



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 20, 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 – 12th 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
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Parish Rummage Sale – Mary Lasko 570-439-7706
Mary Beth Sampson 570-724-2953
Church Linens & Decorations – Sue Singer 570-724-2360
Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
Fundraising Dinners – Tara Gordon 570-439-0006
Paul Urner 570-723-9970
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 Nursing Home Communion – 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 11/21 <i>Rv 14:1-3,4-5; Lk 21:1-4</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Honor of Rick Joachim (Lori Makos)
Tuesday 11/22 <i>Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11</i>	7:30am	In Honor of the Rummage Sale Workers (Mary Cleveland)
Wednesday 11/23 <i>Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19</i>	7:00pm	In Memory of Brian Nestor (Antoniw Family)
Thursday 11/24 <i>Rv 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3; Lk 21:20-28</i>	No Mass	
Friday 11/25 <i>Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33</i>	No Mass	
Saturday 11/26 <i>Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36</i>	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Deceased Members of Camp Irwin (Members of Camp Irwin)
Sunday 11/27 <i>Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44</i>	8:30am 11:00am	All Living and Deceased Parishioners of Saint Peter's Parish In Memory of Bridgett Parulas (Mike & Connie McNamara)



This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in memory of
Dorothy Green (Steve, Lisa, & Alexis Banik)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, November 20, 2016

Family Advent Celebration – 9:30am, Parish Center

TUESDAY, November 22, 2016

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm

Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm

Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center

ChristLife Discovering Christ – 6:30pm, Parish Center

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, November 23, 2016

Rectory Closed

THURSDAY, November 24, 2016

Rectory Closed

FRIDAY, November 24, 2016

Rectory Closed

SUNDAY, November 27, 2016

No Religious Education Classes

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: *Pork and Beans & Canned Fruit*. Place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church anytime throughout the month.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

November 23rd – Thanksgiving Mass

7:00pm

Servers: J.Gordon, J.Gordon, L.Gordon

Lectors: P.Walrath, D.Gordon

E. Min.: N.Ostapowicz, G.Brown, M.Bialas

Weekend of November 27th

5:00pm

Servers: J.Singer, L.Singer, Z.Singer

Lectors: C.Evert, D.Sherman

E. Min.: K.Wilcox, E.Payne, A.Singer

8:30am

Servers: F.Kennedy, X.Tellgren, J.Lubera

Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, N.Kennedy

E. Min.: K.Tellgren, N.Ostapowicz, M.Bialas

11:00am

Servers: B.Levindoski, L.Burge, B.Burge

Lectors: M.Stirnman, C.Waclawik

E. Min.: L.Makos, M.Stirnman, C.Lannak

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

Christ the King

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The tribes of Israel anoint David as their King, although it is the Lord who proclaims this role for David. The image of shepherd was associated with the Kings of Israel and David is to assume that same character. There is a tender relationship between the would-be king and the tribes of Israel that suggests the oneness between God and his people. Generations later Jesus, who will come from the house of David, will take on that same identity and refer to himself as the Good Shepherd.

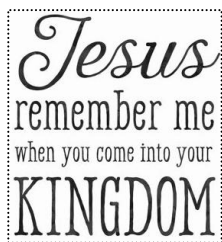
RESPONSRIAL PSALM: Psalm 122

Psalm 122 is in the form of a hymn of thanksgiving for the "name of the Lord." The Temple was seen as "the house of God" and this psalm might have been sung by those who made their way "up to the house of the Lord" rejoicing as they processed.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul invites the Colossians to give thanks to the Father for "his beloved son" Jesus Christ. Christ is presented as the eternal Word through whom God created the world. The text jumps from images of Jesus accomplishing the work of salvation by winning forgiveness of our sins to grand images of the eternal Christ. Paul lists several identities for Christ: "firstborn of all creation," "head of the body, the church," "the beginning," and "firstborn from the dead." These titles are intended to call the believers to a posture of praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim that God's redemption and forgiveness of sins is universal through the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross.

GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43



The Crucifixion scene offers the irony of Christ being taunted but also being recognized as going to Paradise, the Kingdom of the Father. The jeers of the soldiers, "If you are King of the Jews," echo the mooching of the tempter in the desert, "If you are the

Son of God." At the beginning of his earthly mission and at the end, Jesus' self-identity is challenged. But in both encounters he remains faithful to the will of the Father, completing the mission for which he was sent. Jesus' companions in death are two condemned strangers, one who echoes the jeers of the leaders and one who senses the mysterious grace that emanates from the man wearing a thorny crown. The angry thief demands that Jesus intervene and save his earthly life. But the other, recognizing his own guilt, focuses beyond and begs Jesus to "remember" him in his Kingdom. He recognized and confessed his sins and then repented and asked forgiveness. For this, he was canonized on the cross by the Lord himself. Despite his guilt, this thief called Jesus by name. We too, sinners all, can confidently approach our King, call him by name, and say "Jesus, remember me."

ABOUT THIS SUNDAY



Today is the 34th or Last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Its official name is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity was established by Pope Pius XI

in 1925, an observance celebrating an aspect of Jesus' identity rather than of his life. Rather than calling up images of Jesus dressed in kingly robes, the Gospel proclaims him as a king by the sign over his head on the throne of a wooden cross (I.N.R.I. - *Iesus nazarenus rex iudaeorum* - Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews). Paradoxically, it is the thief who recognized in Christ the Lord and Messiah. The Collect names God as the one whose will it is to restore all things in Christ, the king of the universe. The universal sovereignty of Christ the King is proclaimed. The Prayer over the Offerings defines the Eucharistic sacrifice we are offering as "the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled" to God; because of that, we can pray that the Son "may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace." The Prayer after Communion asks that "we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom," a fitting eschatological focus on this last Sunday of the liturgical year.

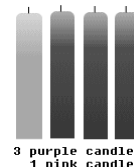
Parish Activities and Information

PARISH FAMILY ADVENT CELEBRATION

Today, Sunday, November 20th is the date of our annual parish Family Advent Celebration. This celebration is **for all members of our Parish** and includes Advent crafts to make with your children, Advent handouts, door prizes, guessing jars, coffee and donuts. Please come and share in this time of fellowship with member of our Parish family.



The youth group will host this event and will also have a **bake sale**, with proceeds going to support the students attending the Steubenville Youth Conference next summer. We will also be selling **Advent Wreath candles**. The set includes 3 purple candles and 1 pink candle and costs \$5.00 per set.



RECTORY CLOSED

The Rectory will be closed Wednesday November 23rd and will not reopen until Monday, November 28th at 9:00am. In the event of an emergency, please refer to the emergency contact information on the front page of the bulletin. Fr. Bechtel will return your call as soon as he is able.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR RELIGIOUS ED

There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses this weekend in support of our parish religious education program. This is not a diocesan collection and all money collected stays here. Please be as generous as you are able.

THANKSGIVING MASS SCHEDULE



St. Peter's Thanksgiving Mass will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm. There will be no 12:10pm Mass on Wednesday, November 23rd, Thursday, November 24th, or Friday, November 25th.

All parishioners are invited to bring a donation to the food bank to the Thanksgiving Mass and present their donation as the gifts are brought forward.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Wellsboro Ministerium Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held **tonight**, Sunday, November 20th at 7:00pm at the United Methodist Church. All are invited to attend.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Share Christmas joy with a child, nursing home resident, or families involved with Seeds of Hope. Select a tag from our Giving Tree – red tag for a child, green tag for a nursing home

resident, or white tag to donate an item to Seeds of Hope. Please return items for Seeds of Hope to the provided box and the gifts for children, UNWRAPPED but in a gift bag, to the tree, by Monday, December 5th. Please wrap the gifts for nursing home residents and deliver them to the resident by December 24th, as your visit is just as important as the gift. Questions? Call Karen Plumley 570-439-0175.

