

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017

St. Peter's Church

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Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm ~ Sunday: 8:30am

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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Order of Secular Carmelite – Lori Makos 570-724-3371

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Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jan Bernethy 307-267-0677

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.

When we PRAY,
God hears more
than we say,
answers more
than we ask,
gives more
than we imagine...
in His own time & His own way.

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 _____

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 8/7 <i>Nm 11:4-15; Mt 14:13-21</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 8/8 <i>Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Cindy Dalton (Jurgen & Christine Plato)
Wednesday 8/9 <i>Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1; Mt 15:21-28</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Honor of Gayle Patkos (Ostapowicz Family)
Thursday 8/10 <i>2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Marie Coll (Dale & Rose Marie Aulhouse)
Friday 8/11 <i>Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of Jeanine Salvadge (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Saturday 8/12 <i>Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20</i>	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Anna Beuter (Family)
Sunday 8/13 <i>1 Kgs 19:9,11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33</i>	8:30am	In Memory of Joann Capwell (Mike & Connie McNamara)

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
Constance Krueger (Kate Black)

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, August 7, 2017

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

TUESDAY, August 8, 2017

Eucharistic Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm

Evening Prayer/Benediction – 6:45pm

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2017

Broad Acres Mass – 10:30am

Green Home Mass – 2:00pm

THURSDAY, August 10, 2017

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

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

SUNDAY, August 13, 2017

Secular Carmelites – 12:30pm, Parish Center

Fatima Film Showing – 10:00am & 6:30pm, Parish Center

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: ***Creamy Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly***. 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: ***Lip Balm, Eye Drops, Sunscreen, Bug Repellent, Trail Mix, Sunflower Seeds, Beef Jerky & 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

Sunday, St. Thomas, Elkland – 10:30am

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

August 12th/13th

5:00pm

Servers: M.Mann, L.Gordon, J.Grab

Lectors: D.Gordon, C.Evert

E. Min.: B.Butler, I.Dziengowski, B.Brown, D.Sherman

8:30am

Servers: L.Singer, Z.Singer, M.Ingerick

Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, D.Bleggi

E. Min.: M.Sampson, M.Stirnaman, A.Singer, T.Gamble

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. Note: Baptisms cannot be scheduled until all the necessary paperwork is completed. Contact the Rectory to schedule.

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 unbaptized 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. Contact the Rectory for more information.



Liturgical Reflection

The Transfiguration of the Lord

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

The First Reading gives a sublime description of heaven, with symbolic, mysterious language. God takes his seat amidst throngs of angels. It is both throne room and court of law, and into it comes a man, who is presented to God and given the kingship. For Christians, the “one like a Son of man” is Christ.

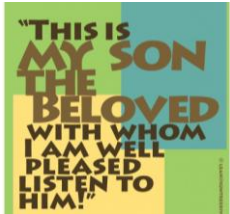
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 97

We respond to the vision of the First Reading by proclaiming the Lord as king over the earth. God is described as dwelling amid “clouds and darkness” as at Mount Sinai. In the Gospel, Christ is surrounded by a “bright cloud” (Matthew 17:5).

SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-19

In this passage we hear a firsthand account of today’s feast. Peter himself describes what he saw and heard on the mount of Transfiguration. He saw the glory of Jesus, the Father’s Son, and he heard the familiar words: “This is my Son, my beloved.” These words are a truth to cling to when we find ourselves in difficulty: they are like a light shining in darkness, a glimpse of the Transfiguration.

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9



In all the synoptic accounts of the Gospel, the story of the Transfiguration comes after Jesus tells the disciples about his approaching Crucifixion. Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with him, and

these three become witnesses of Jesus in his heavenly glory. Before their eyes, he is changed: he is still Jesus, but his face and clothing grow bright. The light shines not from without, but from within him. Moses and Elijah appear – the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament – and God’s voice is heard, telling them who Jesus is and reminding them to listen to him. The disciples behold, but do not yet understand. Only after Jesus’ Crucifixion and Resurrection will they understand what they have seen: Jesus is fully human, fully God.

ABOUT THIS DAY

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord reminds us about the depth and mystery that surrounded Jesus – mystery in the sense that we can never exhaust who he really is or categorize him in any way. Fully human, he may indeed have needed a place to camp on the mountain, liked Peter asked. But just when the Apostles may have been getting really comfortable with their understanding of Jesus as friend and teacher, they catch a glimpse of his heavenly glory, challenging them to remain open to Christ communicating to them who he is as Son of God. We have moments like the Apostles each time we encounter new and challenging image of God in the Scriptures. Remaining humble and open to the revelatory action of God’s Word and Spirit is a way to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of who God is for us in Jesus Christ.

