

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017



As our celebration of the Easter season is coming near its end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.

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.

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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 _____

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St. Peter's Church

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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.

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.

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Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-724-2360

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ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095

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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.

| Date | Time | Confession Time and Mass Intention |
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| Monday 5/22 <i>Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4</i> | No Mass | |
| Tuesday 5/23 <i>Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11</i> | 7:30am | Living & Deceased Members of Singer Family (Wayne & Sue Singer) |
| Wednesday 5/24 <i>Acts 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15</i> | 11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm 5:00pm | Confession In Honor of Jack & Agnes Worden – 50 th Wedding Anniversary In Memory of Beth Patt (Family) |
| Thursday 5/25 <i>Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20</i> | 12:10pm 7:00pm | In Memory of Lana Bennett (Rosie Holenchik) In Memory of Cindy Dalton (Mike & Connie McNamara) |
| Friday 5/26 <i>Acts 18:918; Jn 16:20-23</i> | 11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm | Confession In Honor of Al & Anna Marie Dlugokinski (Ostapowicz Family) |
| Saturday 5/27 <i>Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28</i> | 4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm | Confessions Deceased Members of the Joseph & Clara Patt Family (Family) |
| Sunday 5/28 <i>Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11</i> | 8:30am | In Honor of Steve & Jen Kamarek |

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Jack Koch (Mary Lou & Family)

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, May 23, 2017

Adoration – 8:00am – 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm

Evening Prayer/Benediction – 6:45pm

Staff Meeting – 8:30am, Rectory

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

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2017

ChristLife – 6:30pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, May 25, 2017

Rectory Closed

FRIDAY, May 25, 2017

Rectory Closed

SUNDAY, May 28, 2017

Graduation Mass & Brunch – 8:30am

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 (R.C.I.A.) - The R.C.I.A. 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.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

May 24th /25th – Ascension of the Lord

5:00pm

Servers: E. Poirier, W. Poirier, J. Poirier

Lectors: G. Poirier, P. Walrath

E. Min.: T. Straniere, C. Delong, G. Brown

12:10pm

Servers: B. Rudy, J. Lubera

Lectors: P. Kramer, R. Kramer

E. Min.: C. Lannak, L. Whitney, K. Wilcox

7:00pm

Servers: N. Ingerick, M. Ingerick, L. Germino

Lectors: N. Kennedy, M. Ostapowicz

E. Min.: B. Butler, N. Ostapowicz, E. Payne

May 27th/28th

5:00pm

Servers: L. Poirier, W. Poirier, J. Poirier

Lectors: T. Sampson, L. Sampson

E. Min.: D. Sherman, V. Anthony, C. Lannak, G. Poirier

8:30am

Servers: L. Singer, Z. Singer, L. Germino

Lectors: N. Bickham, M. Stirnaman

E. Min.: L. Stager, D. Stager, M. Stirnaman, A. Singer

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS - This month's food pantry items are: **Canned tuna, ham, and chicken (5-6 ounce.)** Please place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church.

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS - This month's Goodies for our Troops items are: **"To Go" Powdered Drink Straws, Beef Jerky/Slim Jims (no pork or ham), Cookies – Oreos, etc., Homemade cookies & Fudge, & Personal Notes (cards, letters, drawings from children.)** Please place your donations in the box at the entrance of the church.

St. Thomas/St. Catherine Mass Schedule

Saturday, St. Catherine, Westfield - 7:00pm

Sundav. St. Thomas, Elkland - 4:00pm



Liturgical Reflection

Sixth Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went to Samaria to preach the Gospel. We recall that Samaritans were met with disdain by the Jews as a mixed race of Israelite descendants and foreigners living in the region. The people received Philip's proclamation, saw the signs performed by God through him, accepted the Word of God and were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. The subsequent visit by Peter and John results in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit among the people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 66

The Samaritans who received the Good News through Philip did so with great joy. Our proclamation of this psalm echoes their praise, as we shout and sing this hymn of praise to God. We recall God's wondrous deeds in delivering his people out of slavery to new life in the promised land. With the psalmist we declare what has been done for us. Through Christ's Resurrection we pass through slavery to sin and death to new life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18

This passage offers a profound and succinct instruction for disciples. With our hearts set on Christ, we must be ready to witness to our hope in him, with gentleness and reverence. Disciples must be aware that we may be maligned for our belief and Christian actions. It is better to suffer for doing good rather than for doing evil. In doing so we imitate Christ, who though sinless, suffered in order to lead humanity to God.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

We are presented with two key, interrelated thoughts: disciples who love Jesus will keep his commandments. Observation of the teachings of Jesus is the sign of love for him, and those who love Christ will be loved by the Father. Christ will reveal himself to those who love him. Secondly, Jesus will remain with the disciples through the Advocate, the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot see, but who remains with and within the disciples.



