: C.Evert, D.Sherman
E. Min.: V.Anthony, B.Butler, K.Tellgren

Weekend of May 8th

5:00pm

Servers: J.Singer, L.Singer, Z.Singer
Lectors: A.Singer, P.Walrath
E. Min.: A.Singer, I.Dziengowski, G.Brown

8:30am

Servers: F.Kennedy, L.Cimino, E.Cimino
Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, N.Kennedy
E. Min.: E.Payne, N.Ostapowicz

11:00am

Servers: A.Osborn, A.Osborn, A.Dunkel
Lectors: K.Pacific, M.Stirnaman
E. Min.: L.Makos, B.Brown, M.Osborn

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

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. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____



Liturgical Reflection

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FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Today we hear of the pivotal meeting in Jerusalem. While in his letters Paul often asserts his authority as an Apostle, here we see him acknowledging a higher authority within the Church as he and Barnabas set out for Jerusalem to consult with Peter, James, and other elders of that local church. This gathering does not put an end to the Mosaic Law; rather, it exempts the Gentiles from becoming Jews so that they may become followers of Jesus Christ.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

This chapter of the Book of Revelation speaks of the passing away of the old creation, which is replaced by a new heaven and a new earth. This vision of Jerusalem is glorious, perfect, whole, and complete. The twelve tribes are represented by the Twelve Apostles. The city does not need a temple because the presence of God and the Lamb make the entire city a temple of the Divine. God no longer dwells in a house of stone, but in the hearts of his people.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29



The Gospel emphasizes the sending of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, that will remain with the community always. John's community had great faith that the Spirit was still with them. Jesus is about to

surrender his life and soon thereafter will return to the Father. In this discourse, set within the context of his final meal with them, Jesus offers assurance that they will lose nothing of what they've learned because another Advocate, "the Holy Spirit," will come to help them remember and understand all that Jesus taught them. But first, Jesus again the teacher, reminds the disciples that there is no love without obedience. Anyone who keeps his Words receives the Father's love and becomes a living tabernacle, a place where God can dwell. Jesus promises peace to those who keep his Word. In receiving the Spirit, we receive the peace of Christ. There is a great deal in human life designed to cause unrest and to even destroy peace. The offering of the sign of peace in the Mass reminds us that we are given the peace of Christ and commanded to share it.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

May is Mary's month. May is a special time of prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is also Easter Time, so we join with Mary in rejoicing in Christ's Resurrection from the dead. We can honor Mary in this month by praying the Rosary or another Marian devotion and by participating in Mass on the Feast of the Visitation, which concluded the month on May 31st. It's also a good time for quiet reflection on the seven joys of Mary, the traditional counterpart to her seven sorrows. The joys of Mary are the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the Magi, the Resurrection, the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and Mary's coronation as Queen of Heaven.



Parish Activities and Information

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATED AT ST. PETER'S

Most Reverend James C. Timlin, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, today, May 1st, at 4:00pm at St. Peter's.

*Ethan Barlett
Tessa Bailey
Alexis Banik
Jasmine Blackwell
Lane Burge
Isaac Burnshaw
Natalie Burnshaw
Zachary Bowers
Caitlyn Callahan
Darryn Callahan
Karmryn Campbell
Erin Cimino
Lauren Cimino
Aiden Coffee
Anthony Dunkel
Claudia Esposito
Aiden Fletcher
Blaise Florio
Zachary Florio
Joseph Grab
Elizabeth Gordon
Justine Gordon*

*Carolina Hendricks
Andrew Macensky
Georgia Macensky
Lydia Makos
Marion Makos
Madeleine Mann
Daniel Mitchell
Taylor Nelson
Emma Pietropola
William Poirier
Hunter Post
Rebecca Rouse
Brandon Ruef
Ethan Ryan
Hope Sampson
Alexandra Swendrowski
Katarina Swendrowski
Lauren Singer
Zachary Singer
Xavier Tellgren
Gabrielle Thomas
Brennan Warner*

Congratulations to those who are being confirmed!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

Thank you to all who came and helped with our cemetery clean up last weekend, especially our High School Youth Group and Sue and Arnie Sticklin. A very special thank you to Howard Rutledge who tirelessly volunteers yearlong to oversee all aspects of our cemetery operations.

