



St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00–2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. David Bechtel – Dbechtel00@yahoo.com
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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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 19, 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.

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
 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 – Mary Cleveland 570-724-5286
 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 – Rectory 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 – 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

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 6/20 <i>2 Kgs 17:5-8,13-15,18; Mt 7:1-5</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions Our Father's Day Intentions
Tuesday 6/21 <i>2 Kgs 19:9-11,14-21,31-35; Mt 7:6,12-14</i>	7:30am	Our Father's Day Intentions
Wednesday 6/22 <i>2 Kgs 22:8-13,23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions Our Father's Day Intentions
Thursday 6/23 <i>2 Kgs 2:8-17; Mt 7:21-29</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Charles Griscavage (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Friday 6/24 <i>Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66,80</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Saturday 6/25 <i>Lam 2:2,10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17</i>	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Katherine Brennan (Tom & Linda Sampson)
Sunday 6/26 <i>1 Kgs 19:16,19-21; Gal 5:1,13-18; Lk 9:51-62</i>	8:30am 11:00am	In Honor of Norb & Nona Josten 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 **Rosa Fullerton** (Connie Spang & Curtis Reza)

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, June 20, 2016

Adult Summer Movie Series – 6:30pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, June 21, 2016

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm

Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm

Staff Meeting – 8:30am, Rectory

Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm, Parish Center

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, June 22, 2016

Life Line Screening – 9:00am, Parish Center

THURSDAY, June 16, 2016

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

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

FRIDAY, June 17, 2016

Wedding Rehearsal – 5:00pm, Church

SATURDAY, June 18, 2016

Wedding – 1:00pm, Church

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of June 26th

5:00pm

Servers: E.Poirier, W.Poirier, J.Poirier

Lectors: C.Evert, P.Walrath

E. Min.: T.Straniere, B.Butler, G.Poirier

8:30am

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

Lectors: N.Kennedy, T.Reindl

E. Min.: A.Singer, M.Bialas, M.Sampson

11:00am

Servers: A.Bleggi, J.Gordon, L.Gordon

Lectors: D.Bleggi, D.Gordon

E. Min.: C.Delong, D.Stager, L.Stager

Banns of Marriage

Third – Mary Katherine Sweeney and Erik Auffant – June 25th

Second – Melissa Trenholm and Jason Greenfield – July 9th

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Zechariah 12:10-11, 13:1

Zechariah's passage is confusing and difficult to contextualize but the reference to "on that day" probably refers to the end time when the Lord will return to set things aright. On that day God will pour a spirit of grace on David's house and all of Jerusalem. The people's sinfulness is symbolized by the death of one they have pierced, whom they mourn as one does the loss of an only child or a first born. But such great mourning born out of sinfulness and loss is not the last word. God will provide a purifying fountain that will wash away people's sin and uncleanness. The text has been interpreted to prefigure the Gospel account of Jesus' prediction of his Passion and Death, with the reconciling and purifying nature of Jesus' sacrifice reconnecting all to God.

SECOND READING: Galatians 3:26-29

Paul clearly professes that all who are baptized into Christ are now connected in a manner that transcends all the divisions and boundaries that separate humans from one another. Being clothed in Christ, we are all children of God, related to one another as family, and made one in Christ. God intended such unity and harmony from the first moment of creation, and Jesus came to proclaim and model for us that such a reality is not only possible, but with the Lord's help can definitely be accomplished. This is Christ's Good News, the proclamation that the Kingdom of God is present among you.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:18-24



Since different scenarios were abroad concerning Jesus' identity, he turns to his disciples to ask them, "Who do you think I am?" Peter affirms Jesus to be the Christ or Messiah of God. Jesus demands silence of them concerning his identity as he proceeds to clarify

his mission as the Messiah of God, which will call for his suffering, Death, and Resurrection on the third day. As his disciples they will be called to travel the same road as their master, being willing to deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and lose their life in order to save it. Traveling such a journey is the only way that one can claim true discipleship. If one remains faithful no matter the cost, then Jesus can and does assure them that they will save their life and much more besides. How do Jesus' words challenge you as a disciple in today's world?

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

In the Collect we pray that we may honor God's name and "set firm on the foundation of God's love," know his guidance. In the Prayer over the Offerings, we offer "the sacrifice of conciliation and praise" and pray that it may so work in our lives that we may offer to God "a heart pleasing" to him.

