

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 14, 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 8/15 <i>Rv 11:19,12:1-6,10;</i> <i>1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Christine Janeski (Mary Antoniw)
Tuesday 8/16 Ez 28:1-10; Mt 19:23-30	7:30am	In Honor of Keith & Valerie Josten
Wednesday 8/17 Ez 34:1-11; Mt 20:1-16	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Scott Waclawik (Dy Family)
Thursday 8/18 Ez 36:23-28; Mt 22:1-14	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Donald Breese (Ostapowicz Family)
Friday 8/19 Ez 37:1-14; Mt 22:34-40	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Beth Patt (Frank Patt & Family)
Saturday 8/20 Ez 43:1-7; Mt 23:1-12	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Robert & Connie Brown (Daughter, Gina)
Sunday 8/21 Is66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7,11-13; Lk 13:22-30	8:30am 11:00am	In Memory of Merle Wilcox (Wife, Kathy) Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Church



This Week's Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle is a reminder to us of the presence of Christ reserved in the Tabernacle. This week's candle is offered in memory of **Beth Patt** (Frank Patt & Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 14, 2016

Parish Picnic – 12:00noon, Parish Center Secular Carmelites – 1:00pm, Parish Center **TUESDAY, August 16, 2016** Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center **THURSDAY, August 18, 2016** Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

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

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of August 21st 5:00pm

S:00pm Servers: J.Grab, B.Rudy, A.Banik Lectors: L.Sampson, T.Sampson E. Min.: E.Evert, T.Straniere, K.Wilcox 8:30am Servers: E.Poirier, J.Poirier, F.Kennedy Lectors: N.Kennedy, T.Reindl E. Min.: G.Poirier, E.Payne, L.Whitney 11:00am Servers: A.Burge, L.Burge, B.Levindoski Lectors: B.Dalton, C.Waclawik E. Min.: M.Stirnaman, D.Stager, L.Stager

We oppose hatred and destruction with goodness. We live in societies of different cultures and religions, but we are brothers and sisters. Pope Francis @Pontifex_

Welcon	ne 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Jeremiah again undergoes one of many sufferings as a result of his fidelity in proclaiming God's prophetic word to the people. His words of God's judgment and punishment for their sinfulness are continually rejected as the people take their anger out on Jeremiah personally, often endangering his life. Jeremiah, despite constant danger, trusted in the Lord and faithfully spoke God's words. God had warned Jeremiah that his prophetic words would lead some to "fight against you, but not prevail over you" (1:19). While constantly challenged in his ministry, Jeremiah continued to trust in the Lord and in today's passage, God once again save Jeremiah to preach again. How do you handle opposition and rejection for believing and trusting in God?

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

Addressing the opposition to their faith, values, and lifestyle, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews counsels that faith community to consider the suffering and opposition that Jesus experienced during his lifetime and learn from it so "that you may not grow weary and lose heart." Jesus endured the Cross, despised its shame and rightly took "his seat at the right of the throne of God." "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" who ran the race before us and despite the difficulties persevered in their faith while keeping their eye on Jesus, "the leader and perfecter of faith." In similar manner, we too are to shed all sin and all that burdens us and persevere in the faith, running steadily towards the prize, total union with Jesus at God's right hand.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53



Luke's Jesus knows that his mission and ministry will bring opposition, rejection, and suffering. It will divide families, cause disruption and havoc in

community groupings and bring division instead of peace. Aware of all this, Jesus longs to "set the earth on fire" with God's Kingdom, proclaiming a way of relating that is countercultural and contrary to the normal way of thinking and acting. In doing so, Jesus will have to undergo the Baptism of rejection, suffering, and death, trusting that it will lead to ultimate victory. Despite all the rejection and suffering that will result from this ministry, both personally and to his followers, Jesus is determined to be faithful throughout bringing to completion and fulfillment God's Kingdom. As disciples we too are challenged to take up the same mission and ministry.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for August 7th : \$7,020.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00 Difference: \$1,030.00 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$597.25) Collection for Care & Education of Priests : \$982.00 *Envelopes Mailed – 473; Envelopes Used – 144* We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries!

