

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 31, 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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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

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 8/1 Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Katie Brennan (Suzanne Niles & Family)		
Tuesday 8/2 Jer 30:1-2,12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36	7:30am	In Memory of Christopher Arena (Arena Family)		
Wednesday 8/3 Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Lydia Milano (Joe Milano)		
Thursday 8/4 Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Honor of the Rummage Sale Workers (Mary Cleveland)		
Friday 8/5 Na 2:1,3, 3:1-3,6-7; Mt 16:24-28	7:30am	For All Souls in Purgatory (Ostapowicz Family)		
Saturday 8/6 Dn 7:9-10,13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Charles Griscavage (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)		
Sunday 8/7 Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2,8-19; Lk 12:39-48	8:30am 11:00am	In Memory of June Ostapowicz (Ostapowicz Family) 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 honor of **Patti Radocaj, for healing** (Don & Lucy Whitney)

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, August 1, 2016 Adult Summer Film Series – 7:00pm, Parish Center <u>TUESDAY, August 2, 2016</u> Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm, Parish Center AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center THUDSDAY, August 4, 2016

THURSDAY, August 4, 2016

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

Ministers of the Altar Schedule Weekend of August 7th

5:00pm
Servers: J.Singer, L.Singer, Z.Singer
Lectors: P.Walrath, A.Singer
E. Min.: B.Butler, A.Singer, G.Vargas
8:30am
Servers: E.Poirier, W.Poirier, M.Mann
Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, G.Poirier
E. Min.: N.Josten, M.Sampson, T.Gamble
11:00am
Servers: A.Burge, L.Burge, B.Levindoski
Lectors: M.Stirnaman, C.Waclawik
E. Min.: D.Stager, L.Stager, V.Anthony

Dear young people, let us offer the world a mosaic of many races, cultures and peoples united in the name of Jesus!

Pope Francis @Pontifex World Youth Day 2016

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Wisdom literature focuses on the meaning and significance of everyday life, especially in those things that matter in our relationship to God and one another. The key lesson of Ecclesiastes is that life is "vanity of vanities," transitory like vapor or breath that quickly vanishes. Those who work hard at gaining possessions and wealth will soon die and leave the possessions to one who had not worked for them. Striving for material things brings with it worry, anxiety, and sleepless nights. Death makes such struggle futile and meaningless. Wisdom's lesson is to focus on the transitory nature of life and strive for things that truly matter in life. Only attunement to God's values and path, and not our limited and often distorted values, leads to the wisdom of heart necessary to face and work through life's transitory nature.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

If in Baptism we have been raised with Christ, then it must manifest itself in our manner of living and relating to God and one another. Our life is now hidden with Christ in God such that we no longer act but Christ acts in and through us. We are challenged to put away all that is "earthly," namely all that causes our hearts to harden and not be attuned to Christ's way of living and acting. In Baptism we have put on Christ so we must live as Christ. Since "Christ is all and in all," we are all bonded to each other, all divisions are eliminated, and nothing can ever separate us from God and one another.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

"One's life does not consist of possessions."

Luke's Jesus is always attuned to the obstacles that riches pose in our efforts to attune ourselves to God's voice and way of

operating. The "rich fool" parable becomes a living example of one who had not learned that "one's life does not consist of possessions." Ecclesiastes' wisdom of the "vanity" of life, the worries that come with possessions, and the uncertainty of inheritance upon death, are reiterated by Jesus as an important teaching lesson for all disciples. Jesus teaches us that we are all not in storing "up treasures for ourselves." Only by responding to God's covenant love offered to us in Christ, and striving to be in right relationship with all, will we ever achieve true wisdom of heart.

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The Collect points to how God constantly gives life to his creation: he creates, and he also restores what he creates and keeps safe what he restores. This is the reason we glory in God as our "Creator and guide." The Prayer over the Offerings highlights the theme of offering, which is central to every celebration of the Eucharist, as it petitions that we may be made an eternal offering to God. The Prayer after Communion returns to the theme of protection heard in the Collect, asking that those renewed with the heavenly gifts of the Eucharist might be worthy of eternal redemption.

