



St. Peter's Church

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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

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11:45am-12:00noon;
 Saturday 4:15 – 4:45pm; By appointment by calling the Rectory.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2017



February 12th is World Marriage Day

A day to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life. The theme has been permanently adopted as "Love One Another". This phrase is the commandment given us by Jesus in John 14. It speaks to us in a simple but challenging way of how we are to live. Loving one another is a daily decision - simple, but challenging.

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.

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.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310
 Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS
 Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center (570) 673-4476

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us 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 _____

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 Lasko 570-439-7706
 MaryBeth 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
 Samaritan House – Daria Guelig 570-724-3030
 Youth Group – Maureen Poirier/ Melissa Mann 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

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.

To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 2/13 <i>Gn 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/14 <i>Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Evelyn Krystoff (Paul Krystoff & Family)
Wednesday 2/15 <i>Gn 8:6-13,20-22; Mk 7:22-26</i>	11:45am – 12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of Jan Gubala (Family)
Thursday 2/16 <i>Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33</i>	11:45am – 12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of Jesse Lane Satterlee (Grab Family)
Friday 2/17 <i>Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1</i>	11:45am – 12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of Joseph & Clara Patt (Daughter, Mary)
Saturday 2/18 <i>Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13</i>	4:15pm – 4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Robert & Connie Brown (Daughter, Gina)
Sunday 2/19 <i>Lv 19:1-2,17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48</i>	8:30am 11:00am	In Memory of Dorothy Green (Ron & Jackie Patt) All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Peter's Church

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered
in Memory of **Beth Patt** (Frank Patt & Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 12, 2017

Religious Ed. – Pre-School-8:30am; K-12th-9:30am
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting – 9:30am, Church
Secular Carmelites – 12:30pm, Parish Center

MONDAY, February 13, 2017

Samaritan House Book Club – 6:30pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, February 14, 2017

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm
Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm
Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center
AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2017

Green Home Mass – 2:00pm
ChristLife – 6:30pm, Parish Center
THURSDAY, February 16, 2017
Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center
R.C.I.A. – 6:00pm, Parish Center
St. John Neumann Prayer Group – 7:00pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, February 17, 2017

MS Youth Group Party – 5:00-7:00pm, Parish Center

SUNDAY, February 19, 2017

Religious Ed. – Pre-School-8:30am; K-12th-9:30am

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: 10-11 oz. Chicken Noodle or Tomato soup. Please place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church.



We welcome **Mason George Pascarella** into the
One, Holy, Catholic Church by the
Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Mason's parents
are Patrick & Michelle Pascarella.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of February 18th/19th

5:00pm

Servers: E. Poirier, W.Poirier, J.Grab
Lectors: P.Walrath, G.Poirier
E. Min.: G.Brown, K.Wilcox, D.Sherman

8:30am

Servers: N.Ingerick, M.Ingerick, J.Lubera
Lectors: R.Kramer, P.Kramer
E. Min.: M.Bialas, M.Sampson, N.Ostapowicz

11:00am

Servers: A.Burge, B.Burge, A.Dunkel
Lectors: L.Nonnenmacher, D.Bleggi
E. Min.: L. Stager, D.Stager, C.Lannak

Sacramental Information

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 Religious Education program. Children wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled and participating in the 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.

Anointing of the Sick - Please contact the Rectory whenever a member of your family has become sick or hospitalized.

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 needs of each person and prepares them for full initiation into the faith. Please contact the rectory to register for the classes or for more information.



Liturgical Reflection

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

The Book of Sirach is a collection of wise sayings that help humans order their life and make right choices. These sayings have been handed on within the community. Sirach offers a series of choices, starting with the fundamental choice to keep the commandments of God. Three others follow: fire and water, life and death, good and evil. Each represents a total opposite of the other. The wise person chooses the positive option, the one that gives life. God allows a person to make such choices for he has given persons the gift of free will.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 119

The first verse is an affirmation of blessing that comes to those who live a blameless life. People can choose to live according to the law of the Lord or not; a theme that echoes the wisdom teaching in the First Reading. Those who observe the law of the Lord are blessed and wise. The remaining verses address God in a form of petition. The psalmist believes that faithful persons need the grace of the Lord in order to make right choices. Only the Lord can instruct the faithful; only the Lord can help to discern the depths of the law.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

The notion of wisdom connects this reading with the reading from Sirach and the psalm. Paul speaks of the wisdom of God which has been hidden from all time and which will be revealed in the time to come, the end time. The wisdom is not available to rulers of this age, or they would have crucified "the Lord of glory." However this wisdom has been made available through God's son and in turn to those who believe and accept him. Paul's quote from Isaiah (64:4) underlines the way of wisdom; it is the love of God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