Parish Activities and Information

SIGN UP SHEET FOR GIFT BEARERS AND GREETERS

Sign Up ▶

If you or your family would like to take up the gifts or greet those coming to Mass

at the door, please write your name on the sign up sheets hanging on the bulletin board near the entrance of the church. Our goal is to have a greeter at each door for all Masses and many individuals/families taking up the gifts. All are welcome to participate.

THANK YOU MESSAGE

Loretta Nonnenmacher asked that we pass on her thanks and gratitude for all of the prayers and Mass intentions for her husband, Ed at his passing. She would also like to thank everyone for their prayers for her as she recuperates.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The prayer shawl ministry is made up of individuals who like to knit or crochet. We make shawls for sick, homebound, and bereaved friends and family. As we make each shawl we pray for those who will receive the shawls that they will feel comfort and love. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please join us for our next meeting, June 4th following the 8:30am Mass in front of the Blessed Sacrament. For more information, call Jan Bernethy at 307-267-0677. Also if anyone is in need of a shawl, please let the ministry know.

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.

Religious Education and Youth Group News

SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held July 16-19, 2017. More information will be provided as the date gets closer.



FUN AT THE YOUTH GROUP LUAU!



That's The Way It Is!



"Thoughts on Religious Vocations: An Open Letter to Pope Francis" is an article on YAHOO. It is written by Michele Summerville. This letter encourages Pope Francis to allow for married priests. That is perfectly fine. Married clergy is a possibility. I would

echo the sentiments of Michele on this point. I see no reason why the Church could not allow for married clergy. I do not understand what the holdup is. As expected, however, she takes issue with a male only clergy.

Like all people who argue for women's ordination, she thinks the reason that women are not ordained is simply a matter of policy. The media also reflects this thinking when they report on the faux ordinations of the Women's Ordination Conference. We are told that these women (The Women's Ordination Conference) are defying the Church's "ban" on women clergy. They tell us that the Church "refuses" to recognize their ordinations. "For now" they tell us the "prohibition" on women clergy remains in effect. However, we should take hope, say the media. These women through their "Catholic ordinations" are raising awareness that women are ordained and functioning as priests. Notice the implications in the words used by the media to report: "refuses" "ban" "prohibition" "for now..." We see reflected in the secular understanding of Holy Orders a certain idea that the reason women are not ordained to the priesthood is just a matter of policy.

Claiming that the Church has "banned" women's ordination is like claiming that scientists have "banned" travel at light speed or faster than light speed. Asking the Church to reconsider women's ordination is like asking scientists to reconsider their "prohibition" on travel at light speed or faster than light speed. Asking the Church to rethink ordination is like asking scientists to "rethink" the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle.

My point is that Church teaching on Holy Orders is not just a matter of policy—any more than the impossibility of travel at light speed or faster than light speed is just a matter of scientific policy. The Church can no more change her teaching on Holy Orders than scientists can change the universal speed limit implied by Einstein's equation $E=MC^2$. Women's ordination is not impossible because the Church says so. The Church teaches that women's ordination is impossible because women's ordination is impossible. Just as scientists discover the way nature works through experimentation—then eventually report their findings, so also the Church discovers what God has revealed, the implications of what God has revealed, then the Church reports her findings. The Church does not create reality by her teachings. Reality creates the teachings of the Church.

I believe one of the reasons there is so much confusion on the question of women's ordination today has to do

with the fact that society itself is confused on the question of what it means to be male or female, man or woman. When large swaths of people believe that the categories of male/female, man /woman fatherhood/motherhood are not based in objective reality but merely projections of the mind, it is no wonder the same people believe that the Church has "prohibited" women's ordination. Fatherhood and motherhood itself in modern society today have no objective meaning. They are just names we project to describe how a person chooses to identify. The consequence of this is that gender becomes a subjective rather than an ontological/objective reality. For the Church, gender is not a subjective quality, it is ontological. Male/female, man/woman, fatherhood/motherhood are ontological—they are not mere projections of the mind. They are not subjective. God intentionally created humanity as male and female. Each gender reveals something about what it means to be human and created in God's image. They are complimentary.

I have said it before and I will say it again: women are not ordained because of the nature of the priesthood itself. When you address me as "Father" you are not just giving me a fancy title. "Monsignor" is just a fancy title. "Cardinal" is just a fancy title. "Father" is a word that speaks to what I am. I am called "Father" because I am a Father. I grant that my Fatherhood is not on the biological plane and it is on the spiritual plane. This does not make my Fatherhood any less real. Priests reveal the Fatherhood of God in the communities they serve. They make the Fatherhood present. Women cannot exercise Fatherhood. Men cannot exercise motherhood. Because women, by definition, cannot exercise Fatherhood, women cannot be ordained. That is not just policy that is reality.