Parish Activities and Information

COMING IN SEPTEMBER FOR KIDS



St Peter’s Music Ministry is forming a young musicians group to help with music at Mass this year. To find out more, call Mrs. Christina Simonis at 570-724-2085.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Social Concerns Committee will again be sponsoring the Back-to-School project.



Thanks to parishioners' past generosity we have provided backpacks, shoes, first day of school outfits, underwear and socks for students in need in our area.

Please consider taking a tag from the giving tree to help a child return to school with dignity and confidence. Please return all items, with the giving tree tag attached, to the collection box, by Tuesday, August 15th. The Giving Tree will be available in the church the weekends of July 30th, August 6th and August 13th. *Please note:* It is only necessary to purchase just the item that is on the tag you choose.

JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH BRUNCH!

Mark your calendars for August 27th, the date of our parish get-together. We are trying something new this year – a dish-to-pass brunch, following the 8:30am Mass. The parish will provide pancakes, sausage, and drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring a breakfast/brunch type dish to pass. For planning purposes, a signup sheet can be found on the handout table.



SIGN UP SHEET FOR GIFT BEARERS AND GREETERS



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 signup 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.

THE COMMUNITY OF THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES OPENING FOR INQUIRIES

The SODC are Catholic men and women who are called to a deeper spiritual life. Under the protection of our Lady of Mount Carmel and inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St Therese of Lisieux, we make a commitment to the Discalced Carmelite Order to seek God for the Church and the world through our charisma of prayer and to share God with others. Our local group meets at 12:30 on the 2nd Sunday of each month at St. Peters. We invite interested parties to pray for discernment about this vocation for laypeople as our community will open for inquiries at our October 15th meeting. For information contact Dolores Kostovick, 570-659-5320.

That's The Way It Is!



At the request of those who run the Samaritan House, I wanted to explain the hospice program. The Hospice program is a program geared towards someone who has been given a prognosis of six months or less. Hospice usually will be recommended after medical treatments aimed at fighting whatever illness a person has are no longer effective. The medical treatment given to a patient in a hospice program is geared towards ensuring that the patient has a good quality of life and is able to spend time with their loved ones before they pass away. In other words, the goal of hospice is comfort care, not a cure, treatment or remission of an illness.

Hospice care involves holistic medical treatment. This means that all aspects of a person are treated, not just their physical body. The medical team provides medication to ensure the patient is physically comfortable. A chaplain provides for any spiritual, emotional or religious needs of the patient and their families. Sometimes the chaplain will work congruently with the clergy person of the family and patient. The difference between a chaplain and clergy is that the chaplain is non-sectarian. Chaplains not only help to provide for the religious or spiritual needs of a patient and their families, but their emotional needs as well. This is why one need not be religious in order to enlist the assistance of a chaplain. Chaplains can assist the family with their grief and guide them through the process. They can also work with the patient. Social workers and counselors also may be involved. In our hospice, I function both as a clergy person and a chaplain. In this way my ministry has a broader reach than Catholics.

Sometimes people misunderstand the nature and role of hospice. The Terri Shaivo debacle in 2005 does not help. People think hospice treatment is little more than doctor assisted suicide. Hospice has nothing to do with suicide or Terri Shaivo. The reason many people objected to allowing Shaivo to die was because she was not dying. Terri Shaivo was not even close to dying. In essence, Terri Shaivo was starved to death. That is what people objected to: starving someone to death. This is different from when a person stops eating and drinking because they are dying. The person is not dying because they are not eating or drinking. The person is not eating or drinking because they are dying. This is not what happened with Terri Shaivo.

Hospice care does not seek to hasten death in any way. Hospice care simply seeks the holistic care of the dying and their families. Our parish runs a hospice apostolate. This is a noble outreach of our parish that, as far as I know, is unique. I am not aware of any other Catholic parish in the country that has an apostolate like this. Our hospice is open to anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, lifestyle, creed, gender, race, ethnicity, etc. The program is free. Families and patients pay no fee to stay in the Samaritan

House. Samaritan House is funded solely through donations from our parishioners and the larger community.

Catholicism or the practice of Catholicism is not required in order to be considered for admission to the Samaritan House. There might be patients who we have to turn away in rare instances, but that has to do with the fact that we do not feel we can adequately meet their needs. Our organization is entirely volunteer run. We have medical personal volunteer their time to take care of the medical aspect of a patient's needs. Volunteers assist with the emotional and psychological support. I assist with the spiritual and religious support. However, before I make a visit to the patient and family, we always ask them first if they would like me to come by. I do not impose my presence on the patients or their families. Our program has no strings attached. We are simply extending the unconditional love of God to the dying and their families. We want to help in whatever way is best for the family. If my presence is not helpful, because a family is not Catholic or religious, I am in no way offended by that.