PARISHIONERS WANTED TO LIGHT THE CANDLES DURING ADVENT

Sign your Family up to Light the Advent Candle Would your family like to light the Advent Wreath candles at one of the Masses during the season of Advent? A sign-up sheet can be found on the handout table on the side of the church. Those lighting the candles should wait for Fr. Bechtel in the back of the church prior to the Mass and will then process in behind the Altar Servers and Lector, light the appropriate candle(s), and then proceed to their pew as the opening hymn continues.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

United Christian Ministries is holding a Christmas Community Outreach on Wednesday, December 7th. The event will be held from 9:00am – 3:00pm at the United Christian Ministries – Mission Center, 7534 Rt. 49 (Corner of Rt. 49 and Locey Creek Road) Osceola. Parents can obtain free clothing, toys for the children, and miscellaneous items and other goodies. A Christmas party for the children will be held on December 10th from 1:00-4:00pm. This is a free event. Come and have your photo taken with Santa Claus and enjoy cookies, punch, and lots of fun!

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers to count the weekly collection on Sunday mornings. Teams of 3 or more rotate on a schedule based on the number of counting teams. Currently, teams count every 5 weeks. We would like at least 3 more teams, so that each team would only count every 8 weeks. If you are interested, please call or email the rectory. A new schedule will begin in January.

SUGGESTION BOX

There is now a suggestion box hanging on the side wall of the Confessional where the literature is kept. If you have suggestions but prefer to remain anonymous, you may write suggestions on the index cards and place them in the box. We will empty the box from time to time and talk about the suggestions at the parish council meetings.



ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, and need a pledge envelope, envelopes can be found at each entrance to the church. St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,500. Current Pledged Amount: \$ 32,296. (Does not yet include in pew commitment weekend pledges)

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for November 13th: \$6,563.16

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00

Difference: \$ 573.16

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$2,630.84)

We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries!

A Note About Our Budget Variance: As you can see listed in the financial information above, we have a *negative* \$2,630.84 Year-to-Date Budget Variance. When creating the 2016-17 parish budget, income and expenses were determined based on past experience and future projections. The amount of income projected to come from Sunday and Holy Day contributions was then used to calculate the Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses amount of \$5,990. The Year-to-Date Budget Variance amount above shows that to date, we have collected \$2,630.84 *less* than what we need to collect each month in order to meet our expenses for the course of the fiscal year. Does this mean St. Peter's is not able to pay its bills? No. It just means that if what we projected in expenses actually comes to fruition and we do not receive revenue from another source, we will have a deficit at the end of the fiscal year and possibly have to draw from savings. If everyone were to increase their offering a few dollars each week, we could erase the negative variance in a very short time period. Please be as generous as you are able.

That's The Way It Is!



I was watching a show documenting the royal jewelry collection of the Queen of England. Buckingham Palace is worth about 50 billion dollars. The Royal art collection, crown jewels and other property held by the queen is worth another 11 billion. The income of Prince Charles is around 50 million a year. After paying 40% in taxes he is left with around 27 million. The Whitehouse is worth an estimated 308 million. The art collection and antiques in the Whitehouse are priceless. The Capitol Building and Supreme Court likewise are priceless.

When is the last time you ever heard anyone suggest that Queen Elizabeth sell Buckingham Palace, the crown jewels and the royal art collection and feed the poor in Brittan? When is the last time you heard anyone complain about the opulent living and income of the British Royalty when there are homeless right outside Buckingham Palace? When is the last time you have ever heard anyone suggest that President Obama sell the Whitehouse and give up the luxuries afforded to him as president of the USA and use the proceeds to feed the homeless outside the Whitehouse grounds? When is the last time you ever heard anyone suggest that the president sell the Whitehouse antique collection and artwork and feed the poor—or balance the budget?

