

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 3, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901 Rectory Phone: 570-724-3371~ Fax: 570-724-6322 Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.org ~ Email: stpch@ptd.net

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00-2:00pm

#### <u>Parish Staff</u>

Pastor: Rev. David Bechtel – Dbechtel00@yahoo.com Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net Business Manager: Patti Mitchell – stpadm@ptd.net Director of Religious Ed.: Maureen Poirier – stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

#### 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  $Pre-K - 12^{th}$  grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention	
<b>Monday 7/4</b> Hos 2:16,17-18,21-22; Mt 9:18- 26	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Honor of Rummage Sale Workers (Mary Cleveland)	
<b>Tuesday 7/5</b> Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9:32-38	7:30am	In Memory of Marie Franks (Don & Lucy Whitney)	
Wednesday 7/6 Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Nancy Fay (Uncle bill, Dawn, & Renee)	
Thursday 7/7 Hos 11:1-4,8-9; Mt 10:7-15	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Jon Banik (Ron & Jackie Patt)	
Friday 7/8 Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Honor of Frank Dziengowki (Rummage Sale Workers)	
<b>Saturday 7/9</b> Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Lewis "Chuck" Getgen (Joan Getgen)	
<b>Sunday 7/10</b> Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37	8:30am 11:00am	In Memory of Peter Krist (Mike & Connie McNamara) Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church	



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### 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 Lois Ann O'Rourke (Gary & Mary Kay Clark)

### The Week Ahead MONDAY, July 4, 2016

Rectory Closed

### TUESDAY, July 5, 2016

Finance Council Meeting - 8:0am, Rectory Eucharistic Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm Benediction/Evening Prayer - 6:45pm AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center THURSDAY, July 7, 2016 Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center St. John Neumann Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Parish Center SUNDAY, July 10, 2016 Mission Appeal Weekend Secular Carmelites – 12:30pm

# **Ministers of the Altar Schedule** Weekend of July 10<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm

Servers: M.Mann, A.Osborn, B.Rudy Lectors: C.Evert, P.Walrath E. Min.: M.Osborn, B.Butler, E.Evert 8:30am Servers: J.Grab, A.Banik, A.Dunkel Lectors: N.Bickham, D.Bleggi E. Min.: T.Gamble, N.Ostapowicz, L.Whitney 11:00am Servers: K.Kramer, J.Gordon, L.Gordon Lectors: D.Gordon, M.Stirnaman E. Min.: M.Stirnaman, D.Stager, L.Stager

# June Baptisms

## We welcome those who were baptized at St. Peter's into the Catholic Faith.

Kyle Anthony, son of Chris Anthony and Vivienne Straniere ~ June 12, 2016

Raelynne Anthony, daughter of Chris Anthony and Vivienne Straniere ~ June 12, 2016

Anna Marie Wojnicki, daughter of Ryan and Catherine Wojnicki ~ June 19, 2016

Elizabeth Jordain, daughter of Mark Hoff and Kasey Jordain ~ June 26, 2016

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!			
If you are visiting Tioga County this w	eekend, 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 offi	ce or drop it in the offertory basket.		
Request for Parishioner Registration Form			
Name	Phone		



### **Liturgical Reflection**

### 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Isaiah speaks of the great joy that will be experienced by all as the Lord restores Jerusalem after the devastation of the Babylonian Exile. Using rich mother metaphors, God will restore Jerusalem from a barren, sorrowful, mournful mother to a fertile, prosperous, loving and ever-comforting one. The starving, desolated people will once again nurse from her abundant breasts, will exalt over the abundance of water and wealth, and will experience the fondling, comfort, tenderness, and care that a loving mother showers on her nurslings. As a mother comforts, loves and dotes on her child, so will God do for us. The power of the Lord will be evident to all, with joy and abundant life as its unimaginable manifestation.

#### **SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18**

Paul asserts that the only thing any disciple can boast in is the Cross of Christ, the most degrading of deaths transformed into the ultimate symbol of God's gracious love to all. As disciples, we too are called to manifest God's gracious love to all, no matter the cost. Whether circumcised or uncircumcised, Jew or Gentile, all are new creations in the Lord, who broke down any and all boundaries that divide us. Paul asserts that as disciples we all bear the marks of Jesus as we willingly give ourselves in service of others. All this is God's doing through the grace given to us in Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



Jesus appoints seventytwo disciples and commissions them to go ahead of him to spread the word concerning God's reign. They are being sent as workers to a rich harvest that God

has cultivated. However, they are also warned that such harvesting will involve dangers and challenges, concretized in the image of being sent out "like lambs among wolves." They will experience rejection and opposition. Jesus instructs them as to their behavior on such a mission, and insists that no matter what they encounter, they are to trust in God who will protect and care for them. They return rejoicing at the great feats they are able to accomplish in God's name, as Jesus proclaims that with God's reign, Satan is defeated and his disciples have their names recorded in heaven.

