



St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00–2:00pm

Parish Staff

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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.

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 6, 2017



Congratulations to
 Howard & Maryann Rutledge as
 they celebrate their 50th wedding
 anniversary. May God continue
 to bless the love in your hearts
 and your life with one another with
 an ever deepening faith.

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
 Mary Beth Sampson 570-724-2953
 Church Linens & Decorations – Sue Singer 570-724-2360
 Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
 Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
 Fundraising Dinners – Tara Gordon 570-439-0006
 Paul Urner 570-723-9970
 Music Ministry – Christina Simonis 570-724-2085,
 Marilyn deGuzman 570-376-5427
 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
 ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095
 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.

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 8/14 <i>Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27</i>	5:00pm	In Memory of George Pryslak (Kathy Wilcox)
Tuesday 8/15 <i>1 Chr 15:3-4,15-16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54-57; Lk 11:27-28</i>	12:10pm 7:00pm	In Memory of Edward Nonnenmacher (Denny & Adele Young) In Memory of George Pryslak (Ostapowicz Family)
Wednesday 8/16 <i>Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Jon Banik (Jurgen & Christine Plato)
Thursday 8/17 <i>Jos 3:10,11,13-17; Mt 18:21-19:1</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Paul Beuter (Family)
Friday 8/18 <i>Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of Lana Bennett (Norb & Nona Josten)
Saturday 8/19 <i>Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15</i>	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Cindy Dalton (Frank & Ida Dziengowski)
Sunday 8/20 <i>Is 56:1,6-7; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt 15:21-28</i>	8:30am	In Honor of Keith & Valerie Josten

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
Paul & Anna Beuter (Children)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 13, 2017

Secular Carmelites – 12:30pm, Parish Center

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

TUESDAY, August 15, 2017

Rectory Closed

No Eucharistic Adoration

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, August 16, 2017

Social Concerns – 3:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, August 17, 2017

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

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

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.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

August 14th/15th Assumption

5:00pm (Vigil)

Servers: W.Feil, A.Osborn, A.Osborn

Lectors: T. Sampson, L.Sampson

E. Min.: M.Osborn, E.Evert, T.Straniere, B.Brown

12:10pm

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

Lectors: G.Poirier, N.Bickham

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

7:00pm

Servers: L.Germino, J.Lubera, A.Dunkel

Lectors: P.Walrath, C.Evert

E. Min.: G.Brown, T.Gamble, N.Ostapowicz, D.Sherman

August 19th/20th

5:00pm

Servers: L.Poirier, W.Poirier, A.Dunkel

Lectors: D.Sherman, P.Walrath

E. Min.: T.Straniere, V.Anthony, G.Poirier, K.Wilcox

8:30am

Servers: A.Osborn, A.Osborn, K.Kramer

Lectors: T.Reindl, M.Stirnaman

E. Min.: D.deGuzman, N.Josten, M.Stirnaman, M.Osborn

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



Liturgical Reflection

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Elijah 1 Kings 19:9, 11:13

Elijah takes shelter at Mount Horeb – also known as Mount Sinai – where he is to meet God. But this appearance of God is not like the first, when God made himself known to the Israelites in the fire, cloud, and trumpet blast. Elijah lets the wind, the earthquake, and the fire pass by. But when he hears “a tiny whispering sound” he covers his face in reverence, and goes to the mouth of the cave to encounter God, not in storm, but in stillness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85

Psalm 85 is one of the psalms associated with Advent, when we look to the coming of the Lord. Today, its praise of God, who speaks of peace, resonates with the First Reading.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

St. Paul began life as a devout Jew, before his encounter with Christ on the road to Damascus changed everything for him. In this passage from Romans we can sense the anguish he feels that his fellow Jews have not accepted Christ. He would even trade his own hope of salvation for theirs! But God’s ways are mysterious: they are Israelites, the children of the promise, Paul says, and God does not go back on his promises to his people.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33



Jesus sends the disciples across the water and then spends some time in prayer. Late that night, he comes walking toward them in the midst of a storm. Peter confidently steps out on the water and begins walking

toward Jesus, but soon is overwhelmed by doubt and fear. His only hope is to call out to Jesus to save him. His plea is the plea of the whole Church, asking that the Lord protect her against the torturing storms of life. In Jesus’ power over the water and the wind, the disciples recognize his divine power. Do we recognize God’s presence in the calm as well as in the storm?