I have been involved with the care of the dying and their families in some capacity for 15 years. I understand the role of clergy in aiding those who are dying and their families. The biggest realization for any clergy or volunteer who works in this field is to understand that pastoral care is about meeting the needs of the patient and family, not the needs of the clergy, priest or volunteer.

The role of the clergy and or chaplain is presence and guidance in grief and loss. Many people do not realize that this is a specialized field in pastoral care. All clergy are technically qualified to work in the field through ordination. It does not follow that all clergy can competently work in the field or should work in the field. Clergy who want to work in this field should have additional training that goes far beyond seminary education. If you don't know what you are doing, there exists the capacity to cause more stress and emotional harm in an already difficult and stressful situation.

The hospice program can be a valuable resource for patients and their families. It allows the dying and their families a comfortable place to stay. It also allows them spiritual, emotional and psychological resources to help them through the grief process. We thank all our volunteers for their selfless efforts. We also encourage anyone who would like to be involved or wants more information to contact the rectory.

That's the way it is

The Reverend David W. Bechtel

Holy Child Parish
Roast Beef Dinner, Cash Raffle
And Basket Raffle
Saint Mary's Church in Blossburg
Sunday August 27, 2017
11:30 – 2:00

Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima



In August the children were prevented by the civil authorities to go to the meeting of the 13th in which had gathered an immense crowd. The children for two days were confined and threatened with many torments to make them deny, but they did not surrender, they were ready to offer their lives not to betray the promises made to the Lady. When they had been released on August 19, while they fed the flock in a place called Valinhos they saw the Lady above a holmoak. "What do you want from me?" Lucy asked. **"I Want you to continue to go to the Cova da Iria on the 13th, that you continue to say the Rosary every day. I, in the last month will make the miracle that all will believe."** Then with a sadder appearance told them: **"Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for the sinners. You know that many souls go the hell because there is none who pray for them."**

Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message.

We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein, may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ,

Discover the Rest of the Fatima Story

As we continue to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Apparitions of our Lady of Fatima, there will be two showings of *Finding Fatima* on Sunday August 13th at 10:00am and again at 6:30pm in the parish center. This riveting new 90 minute documentary uses archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts and relatives of eyewitnesses, combined with stunning visuals to tell the entire story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 23rd: \$4,545.89
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,750.00
Difference: (\$1,204.11)
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$2,173.11)

Sunday Collection for July 30th: \$4,213.05
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,750.00
Difference: (\$1,536.95)
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$3,710.06)
Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$836.50

Dioceses of Scranton News

Tell us what
YOU think!

ONLINE SURVEY TO PARTNER WITH POPE 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.

ANNULMENT PROCESS INFORMATION

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?: In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

August - The Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes place on the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, usually in June, but in this month when we celebrate Mary's Assumption (August 15th) and her Coronation or Queenship (August 22nd), we also give honor to her Immaculate Heart. There are many prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Here is one short enough to memorize and pray every day during this special month:

O Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.

Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

The Pope on Life - "Every life is sacred! Let us go forward with the culture of life to counter the logic of waste and the declining birth rate; let us be close and together let us pray for the babies who are threatened by the termination of pregnancy, as well as for the people who are at the end of life — every life is sacred! — so that no one may be left alone and that love may defend the meaning of life. Let us recall the words of Mother Teresa: "Life is beautiful, admire it; life is life, defend it!", be it a baby who is about to be born, or a person who is close to death: every life is sacred!"—Pope Francis, *Message for Day of Life, Feb. 2017*.

News from the Vatican



POPE PAYS TRIBUTE TO GRANDPARENTS

“How important grandparents are in the life of the family, to communicate the patrimony of humanity and faith essential for every society!”— tweeted Pope Francis. Since his

election to the Petrine throne in March 2013, the Argentine-Italian Pontiff regularly calls attention to the role of grandparents in the family and in society. “How important is encounter and dialogue between generations, especially within the family,” he said at Rio de Janeiro on Friday, July 26, 2013. “This relationship, this dialogue between the generations is a treasure to preserve and nourish!” he added, inviting the young people taking part in the Rio WYD to greet their grandparents. “They, the young people, greet their grandparents with so much affection and thank them for their witness of wisdom that they offer us continually.”

Two years later, during the Angelus on Sunday, July 26, 2015, the Holy Father thanked grandparents with these words: “I would like to greet all the grandmothers and grandfathers, thanking them for their precious presence in families and for the new generations. We greet and give a great applause for all living grandparents, but also for those who are looking at us from Heaven.”

