

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2016

Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of St. Peter's Church, are called to holiness by God as present day disciples of Jesus Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are united in service to God to share our faith with one another and our community. May our participation in the Holy Sacraments, our ministries and our devotion to Mary bring glory to God and His Kingdom.

Baptisms

Parents anticipating the birth of their first child are asked to attend baptismal instructions classes before the birth of their child, if possible. Please contact the Rectory to register. Note: Baptisms cannot be scheduled until all the necessary paperwork is completed.

Confirmation

Confirmation is administered every year to all 8th grade students in our Parish CCD program. Children wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled and participating in the CCD program for two years before they are eligible to receive the sacrament.

Marriages

In order to complete the necessary paperwork, couples are asked to contact the Rectory at least one full year in advance of the proposed marriage date.

Reconciliation

The sacrament is celebrated each Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45pm and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11:45am – 12:00noon in the church and also by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized. Please note, because of the new government regulations regarding privacy, hospitals cannot release information without a patient's consent.

Monthly Visitations

Any parishioner who is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist on a monthly basis is asked to contact the Rectory to schedule a visit.

Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA prepares interested adults for reception into the Catholic Church. The program is adapted to the each person's needs and prepares them for full initiation into the faith. Please contact the rectory to register for the classes.

St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00-2:00pm

Parish Staff

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Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm ~~ Sunday: 8:30am & 11:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:45am-12:00noon

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If no answer, please call 570-329-5762. This is a pager. You will be instructed to enter your phone number and Fr. Bechtel will return your call.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K -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^{th} 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

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Fundraising Dinners – Rectory 570-724-3371

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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 8/8 Ez 1:2-5,24-28; Mt 17:22-27	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Marie Franks (Bustin Family)
Tuesday 8/9 Ex 2:8-3:4; Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14	7:30am	For All Souls in Purgatory (Ostapowicz Family)
Wednesday 8/10 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12;24-26	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Tom Sticklin (Family)
Thursday 8/11 Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21-19:1	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Anna Beuter (Children)
Friday 8/12 Ez 16:1-15,60,63; Mt 19:3-12	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Mary Baker (Daughter & Grandchildren)
Saturday 8/13 Ez 18:1-10,13,30-32;Mt 19:13-15	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Patricia Kuhl (Goddaughter, Suzanne)
Sunday 8/14 Jer 38:4-6,8-10; Heb12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53	8:30am 11:00am	Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church In Honor of the Rummage Sale Workers (Mary Cleveland)



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 **Paul & Anna Beuter** (Children)

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, August 8, 2016

Adult Summer Film Series – 7:00pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, August 9, 2016

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm

Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm

Broad Acres Mass – 10:30am

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2016

Green Home Mass – 2:00pm

Social Concerns Meeting – 3:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, August 11, 2016

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

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

SUNDAY, August 14, 2016

Parish Picnic – 12:00noon, Parish Center Secular Carmelites – 1:00pm, Parish Center

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of August 14th

5:00pm

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

Lectors: D.Gordon, C.Evert

E. Min.: M.Osborn, I.Dziengowski, G.Brown

8:30am

Servers: K.Pacific, N.Ingerick, M.Ingerick

Lectors: P.Kramer, R.Kramer

E. Min.: C.Delong, M.Bialas, N.Ostapowicz

11:00am

Servers: A.Swendrowski, K.Swendrowski, A.Dunkel

Lectors: L.Nonnenmacher, D.Sherman E. Min.: C.Lannak, B.Brown, C.Hewitt

God counts on you for who you are, not for what you have. You are valuable in His eyes and your value is priceless.

Pope Francis @Pontifex

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

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Liturgical Reflection

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9

The context for this passage from Wisdom is the tenth plague in Egypt, the killing of the firstborn as the Israelites celebrated their first Passover and the angel of death passed over the houses marked with the blood of the lamb. Trust in God's covenant promises and attunement to God's ways lead the Israelites to wait on the Lord with certain knowledge that God would act on their behalf, liberating them from Egyptian slavery. By routing their enemies, God remembered the people, heard their cries, and responded with love and compassion, thus glorifying them as God's special people. Yearly, the divine institution of Passover is celebrated to remember God's covenant fidelity to the people and their constant need to trust in and be attuned to God's ways.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