In this lengthy passage from chapter five, Jesus replies to those who have accused him of doing away with the tradition of the law and the prophets. He states that he intends to fulfill the law. His words are emphatic and he employs a repeating technique to make his point by using the phrase, "You have heard that it was said... But I say to you." Using four examples from Mosaic Law he offers an interpretation that goes beyond the mere letter of the law. He wants his listeners to live the law from their hearts, not just from external obligation.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 12th: \$ 6,696.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$ 5,990.00

Difference: \$ 707.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$ 116.46

Care & Education of Priests: \$ 807.00

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

Parish Activities and Information

BRING IN YOUR OLD PALMS

Please bring your old palms to church and place in the basket found near the front entrance. The palms will be burned and used on Ash Wednesday.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FORMING

Do you have a love of knitting or crocheting, and a care and desire to reach out to others in a very special way? If you do, or you know of someone who does, we are starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry. How it works, there will be skeins of yarn available for you to select to crochet or knit a shawl, along there with a very easy pattern to follow. The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice and as the shawl is being made, prayers are woven into the yarn of the shawl. After the shawl is completed, they will be placed in a designated place in the church and available for anyone needing to get a shawl for someone in need or going through troubled times. The shawls are meant to be given away unconditionally, but donations both monetary and of yarn (chunky weight) and needles (size 13/14) and hooks (size P), are gratefully accepted to the ministry to continue the ripple effect of unconditional love and to help perpetuate the cycle of comfort to those in need. A basket for donations can be found in the carport entrance. **An information meeting will be held on Monday, February 27th at 6:00pm in the Parish Center** for anyone interested in joining this ministry. For more information contact Jan Bernethy, 307-267-0677.



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Peter's annual Spring Rummage Sale will be held April 2nd to April 6th. When you are spring cleaning, please consider donating household items, books and clothing. Donations can be dropped off April 2nd from 12:00-3:00pm and April 3rd from 8:00am-5:00pm. If you have any questions regarding donations, please call Mary Lasko 570-439-7706 or MaryBeth Sampson 570-724-2953. **NO TVS PLEASE!** We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down the sale. If you are willing to donate ANY time; please call Mary or Marybeth.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE/PICTURE

In the year 1917, in a mountainous region at the center of Portugal, the Mother of God appeared six times to three young children. This year marks the 100th anniversary of that appearance. We are in need of a statue or large picture of Our Lady of Fatima to display in the church. If you have something that could be loaned to us, please contact Sue Singer, 570-724-2360.



ST. THOMAS CABIN FEVER EVENT

Are you tired of this weather? We have the answer! Join us for "Cabin Fever Event" on Saturday, March 4th, from 1:00-5:00pm at the Knoxville Community Center. We will have a picnic smorgasbord with hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, baked beans, chips, drinks, and desserts. Free activities for everyone to enjoy. All is free will donation will be taken for the smorgasbord. Please join us!

That's The Way It Is!



There is a lot of controversy among some over President Trump's executive orders regarding immigration. Judge Robart overturned President Trump's executive order and was upheld by the Ninth Circuit. Presumably this issue will find itself before the SCOTUS. I am not a lawyer. I cannot speak intelligently to question of whether Judge Robart is on solid legal ground or whether his ruling was the result of ideology. For a parish bulletin it does not matter anyway. I am concerned with how Catholic social teaching might apply on the question of immigration. I can speak intelligently on that question.

Let's start with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. CCC 2241 states:

"The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him."

Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible, may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens."

Catholic teaching, then, believes that prosperous nations like America should take a position of generosity towards those who are seeking a better life. At the same time, the CCC acknowledges that there is a practical limit to how many immigrants a country can comfortably absorb. The right a person has, then, to immigrate depends upon a nation's practical ability to absorb the immigrants into their nation.

Catholic teaching also makes it clear that nations have the right to set policy on immigration. Church teaching does not expect nations to adopt "open boarder" policy, nor does Church teaching deny nations the right to have immigration laws, policies and procedures. Church teaching requires those who immigrate to follow the laws of the nation they immigrate to.

Held in tension, then, is the right of people to seek a better life for themselves in prosperous nations, vs. the right of nations to secure their borders and set policy that ensures those who are immigrating are not a threat to the health and well being of the nation. Somehow we need to work together on coming up with immigration policy that respects the rights of immigrants and the rights of a sovereign nation.

I don't know what such a policy looks like. However, what is not helpful in the debate is name calling. Those who want strong border security and a strong vetting of immigrants are not necessarily racist. They just want to make sure that those coming into our country have been vetted to make sure they are good people and not a threat. Those who fight for the rights of immigrants on the other hand, are not necessarily bleeding hearts who want open borders so they can sign more people up for government handouts.

In the debate, then, it is more helpful to focus on facts than it is ideology or motives. Ultimately Church teaching leaves it up to the government of the nations and the citizens of a nation to decide on immigration policy. The debates between groups of people will become heated. This cannot be helped. The issue of immigration is a politically and emotionally charged issue. However, it helps if reason and logic can prevail over emotion, politics and ideology.

