



St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

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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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2017



March 1, 2017

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

7:30am – Liturgy of the Word
with Distribution of Ashes

12:10pm – Mass

7:00pm – Mass

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 _____

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.

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2017

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 2/20 <i>Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/21 <i>Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37</i>	7:30am	In Memory of David Howey (Mike & Connie McNamara)
Wednesday 2/22 <i>1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19</i>	11:45am – 12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Honor of Dan & Betsy Gordon (Cindy Shingara)
Thursday 2/23 <i>Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50</i>	7:30am	In Honor of Paul Krystoff (John & Melissa Davis, Antoinette Davis)
Friday 2/24 <i>Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12</i>	No Mass	
Saturday 2/25 <i>Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16</i>	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Patti Radocaj (Grab Family)
Sunday 2/26 <i>Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34</i>	8:30am 11:00am	All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Peter's Church In Memory of James, Amelia, & Robert Williams (Shirley Borden & Family)

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered
in Honor of Fr. Mullen (Niles Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 19, 2017

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

MONDAY, February 20, 2017

Rectory Closed

TUESDAY, February 21, 2017

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm

Benediction/Evening Prayer – 6:45pm

Staff Meeting – 8:30am, Rectory

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

Broad Acres Mass – 10:30am

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, February 22, 2017

Polish Dinner Prep – 8:00am, Parish Center

ChristLife – 6:30pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, February 23, 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 24, 2017

Polish Dinner – 4:00-7:00pm

SUNDAY, February 26, 2017

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

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

Weekend of February 25th/26th

5:00pm

Servers: E.Poirier, J.Poirier, B.Rudy

Lectors: T.Sampson, L.Sampson

E. Min.: B.Butler, G.Poirier, T.Straniere

8:30am

Servers: C.Callahan, D.Callahan, L.Germino

Lectors: H.Sampson, M.Sampson

E. Min.: E.Payne, D.deGuzman, T.Gamble

11:00am

Servers: A.Osborn, A.Osborn, L.Burge

Lectors: C.Waclawik, M.Stirnaman

E. Min.: B.Brown, M.Osborn, M.Stirnaman

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.

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.

Please Note: CHANGES IN MASS SCHEDULE

Due to a change in Fr. Bechtel's schedule, Mass on Thursday, February 23rd will be held at 7:30am and there will be no Mass on Friday, February 24th.



Liturgical Reflection

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Scripture commentators refer to a section in Leviticus as the holiness code. Today's text is part of that section. It includes a series of injunctions for the people of the covenant beginning with the words, "You shall not" or "You shall." These commandments prescribe the way of life for God's people. The foundation for such a life is the holiness of God; all are called to be holy as God is holy. A life of holiness rests on love; there is no room for hatred or revenge or the holding of grudges among brother or sister or neighbor.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103

In the opening verse the psalmist reminds himself to praise the Lord lest he forget all the Lord's benefits. He names those blessings that come from the Lord and for which he is ever grateful: pardon for sin, healing of ills, redemption from destruction; all these are crowned with "kindness and compassion." He believes that the Lord abound in mercy that is greater than all sins of his life. The Lord's graciousness is as vast as the space between east and west. It is as tender as the love of a father for his son.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul invokes the image of the Temple to greet the Christians in Corinth. They would certainly know of the Temple structure in Jerusalem, but Paul tells them that they are a spiritual temple. God dwells in them; they are the holy of holies. The indwelling of God is through the Spirit that they have received from Christ Jesus and the Father. Paul warns them about boasting among themselves; that will bring about dissension in the community. If that happens the unity of the spiritual temple is destroyed.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:38-48



At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus uses two more examples of the Mosaic Law to continue his new interpretation of the law. Both relate to difficult relationships that the disciples or any one might experience. They

include relations with people who strike us, people who ask for help, and people we consider to be our enemies. This teaching is not one of the easier ones to accept; it calls on the disciples to rethink both the social customs of the time and the intent of the religious law. Jesus asks them, and us, to go beyond what might be an easy and spontaneous response to one that would be more compassionate and life giving.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and ALL
that is within me,
BLESS HIS HOLY NAME.

Parish Activities and Information

RECTORY CLOSED MONDAY

The Rectory will be closed on President's Day, Monday, February 20th. Please refer to the Emergency Contact information on the front of the bulletin.

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



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

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.

THANK YOU!



The Social Concerns committee thanks all parishioners who contributed to the success of our Valentine's meal project. We were able to deliver 51 dinners this year, 13 of which went to the Tioga County Homeless Shelter. A special thanks to

Joe Mercuri and the Wellsboro High School culinary arts students who made the meals, Akiko's Floral Arts for the flowers, St. Peter's youth group for the homemade Valentine's cards, and all the drivers who delivered the meals.