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

Reminder: Please return all items, with the giving tree tag attached, to the collection box, by Tues., August 15th.



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.



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, September 10th, 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.

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 Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites 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.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for August 6th: \$6,219.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,750.00

Difference: \$ 469.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$3,241.06)

Collection for the Care & Ed of Priest: \$ 763.00

SCHEDULING 2018 MASS INTENTIONS

Scheduling Mass intentions for 2018 will begin on September 1st, through the parish office, during regular business hours. **Due to the change in our Mass Schedule, we have established new guidelines for scheduling intentions:**

1. One weekend Mass on each weekend must be celebrated for the intentions of the parish. This is required by Canon Law (c. 534). Because of this we only have one weekend Mass for which we can accept an intention. Due to this limited availability of weekend Masses, no family may schedule more than ONE WEEKEND MASS PER QUARTER, or four weekend Masses per year.
2. There is no limit to the number of DAILY MASS INTENTIONS, including those Masses said at the nursing homes each month, which may be scheduled by each family.
3. Canon 948 states, "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted." Therefore, only one intention may be scheduled for any given Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention.
4. The stipend given for a Mass intention is \$10. While we are willing to take requests over the phone, your Mass Intention will be not be scheduled until we are in receipt of your donation.
5. Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and All Souls Day Masses are always for the individual intentions listed by parishioners on their envelope.
6. The Sanctuary Candle, burning in memory or honor of someone, is available on a weekly basis with no limit to the number each family may reserve.

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.*

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.

Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

St. Paul expresses profound anguish in today's second reading for his people. He longs that they accept Christ, who is "God blessed forever," and the only hope of the human family. For every disciple, Christ is everything. Each event and decision of life, each project and plan, finds its standard, meaning, and fulfillment in him.

Yet those events, projects, plans, and the circumstances of life under which they unfold, are very much like the tempestuous behavior of nature that we see in both the first reading and the Gospel. Wind, waves, earthquakes, noise, danger, and the confusion of constant change mark many chapters of life. Yet there isn't a single chapter, nor a single moment, in which the believer cannot cling to Christ, find him present, and embrace his hand that saves them from drowning.

In the pro-life effort, this theme applies directly to those confused by a pregnancy they feel they cannot handle, those who have had an abortion and are suffering the storms of anguish that follow – and risk drowning in despair – and those who are in the heat of the battle, defending life against numerous odds and attacks. In all of this, we seek and cling to Christ, who gives us the strength to stand on the side of life and experience his forgiveness and strength for the battle.

"Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, but is able to see a tomorrow." Pope Francis

That's The Way It Is!



When I have discussions with people about Church teaching, one of the things they like to bring up is the issue of slavery. They claim that slavery is something the Church approved, only to condemn later. From this, they conclude that church teaching can, in fact change

as circumstances change or beliefs change. Even if it is true, namely, that the Church once approved of slavery, then later condemned it, it does not follow other teachings can change. But—is it true that the Church at one time approved of slavery, only to condemn it later? That is what I want to address this week.

The question about the Church and slavery is a difficult one. This is because the question is nuanced. It is not as black and white as “The Church approved of slavery, then later condemned it.” Like my former students, you may grow weary of my continued insistence that people define their terms but that is precisely what is needed here. This will help to clarify what the Church actually taught and teaches about slavery.