Parish Activities and Information

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to work at this year's strawberry shortcake booth this weekend. A very special thank you to Sue Sticklin and Lisa Banik for chairing the event and ensuring its success!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Through the *Peter's Pence Collection*, we unite with the Holy Father as he reaches out to those who are suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. By supporting this collection next weekend, we can experience more fully how mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope

DEANERY MASS CELEBRATED

The annual Deanery Mass held at the deGuzman residence, will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 29th at 6:00pm. Bring a dish or snack to pass and a lawn chair. **All are welcome!** Questions? Call 376-5427. (*Directions: 287 N, 249 N to Keeneyville, turn right to Osceola, 1 1/2 miles to Box 818*)

ADULT SUMMER FILM SERIES

Our adult summer film series returns Monday evening, June 20th, at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments and discussion follow the films. First up will be *Shadowlands*. This winner of two British Academy Awards is based on the life of renowned Oxford scholar and Christian author, C.S. Lewis. American Joy Gresham travels to England to seek out Lewis, with whom she's had years of correspondence. Despite their culture clash, the two become an unlikely pair, with their greatest challenge ahead of them. Subsequent films to be screened and their dates are:

June 27th – *Entertaining Angels*

July 11th – *Risen*

July 25th – *G.K. Chesterton on St. Francis of Assisi*

Aug 1st – *Convinced*

Aug 8th – *Divine Mercy 101*

COORDINATOR NEEDED

A volunteer is need to coordinate the three annual fundraising dinners (Harvest, Polish, and Italian) held at St. Peter's Church. Those interested should call the rectory for more information.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for June 12th: \$6,035.25

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00

Difference: \$45.25

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$1,574.51

Envelopes Mailed – 474; Envelopes Used – 140

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

That's The Way It Is!



Is the death penalty incompatible with Christianity? Would Jesus be against the death penalty? Many people assume Jesus would be against the death penalty. This makes support of the death penalty incompatible with Christianity. If Jesus is opposed to something, Christians must likewise be opposed to

it. But---was Jesus opposed to the death penalty?

The official teaching of the Church is that the death penalty should not be used in ordinary circumstances. Modern society has means of safely locking up violent offenders. These means were not available to societies in the past. The Church in her official teaching, however, does not rule out the use of the death penalty in extraordinary circumstances, or cases where violent offenders cannot be safely locked up. Pope Benedict has made statements that there can be disagreement on this issue among Catholics with the hierarchy. The purpose of the article this week is to explain why support of the death penalty is not automatically incompatible with the Gospel message or Jesus teaching.

In Matthew 5: 17-18, Jesus says "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." Capital punishment was very much a part of the Old Testament law. If Jesus didn't come to abolish the law, and the use of Capital punishment was part of the law, it follows Jesus did not come to abolish the death penalty. Note that the statement occurs right in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount. Many people traditionally see this sermon as officially abrogating Old Testament justice. If this interpretation is accepted, then Jesus is not only contradicting the Old Testament but his very own words! This is rather strange if Jesus believes there were no crimes or sin that deserved death.

Matthew 15:4 recounts a controversy with the Pharisees. The Pharisees were teaching leniency to the rebellious children of Israel who tried to weasel out of caring for their parents in old age by distorting God's Word. Jesus rebukes them by quoting from Exodus 21: 17 "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? For God said, 'Honor your father and mother and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.'" Note that Jesus does not say "The Old Testament says" or "Moses says" but "God says anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death." This also is rather odd if Jesus believes there were no crimes or sin that deserved death.

Luke 23: 40-41 recounts a rather bizarre dialog between the thieves: (bizarre if one believes the death penalty is

incompatible with Christianity) "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." The thief is rebuking the other thief. Note that he says they are punished justly. They deserve what they are getting because they are guilty. What makes this even more bizarre is that they are being crucified. They aren't just being put to death, they are being crucified. The thief accepts his punishment. After taking responsibility for his crimes and accepting his just punishment, he then asks Jesus to forgive him. If God is opposed to the death penalty, why did Jesus not rebuke the thief for stating that they are punished justly? Indeed, Jesus forgave the thief, but he let stand the thief's statement about his just punishment. This also seems rather odd for someone who opposes the death penalty.