I wish I could be more clear. The problem is that I don't know what the answer is. Yes, you heard that right. I, Father Bechtel said that I don't know something. Mark your calendars because you won't hear me say that again. The best I can say right now is that people have the right to immigrate and to seek a better life for themselves. On the other hand nations have the right to set immigration policy and they have the right to border security and national security. I don't know what an immigration policy would look like that holds both in tension. I do know that our Faith informed by logic, reason and facts should guide the discussion rather than ideology, name calling, politics and emotion.

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David W. Bechtel

February – Month of the Passion of Our Lord

For Catholics, the month of February is especially dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord, probably because Lent usually begins in this month. Through the centuries, many devotions have developed to help us focus on the Passion of Christ. Whether we pray the Stations of the Cross, walk in the procession of the Nazarene, pray before the crucified Christ, or reflect on the Passion narratives in the Gospel, our reflection on the Passion of Our Lord should lead us from sorrow to wonder; sorrow for our sins, wonder at the unbounded love of Christ for us.

The world is full of really good people. If can't find one, be one." Mother Teresa

Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

The Lord proclaims through Sirach that the commandments are possible to keep. "If you choose you can keep the commandments." God is not unfair. He does not give us burdens we cannot handle. The reason Jesus says his yoke is easy and his burden light is that he transforms our nature so that we can know, love, and serve God with the very same Spirit he has. One might say, upon understanding the commandments, that they are impossible to keep. But we do not rely only on human strength. Christ lives in us, and that is the ultimate fulfillment of the truth spoken through Sirach. This is why Paul will later declare, "God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" (1 Cor. 10:13). Relative to pro-life, this means that no matter what the circumstances may be tempting or pressuring someone to abortion, those forces can be resisted. The power to say "Yes" to life is always there.

WORD OF LIFE

"A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk." *Pope Francis, Address to the Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, September 24, 2015*

POPE FRANCIS

"We carry forward the culture of life as the answer to the logic of rejection and demographic decline; we are close and together we pray for the children who are in danger of the interruption of pregnancy, as well as for persons who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one is left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life," Pope Francis, February 5, 2017.

For those who have been inquiring about Fr. Paul Mullen who had a stroke in December, the following is from St. Vincent de Paul Parish's Facebook Page:

Update (February 2nd): Father Paul was moved to Allied Rehab in Scranton this afternoon.

He is cheerful and ready to rest and rehabilitate!
Once again cards and letters can be sent to:

St. John Neumann Rectory
633 Orchard St.
Scranton, PA 18505

Will keep everyone informed as to when he will be up to visits. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing love and support. Keep those prayers going!

Diocese of Scranton News

RETRouvaille PROGRAM

Marriage Help: If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, then the Retrouvaille Program can help you put the pieces back together and rediscover a more loving relationship. The next program will be Feb. 24-26, 2017 at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Cost is by donation. For information call 1-800-470-2230 or visit helpourmarriage.org.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE MAY 6TH

The 2017 Third Annual Catholic Men's Conference "Be A Man: Mary's Call to BATTLE" will take place on May 6th at King's College, Wilkes-Barre. Experience a prayerful, spirit-filled, life-changing day featuring keynote presentations by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R., EWTN host, a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and one of the world's foremost experts on the apparitions at Fatima, along with well-known writer, speaker, Catholic film maker, and pilgrimage leader to Biblical Lands, Steve Ray. Our third speaker will be inspirational speaker Matt Fradd, Catholic apologist and author, as well as executive director of The Porn Effect. The Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass. Eucharistic Adoration 6:00am, Registration/Continental Breakfast 7:00am, with main Conference and Mass from 8:00am to 2:45pm. Cost: \$35, \$30 early bird, \$15 for students, Priests and Deacons free. Register online at: www.dioceseofscranton.org (From the top menu choose "Parish Life and Mass Times" and then "Catholic Men's Conference") or mail the completed conference brochure application with your check to Attn: Men's Conference, Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA. 18503. **St. Peter's will provide transportation through Benedicts Bus Company and will pay half of the registration fee for those interested in attending. Registration forms can be found on the hand out table on the side of the church.**



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral, followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation should be made through your pastor before March 13, 2017.

World Marriage Day

Every marriage matters, because every marriage comes from the hand of God. God brings a man and a woman together to love and support each other. Their love becomes visible in their treatment of each other and in their acts of generous service.

"So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

News from the Vatican



REMEMBER YOU HAVE GOD'S DNA
Pope Francis reflected on how 'God created us as children in His image.' Drawing inspiration from the Book of Genesis' account of the Creation of man and woman, Francis recalled how God has given us His

DNA and spoke about the first of three great gifts, which God gave humanity in Creation.