Parish Activities and Information THANK YOU!

The Social Concerns committee thanks all who so generously supplied backpacks, clothes and shoes for 15 students in our county, as they return to school this year. The need in our county is present and the generosity is greatly appreciated.

PARISH SUMMER GATHERING

Our parish summer gathering for all parishioners, will take place today, 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. Please join us!!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

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.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church. It begins with a period of inquiry in which you may ask questions before you make a



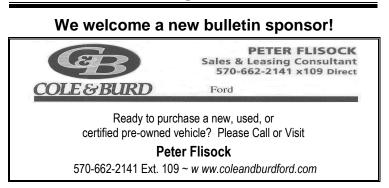
sourney in September. Please call the Rectory for more information or to register.

Neighboring Parish News GOLF SCRAMBEL FUNDRAISER

A golf scramble fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 18th at River Valley Club in Westfield and 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. For more information call St. Thomas Rectory 814-258-5121.

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!



On Monday, August 8, we celebrated the memorial of Saint Dominic. Saint Dominic is the founder of the Dominicans. The Dominicans are a religious order that focus on preaching. After their name the letters O.P appear. Those letters stand for "Order of

Preachers." The Dominicans at one time, much like the Jesuits, were intellectual powerhouses for Catholicism. They were an unstoppable force for God's Truth. I like to think of the Jesuits and Dominicans (in the days when they defended the Faith) as analogous to the military special forces. They were at one time the best and brightest.

Dominic lived in a time when the Albegensian Heresy was affecting the Church. (Incidentally much of the theology espoused by the Albegensians anticipated what would become the modern day Baptist church) This heresy a rehashing of Gnosticism. They believed the was material world was evil while the spiritual world was good. This led them to deny the Incarnation. Denying the Incarnation lead them to deny the Sacraments, in particular the Ministerial Priesthood. What made the Albegensians such a threat was that they were extremely educated and intelligent. During this time in Church history there were no seminaries. A man learned how to be a priest through apprentice. Because the Albegensians were able to intelligently defend their beliefs, a lot of Catholics were lead astray. Priests were not equipped to handle them.

Dominic founded the Dominicans to specifically meet this threat. The Dominicans would go into towns and churches where the heresy thrived and they would preach in the Churches. They were given special education to equip them with the tools they needed to debate and respond to the Albegensian arguments. Pious legend hands on that Mary appeared to Dominick and gave him the Rosary as we now know it. Dominick was complaining in his prayer that his labor was bearing no fruit. People were not turning away from the heresy. Mary is said to have appeared to Dominick and told him to pray the mysteries of the Rosary. Dominick did so and many converted back to the truth of Catholicism.

Today the Church is facing assaults from just about every direction. The Church is being attacked from within and from without. From without, the Church is facing assaults from liberal, secular, humanist atheism. From within, the Church is facing assaults from dissident bishops, priests and theologians. They are well educated, respected and intelligent. Catholic institutions that were once powerful forces for Catholic Truth have long since made their peace with the tenants of liberal, secular, humanist atheism.

One of the things that struck me about Dominic's struggles is that he was not able to bring people back to the Church through superior argumentation alone. I talked to a priest friend of mine and I told him that I would like to

take further studies. I explained that I would like to focus on answering the arguments of the New Atheists, the evangelical Protestants and the liberal secularists. My friend was surprised at my comment. He told me I didn't need further studies as I knew enough now to take on the opponents of Catholicism. If I needed further study I could read on my own. More importantly he said "Dave, you can't argue people into the Faith and you can't argue heretics back into the Faith."

My friend was rightly chiding me for an over-reliance on the powers of logic and reason when it comes to the Faith. He was reminding me that without prayer all the logic, all the education and all the reason in the world is of no avail. The fact is that the beauty of Catholicism and the Truth of Catholicism speaks for itself—for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

This, perhaps, is why the Rosary was so effective at turning the heretics back. The Rosary is not a complicated prayer or ritual. It is quite simple. The Rosary, when understood and prayed correctly, is a meditation on the Incarnation and the mysteries of Redemption. The most powerful prayer in the Church is the Mass. This is because the Mass is a presentation of the mysteries of Redemption. Through the Mass we participate in the mysteries of Redemption as if we were present when Christ was revealing them to the Apostles. The Rosary is a reflection on what we participate in when we attend Mass. The "Hail Mary's" rightly understood embody the Incarnation because God Himself was born of a women. Humanity in the person of Mary becomes the Mercy Seat—the place where God dwells.