MOTHER'S DAY INTENTION ENVELOPES

Included in your monthly envelope packet is a Mother's Day Intention envelope to remember our living and deceased mothers and grandmothers. The envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the Mother's Day novena.

BABY LAYETTE SETS

St. Peter's Social Concerns Committee will be collecting and assembling layette sets for donation to women who deliver at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital and are unprepared for their baby's arrival. Also, disposable diapers will be collected for donation to Seeds of Hope. Donations of new blankets and newborn infant clothing and disposable diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6 should be placed in the box at the back of the church by TUESDAY, MAY 3rd. No time to shop? Cash donations will be gratefully accepted to support this project. Kindly place your donation in an envelope marked "Layettes" and drop it in the weekly collection.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon our Lady – just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit – this prayer has never failed me."

Blessed Mother Teresa

YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE

St. Peter's is planning a Year of Mercy pilgrimage to the Holy Door at the Basilica of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville. The bus trip will take place on Wednesday, June 15th and will include Mass at the Basilica then on to Lancaster County with a stop at Kitchen Kettle followed a showing of "Sampson" at Sight and Sound. Registration brochures, with complete details of the pilgrimage, can be found near the handout table on the side of the church.

SAMARITAN HOUSE NEEDS YOU!

The Samaritan House of Wellsboro is a community ministry coordinated by St. Peter's Parish. We offer residence and personal care to persons during the final weeks of their lives. Samaritan House charges no fees, and is supported by donations, grants, and fundraising efforts. Volunteers are our greatest resource. It is a privilege and blessing to make this final journey with our guests and their families. Training is provided, and scheduling is flexible. We are in dire need of new volunteers, and invite people of all ages to prayerfully consider joining our ministry. For more information call Karen Usavage 570-439-2913 or Linda Sampson 570-404-2180 or email samaritan.house.3@gmail.com.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

May's Food Pantry items are: canned tuna, ham and chicken. Place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church anytime throughout the month.

That's The Way It Is!



Catholic Social Teaching is all the rage today in the Church. Certainly there are many social demands of the Gospel that we must be aware of. However, I tend to get a bit of a jaundiced eye when I hear people spout off about social justice. This is not because I have a problem with social justice. Let me cite some examples to explain.

A Catholic college made headlines when the administration made the decision to pay a 15 dollar an hour minimum wage to their lowest paid staff. They were hailed as a college that "gets it" when it comes to how hard it is to make an honest living. They were hailed for their sensitivity to the Gospel demands of social justice. The question nobody seemed interested in asking was, "How are you going to pay for this?" No one wanted to ask that question because the answer is obvious; the college will raise the price of tuition. That is fine—but that is called Capitalism, not social justice. Social justice would be if the professors and administration took a pay cut and funded the raise with that.

What about a 15 dollar an hour minimum wage? Many people support this. That is fine. The problem I have is that the same people complain when they have to pay more for goods and services. They want a 15 dollar an hour minimum wage---but they don't want to pay a higher price for goods and services to pay for the increase that they

support. If they really supported a 15 dollar an hour minimum wage, they would gladly pony up when the company raises the cost of its goods and services to pay for the increase in salaries.

Then there are those who complain about all the companies sending jobs overseas. Are companies wrong for doing this? Judge for yourself: you can manufacture a cog in America at a cost of 5 dollars per cog. Overseas you can manufacture the same cog for 50 cents. Who in their right mind is going to choose to manufacture the cog at 5 dollars per cog when they can do so overseas for 50 cents?

What is my point? My point is simply this: it is very easy to be all about social justice and Catholic Social Teaching when what you believe or what you are calling for does not impact your life. It is easy to call for a 15 dollar minimum wage, when you aren't the one paying for it. It is easy to give the staff of a college 15 dollars an hour, when someone else is going to pay for it in the form of higher tuition. It is easy to call for communities to be more receptive to having the poor and under privileged as part of the community makeup, when you live in a gated community with very strict residency requirements.