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!

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 you would loan, please contact Sue Singer, 570-724-2360.



VIDEO SHOWING OF 100th ANNIVERSARY OF FATIMA

Please join us on February 28th at 9:00am in the Parish Center for a video showing of the 100th Anniversary of our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!

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Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

The Lord Jesus makes universal the commandment of love. Christians are not to draw false boundaries to their love. One of the false distinctions is between born and unborn. There can be no difference in our love. The size or age or level of dependency of a child cannot exempt us from loving and caring for the life of that child. Nor can it exempt us from recognizing the personhood of that child in the law. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This does not simply mean we love our neighbor in the way or to the extent that we love ourselves. It means we love our neighbor as a person like ourselves. We recognize that whatever differences there may be between ourselves and our neighbors, they still have the same human dignity that we share. We are to see through all the differences and recognize that common dignity. When we hold up the standard of love for born and unborn alike, we are not claiming to be better than anyone else. Rather, we are pointing to the one who made us all, and who wants us all to be just like him.

Diocese of Scranton News

RETRouvaille PROGRAM

Marriage Help: Have you thought about separation or divorce? Retrouvaille Program can help troubled marriages put the pieces back together. 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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for February 12th: \$ 5,411.00
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$ 5,990.00
Difference: (\$ 579.00)
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$ 462.54)

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

That's The Way It Is!



I usually go to Allenwood Federal Prison twice a month to offer Mass for the inmates. I also visit with inmates who want to see me privately. The prison system employs chaplains. Currently all the chaplains are Christian. When I celebrated Mass this month I met one of the new chaplains. I had opportunity to talk to him. He told me the denomination he represents. As we conversed he mentioned that he went to seminary in Chicago. We started to talk about our ministries. He told me he has liberal/progressive views. Churches need to adapt, said he, to changing times. We cannot cling to the past. Doctrine should be changed and updated to reflect the times we live. He said that the Catholic Church isn't as free to adapt due to our structures, but his is freer to adapt and bend.

I asked him whether he thought there were any doctrines that were unchangeable. He told me he didn't think there were any doctrines that were unchangeable because we are always learning. The doctrines need to reflect advances that have been made in Scripture Scholarship. I then posed this question: "Suppose scholarship advanced and found that Christianity got the whole Jesus thing wrong. Suppose it was discovered that the Scriptures teach that Jesus isn't really God—but just a God's representative or otherwise a very good, but very human prophet and teacher. Would you be willing to change your belief system to accommodate that?" (As an aside there are scholars who do believe and teach that very thing.) His answer was "Yes." I told him that I would give up the priesthood and Christianity all together as I would see no point to being Christian at that point. That answer surprised him. I asked him "Why be Christian if Jesus isn't God?" He had no answer.

What is my point? Catholics take a lot of heat from other Christians and people in general because we believe that the Church is infallible—that is—not liable to err in matters of Faith and morals. People see this as a Church that is not willing to adapt; they this as a Church that cannot bend and flex as the times require. I have never understood these criticisms. Why would I want to belong to a Church whose doctrines are constantly in flux and does not know what it believes? Why would I want my Faith to be based not on God's Word, but the latest whims of some Scripture scholar or theologian? Why would I want to be part of a Church that is not certain of what she believes?

If we look at our Protestant brothers and sisters who reject the notion that the Christian Church is infallible, we see what happens to the Faith: the Faith becomes reduced to whatever trends and fashions grip society at a given time. Many Christian denominations have changed their teachings and their theology—simply because the cultural winds changed direction. In other words—they are basing

their theology and belief on whatever happens to be in vogue in pop-culture and imputing the values of the world onto the Word of God. Doing so, God's Word is read and interpreted through the lens of worldly values and it is made to reinforce whatever trends or fancies have gripped society at the time. In short---the Faith becomes unstable and uncertain.

Infallibility in my mind is a tool that is essential to God's Church. It ensures that what the Church teaches today, she will teach tomorrow and forever. It ensures that the Faith will not be based on the whims of scholarship, or the latest cultural trends or Hollywood fashion. Certainly our understanding of doctrine can grow and develop. We can pierce the mysteries of God more fully. We can more fully understand the implications of a doctrine. Once the Church has defined something either through an Ecumenical Council or through the Pope that teaching cannot change---ever. We can go to the bank on the truth of the teaching.

There are often a variety of views about something before the Church issues a definition. For example, prior to the definition of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854, Catholics debated the doctrine, sometimes heatedly. However, by 1854 most Catholics believed the doctrine and the Pope defined the doctrine. This means that the Church will not come back in 100 or 1000 years and teach something else. The Faith becomes more stable as the Church clarifies her teaching and defines doctrine.