There are two forms of slavery. The first is more radical, the second is less so. The first form of slavery is chattel slavery. This is the more radical form. In this form of slavery, a human being owns another human being as one owns property. The Church has always condemned this more radical form of slavery. The less radical form of slavery is servitude. Here a human being owns the labor of another human being, but not the human being. This has been tolerated by the Church. This less radical form of slavery is not inherently evil. Because of the distinction between chattel slavery and servitude we have never seen a blanket condemnation of “slavery.”

When Americans hear the word “slavery” they immediately conjure images of the South, the plight of African Americans, President Lincoln, the Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War. The truth is that the popes had long since condemned the type of slavery the African Americans suffered (chattel) long before the abolitionists fought to free the slaves. It may be true that the American bishops at the time did little to speak out against slavery in the new world. This, however, is not for lack of clear teaching from the Church concerning slavery. Do not make the mistake of confusing the laxity of the American bishops with doctrine. Pope Innocent VIII in 1488 accepted a gift of 100 slaves from King Ferdinand. Pope Innocent also fathered many children. Despite this, he never retracted church teaching on celibacy. Pope Innocent might have accepted a gift of 100 slaves from a king, going so far as to give some to his friends who were cardinals. These actions were not for lack of clear Church teaching. These actions were because the pope and his cardinal friends were immoral and ignored the clear teaching of the church.

Popes after Innocent had a lot to say about chattel slavery, and none of it good. The problem is that few were paying attention. The papacy during this time in the Church was weak. Popes did not have the moral influence during this time in Church history that they do today. In the new world, papal decrees were even forbidden to be published without consent of the royal authority in the Spanish colonies! The king also appointed the bishops.

In all of these discussions, what must be kept in mind is that there is a difference between what the Church officially teaches and those who follow it. Church teaching was always clear. Some of the bishops ignored it or minimized it.

In closing I want to cite some examples of clear Church teaching from the popes against chattel slavery. Pope Urban VIII in a document “*Commissum Nobis*” promulgated on April 22, 1639 excommunicated those who would practice chattel slavery. On March 20, 1686, the Congregation of the Holy Office (Roman Inquisition) also took up the matter. Their ruling on the issue was in the form of question and answer. The Congregation said that it is not permissible to: capture blacks or natives by force, or buy, sell or make contracts in their name. The congregation also said that the possessors of blacks or natives held by force should set them free and also compensate them.

There is a lot more I could write. There is a lot more teaching and documents I could cite. I hope I have written enough to make my point. While the Church tolerates the less radical form of slavery known as servitude, the Church has never tolerated the more radical form known as chattel slavery. While there were popes and bishops who did not follow the teaching, while the American bishops may not have done enough to speak out against chattel slavery in the US, this was not for lack of clear teaching on the issue.

That's the way it is

The Reverend David W. Bechtel, Pastor

Neighboring Parish News

HOLY CHILD PARISH DINNER

On Sunday, August 27th from 11:30am -2:00pm, Holy Child Parish will offer a Roast Beef Dinner at St. Mary's church in Blossburg. There will also be a cash raffle and basket raffle. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Come out and enjoy a great meal while supporting this fundraiser for Holy Child Parish.

In witnessing to the faith what counts is not success, but fidelity to Christ.” Pope Francis

News from the Vatican



USE SUMMER TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST

Pope Francis says summer can be an ideal time to encounter the Lord. During his Sunday Angelus address, the Pope told the faithful in a hot St. Peter's Square:

"Summer time can be a providential moment to grow in our commitment to seek after and encounter the Lord."

Reflecting on the feast of the Transfiguration, the Pope said that the disciples' journey to Mount Tabor demonstrates the need for us to "detach from the worldly to make our journey upward and contemplate Christ." Noting that in this period, students are free from school and many families take their vacations, Francis underscored: "It is important that in the period of rest and of detachment from daily occupations, the strength of the body and of the spirit can be restored, deepening the spiritual journey." The event of the Lord's Transfiguration, the Pontiff reminded, offers us a message of hope: "we will be like this, with Him. It invites us to encounter Jesus, to be at the service of others."

