

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 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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> <u>Rectory Office Hours</u> Monday through Friday 9:00–2:00pm

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<u>Parish Staff</u>

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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 $Pre-K - 12^{th}$ 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

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 7/11	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1	12:10pm	In Memory of Joseph Wunsch III (Ostapowicz Family)
Tuesday 7/12 Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24	7:30am	In Memory of Theodore Fitz Henry
Wednesday 7/13	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Is 10:5-7, 13-16; Mt 11:25-27	12:10pm	In Memory of Jerry Fullam (Mitchell Family)
Thursday 7/14	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30	12:10pm	In Honor of Mary Cleveland (Rummage Sale Workers)
Friday 7/15	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Is 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8	12:10pm	In Memory of Eileen Erich (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Saturday 7/16	4:15-4:45pm	Confessions
Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21	5:00pm	In Memory of Tarszowicz & Brown Family (Gina Brown)
Sunday 7/17 Gn 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42	8:30am 11:00am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church In Memory of Judy Sherwood (Ostapowicz Family)



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 **Beth Patt** (Paul & Marion Patt)

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, July 11, 2016

Adult Summer Film Series – 7:00pm, Parish Center **TUESDAY, July 12, 2016** Eucharistic Adoration - 8:00am-7:00pm Buildings and Grounds Meeting – 9:00am, Rectory Broad Acres Mass - 10:30am Benediction/Evening Prayer - 6:45pm AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2016 Green Home Mass - 2:00pm THURSDAY, July 14, 2016 Cards & Games - 12:00noon, Parish Center St. John Neumann Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Parish Center SUNDAY, July 17, 2016 VBS – 5:30pm, Parish Center

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of July 17th 5:00pm Servers: E.Poirier, J.Poirier, W.Poirier Lectors: G.Poirier, D.Sherman E. Min.: G.Brown, I.Dziengowski, G.Vargas 8:30am Servers: F.Kennedy, M.Mann, A.Dunkel Lectors: T.Reindl, M.Ostapowicz E. Min.: M.Bialas, C.Delong, K.Wilcox 11:00am Servers: B.Levindoski, A.Swendrowski, K.Swendrowski Lectors: B.Dalton, K.Pacific E. Min.: B.Brown, L.Makos, C.Lannak

"Loving and forgiving as God loves and forgives. This is a program of life that can know no interruptions or exceptions." ~ Pope Francis @Pontifex

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	ty this weekend, welcome and thank you for celebrating the Eucharist with us! If you are searching
for a Spiritual home, we welc	ome 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 p	arish office or drop it in the offertory basket.
	Request for Parishioner Registration Form
Name	Phone
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Liturgical Reflection

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

It appears that God's people have disregarded the Lord's ways and preferred their own. Moses instructs them to renew their covenant commitment by returning to the Lord "with all your heart and all your soul." Love of the Lord and fidelity to the commandments are the essential elements of covenant relationship. These are not "too mysterious and remote for you." They are very near to you, easily accessible in your life's experience as they are "already in your mouths and in your hearts." All that is required is for each one to carry them out. The challenge for any disciple centers not so much on knowing what is right but on having the courage and strength to do what is right. Covenant love relationship demands that we not only "know" but also "do."

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20

Colossians extols Christ as "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation," through whom the universe was created. In Christ, all things hold together. In Christ, God becomes human, and through his life, Death, and Resurrection, reconciled all things that had gone astray and lost their connection with God. Since the fullness of God was pleased to dwell in Christ, he, though his self-emptying love for all, was able to reestablish God's peace and harmony that binds the universe together. We are still sorting out what reconciliation of all creation means for us as humans but also for all of God's created works.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

How Can I Be A Neighbor?

To understand the essence of the law summarized by an inquiring scholar of the law, Jesus proceeds to recount the parable of the Good

Samaritan. For Jesus, loving the neighbor as yourself is the criteria for assessing one's love of God. Therefore it would have been important to know the exact definition of neighbor so that one could be faithful to the commandment. Jesus' parable brings his audience to a moment of insight and decision. The definition of neighbor as one who treats another with mercy, breaks down all artificial boundaries that divide us, and rests on the insight that we are to treat one another in the same fashion that God treats all creation. We are called to treat one another with mercy, no matter who the other is or what we think the other deserves. To love God is to treat one another with mercy, reconciliation, and love. What decision will you make?

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The Collect addresses the living of the Christian life, as it reminds us that God shows the light of truth "to those who go astray," praying "that they may return to the right path." The prayer goes on to ask that all who "are accounted Christian" may be given "the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ." The Prayer over the Offerings ask that those offering "may bring ever greater holiness" to those who consume them. It is only participating in the sacred actions that we can in any way hope that the "saving effects upon us may grow."