When other people have to pony up the money for one's personal beliefs, it is easy to hold those beliefs. That is why I tend to look on those who are all about Catholic Social Teaching with a jaundiced eye. They want to help the poor with everyone else's money. That is not Catholic Social Teaching. That is Socialism.

True social justice, true Gospel justice requires that we put our money and resources where our mouths are. If we support jobs, and if we want to see more jobs stay in America, then we have to be willing to buy American and we also have to be willing to pay more. If we don't like the way a corporation treats its employees, we don't have to do business with that corporation. If we have a problem with CEO's downsizing and laying people off and people losing jobs, we should make sure to purchase the goods and services that company sells. No CEO lays people off when business is good! If we are a health care provider and we have a problem with the high cost of health care, why not reduce or waive our fee if we know a person has no insurance? There are doctors or nurses who donate their time to a free clinic where the poor can get check-ups, etc. That is what social justice is about. That is real social justice at work. That is real Gospel justice and Christian concern.

Remember: anyone can support social justice and call for reforms, when they aren't the ones who will be impacted by what they are calling for. Real social justice and real concern for the poor means that we pony up and walk the walk, and not just tell everyone else what they should be doing.

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David Bechtel

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for April 24th: \$5,327.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00

Difference: (\$663.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$1,520.90

Catholic Home Mission Appeal: \$992.00

Envelopes Mailed – 475; Envelopes Used – 147

With gratitude for your Weekly Sacrifice!!! We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries!

WORD OF LIFE

“By radiating charity and mercy to all our neighbors, we provide those much needed islands of mercy. Together, we stand against the wind of the throwaway culture, and brave its sea of indifference, sustained by Jesus who is, as Pope Francis has called Him, ‘the living face of the Father’s mercy.’” *“Life Issues Forum: After Marching, Acting as Islands of Mercy”*
Caitlin Thomas, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Little did I know that God was there, all along, offering me his love... The power of forgiveness is life-altering. I am happy again and the people whom I love sense that.”
“Life Matters: Forgiveness and Healing after Abortion”
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Jubilee Year of 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.

How can we show others the mercy of God? Our actions need to authentically reflect God's mercy.

Don't Turn Away

When faced with an opportunity to be merciful, our greatest temptation is to look away. It's easy to rationalize that someone else is better able to help than you are. But the reality is, when we turn away from someone in need, we are turning away from Christ himself. If we want to be more merciful, we have to be willing to stand beside the other person – even if it makes our own lives more difficult. When we do that, we become more humble, kinder, and more compassionate. *How do you deal with the temptation to turn away from someone in need?*

Jesus conquered evil at the root: he is the Door of Salvation, open wide so that each person may find mercy.

The way of the Church is not to condemn anyone forever, it is to pour out the balm of God's mercy.

Pope Francis

St. Peter's Church ~ Italian Dinner

Friday, May 20, 2016

4:00 – 7:00pm

**Bring
Your
Own
Bottle**

Adults - \$12.00 * Children (under 12) - \$5.00
(Children under 3 – Free)

Menu:

Chicken Piccata, Pasta with Marinara Sauce,
Pasta with Alfredo Sauce, Meatballs,
Italian Wedding Soup, Salad, Rolls
Homemade Desserts
Coffee, Soda, Tea, Lemonade

Basket Raffle

**All You
Can Eat!**

In order for this dinner to be a success, we need volunteers to work during and after the dinner, donations of some food items and baked goods, and donations of filled baskets for the raffle.

Signup sheets can be found in the back of the church.