Before reciting the midday prayer, the Holy Father prayed that "Our Mother and Mother of God help us to be attuned to the Word of God, so that Christ becomes the light and guide of our whole life. We entrust to her everyone's vacation; may it be serene and profitable, but especially the summer of those that can't have a vacation because of impediments of age, health or work reasons, financial restrictions and other problems, so that it is, in any case, a time of relaxation, gladdened by the presence of friends and happy moments."

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."

Fourth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima



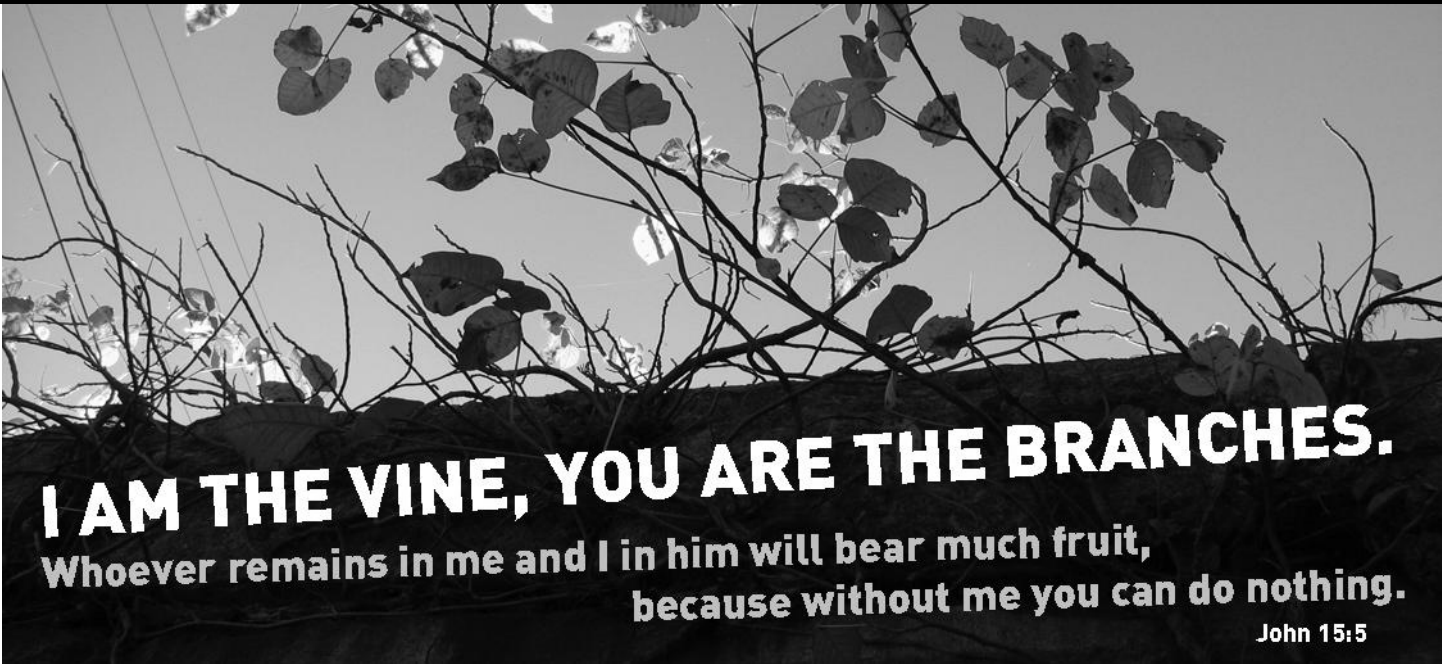
In August the children were prevented by the civil authorities to go to the meeting of the 13th in which had gathered an immense crowd. The children for two days were confined and threatened with many torments to make them deny, but they did not surrender, they were ready to offer their lives not to 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, our Lord and Redeemer.

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



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
because without me you can do nothing.
John 15:5

COME AND GET CONNECTED!

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

Robbie Butler

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.