Any discussion on women's ordination must take into account the nature of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Often times I find that this is left out of the discussion. I also find that most people who support women's ordination do not really believe that priesthood is an exercise of Fatherhood. They also believe that God is androgynous. In other words---God's revelation as a Father was culturally conditioned. This is nonsense, of course, but I am trying to connect the theological dots. Ultimately, the debate about women's ordination is, in the end, about far more than just ordination.

That's the way it is!

The Reverend David W. Bechtel

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for May 14th: \$5,161.25

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,990.00

Difference:(\$ 826.75)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$2,754.39)

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every week to support our parish and its ministries!*

Dioceses of Scranton News

ONLINE SURVEY TO PARTNER WITH FRANCIS

The young church (16-35) and those who work with them are encouraged to let their voice be heard as the Diocese of Scranton 'partners with Francis' in preparation for the 2018 Synod on the topic of Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. Both those who identify as Catholic and those who do not, can complete an online survey at www.partnerwithfrancis.org. The results of this survey will not only help Pope Francis and the Bishops as they prepare for the Synod, but also help shape programming for the young church here in our Diocese. For more information, please contact Dominick Costantino, program coordinator for the Diocesan vocation office, at 570-780-2996.

BISHOP BAMBERA STATEMENT REGARDING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE APPARITION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER AT FATIMA.

At their recent Provincial Meeting on May 1, 2017, the Bishops of Pennsylvania voted to approve a recommendation that each Catholic diocese and eparchy in the Commonwealth be dedicated to the protection of the Blessed Mother.

What prompted the proposal was the intent for the dioceses and eparchies in the Commonwealth to observe the 100th Anniversary of the apparition of the Blessed Mother at Fatima.

The official dedication will be marked with a special Mass to be celebrated in St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 by all the bishops in the state. This Mass is scheduled during the time when the bishops will gather for their next Provincial Meeting.

The second part of the dedication will be an observance in each diocese and eparchy the weekend of October 14-15, 2017.

More details will be forthcoming.

With every best wish, I remain faithfully yours in Christ,

† *Joseph C. Bambera*

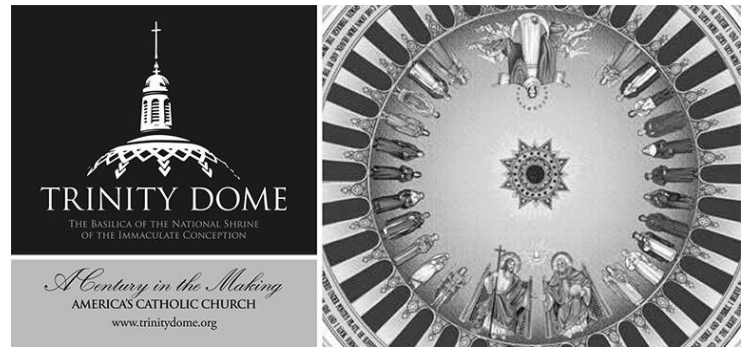
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton

CONCERT AT SS PETER & PAUL CHURCH

Please come and enjoy a free choral concert at SS Peter & Paul Church in Towanda at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 21st. The featured group will be the award-winning Notre Dame High School Choir of Elmira, NY. Local musicians for the event are Emily Hockenberry and Kathryn Christian, with vocal numbers accompanied by Kathy Hammerly. Ed Hilscher, an accomplished banjo-man will be on hand, as will be the St. Agnes School Choir. This event is part of the 175th Anniversary year-long celebration of the parish. The church, located at Third and Lombard Streets, was built in 1867-69 and has exceptional acoustics for music.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This weekend, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our church! For more information, please visit www.trinitydome.org or contact the National Shrine at 202-281-0615.



Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

When our Lord promises in today's Gospel passage, "I will come to you," he is referring to the presence of his Holy Spirit, who does not bring a new divinity or a new Gospel, but rather precisely the presence of Jesus Christ. The Lord's constant promise of "life" comes to fulfillment with the outpouring of the Spirit of Life; therefore Jesus can say, "I live and you will live."

The preaching of this weekend, therefore, can focus on the relationship between Easter and the approaching Feasts of Ascension and Pentecost. The victory of Christ over death is shared with all his people: He brings our humanity to the heights of heaven and pours out his life-giving Spirit.

The truth brought out in today's passage regarding the "Advocate" is also crucial to the Church's role in building the Culture of Life. Jesus Christ himself is our first Advocate (see 1 John 2:1 – "If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one"). Now, that Advocate is promising us "Another Advocate" who will be with us always – the Holy Spirit. Indeed, the Spirit advocates for us in the heights of heaven, that all the power of the redemptive work of Christ might have its full effect.