No one suggests such nonsense because everyone knows such talk is, well, nonsense. When it comes to the Catholic Church, however, all of a sudden it makes perfect sense to say “The pope should sell the Vatican” or “The Church should sell the treasures” to help the poor or fill budgetary gaps. Cardinal Dolan embarked on a 200 million campaign to restore Saint Patrick’s. Cardinal Dolan was heavily criticized for doing so. “Look at all that money that could help the poor” people exclaimed. No one seemed to care that the Cathedral was so dilapidated in parts that it was becoming structurally dangerous with masonry falling off the walls on to the sidewalks. Construction of the Cathedral dated to prior to the Civil War. It was completed in 1878. There had been some minor renovations and repairs through the years but nothing on the scale and scope of the current restoration. It was desperately needed to preserve the Cathedral for future generations.

I remember being a seminarian intern at a parish. At that time dioceses in the North East (including our own) were going through painful consolidation processes with the parishes and schools. A person said “They should sell off the ‘treasures’ to fund the schools and balance the budgets.” Instead of arguing with the person, I decided to try a different tact to show the utter ludicrousness of such a statement.

I agreed with the person. I said “What a great idea. Tell you what: I recommend that this parish lead the way by example. Your great grandmother gave a very valuable Chalice to the parish in memory of your great grandfather. We can sell that and generate several thousand dollars we can send to the diocesan schools office. Your friend gave some valuable vestments to the parish in memory of her son who was killed in Vietnam. We can sell those too. When we are finished with that, I think we can get around 100K for the stained glass—you know—the windows given by parishioners in memory of their loved ones?” After I suggested that, there was total silence.

My point was made. The ‘treasures’ of the Church mean something. Ironically Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia in the spirit of Pope Francis actually decided to sell some priceless artwork at Saint Charles Seminary to raise money for the diocese. This was recently. You can GOOGLE this. What was the reaction of the people? “You can’t sell off our patrimony like that.” Many people got together and protested this. I am not sure as of the writing of this what the resolution was. My point is that people who argue that the Church should sell off the treasures have not really thought through the consequences of doing so nor what that really entails.

More importantly, even if the people were behind selling off the treasures of the Church, how would that help the poor? Suppose we liquidated every asset of the Catholic Church in the entire world. Suppose we were able to raise 2 trillion dollars by doing so. Divide that among the world’s poor—and they eat for a day---a week at most; then they go right back to being hungry. What then?

Make no mistake about the fact that care and concern for our fellow man is very much a part of our Christian identity. At the same time we must be intelligent in how we go about this. In my mind selling off buildings, artwork and other treasures might be a nice sign. It might make for nice, warm fuzzy feelings on a cold winter’s night. It would accomplish nothing of real or lasting value however. I submit that people know this implicitly. This is why they don’t suggest such foolish things as selling off the Whitehouse to help the poor.

That’s the way it is!

The Reverend David W. Bechtel

Pro Life News

WORD OF LIFE BRIEFS

“Through his victory, Jesus has opened to us his kingdom. But it is for us to enter into it, beginning with our life now – his kingdom begins now – by being close in concrete ways to our brothers and sisters who ask for bread, clothing, acceptance, solidarity, catechesis. If we truly love them, we will be willing to share with them what is most precious to us, Jesus himself and his Gospel.” — *Pope Francis, Homily on Solemnity of Christ the King, 2014*



Jubilee Year of Mercy

This Holy Year concludes today, Sunday, Nov. 20th, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.

TIME OF MERCY: HOLY DOORS CLOSE, BUT MISSION OF MERCY CONTINUES

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Year of Mercy brought more than 20 million pilgrims to Rome, but for Pope Francis, the idea always was that the celebration of God's mercy would be local: have people experience God's love in their parishes and send them out into the world to commit random acts of mercy. While concrete works of mercy have a social impact, Pope Francis' idea was deeply connected to evangelization, which is why Rome jubilee events were organized by the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. The pope had said he wanted the Holy Year to be "a new step on the church's journey in her mission to bring the Gospel of mercy to each person."

The pope's constant refrain during the Year of Mercy, was that no one is excluded from the mercy of God, who has shown his love for each person by sacrificing his son for the salvation of all. All can be forgiven, the pope taught over and over again. And once a person experiences just how loving and merciful God has been, the obligation is to reach out to others with that same love and mercy. Pope Francis made no claim to having invented a church focus on divine mercy. The evangelical trend was already clearly present in when St. John Paul II wrote an encyclical letter on mercy in 1980 and when he beatified and then canonized Sister Faustina Kowalska, known as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy."