#### **ABOUT THIS SUNDAY**

The Collect points to God's raising up of our fallen world through the abasement of his Son. The image is meant to reflect the Paschal Mystery of lowliness leading to glory. The Prayer over the Offerings prays for purification of our lives to occur through the oblation being offered; it reminds us of the concrete changes we must make in our lives if we are going to truly live what we believe. The Prayer after Communion notes how the food of the Eucharist replenishes us so that we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise God. That the Eucharist is the nourishment for the journey to heaven and must never be forgotten.

### **Parish Activities and Information** RECTORY CLOSED JULY 4<sup>th</sup>

The Rectory will be closed on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, in observance of the holiday. In the event of an emergency, please call the number listed on the front of this bulletin under the *Emergency Contact* heading. Fr. Bechtel will return your call as soon as he is able.

#### PARISH SUMMER GATHERING

Our parish council has planned a summer gathering for our parishioners. This will take place on August 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11:00am Mass, in the parish center. The parish will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks, and ice cream. Parishioners who can do so are asked to bring a dish to pass. If you are going to attend, please place your name on the sigh up sheet in the back of the Church. This is so we know how much food to order. In the past we held this picnic at different locations. This year our parish council thought it would make it easier on our parishioners if we held it immediately following the 11:00am Mass in the parish center. As the date gets closer, more details will follow.

#### **NEW ITEMS HAVE ARRIVED**

Please check out the stand on the side of the church for new Catholic materials which have just arrived.

#### **ADULT SUMMER FILM SERIES**

Our adult summer film series is held on Monday evenings beginning at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Refreshments and discussion follow the films. **There will be no movie this Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**, but will return on July 11<sup>th</sup> with the showing of *Risen*. The remaining schedule is as follows:

July 11<sup>th</sup> –*Risen* July 25<sup>th</sup> – *G.K. Chesterton on St. Francis of Assisi* Aug 1<sup>st</sup> – *Convinced* 

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – *Divine Mercy 101* 

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

**July's** Food Pantry items are: Pork and Beans and Canned Fruit. Place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church anytime throughout the month.

#### MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Pierrot Kasemuana, a Missionhurst missionary who will be visiting our parish July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> to present a mission appeal. Fr. Peirrot is from the foreign Province of Mongolia and will be sharing his life and dedication to the people he serves with us. Missionhurst serves in some of the most remote places in Mongolia, Indonesia, Africa, Asia and Latin America and its missionaries come prepared to stay, living among the people, sharing in their privation, and participating in the day-to-day effort needed to achieve life-long spiritual and material changes. Fr. Peirrot will be preaching at all the Masses and a second collection will be taken with proceeds going to Missionhurst.

# That's The Way It Is!



This Monday, July 4, as we do every year, we will celebrate the birth and founding of our great nation. Many people will be attending fireworks displays, picnics and other celebrations with their family and friends. I too will be enjoying the long weekend with time off God willing and rise! Let's hope everyone has a fun and

the river don't rise! Let's hope everyone has a fun and safe time with their celebrations.

We do well to remember during our celebrations that many people have made and continue to make huge sacrifices to ensure our freedom. Freedom isn't free and never has been. At the 11:00AM Sunday Mass this weekend, (July 3) we be honoring and praying for the safety of all who protect and serve. We will pray in particular for the police. We will be blessed to have some representation from the police present.

I think praying for and honoring the police is even more important now, than in the past. We are all aware of the anti-police sentiment that has gripped our country. It is becoming increasingly more difficult for police to do their jobs, especially in the big cities. The job of a police officer has always been dangerous, but I believe it is becoming increasingly dangerous given the sentiment that has gripped out country.

Please make sure you support the police and pray for them. Thank them for what they do. Pray for their families and their safety. The community of Wellsboro is a beautiful community. I think we can agree that Wellsboro and surrounding areas are a great place to raise a family and that the communities are relatively safe. Keep in mind that the safety of our communities is due in no small part to the police. We should not take them for granted.

At San Bernardino, during an attack by a gunman, a police officer was leading the people to safety. The people were naturally scared. The officer in order to calm them down said "Try to relax people, try to relax. Don't worry, I will take a bullet before you, that's for damn sure." This is one of the many reasons why the police are often called The Finest.