Pope Francis stated that God's first gift is He made us His children. "First of all, He gave us His DNA, that is, He made us His children, created us in His image, in His image and likeness, like Him. And when one makes a child, he cannot take it back: the son is made, he exists. And whether or not he resembles the father, he is a son; he has received his identity. If the child is good, his father is proud of that son, right?, 'Look at how good he is!' And even if he is a little ugly, the father in any case says: 'Isn't he beautiful!', because a father is like this. Always. And if the son is bad, the father justifies him, waiting for him. Jesus taught us how a father waits for his children. He gave us the identity of a child: to 'man and woman', we must add the identity of 'child'. We 'are like gods', because we are children of God."

"God's second gift in Creation is a 'task,' namely the work of advancing Creation. Not to destroy it; but to make it grow, to care for it, to keep it and make it carry on. He gave everything. It's funny, I sometimes think, He did not give us money. We have everything. Who gave us money? I don't know. Grandmothers have this saying that 'the devil enters through the pocket'. This may be... God gave humanity all of Creation to preserve it and care for it: this is the gift. And finally, God created mankind in His image, male and female He created them."

"God's third gift in Creation is 'love,' beginning with the love shared between a man and a woman. Male and female He created them. It is not good for the man to be alone. And He made his partner. In love, God gives man love and a 'dialogue of love,' which must have been the first between man and woman.

Pope Francis concluded, praying: "Let us thank God for these three gifts He has given us: an identity, a gift/duty, and love and ask for the grace to preserve this identity of a child, to work with the gift He has given us and to advance this gift with our work, and the grace to learn to love ever more each day."

MAKE MOST OF EACH DAY...STARTING TODAY, NOT TOMORROW

Pope Francis stressed to faithful during his daily morning Mass that there is "only one 'today', in our lives," only one "real, concrete" today. "Our temptation and everyone's temptation is to say: 'Yes, I will do tomorrow,' though this is the temptation of a 'tomorrow' there will not be. I say

this not to scare you, but simply to say that our life is today: now or never. I think of this: tomorrow will be the eternal tomorrow that never sets, with the Lord forever – if I am true to this day; and the question that I put to you is the same the Holy Spirit is putting to all of us, i.e. 'How ought I to live, this day?' Today' is played out in our hearts. Are our hearts opened to the Lord? To me it always strikes me when I find an older person – often priests or nuns – who tell me, 'Father, pray for my final perseverance' – 'But, you did well all your life long, all the days of your 'today' are in the service of the Lord, and still you are afraid?' 'No, no, my life has not yet waned: I want to live it fully, I pray that the day arrives full, full, with a heart strong in faith, and not ruined by sin, vices, corruption.'"

The Holy Father invited all faithful to question themselves about their own time and their own heart. "Today is full of days, but we will not repeat any one of them. Days go by until the Lord says enough. We go home with these two words only: how is my today: The sunset can be today, this day or many days later. But how are you, my today, in the presence of the Lord? ... And how is my heart: Is it open? Is it firm in the faith? Is it led by the Lord? We ask the Lord for the grace to which each of us needs."

FEBRUARY PRAYER INTENTIONS

Comfort for the Afflicted. - That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.



Welcome the Needy - We live in cities that throw up skyscrapers and shopping centers and strike big real estate deals ... but they abandon a part of themselves to marginal settlements on the periphery. The result of this situation is that great sections of the population are excluded and marginalized: without a job, without options, without a way out. Don't abandon them. Pray with me for all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, that they may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Pope Francis @Pontifex

Feb 9 - Hope opens new horizons and enables us to dream of what is not even imaginable.

Feb 6 - Being a believer means learning how to see with eyes of faith.

Feb 5 - Those who do not believe in or search for God have perhaps never been challenged by a testimony of faith.

Feb 4 - Take action! Live life to the full! And when others see the witness you give, they may ask: why do you live this way?

St. Peter's Church

Polish Dinner

Friday, February 24, 2017
4:00 – 7:00pm in the Parish Center

Adults: \$10:00

Children (Under 12): \$ 5.00

(Children 3 & Under are free)

Bring
Your
Own
Bottle!

**All You
Can Eat!**

- ❖ Homemade Pierogies
- ❖ Homemade Kielbasa
- ❖ Stuffed Cabbage
- ❖ Baked Haddock
- ❖ Sauerkraut
- ❖ Applesauce & Veggie Tray
- ❖ Homemade Desserts
- ❖ Coffee, Soda, Iced Tea, Lemonade

In order for this dinner to be a success, we need volunteers to work during & after the dinner and donations of some food items and baked goods.

Signup sheets can be found on the handout table on the side of the church.

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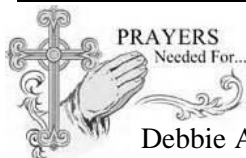


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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

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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.