Parish Activities and Information BACKPACK PROJECT



The Social Concerns Committee will again be sponsoring the Back-to-School Backpack project. Thanks to parishioners' past generosity we have provided backpacks, shoes, first day of school outfits, underwear and socks for students in need in our area.

Please consider taking a tag from the giving tree to help a child return to school with dignity and confidence. Please return all items, with the giving tree tag attached, to the collection box, by Tuesday, August 9th. The Giving Tree will be available in the church the weekends of July 24th, 31st, and August 7th.

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.

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 titled *Convinced*. Why would successful, intelligent people give up their careers, alienate their friends, and cause havoc in their families...to become Catholic? As he was considering his own move into the Church, Donald Johnson traveled around the country to get the story for himself. The remaining schedule is as follows: Aug 8th – *Divine Mercy 101*

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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

August's Food Pantry items are: Creamy Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly. Place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church anytime throughout the month.

SECOND COLLECTION

This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

That's The Way It Is!



I had the opportunity in my past life to take Clinical Pastoral Education. This is a special program that prepares clergy, ministers and lay persons from all faith for hospital ministry. There are two bodies that certify ministers and clergy: the Association of

Professional Chaplains (APC) and the National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC.) I had received certification from the NACC in 2005. It ran out in 2010, and I plan to renew it when I get the chance. I have a lot of experience with pastoral care in a health care setting.

I learned a few things about health care. One of the things I have learned is that doctors do not cure disease, they manage disease. Medicine is not an exact science. Because of this, families are often put in impossible situations when it comes to having to decide on a plan of action for their loved ones. The biggest issue I encounter with families is deciding when it is appropriate to stop treatment or life support and allow the person to pass away peacefully.

Church teaching does allow for one to refuse treatments or surgery if they are unduly burdensome and there is little hope of recovering. Church teaching does allow for stopping life support and allowing a loved one to pass away. There is a difference between Euthanasia and stopping life support or refusing treatment. When one euthanizes a person, the person at that time is not directly dying from an underlying medical condition. One is directly willing their death. When one stops or refuses treatment, one is directly dying at that time from an underlying medical condition and accepting their mortality.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2278) states:

"Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome,

dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of "over-zealous" treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted. The decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected."

Does this apply to artificial hydration and nutrition? Yes, provided the above conditions are met, i.e. when doing so allows the person to die of the underlying medical condition. In such a case the underlying medical condition is what kills the person. If the person will likely die of their underlying medical condition before they will die of a lack of sustenance or hydration, it is morally justifiable to remove artificial hydration and nutrition. If, however, the withdrawal of artificial hydration or nutrition is meant to kill the person, then it is morally sinful. This is exactly why the removal of artificial nutrition and hydration was immoral in the Terry Shiavo case. Terry was not dying. The removal of artificial substance in her case was meant to kill her. It was not meant to allow her to pass away from an underlying medical condition that would inevitably end in death.

The most important thing family can do is to have a living will, power of attorney and advanced health care proxy made up by an attorney. In this way if you are ever in a medical situation where you cannot make decisions, your power of attorney will know and understand your wishes. I think one of the biggest stresses for family is if they do not know the wishes of their loved ones. The best thing anyone can do for their loved ones is to have a conversation about their wishes should they ever be unable to speak or make decisions. Work with an attorney to have a living will, power of attorney and health care proxy created.

When I came to Wellsboro, I updated my will, power of attorney and living will. Whenever there is a crisis family need to make decisions. Because of the nature of grief and crisis family are often unable to make decisions because they cannot think straight. They are in shock. It is best to have already done the thinking beforehand so that in the crisis family will not have to think. All they need to do is follow the wishes of their loved one.