Like everyone else I get annoyed if I get pulled over for speeding, or I get a parking ticket. No one likes to get a speeding ticket or parking ticket even if deserved. Catching speeders and enforcing parking violations is as much the job of a police officer as responding to robberies or violent crime situations. Compared to Williamsport and Scranton you get a good deal on parking in Wellsboro by the way. You get an hour per quarter. In Williamsport you get a half hour. In Scranton you get 15 minutes!

I also want to note that pulling people over for minor violations is often times how police are lead to find those who have committed more serious crimes. That is why it is important for police to enforce the minor violations as much as the major violations. Keep that in mind next time you get pulled over for speeding or you get a parking ticket.

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, and as our freedom is a cause for celebration, remember that it costs a great deal to maintain the freedoms we enjoy. I have chosen to highlight the role of the police in preserving our liberties. However, pray for those in the military, fire companies, and all emergency and first responders. May God bless and watch over them, may He be with their families and keep them safe. May our country develop more of an appreciation for the rule of law and order and those who work to enforce the rule of law and order.

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David Bechtel

### **Neighboring Parish News** ST. THOMAS' PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY DOOR

St. Thomas is organizing a pilgrimage to the holy door at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton. The trip will take place on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The bus will pick up in Wellsboro at 5:55am. The tentative schedule is as follows:

9:00am – Arrival

9:30am – Morning Prayer

9:45am – Welcome & Presentation of the

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

10:30-11:45am – Free time with opportunity for confession

11:45am – Recitation of the Rosary

12:10pm – Mass

1:00pm - Lunch

1:30pm – Tour of the Cathedral

2:00pm – Depart

The Cost is \$40 per person and includes lunch. A stop at Steamtown Mall and Cracker Barrel in Binghamton, NY, on the way home, is on your own. Pleas register no later than August 15<sup>th</sup> by calling St. Thomas at 570-258-5121. Brochures can be found on the handout table.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for June 26<sup>th</sup>: \$12,120.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00 Difference: \$6,130.00 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$7,493.51\*

Peter's Pence Collection: \$1,007.30

Envelopes Mailed – 474; Envelopes Used – 133

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

\*Thanks to your continued generosity, we are ending the fiscal year with a positive, Year-to-Date Budget Variance. This allows us to ensure that we have all the essential items required to serve the needs of our parishioners and have a successful, active parish.



# **Jubilee Year of Mercy**

This Holy Year will conclude on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

#### The Church of Mercy

"Brothers and Sisters, let us not be closed to the newness that God wants to bring to our lives! Are we often weary, disheartened, and sad? Do we feel weighed down by our sins? Do we feel we won't be able to cope? Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up. There are no situations that God cannot change; there is no sin that he cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to him." – Pope Francis

# **Diocese of Scranton News**

# MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in Saint Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions? Call 570-207-2213.

### DAY OF REFLECTION

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Day of Reflection on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono, PA. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia, Chaplain of St. Luke's Villa will conduct the retreat. The topic is "Jubilee Year of Mercy." The retreat will begin at 8:30am. and will end by 2:00pm. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be served. The cost is \$35. All Catholic women are invited to attend. Please send your reservation with payment to Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa Street, Peckville, PA 18452. The reservation deadline is July 25<sup>th</sup>.

# **Pro Life News**

#### WORD OF LIFE

"The threats to religious freedom are more subtle (in the West); many people don't even perceive them ...Whereas in other parts of the world...it's bloody, violent, overt, but in both cases it's a denial of the rights of conscience, it's a denial of the fundamental freedom to relate to one's own God." — *Most Reverend William E. Lori, Chairman USCCB Ad-Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty* 

#### **RESPECT FOR LIFE IS THE PATH TO PEACE**

"The path to the attainment of the common good and to peace is above all that of respect for human life in all its many aspects, beginning with its conception, through its development and up to its natural end. True peacemakers, then, are those who love, defend and promote human life in all its dimensions, personal, communitarian and transcendent. Life in its fullness is the height of peace. Anyone who loves peace cannot tolerate attacks and crimes against life.

"Those who insufficiently value human life and, in consequence, support among other things the liberalization of abortion, perhaps do not realize that in this way they are proposing the pursuit of a false peace. The flight from responsibility, which degrades human persons, and even more so the killing of a defenseless and innocent being, will never be able to produce happiness or peace. Indeed how could one claim to bring about peace, the integral development of peoples or even the protection of the environment without defending the life of those who are weakest, beginning with the unborn? Every offence against life, especially at its beginning, inevitably causes irreparable damage to development, peace and the environment. Neither is it just to introduce surreptitiously into legislation false rights or freedoms which, on the basis of a reductive and relativistic view of human beings and the clever use of ambiguous expressions aimed at promoting a supposed right to abortion and euthanasia, pose a threat to the fundamental right to life." -- Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace - 2013.