In this passage from the Letter to the Hebrews, faith is defined as "the realization of what is hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." Abraham and Sarah are presented as an ideal example of people who hoped and trusted in God, not knowing where it would lead, or how it would turn out. They trusted when asked to leave home for a new promised land. They trusted when told that their descendants would be countless, even though they were both old and had no children. They even trusted when God asked them to sacrifice Isaac, their only hope for future progeny. They trusted because they had faith in God beyond this time and place, assured that God knows better than we limited human beings, and that faith in God would eventually lead to eternal dwelling with God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

Luke's Jesus counsels us to trust and not be afraid for "the Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" However, we are warned to be ready and vigilant, for we do not know the time or day when the master will return to hold us accountable. A simple life style, unattached to the goods of this world and striving always for heavenly treasure, is the best form of readiness, for "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Jesus relates two parables that stress the need for vigilance in waiting upon the master's return. All are to be ready but disciples will be held to greater standards of accountability, since they have been entrusted with much. Any abuse will be punished while loving attention to and service of others will be greatly rewarded.

ABOUT THIS MONTH

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15th) and her coronation or Queenship (August 22nd), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this special month:

O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.

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. *If*

you took a tag from the tree, please return all items, with the giving tree tag attached, to the collection box, by Tuesday, August 9th.

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. Our final showing is titled *Divine Mercy 101*. Learn the powerful devotion and graces associated with it in this dynamic presentation with Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, filmed live at the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. This video provides a clear and concise overview of Divine Mercy and the role and mission of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of Divine Mercy whom St. John Paul II called "a gift of God to our time."

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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 31st: \$5,812.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00

Difference: (\$ 178.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$1,627.25) Collection for Catholic Relief Services: \$1,728.00

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!

Neighboring Parish News

GOLF SCRAMBEL FUNDRAISER

A golf scramble fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 18th at River Valley Club in Westfield. The fundraiser benefits St. Thomas and St. Catherine Churches. The shotgun start begins at 11:00am. The cost is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. We are looking for hole sponsors at \$25 per hole in honor or memory of, etc. There will be hole contests, raffles, and team prizes. For more information call Kevin and Carol 814-326-4868 or St. Thomas Rectory 814-258-5121. Come out and enjoy the day!

HOLY CHILD ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Mark Your Calendars...It's time for Holy Child's Annual Parish Picnic taking place on Sunday, August 28, 2016 from 11:30am – 2:00pm at St. Mary's Hall. We will be having a cash raffle with a grand prize of \$500.00, a Roast Beef Dinner with beverage and dessert will be served for \$9.00, and over 30 baskets up for auction.

That's The Way It Is!



The past week, I have been reflecting on different things about the Catholic Church and society. Specifically, I was wondering why it is that Catholic social teaching is relatively uncontroversial, but Catholic moral teaching is very controversial.

Why it is that "Catholic" politicians have no problem bringing Catholic social teaching into the political sphere, appealing to Pope Francis's remarks as justification for doing so, but hide behind separation of church and state when it comes to the moral teachings, in particular abortion. Why it is that dissident Catholics claim truth is relative when it comes to the moral teachings of the Church, but claim truth is absolute when it comes to Catholic social teaching. Why it is that some Scripture scholars believe when the Bible speaks to moral truth, that it is not credible, but when the Bible speaks to social justice issues it is credible.

I don't pretend to know the reasons to the questions I am rhetorically asking. What I offer below is my own thoughts on the issue. This is one time where I am not claiming to be right, I am merely offering them for consideration and to spark discussion on important issues.

While Catholic social teaching and Catholic moral teaching deal the problem of sin, they emphasize the problem of sin differently. It is my belief that it is this difference that explains why Catholic social teaching is more palatable to society and is largely uncontroversial, while Catholic moral teaching is less palatable to society and is quite controversial.

There are two ways to view sin, the problem of sin and the solution to sin. The first acknowledges the problem of evil and sin, but in a more abstract manner. Where is sin? Sin is "out there" somewhere in the ether. It exists in corrupt institutions and the people who run them. This model is very much celebrated by Liberation Theology. Liberation theologians see Jesus as one who came to liberate people from economic, political and social oppression. Christians, then, in following the example of their master, likewise work to tear down unjust economic, social and political structures and build structures that will provide justice and equality for all. The important point to note here is that sin is seen as a social problem; analogous to other social problems. It is external to the individual. The solution to the problem is that we work to build structures that are just.

The second locates the problem of sin within the individual. There is social, political and economic oppression because people in their natural state are sinners. Sin is in us, not just "out there" in the ether. We are sinners. Institutions are corrupt because those who run them are corrupt. Tearing them down is not the solution because everyone is corrupt and sinful.