As Catholics it is always good to be able to defend our Faith intelligently. More important, however is prayer. Saint Dominic understood this and we must understand this as well. With much prayer we can accomplish much. Without prayer we will accomplish little. Pray, pray, pray! Pray that God give people the eyes to see and the ears to hear the Truth and beauty of Catholicism!

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David Bechtel

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Pope Benedict on Conscience - "The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us, 'Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right.' From this definition it emerges that the moral conscience, above all must be based on the solid foundation of truth, that is, it must be enlightened to know the true value of actions and the solid criteria for evaluation. Therefore, it must be able to distinguish good from evil, even where the social environment, pluralistic culture and superimposed interests do not help it do so." February, 2007

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 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.



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.

"During this Jubilee Year, it would be a good thing, as they enter the Holy Door, the Gate of Mercy, that pilgrims remember the episode of the Gospel which took place at the Gate into Nain," Pope Francis said. "When Jesus saw this mother in tears, she entered his heart! At the Holy Door everyone arrives bringing their life; joys and sufferings, projects and failures, doubts and fears, and presents them to the mercy of the Lord. We are confident that, at the Holy Door, the Lord is there near to us, to encounter each one of us, to bring and offer his powerful words of comfort: 'Do not cry!'"

The Holy Father continued, saying this is "the door of where the suffering of humanity encounters the compassion of God." Pope Francis said, "To each of us he says: 'Rise up'. God wants us to stand. He created us to be on our feet. His word revives us, gives us hope, restores tired hearts, opens us to a view of the world and of life that goes beyond suffering and death."

The Pope went on to say that "mercy, both in Jesus and in us, is a journey that starts from the heart to goes to the hands." "What does this mean? Jesus looks at you, heals you with his mercy, tells you: 'Get up!', and your heart is new." "What does it means to take a journey from the heart to the hands? It means that with this new heart, this heart healed by Jesus, he can do the works of mercy through his hands, trying to help, to heal the many that are in need. Mercy is a journey that starts in the heart and travels to the hands, that is, to works of mercy."

News From the Vatican POPE FRANCIS HAS TO THIS YEAR'S



OLYMPIC ATHLETES Vatican City - Just two days before the Opening Ceremonies for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Pope Francis offered a message to those who will be competing in the international games.

"In a world thirsting for peace, tolerance, and reconciliation, I hope that the spirit of the Olympic Games inspires all - participants and spectators - to 'fight the good fight' and finish the race together," he said.

The Holy Father voiced hope that in competing this year, the Olympic athletes will desire "to obtain as a prize, not a medal, but something much more precious: the construction of a civilization in which solidarity reigns and is based upon the recognition that we are all members of the same human family, regardless of the differences of culture, skin color, or religion."

Pope Francis offered these words at the conclusion of his general audience in St. Peter's Square on Aug. 3

He offered a warm greeting to the people of Brazil saying, "I hope that this will be an opportunity to overcome difficult moments and commit...to working as a team to build a more just and safe country, betting all on a future full of hope and joy."

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor 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, Joseph DeVizia at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

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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, Victoria Salerno, Wanda Trynovich, Tim Cunningham, Tony Pranses, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Kathy Macensky, Paul Beuter, Craig West, Avery Trescott, Jerry Eckert, Michael Liebner, Patti Radocaj, Cole Selerno, and Margaret Miller.

Fternal Rest Grant (Into Them, O) ord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Lord, this we know, no matter how difficult life may be at this time, we know you will not stop loving us and will always hold us in the palm of your hand. We are reaching to you, Lord, to hold us, comfort us, and heal us. Lord, this we know, you are faithful in your love for us today and forever. You are with us, and we are with you. Amen.