During the General Audience of Wednesday, March 11, 2015, Jorge Bergoglio dedicated his entire catechesis on the family to grandparents. “The prayer of the elderly and of grandparents is a gift for the Church, it’s a richness!” he said. It is also a “great injection of wisdom for the entire human society, especially for that which is too busy, too grasping, too distracted,” he added. “How lovely is the encouragement that an old man is able to transmit to a youth in search of the meaning of faith and of life! It is truly the mission of grandparents, the vocation of the elderly. Grandparents’ words have something special for young people. And they know it,” he recalled.

POPE’S WORLDWIDE PRAYER NETWORK

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network invites all to join in the Holy Father’s August 2017 prayer intention: “That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.”

Popes though the ages have been great supporters of the arts. As St John Paul wrote in his letter to artists: “None can sense more deeply than you artists, ingenious creators of beauty that you are, something of the pathos with which God at the dawn of creation looked upon the work of his hands. A glimmer of that feeling has shone so often in your eyes when—like the artists of every age—captivated by the hidden power of sounds and words, colors and shapes, you have admired the work of your inspiration, sensing in it some echo of the mystery of creation with which God, the sole creator of all things, has wished in some way to associate you. “That is why it seems to me that there are no better words than the text of Genesis with which to begin

my Letter to you, to whom I feel closely linked by experiences reaching far back in time and which have indelibly marked my life: God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”

Pope Francis writes of the importance of art and artists in the mission of the Vatican Museums: “Art, aside from being a credible witness to the beauty of creation, is also a tool of evangelization. In the Church, it exists above all to evangelize: through art – music, architecture, sculpture, painting – the Church explains and interprets the revelation... Art has an intrinsic salvific dimension and must be open to everything and everyone, offering consolation and hope to all. For this reason the Church must promote the use of art in its work of evangelization, looking to the past but also to the many current forms of expression.”

THE LINE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL RUNS THROUGH THE HEART OF EACH OF US

The Pope reflected on the Gospel of the day remarking on the fact that the boundary between good and evil runs through the heart of each of us. The reading in question tells of how wheat and weeds were sown in the same field, illustrating the problem of evil in the world and emphasizing the Lord’s patience. God sows good seed while Satan sows weeds. In the parable the householder’s slaves would like to pull the weeds out, but the master objects saying the wheat might be uprooted along with the weeds and he invites them to let them grow together until harvest. With this image Jesus tells us that in this world good and evil are so intertwined that it is impossible to separate them and to extinguish all evil. Only God can do this, and he will do it in the Last Judgment.

In all of its ambiguity and complexity the situation represents the reality of Christian freedom in which we are called to exercise the difficult discernment between good and evil. Thus, the faithful to combine two seemingly contradictory attitudes: choice and patience: the choice to be good wheat distancing oneself from the seductions of evil; while patience means preferring to be part of a Church that is not afraid of getting its hands dirty by being close to its soiled children, rather than of a righteous Church that expresses judgment before time. Pope Francis continued inviting us to recognize that we are all sinners and reminding us that good and evil cannot be boxed into defined areas or groups of people, because the line between good and evil runs through the heart of every person. And reminding those present that with his Resurrection Jesus has freed us from the slavery of sin and given us the grace to walk a new life, and that with Baptism he also gave us the sacrament of Reconciliation because we always need to be forgiven our sins, the Pope concluded exhorting us to see not only the bad and the evil, but also the good and the beautiful in the world that surrounds us trusting always in God’s promise of redemption.

“Perhaps this is the moment for which you have been created.” Esther 4:14



COME AND GET REFRESHED!

DISCOVERING CHRIST

Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00pm

Sept 13th – Oct 25th

Please join us in the St. Peter's Parish Center for "Discovering Christ". Enjoy a free dinner, listen to a dynamic teaching and join in a small group discussion about the meaning of life in Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ is a seven-week series that will begin Wednesday, Sept 13th, and includes a life-changing retreat on Saturday, Oct 14th.

We invite you to watch a Discovering Christ YouTube video to learn more about the course:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-QPh2_3n2k

This course is designed for you to revitalize your faith or to bring your friends and family who have been away from the church and are open to exploring the meaning of life in Jesus Christ.

REGISTRATION FORM (REGISTRATION LIMITED TO THE FIRST 50 PARISHIONERS TO REGISTER.)

NAME(S): _____ **AGE:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **PHONE:** _____

Dietary restrictions? (vegetarian, gluten allergy, etc) _____

Return this form to the St. Peter's Parish Office: 47 Central Ave, Wellsboro, Pa 16901
or email to stpadmin@ptd.net. Registration closes Monday, Aug 28th.

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

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