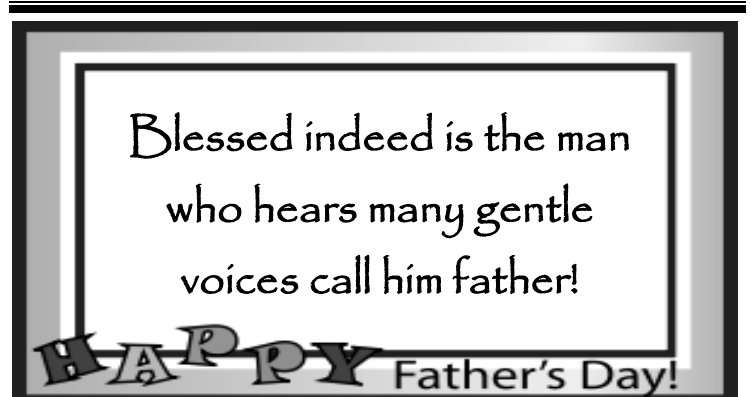
Finally: If no sin and no crime deserved death, why did Jesus have to die? One of the themes running through the Old Testament is that sin requires the shedding of blood to atone for sin. The blood that was shed was blood of animals offered in sacrifice. In the New Testament, the notion that atonement for sin requires the shedding of blood is carried over. Jesus is the one who sheds blood to atone for sin. If God is opposed to the death penalty, why did God take on himself the death penalty and willingly do so?

I am not arguing that we all need to go out and support the death penalty. I am not trying to argue that the Biblical data means we all must support the death penalty. All I am trying to do is explain why the use of the death penalty is not automatically opposed to the Gospel message. Another way to say it: I am trying to explain why the use of the death penalty can be justified in certain circumstances. The death penalty is not an intrinsic moral evil.

If someone were to force me to state in clear language whether Jesus opposed or supported the death penalty, I would say this: Jesus, I think, would tolerate its use when necessary for the good order and wellbeing of society. Jesus would see the use of the death penalty as regrettable, but sometimes necessary. The official teaching of the Church is, in a nut shell, pretty much the same idea.

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David Bechtel





Jubilee Year of Mercy

This Holy Year will conclude on Sunday, November 20th, 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.

The Church of Mercy

"Let us try asking ourselves: Am I open to the action of the Holy Spirit? Do I pray to him to give me illumination, to make me more sensitive to God's things? This is a prayer we must pray every day: "Holy Spirit, make my heart open to the word of God, make my heart open to goodness, make my heart open to the beauty of God every day." — Pope Francis

Diocese of Scranton News

LIGHT THE FIRE SUMMER YOUTH RALLY

Wednesday, June 29 — Misericordia University Light the Fire provides high school students with a high-energy day filled with Catholic speakers, a variety of workshops, awesome music, friends, Eucharistic adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation and Closing Mass. Visit www.light-the-fire.org for more information. **Any students from St. Peter's who are interested in attending are asked to email the Religious Ed Office (stpreled@ptd.net) or call the Rectory no later than Monday, June 20th.** The cost to St. Peter's members is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. Cost for all others is \$40.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Pro Life News

A FATHER LOOKS BACK

Kenny Rogers has a song called *Water and Bridges*, which highlights a father's pain after losing a child to abortion. Rogers said the song is about "choices you make when you're young that you pay for when you're old. 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 anyone who has lost a child to abortion. RachelsVineyard.org

USCCB News

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Fortnight for Freedom is a campaign initiated by the Roman Catholic bishops of the United States. Events over the course of fourteen days from June 21st to July 4th each year, call upon Catholics to participate in a pledge to religious liberty and an appeal for the inclusion of a "conscience clause" for religious institutions and religious faithful to practice according to the moral tenets of one's religious faith.

"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together."

—*Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, April 12, 2012*

Join the Call to Prayer for life, marriage and religious liberty in our country.



"Even in the worst situation of life, God waits for me, God wants to embrace me, God expects me." Pope Francis

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 papal teaching that communicates the mind of the pope on a certain topic—in this case 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 7: Towards a Better Education of Children

♦ Parents always influence the moral development of their children...they should take up this essential role and carry it out consciously, enthusiastically, reasonably, and appropriately.

♦ Parents need to consider what they want their children to be exposed to, and this necessarily means being concerned about who is providing their entertainment, who is entering their rooms through television and electronic devices, and with whom they are spending their free time. Vigilance is always necessary and neglect is never beneficial.

♦ Parents have to help prepare children and adolescents to confront the risks.

♦ Obsession is not education. We cannot control every situation that a child may experience. If parents are obsessed with always knowing where their children are and controlling all their movements, they will seek only to dominate space. But this is no way to educate, strengthen and prepare children to face challenges.

♦ The questions I would put to parents are do we seek to understand ‘where’ our children really are in their journey? Where is their soul, do we really know? And above all, do we want to know?”

♦ Education includes encouraging the responsible use of freedom to face issues with good sense and intelligence. It involves forming persons who readily understand that their own lives, and the life of the community, are in their hands, and that freedom is itself a great gift.

♦ Parents rely on school to ensure the basic instruction of their children, but can never completely delegate the moral formation of their children to others.

♦ Parents are responsible for instilling in their children trust and loving respect.