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-HourChild 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).

### **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. This week concludes our short excerpts from each chapter. The complete document can be read on the Vatican website at www.vatican.va.

Chapter 9: The Spirituality of Marriage and the Family

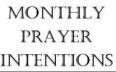
- The Lord's presence dwells in real and concrete families, with all their daily troubles and struggles, joys and hopes. Living in a family makes it hard for us to feign or lie; we cannot hide behind a mask. If that authenticity is inspired by love, then the Lord reigns there with his joy and his peace. In the end, marital spirituality is a spirituality of the bond in which divine love dwells.
- ♦ A positive experience of family communion is a true path to daily sanctification and mystical growth, a means for deeper union with God.
- •Those who have deep spiritual aspirations should not feel that the family detracts from their growth in the life of the Spirit, but rather see it as a path which the Lord is using to lead them to the heights of mystical union.
- ◆If a family is centered on Christ, he will unify and illumine its entire life. Moments of pain and difficulty will be experienced in union with the Lord's cross, and his closeness will make it possible to surmount them.
- Family prayer is a special way of expressing and strengthening this paschal faith. A few minutes can be found each day to come together before the living God, to tell him our worries, to ask for the needs of our family, to pray for someone experiencing difficulty, to ask for help in showing love, to give thanks for life and for its blessings, and to ask Our Lady to protect us beneath her maternal mantle. With a few simple words, this moment of prayer can do immense good for our families.
- The family's communal journey culminates by sharing together in the Eucharist, especially in the context of the Sunday Mass.
- Marriage is also the experience of belonging completely to another person. Spouses accept the challenge and aspiration of supporting one another, growing old together, and in this way reflecting God's own faithfulness. This firm decision, which shapes a style of life, is an interior requirement of the covenant of conjugal love, since a person who cannot choose to love for ever can hardly love for even a single day.
- Christian couples are, for each other, for their children and for their relatives, cooperators of grace and witnesses of the faith. God calls them to bestow life and to care for life.

- ♦ Life as a couple is the daily sharing of God's creative work and each person is for the other a constant challenge form the Holy Spirit.
- •To want to form a family is to resolve to be a part of God's dream, to choose to dream with him, to want to build with him, to join him in this saga of building a world where no one will feel alone.
- ♦ All family life is a shepherding in mercy. Each of us, by our love and care, leaves a mark on the life of others.
- ◆ It is a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eves of God and to see Christ in them. This demands a freedom and openness which enable us to appreciate their dignity. We can be fully present to others only by giving fully of ourselves and forgetting all else. Our loved ones merit our complete attention.
- ♦ Led by the Spirit, the family circle is not only open to life by generating it within itself, but also by going forth and spreading life by caring of others and seeking their happiness.
- Social love, as an expression of the Trinity, is what truly unifies the spiritual meaning of the family and its mission to others.
- ♦ No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love. Our contemplation of the fulfillment which we have yet to attain also allows us to see in proper perspective the historical journey which we make as families, and in this way to stop demanding of our interpersonal relationships a perfection, a purity of intentions and a consistency which we will only encounter in the Kingdom to come. It also keeps us from judging harshly those who live in situations of frailty.
- ♦ All of us are called to keep striving towards something greater than ourselves and our families, and every family must feel this constant impulse. Let us make this iourney as families, let us keep walking together.

#### POPE FRANCIS' JULY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Universal: That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

<i>Evangelization</i> : That, amid social	
inequalities, Latin American	
Christians may bear witness to love	1
for the poor and contribute to a more f	ra



aternal society.

### **Pope Francis @Pontifex**

June 27<sup>th</sup> - Jesus looks for us and invites us to make room in the inner reaches of our heart. Do we realize it?

June 28<sup>th</sup> - If God is present in our life, the joy of bringing the Gospel will be our strength and our happiness.

*June 30<sup>th</sup>* - This Jubilee of mercy is a time of reconciliation for everyone.

St. Peter's Church					
Vacation Bible Camp					
Marvelous Mystery ~ The Mass Comes Alive					
Bible Stories	Crafts	Games Sn	acks		
<b>Date:</b> Sunday -Wednesday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> <b>Time</b> : 5:30-7:30pm ~ <b>Place</b> : Parish Center					
Ages preschool (4 year olds) through 6 <sup>th</sup> grade					
For more information contact Maureen Poirier ~ 570-439-1479 or stpreled@ptd.net					
Registration Form <u>Please register no later than July 7<sup>th</sup></u>					
Name and grade of each child: Nar	ne		_Grade		
Nar	ne		_Grade		
Nar	ne		_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?					

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