Parish Activities and Information PARISH SUMMER GATHERING

Our parish council has planned a summer gathering for our parishioners. This will take place on August 14th, 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. This week's movie is *Risen* – The epic Biblical story of the Resurrection and the weeks that followed, as seen through the eyes of an unbelieving Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a high-ranking Roman Military Tribune. Clavius and his aide Lucius (Tom Felton) are instructed by Pontius Pilate to ensure Jesus' followers don't steal his body and claim resurrection. When the body goes missing within days, Clavius sets out on a mission to locate the missing body in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. The remaining schedule is as follows: July $25^{th} - G.K.$ *Chesterton on St. Francis of Assisi*, Aug 1^{st} – *Convinced*, Aug 8^{th} – *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 this weekend 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!



I have been pastor of Saint Peter's for one year. For this week's installment I thought I should give an assessment and reflection of my first year. There are many new initiatives I have undertaken, but these initiatives could not have happened without the volunteers. I

thank all the volunteers for their generosity.

Upon arrival, I met with two parishioners who are active in the parish. They proposed a new program called the Christlife series which they would run. I approved the program and told them to go ahead and run with it. Since that time they have worked hard and continue to do so. The Christlife series is a program geared towards the New Evangelization. It seeks to help people grow in their relationship to Christ. The program has a lot of potential in our parish. We did the pilot program in my first year. This year we will be opening up the program to the parish at large and is something we will do yearly.

Related to this program is the summer movie series. This series is part of the adult education outreach of our parish. This series is also run by the parishioners. Each Monday evening a different movie is shown. The movie has a religious theme. Refreshments are provided and a brief discussion follows the showing of the movie. This series is something that began as I arrived.

I began a Lessons and Carols during the Advent Season which I will continue this year. The Lessons and Carols are a beautiful way to prepare for Christmas. The service includes readings from Scripture that take us through the fall of humanity, the promise of the messiah, the incarnation of the messiah, and the great commission. The readings are followed by carols. It is a beautiful service that I intend to continue and have it grow.

During the Easter Triduum, I instituted Tenebrae service. This is a special service that is celebrated on Good Friday after the sun sets. It is a journey from light into darkness. After each reading, candles are extinguished. The lights in the Church are gradually extinguished as the candles are extinguished. After the last reading, the Church is in darkness. I process out with the lit Paschal Candle, slamming a door to symbolize Jesus decent into the grave. After a period of reflection, I process back in with the lit Paschal Candle. The Prologue of John's Gospel is read as the lights are turned on in the Church. I intend to continue this service and have it grow.

I have worked to expand and develop the role of the parish council. I am continuing to work with the council on different projects and ideas for the parish. We have been working in a parish wide survey that will be handed out in the fall to the parish at large. We will then analyze the results. The survey is to gage how well our parish is meeting the needs of the people and to find out needs that exist that we may not be aware of. Once the survey is complete, we will work to develop programs to meet the needs presented in the survey. A future project I would also like to work on with the council is outreach to the fallen away Catholics or non-practicing Catholics in our parish.

I received many complaints about the former sound system. People could not hear. In response I replaced the old sound system with a new sound system from Sides Music in Williamsport. I have heard positive feedback regarding the new sound system. I am currently working with Sides on getting special hearing aids. People who are hard of hearing can use these individually.

In August I will send out a simple financial statement. In the mean time, I am happy to report that our parish is fiscally healthy. This is due to smart money management by our business manager and finance council. Most importantly it is due to your generosity. Thank you for being so generous to your parish. If you continue your giving at last year's level, we will continue to be fiscally healthy. Thank you for your generosity!

Last but not least, we had a large RCIA class this year. We baptized and or accepted a total of 9 people into the Catholic Faith and our parish at the Easter Vigil. What is even better is that I see all of the converts at Mass each week. The names of the converts were published in the Easter bulletin, but I will list them again: Timothy Christman, Paula Davis, Artie Holdren, JoAnn Osgood, Ryan Osgood, Shelby Osgood, Timothy Trescott and Caitlin Tameris. Avery Trescott is the daughter of Tim and Sheena and was baptized as an infant. We are very happy to have these people as part of our parish and wish them the best.

I feel it has been a great year. I look forward to my second year here at the Church of Saint Peter's.

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 24th. 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 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 15th by calling St. Thomas at 570-258-5121. Brochures can be found on the handout table.