I can't speak for everyone, but I would rather belong to a Church that knows what she believes, who her master is, where she came from, what she is and where she is going. I would rather belong to a Church that is certain of her Faith and is not afraid to proclaim it. I see no point to belonging to a Church that is not certain of what she believes or otherwise knows her master and what he taught and is willing to die for it. I certainly see no point to being Christian if Jesus is anything other than God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. The Church teaching about her Infallibility is not arrogance, it is, rather, a profound trust and assuredness in the promises of Christ that "The gates of Hell will not prevail."

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.

News from the Vatican



BITTERNESS IS NOT CHRISTIAN

Bitterness is not Christian. Pain is, but not bitterness...Pope Francis made this distinction during his homily at Mass as he recalled the day's first reading, which speaks of Cain and Abel. Reflecting on the

reading, the Jesuit Pope noted that for the first time in Bible, we hear the word 'brother' and we listen to a story of brotherhood that should grow and be beautiful, but ends up destroyed. A story which begins with a little jealousy, Francis said, explaining that Cain is irritated because his sacrifice does not please the Lord and he begins to cultivate a feeling of resentment, a feeling he could control, but does not. Cain, the Pope said, chose to harbor this sentiment and let it grow. The sin he will then commit is crouching within this sentiment. This, he continued, is how enmity between us begins with a tiny spark of jealousy or envy, and ends up growing so much that we see life only from that point of view. The speck of sawdust becomes a plank in our eye, our life revolves around it and it ends up destroying the bond of brotherhood; it destroys fraternity. One gradually, the Pope warned, becomes obsessed, persecuted by that evil that grows and grows. As a result, the person detaches himself from one's brother "turning him into an enemy who must be destroyed. This enmity ends up destroying families, peoples, everything! Francis said, noting this is what happened to Cain who ended up killing his brother.

At the very first sign of bitterness and resentment, Francis stressed, this process must be stopped immediately. When God asks Cain: 'Where is your brother Abel?' Francis noted, one sees that Cain's answer is ironic: 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' Correct, Francis said. You are your brother's keeper. And the Lord then said: 'your brother's blood cries out to me from the soil!' Each of us, the Pontiff explained, can say we have never killed anyone, but anyone who has a bad sentiment towards his brother, has killed him. If you insult your brother, you have killed him in your heart.

Pope Francis concluded, praying that the Lord helps us repeat His words: "Where is your brother?" and makes us remember those who we destroy with our tongues and those treated in the world who are treated as things instead of brothers.

WHAT TO DO WHEN ALL SEEMS DARK? HOPE, HOLD ON

What should one do when things are dark Pope Francis says to hope and hold on....He urged Christians to be courageously anchored in hope, and never just still. The life of a Christian is a courageous life. There are lazy Christians who do not have the will to go forward, make things change and be new. They are lazy, parked Christians: they have found in the Church a good place to park. When I says Christians, I am also talking about laity,

priests, bishops, everyone. But there are also parked Christians! For them, the Church is a parking place that protects life, and they go forward with all the insurance possible. But these stationary Christians, they make me think of something the grandparents told us as children: beware of still water, that which doesn't flow, it is the first to go bad. It is beautiful to go into retirement after many years of work, but spending your whole life in retirement is ugly!

Hope, on the other hand, is the anchor that we cling to in order to keep fighting, even in difficult moments. Hope is struggling, holding onto the rope, in order to arrive there. In the struggle of everyday, hope is a virtue of horizons, not of closure! Perhaps it is the virtue that is least understood, but it is the strongest. Hope: living in hope, living on hope, always looking forward with courage. Yes, Father – anyone of you might say to me – but there are ugly moments, where everything seems dark, what should I do? Hold onto the rope, and endure. It's normal to make mistakes, so fear of erring shouldn't deter us from moving. Pope Francis concluded, inviting us to ask ourselves if we are closed Christians, or Christians of the horizons; and if in ugly moments we are capable of enduring, with the knowledge that hope does not disappoint because I know that God does not disappoint. Let us ask ourselves the question: How am I? How is my life of faith? Is it a life of horizons, of hope, of courage, of going forward; or a lukewarm life that doesn't even know to endure ugly moments? May the Lord give us this grace to overcome our selfishness, and raise our heads to Him to move forward.

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

February 14th - It is good to know the Lord takes on the burden of our fragilities and patiently gets us back on our feet with the strength to start over.

February 13th - Let us never place conditions on God! Entrusting ourselves to the Lord means entering into his plans without demanding anything.

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

Lana Bennett

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.