"I believe this is the time of mercy," Pope Francis told reporters traveling with him to Brazil in 2013. "The church is mother. She must go out and heal wounds with mercy." For Pope Francis -- personally and for all Catholics -- that healing is expressed most powerfully in the confessional where one is honest about one's sins and where God's forgiveness and mercy are expressed through sacramental absolution. The pope formally commissioned more than 1,100 priests from around the world as "missionaries of mercy" on Ash Wednesday, giving them special faculties to grant absolution even in cases that usually must be referred to the local bishop or even the Vatican.

Along with processions to the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica and meeting with Pope Francis, all of the major jubilee events in Rome included extended hours for confession. It was part of all the large jubilee events, including those for children, for people in mourning, for deacons, priests, the sick, youths, catechists, prisoners and for papal nuncios -- the pope's ambassadors around the world. As he has done before, Pope Francis himself went to confession during a special Lenten penance service in St. Peter's Basilica and again in August in Assisi when he celebrated the traditional "Pardon of Assisi."

Setting an example did not stop at the church doors, though. One Friday each month throughout the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis quietly left the Vatican -- without informing the media -- and spent the late afternoon and early evening making visits reflecting the traditional corporal works of mercy. The visits took him, among other places, to a community for persons recovering from addiction, a hospice, a hospital neonatal care unit and to an apartment on the outskirts of Rome where he met with men who have left the priesthood to marry and have children.

A highlight of the year was the canonization of Mother Teresa of Kolkata, an event that brought some 120,000 people to St. Peter's Square in September. In his homily, Pope Francis said, "God is pleased by every act of mercy because in the brother or sister that we assist, we recognize the face of God which no one can see." "Each time we bend down to the needs of our brothers and sisters," he said, "we give Jesus something to eat and drink; we clothe, we help and we visit the Son of God."

Preaching God's mercy has been a central focus of Pope Francis' ministry since his election in March 2013, and the closing of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica Nov. 20 will not end that focus. Celebrating a jubilee Mass Nov. 13 with the homeless and other people in precarious situations, Pope Francis prayed that as the Holy Doors in some 10,000 cathedrals, shrines and churches around the world were closed, God would open people's eyes and hearts to the needs of others.

The Year of Mercy was an occasion to help people recognize how merciful God has been to them and, then, in effect, he commissioned all Catholics to be "missionaries of mercy."

News From the Vatican



GOD'S MERCY RECREATES US AS HIS CHILDREN

The Holy Year makes us enter even more into relationship with Jesus Christ, the face of the Father's mercy. "We can never exhaust this great mystery of God's love!" Pope Francis said. "It is the source of our salvation: the whole world, all of us are in need of God's mercy. It saves us, it gives us life, it recreates us as true sons and daughters of God. In the Sacraments of Penance and Reconciliation, we experience God's saving goodness in a particular way. Confession is the place in which we receive the gift of God's forgiveness and mercy, which has initiated the transformation of each one of us and the reform of the life of the Church. Embraced by the merciful Father, who always offers us His forgiveness, you will be able to witness His love in everyday life."

Pope Francis @Pontifex

Nov 15 - If every one of us, every day, does a work of mercy, there will be a revolution in the world!

Bread Pudding Stand



When: Saturday, December 3rd

Where: Main Street, Wellsboro

When: 9:00am - 4:00pm

This parish fundraiser helps support the operation of the church. In order for this parish fundraiser to be a success, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, working the booth, and as couriers. Some non-food items are also needed and monetary donations are welcome to help offset the cost of food supplies. Victorian style costumes are required for booth workers, but can be as simple as a long skirt, shawl, pants tucked into knee socks, or boots and a heavy sweater.



**Sign-up sheets can be found in the
back of the church.**

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

Dorothy Green

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.