Diocese of Scranton News DAY OF REFLECTION

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a Day of Reflection on August 3rd at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 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. 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 by July 25th.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

Our Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 34th annual conference at the University of Scranton July 31-August 1. This year's theme is: "Go and Make Disciples" and will focus on Jesus as the face of Mercy and will feature a variety of inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. Full-weekend registration fee is \$50 up to July 18th and \$65 after. Single-day registration is also available. For registration information call 570-344-2214, or email ccrenewal@comcast.net.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND PLANNED

Know a Marriage That Needs Help: Throw them a lifeline and tell them about Retrouvaille, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program begins August. 26-28, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

Pro Life News

SCIENCE AND ETHICS

"I feel the duty to affirm yet again that not all that is scientifically possible is also ethically licit. Technology, when it reduces the human being to an object of experimentation, results in abandoning the weak subject to the arbitration of the stronger. To blindly entrust oneself to technology as the only guarantee of progress, without offering at the same time an ethical code that penetrates its roots in that same reality under study and development, would be equal to doing violence to human nature with devastating consequences for all. Together with the progress of our capacity to dominate nature, scientists must also contribute to help understand the depth of our responsibility for man and for nature entrusted to him" *February 12, 2007*

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 3rd: \$5,832.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00 Difference: (\$ 158.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$ 158.00)*

Care & Ed of Priest Collection: \$ 795.00

Envelopes Mailed – 473; Envelopes Used – 141

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

* This is the first collection of the 2016-17 fiscal year.



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.

The Church of Mercy

"Only someone who has encountered mercy, who has been caressed by the tenderness of mercy, is happy and comfortable with the Lord." How have you experienced mercy? How have you extended mercy? – Pope Francis



News From the Vatican BEING CHRISTIAN IS A MISSION

"What is the spirit with which the disciple of Jesus will carry out this mission?" Pope Francis asked. "First of all: the Christian must be aware of the difficult and sometimes

hostile reality that awaits him; Jesus minces no words on that; in fact, Jesus says, 'I am sending you like lambs among wolves.' Hostility is always at the beginning of the persecution of Christians, because Jesus knows that the mission is opposed by the work of the Evil One. Thus the worker of the Gospel will strive to be free from human influences of every kind: carrying neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes - as recommended by Jesus - relying solely on the power of the Cross of Christ. This means giving up all personal reason to boast, putting off every temptation, careerism, or hunger for power: it means being humble instruments of the salvation worked by Jesus' own sacrifice. When we do this our heart is filled with joy. This expression makes me think about how much the Church rejoices when her children receive the Good News by way of the dedication of so many men and women who daily proclaim the Gospel: priests, nuns, consecrated persons, missionary men and women - and I wonder - how many of you hear the invitation -hear and heed the Lord's call to follow him? Be not afraid! Be brave and bring to others this torch of apostolic zeal that has been left by so many exemplary disciples."

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Parish Praver List

Needed For Nettie Mays, Nan Bowser, Rebecca Kreider, Bill Jacobson, Trish Knowlton, Sheldon Moon, Helene Carpenter, Angela Shirley, Joe Heminhaus, Jr., Jasmine Williams, Judy Nagel, Sue Evert, Logan Williams, Valerie Tobin, Michael Farrington, Debbie Adleman, Darlene Brennan, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Cynthia Gordon, Tim Christman, Michelle Lawrence, Ann Porter, Tucker Gromosiak, Meghan Henneman, Joyce Bowe, Donna Brennan, Peggy Zona, Natasha Rymarczuk, Bob Erway, Mary Mekos, Mary Cramner, Bob Black, Maci Lynn Perry, Martha Desch, Pam Robbins, Leon Herb, Deb Finestone, Nick Cavagnaro, Antoinette Davis, Kay Evans, Anna Marie Mimlitsch, Sean Rice, Jonathan Hardman, Sylvia Darrow, Lola Moore, Edwin Rosa, Carol Johns, Joan Kilmer, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighauf, Suzie Alexander, Larry Sasani, Kathy Barnes, Wendy Doan-Newcomb, Michele Bush, Ashley Johns, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Rita Grinnan, Bob Murphy, Richard Wheeler, Carolyn Antoniw, Sylvia Smith, Jean Thurman, Robbie Butler, Susan Cleveland, Lynn Bower, Brian Abbott, Dominic Bianco, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Jerry Pierce, Joann Black, Gabriel, Melissa & Daniel Espinoza, Lori Lopaz, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Grace Bickham, Edward Collins, Floyd Williammee, Barbara Gaugler, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Elsa DiBernardo, Fran Rose, Christine Palmer, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Beverly Heck, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Virginia Shaefer, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Tony Dooley, Connie Kenderdine, Darleen Kohler, Mary Lou Bonk, Callie Cavanaugh, Dean Gilkey, Victoria Salerno, Wanda Trynovich, Tim Cunningham, Tony Pranses, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Laura Williams, Kathy Macensky, Paul Beuter, Craig West, Avery Trescott, Jerry Eckert, Frankie Dziengowski, and Michael Liebner.

Eternal Rest Grant (Into Them, OL ord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. Bridgette Parulas, Dennis Simonis, Judy Snyder

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.