The solution to sin is Jesus: the way, the truth and the life. In order to be lifted out of our sinful state we must come to Jesus and become part of the family of God. Thus, if sin is in the individual, then the only way for the world to exemplify love and justice is if the individuals who live in the world convert and come to Jesus. The structures will only be reformed when individuals reform themselves.

What this means is that it is easier to deny the problem of individual sin when one emphasizes the importance of Catholic social teaching at the expense of Catholic moral teaching. Instead of focusing on one's self as a sinner, one locates the problem of sin outside on some structure. Sin is more abstract and less personal. If one accepts Catholic moral teaching, one is faced with the fact that it isn't only economic, social and political oppression that are the problem. I am the problem as much as any structure. I must give up my wants, passions, desires, etc, and reorient them towards Christ.

Catholic moral teaching, therefore, makes the problem of sin more personal. When one emphasizes Catholic social teaching at the expense of Catholic moral teaching sin is less personal and more a social problem to be solved with science and technology. Salvation becomes works centered rather than God centered. The sinner deludes themselves into a false sense of security. "I am doing all this good, so that means I must be good." Salvation is not by works, but by Faith working in love. Thus, if one does not first deal with the problem of sin as it exists in the individual and reform their own life, giving their life to Christ, the good works will not save them.

Social Justice is very much a part of our lives as Catholic, but we cannot have Catholic social teaching without Catholic moral teaching.

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David Bechtel

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

WORD OF LIFE BULLETIN BRIEFS

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother. ... Your support might be the only support she receives." — 10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

News From the Vatican



IT'S 'TERRIBLE' KIDS TAUGHT THEY CAN CHOOSE GENDER

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has lamented that children are being taught at school that gender can be a choice. "Speaking with Pope Benedict, who is well, and has a

clear mind, he was telling me: 'Holiness, this is the epoch of sin against God the Creator.' He's intelligent! God

created man and woman, God created the world this way, this way, this way, and we are doing the opposite," Francis told the Polish bishops Wednesday shortly after his arrival in Krakow at the start of a five-day pilgrimage. Francis' ended by telling the Polish bishops he wanted them to reflect on this: "We must think about what Pope Benedict said — 'It's the epoch of sin against God the Creator."

Pope Francis has said that what he calls gender theory – "that everyone can choose their own sex" – is "the exact opposite" of God's creation. "God created man and woman; God created the world like this and we are doing the exact opposite."

The Pope connected gender theory with the exploitation of human beings and of the natural world. He suggested that both came from a lack of appreciation of humankind's God-given dignity. "It is a global problem: the exploitation of creation and the exploitation of people. We are living at a time when humankind as the image of God is being annihilated," the Pope said. He said that this exploitation led to wars and poverty, and so in turn to the refugee crisis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si*, the Pope similarly connected economic exploitation with "gender theory". He criticized the desire to "cancel out sexual difference," saying: "thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation."



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.

POPE FRANCIS - IT'S ONE THING TO TALK MERCY, ANOTHER TO LIVE IT

(Vatican Radio) It's one thing to talk mercy but quite

another to live it, Pope Francis said. Mercy is not an abstraction or a lifestyle and, paraphrasing the words of St James the Apostle, mercy without works is dead in itself. Pope Francis used the text of Matthew 25:31 as a launching point for discussing acts of mercy toward others. What makes mercy come alive is its dynamism to meet the spiritual and material needs of others, he said. Mercy has eyes to see, ears to listen, hands to help lift. Sometimes we pass by dramatic situations of poverty and it seems that they don't touch us, the Pope said. We continue as if nothing happened, in an indifference which ultimately makes us hypocrites and without realizing it, leads to a form of spiritual lethargy that numbs the soul and leaves life barren.

Those who have experienced mercy in their own lives, the Pope continued, cannot remain indifferent to the needs of our brothers. The teaching of the Lord Jesus does not allow for escape routes. I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was naked, displaced, sick, in prison and you visited me. As Christians we are called to strengthen our fraternal communion and bear witness to the Gospel of Christ.

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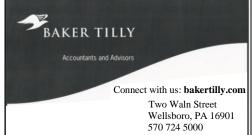
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We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Parish Prayer List

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, 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, 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, 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, Callie Cavanaugh, Dean Gilkey, Victoria Salerno, Wanda Trynovich, Tim Cunningham, Tony Pranses, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Kathy Macensky, Paul Beuter, Craig West, Avery Trescott, Jerry Eckert, Frankie Dziengowski, Michael Liebner, and Patti Radocaj.



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

Thomas Barnett

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.