But if the Spirit, who is an Advocate, fills us, he makes us advocates! He gives speech to the tongue, as we will see even more powerfully at Pentecost. He makes us advocates for the helpless, just as he advocates for us when we cannot save ourselves. The pro-life work of the People of God springs from this aspect of the Holy Spirit, who makes us advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves – the unborn and all the vulnerable.

News from the Vatican



EACH ONE OF US IS A STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

“Every man is a story of love that God writes on this earth. Every one of us is a story of God’s love. God calls every one of us by our

name: He knows us by name, He looks at us, He waits for us, He forgives us, He has patience with us.”

Pope Francis emphasized this during his weekly General Audience in St. Peter’s Square, as he continued his catecheses on Christian hope, reflecting specifically this week on Mary Magdalene as an apostle of the hope brought by the Gospel.

On Easter morning, the Holy Father recalled, St. John tells us that Mary went to the tomb of Jesus, saw that it was empty, and returned to tell this news to Peter and the other disciples. Returning to the tomb, yet still not understanding what had happened, Mary encounters the Risen Lord, but does not recognize him until he calls her by name.

Given this, Francis highlighted Jesus’ first appearance after rising from the dead is thus “something intensely personal.”

Calls Us By Name Too

“How lovely it is to think that the first apparition of the Risen One — according to the Gospels — happened in such a personal way! That there is Someone who knows us, who sees our suffering and disappointment, and Who is moved for us, and calls us by name,” he said.

It is a ‘law,’ the Pope noted, we find engraved in many pages of the Gospel.

Reminding that Gospel describes Mary’s happiness, Francis said: “Jesus’ Resurrection is not a joy given in dribs and drabs but a cascade that assails the whole of life. Christian existence is not woven of soft happiness, but of waves that overwhelm everything.”

Our God Is a Dreamer

“You also try to think at this moment, with the baggage of disappointments and defeats that each one bears in the heart, that there is a God close to us who calls us by name and says to us: “Rise, stop crying, because I have come to free you!”

“This is beautiful,” Francis said.

Jesus is not, Francis stressed, one “who adapts Himself to the world, tolerating that in it, death, sadness, hatred, the moral destruction of persons should endure.”

“Our God is not inert, but our God – I permit myself the word – is a dreamer: He dreams of the transformation of the world, and He realized it in the mystery of the Resurrection.”

Pope Francis prayed that Mary Magdalene’s intercession help us also to live this experience, that of “in the hour of weeping and in the hour of abandonment, to listen to the Risen Jesus who calls us by name and, with a heart full of joy, go to announce: ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

“I have changed my life because I saw the Lord! Now I am different from before, I am another person. I have changed because I saw the Lord.”

Pope Francis concluded, reminding, “This is our strength and this is our hope.”

UPCOMING MEETING WITH U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

A correspondent asked the Holy Father about his upcoming May 24 visit with US President Donald Trump, asking his opinion about his meeting a head of State who seems to think and act contrary to you.

To this Pope Francis responded, “I never make a judgment of a person without listening to them. I believe that I should not do this. In our talk things will come out, I will say what I think, he will say what he thinks, but I never, ever, wanted to make a judgment without hearing the person.”

“Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.”

“Peace is handcrafted. It is made every day. Also friendship among people, mutual knowledge, esteem, is handcrafted. It’s made every day. Respect the other, say that which one thinks, but with respect, but walk together ... someone thinks of one way or the other, but say that Be very sincere with what everyone thinks, no?”

When the correspondent followed up his question with: “Do you hope to soften his decisions after the meeting?,” Pope Francis answered: “This is a political calculation that I do not permit myself to make.”

POPE FRANCIS’ MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION












Pope’s Prayer Intention for May -That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

May – Month of Mary

Gerald Hopkins wondered about this in a lovely poem called, “The May Magnificat.” “May is Mary’s month, and I/ Muse at that and wonder why...the Lady Month, May/ Why fasten that upon her,/ With a feasting in her honor?” he asked. Hopkins speculates that is it the springtime explosion of new life, in birds and flowers, that make May the right month for Mary. “This ecstasy all through mothering earth/ Tells Mary her mirth till Christ’s birth.”

Whatever the reason, May is a special time of prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is also Easter Time, so we join with Mary in rejoicing in Christ’s Resurrection from the dead. We can honor Mary in this month by praying the Rosary or another Marian devotion and by participating in Mass on the Feast of the Visitation, which concludes the month on May 31st. It’s also a good time for quiet reflection on the seven joys of Mary, the traditional counterpart to her seven sorrows. The joys of Mary are the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus, the adoration of the Magi, the Resurrection, the Ascension of Jesus, the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and Mary’s coronation as Queen of Heaven.

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

Mark Ruppert

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.