News From the Vatican

AMORIS LETITIA – THE JOY OF LOVE

Pope Francis released his apostolic exhortation, *Amoris Letitia* (the Joy of Love) on April 8, 2016. An apostolic exhortation is a particular kind of papal teaching that communicates the mind of the pope on a certain topic. In this case it is used to share the conclusions reached by the Holy Father, after consideration of the recommendations of the Bishops at the conclusion of two Synods on the topic of family and marriage. Over the next weeks, this column will give short excerpts from each chapter. The complete document can be read on the Vatican website at www.vatican.va.

Chapter 2: The Experiences and Challenges of Families

- ◆ The welfare of the family is decisive for the future of the world and that of the Church.
- ◆ The tensions created by an overly individualistic culture, caught up with possessions and pleasures, leads to intolerance and hostility in families.
- ◆ Freedom of choice makes it possible to plan our lives and to make the most of ourselves. Yet if this freedom lacks noble goals or personal discipline, it degenerates into an inability to give oneself generously to others.
- ◆ As Christians, we can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid countering contemporary sensibilities, or out of a desire to be fashionable or a sense of helplessness in the face of human and moral failings. We would be depriving the world of values that we can and must offer. It is true that here is no sense in simply decrying present-day evils, as if this could change things. Nor is it helpful to try to impose rules by sheer authority. What we need is a more responsible and generous effort to present the reasons and motivations for choosing marriage and the family, and in this way help men and women better to respond to the grace that God offers them.
- ◆ We also need to be humble and realistic; acknowledging that at times the way we present our Christian beliefs and treat other people has helped contribute to today's problematic situation. Then too, we often present marriage in such a way that its unitive meaning, its call to grow in love and its ideal of mutual assistance are overshadowed by an almost exclusive insistence on the duty of procreation. Nor have we always provided solid guidance to young married couples, understanding their timetables, their way of thinking and their concrete concerns. At times we have also proposed a far too abstract and almost artificial theological ideal of marriage, far removed from the concrete situations and practical possibilities of real families. This excessive idealization, especially when we have failed to inspire trust in God's grace, has not helped to make marriage more desirable and attractive, but quite the opposite.
- ◆ We have long thought that simply by stressing doctrinal, bioethical and moral issues, without encouraging openness to grace, we were providing sufficient support to families, strengthening the marriage bond and giving meaning to

marital life. We also find it hard to make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations.

- ◆ We must be grateful that most people do value family relationships that are permanent and marked by mutual respect. They appreciate the Church's efforts to offer guidance and counseling in areas related to growth in love, overcoming conflict and raising children.... Nowadays we are grateful too for the witness of marriages that have not only proved lasting, but also fruitful and loving. ...Many people feel that the Church's message on marriage and the family does not clearly reflect the preaching and attitudes of Jesus, who set forth a demanding ideal yet never failed to show compassion and closeness to the frailty of individuals....
 - ◆ We need to find the right language, arguments and forms of witness that can help us reach the hearts of young people...inviting them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage.
 - ◆ Marital problems are often confronted in haste and without courage to have patience and reflect, to make sacrifices and to forgive one another. Failures give rise to new relationships, new couples, new civil unions, and new marriages, creating family situations which are complex and problematic for the Christian life.
 - ◆ The weakening of faith and religious practice in some societies has an effect on families, leaving them more isolated amid their difficulties.
 - ◆ The family is a good which society cannot do without. The Church has always held it part of her mission to promote marriage and the family and to defend them against those who attack them.
 - ◆ Challenges to the family include: affordable housing, children born out of wedlock, migration, children with special needs, elderly members, poverty, drug use, and violence within the family.
 - ◆ We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability, but ...may simply not be equated with marriage. No union that is temporary or closed to the transmission of life can ensure the future of society.
 - ◆ Let us not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. We are creatures, and not omnipotent. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift. As the same time, we are called to protect our humanity, and this means, in the first place, accepting it and respecting it as it was created.
 - ◆ I thank God that many families, which are far from perfect, live in love, fulfill their calling and keep moving forward, even if they fall many times along the way.
 - ◆ There is no stereotype of the ideal family, but rather a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes, and problems. The situations that concern us are challenges. We...should seek new forms of missionary creativity.
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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

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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.