I realize people do not want to think about death and dying. I also realize many people think if they are young they don't have to think about it right away. That is not a good way to think. No one wants to think about death and dying, but we are all going to die. We are mortal beings. Our lives will come to an end. In order to help your loved ones in a crisis and grief it is best to be prepared. That's the way it is!

The Reverend David Bechtel

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 17th: \$6,791.75 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00 Difference: \$ 801.75 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$ 370.25) ***********

Sunday Collection for July 24th: \$4,861.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00 Difference: (\$1,129.00) Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$1,499.25)

Envelopes Mailed – 473; Envelopes Used – 139 With gratitude for your Weekly Sacrifice!!! We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries!

Diocese of Scranton News The year of mercy offers opportunity to bring healing in the area of failed marriages

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church.

- "I am civilly divorced and not sure whether I can continue to receive the Eucharist or be a part of the parish community."
- "I am not sure about the status of my marriage. It would be helpful to talk to someone who could explain it to me."
- "My spouse and I would like to explore having our marriage blessed in the Church."
- I don't know what an annulment really is and why I would want one. Also, I heard they are expensive."

Do any of these voices sound like you or someone you know? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

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

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Jane Roe Now Pro-life -- Norma McCorvey was the "Jane Roe" of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in 1973. Now, she has become completely pro-life, and works to overturn the decision she technically won. Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, confirmed Norma as she entered the Church in 1998. Norma says, "I thought that I wanted to have an abortion with the baby that I was carrying, but I had no idea that it would lead up to such a controversial issue. I didn't know that there was two sides to the abortion issue. I didn't attend any of the court proceedings. In fact that's why I used the name Jane Roe because I didn't want my own personal name to be involved in it. Since August 8, 1995, I have been pro-life clear across the board. Abortion is totally wrong. I was the Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade, but Jane Roe has been laid to rest."



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

"In short, we are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us. Pardoning offences becomes the clearest expression of merciful love, and for us Christians it is an imperative from which we cannot excuse ourselves. – Pope Francis

News From the Vatican



(Vatican Radio) As Pope Francis continues his papal visit to Poland, he answered the questions of three young people on Wednesday evening, who are participating in World Youth Day.

The first girl recounted how by chance she had not been on the train which was involved in the horrific crash earlier this month. She asked Pope Francis how she can return to normality and overcome the fear she now feels. Pope Francis said that this was not a physical wound but a wound of the soul; fear. He explained that life is full of scars and pain, but the young can learn to become wise. He expressed the importance of learning to live with both the beautiful and the ugly both with courage and with pain. Live with joy as it carries you forward and saves you from living in fear.

The second girl explained how she had arrived in Italy six years ago with a very basic understanding of Italian. She became a victim of bullying which pushed her to the point of trying to commit suicide. Although she has chosen to forgive, she explained to Pope Francis that she still feels animosity towards those who hurt her. She asked how can she forgive those completely and move forward as she does not want to hate. Pope Francis first of all thanked her for telling her story. He gave her an expression that describes the cruelty of language; gossip is terrorism, it's the terrorism of words, insulting one's heart, dignity and in this young person's case, nationality. We must choose silence, patience and most importantly forgiveness, however these choices are not easy. We must ask the Lord for help in choosing to forgive and forget fully, and ask Him to forgive those who hurt us.

The final question came from a boy who had been in Nice during the attack on Bastille Day. He asked Pope Francis how, as young people, can we continue to spread peace in a world that is full of hate. Pope Francis answered that peace builds bridges and hate builds walls and in life we have the choice to either build bridges or construct walls. Walls divide us, causing hate to increase, whilst bridges unite us allowing us to communicate with one another. We have the ability to build a human bridge, every time we hold someone's hand. Even when bridges collapse, we must persevere and look for ways to rebuild them. Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

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

Gerald Jones, Shirley Koscielny

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.