♦ Parents are also responsible for shaping the will of their children, fostering good habits and a natural inclination to goodness. This involves presenting certain ways of thinking and acting as desirable and worthwhile, as part of a gradual process of growth.

♦ Moral formation should always take place with active methods and a dialogue that teaches through sensitivity and by using language children can understand.

♦ A good ethical education includes showing a person that it is in his own interest to do what is right. Good habits need to be developed.

♦ It is also essential to help children and adolescents to realize that misbehavior has consequences. They need to be encouraged to put themselves in other people’s shoes and to

acknowledge the hurt they have caused. Some punishments can partially serve this purpose.

♦ It is important to train children firmly to ask forgiveness and to repair the harm done to others.

♦ Children who are lovingly corrected feel cared for perceive that they are individuals show potential is recognized.

♦ A child who does something wrong must be corrected, but never treated as an enemy or an object on which to take out one’s own frustrations. Some kinds of misbehavior have to do with the frailty and limitations typical of youth.

♦ It is important that discipline not lead to discouragement, but be instead a stimulus to further progress. How do we ensure that discipline is a constructive limit placed on a child’s actions and not a barrier standing in the way of his or her growth?

♦ Moral education entails asking of a child or a young person only those things that do not involve a disproportionate sacrifice, and demanding only a degree of effort that will not lead to resentment or coercion. This is to be done by proposing small steps that can be understood, accepted and appreciated, while including a proportionate sacrifice.

♦ In proposing values, we have to proceed slowly, taking into consideration the child’s age and abilities, without presuming to apply rigid and inflexible methods.

♦ The family is the first school of human values, where we learn the wise use of freedom. Certain inclinations develop in childhood and become so deeply rooted that they remain throughout life, either as attractions to a particular value or a natural repugnance to certain ways of acting.

♦ When children are not helped to realize that some things have to be waited for, they can become obsessed with satisfying their immediate needs and develop the vice of “wanting it all now.” When we are taught to postpone some things until the right moment, we learn self-mastery and detachment from our impulses.

♦ The family is the primary setting for socialization, since it is where we first learn to relate to others, to listen and share, to be patient and show respect, to help one another and live as one. The task of education is to make us sense that the world and society are also our home; it trains us how to live together in this greater home.

♦ Every day the family has to come up with new ways of appreciating and acknowledging its members.

♦ The educational process that occurs between parent and children can be helped or hindered by the increasing sophistication of the communications and entertainment media. When well used, the media can be helpful for connecting family members who live apart from one another. Frequent contact helps to overcome difficulties.

♦ Media cannot replace the need for personal and direct dialogue, which requires physical presence or at least hearing the voice of the other person.

♦ These new forms of communication can foster apathy and disconnect from the real world and can expose children more easily to manipulation by those who would invade their private space with selfish interests.

♦ Nor is it good for parents to be domineering. When children are made to feel that only their parents can be trusted, this hinders an adequate process of socialization and growth in affective maturity. To help expand the parental relationship to broader realities, Christian communities are called to offer support to the educational mission of families.

♦ Raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the faith. The home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith, to pray and to serve our neighbor.

♦ Handing on the faith presumes that parents themselves genuinely trust God, seek him and sense their need for him, for only in this way does “one generation laud your works to another, and declare your mighty acts” (Ps 144:4).

♦ Education in the faith has to be adapted to each child. Parents desirous of nurturing the faith of their children are sensitive to their patterns of growth, for they know that spiritual experience is not imposed but freely proposed.

♦ The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied

forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

♦ All of us should be able to say, thanks to the experience of our life in the family: “We come to believe in the love that God has for us” (1Jn 4:16).

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE

Universal: Human Solidarity

That the aged, marginalized, and those who have no one may find—even within the huge cities of the world—opportunities for encounter and solidarity.

Evangelization: Seminarians and Novices

That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

St. Peter's Church

Vacation Bible Camp

Marvelous Mystery ~ The Mass Comes Alive

Bible Stories Crafts Games Snacks

Date: Sunday - Wednesday, July 17th-20th

Time: 5:30-7:30pm ~ **Place:** Parish Center

Ages preschool (4 year olds) through 6th grade

For more information contact Maureen Poirier ~ 570-439-1479 or stpreled@ptd.net

Registration Form

Please register no later than July 7th

Name and grade of each child: Name _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Parent's name: _____ Phone number: _____

Parents e-mail: _____

Emergency contact name and phone number: _____

Allergies or Special Concerns we should know about: _____

Would you be willing to donate a food item for dinner or snack? _____

Would you be able to volunteer to help? _____

(Students 7th grade and older are welcome to help out!)

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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

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.