



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time January 28, 2018

St. Peter's Church

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:00–2:00pm

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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.

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.

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.

Pregnancy Support

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

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.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping 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 _____



First Penance Class

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 Beth Lasko 570-439-7706
 Pat Gorda 570-724-3035
 Church Linens & Decorations – Sue Singer 570-724-2360
 Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591
 Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529
 Fundraising Dinners – 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 – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092
 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

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 1/29 <i>2 Sm 15:13-14,30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/30 <i>2 Sm 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43</i>	7:30am	In Memory of Herb Frank (Mitchell Family)
Wednesday 1/31 <i>2 Sm 24:2,9-17; Mk 6:1-6</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of John & Anna Andrascik (Family)
Thursday 2/1 <i>2 Kgs 2:1-4,10-12; Mk 6:7-13</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Honor of Tom & Linda Sampson
Friday 2/2 <i>Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40</i>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confession In Memory of Eugene David Getgen (Joan Getgen)
Saturday 2/3 <i>1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34</i>	8:15-8:45am 9:00am 4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Honor of Fr. Paul Mullen (Niles Family) Confessions In Memory of Tom & Alice Glancy (Chuck & Dorothy Hudson)
Sunday 2/4 <i>Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39</i>	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 28, 2018

Religious Ed –Pre-School:8:30-9:30am;K-12th:9:30-10:40am
R.C.I.A. – 9:30am, Parish Center
First Holy Communion Parent Meeting – 9:30am, Church
K of C District Deputy Meeting – 2:00pm, Parish Center

MONDAY, January 29, 2018

Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:00pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, January 30, 2018

Adoration – 8:00am-7:00pm; Benediction 6:45pm
Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Adult Ed Room
AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, January 31, 2018

St. John Neumann Group – 1:00pm, Parish Center
ChristLife – 7:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, February 1, 2018

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

SUNDAY, February 4, 2018

Religious Ed –Pre-School:8:30-9:30am;K-12th:9:30-10:40am
R.C.I.A. – 9:30am, Parish Center

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS - This month's Goodies for our Troops items are: *Hand and Feet Warmers, Beef Jerky, Slim Jims, Homemade Cookies and Fudge & Personal Notes (cards, letters, drawings from children.)*
A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS - This month's food pantry items are: *Canned tuna, ham, chicken 5-6oz.*
A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, St. Catherine, Westfield - 7:00pm
Sunday, St. Thomas, Elkland – 11:30am

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered
in Honor of **Mary Lou Koch** (Teri Koch)

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

February 3rd/4th

5:00pm

Servers: L.Poirier, W.Poirier, J.Poirier
Lectors: D.Sherman, C.Evert
E. Min.: K.Wilcox, G.Poirier, T.Straniere, B.Butler

8:30am

Servers: A.Swendrowski, K.Swendrowski, B.Rudy
Lectors: M.Sampson, H.Sampson
E. Min.: D.Stager, L.Stager, M.Sampson, D.de Guzman

Sacramental Information

Baptisms - Parents anticipating the birth of their first child are asked to attend instructions classes before the birth of their child. 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses, the first among the prophets for the Israelites, speaks about another prophet that the Lord will raise up. The Lord's words will come from the mouth of this prophet. A true prophet speaks the words of the Lord; those who speak what the Lord has not commanded will perish. Christians see God's promise delivered by Moses to raise up another prophet fulfilled in Jesus.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95

The opening two verses of this psalm invite us to worship the Lord, both joyfully and reverently, by singing in praise and kneeling in adoration. Our repetition of the refrain reminds us to open our hearts when we hear God's voice rather than harden them as the Israelites did when they argued with God in Meribah and tested God at Massah.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Today's Second Reading continues immediately from last Sunday's. With belief in the imminent return of Christ in the background, Paul responds to practical questions about the issues of marriage and virginity. Paul makes clear that his advice is offered in his desires for believers "to be free of anxieties." His main point is not to uphold the unmarried life as better than the married life, but rather to encourage people to remain in their present state of life as they prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. To change one's state of life would, for Paul, create more anxiety in preparation for the end times.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28



The newly called disciples follow Jesus to Capernaum, where they begin to witness firsthand who he is. Jesus enters the synagogue and teaches with an authority different from that of the scribes. He exorcises an unclean spirit from a man possessed. It was the man with the unclean spirit who, even before Jesus cast out the demon, proclaimed him as the Holy One of God. The demon knew Jesus' true identity: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God." Those who witnessed the exorcism were amazed, both to the miracle and to the teachings. According to Mark, it is Jesus' teachings and his ability to control the demons that helped him gain widespread fame throughout Galilee early on in his public ministry.

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS

How do we know if what we have decided is truly coming from God? We have to pray, ask advice, and discern our motivations. We often find there are hidden levels of motivation. We must be honest with ourselves as to why we want something. When we recognize the less than noble motives, we can purify them and unite our intentions more closely to those of God.

Parish Activities and Information

CONGRATULATIONS!

Last Saturday, 13 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. They are: Brayden Benjamin, Gwenevere Buck, Shaina Harrison, Abigail Hazelton, Reagan Johnson, Evan Lisowski, Stephen Poirier, Ransom Schultz, Claire Smith, Wyatt Sporer, Ella Steinbacher, Luke Szentesy, and Stephen Tokarz. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion in April.

BLESSING OF THROATS FEBRUARY 3rd/4th



In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given during Mass or a celebration of the word of God on February 3rd, the memorial of Saint Blaise. Saint Blaise was a bishop during the 4th century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages, because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died from a fishbone caught in his throat. Since the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. **Throats will be blessed after all Masses the weekend of Feb. 3rd/4th.**

VALENTINE'S DINNER



The Social Concerns committee will again be delivering a Valentine's dinner to any parishioner (homebound, living alone, recovering from an illness, a "sweetheart" who contributes in a special way to the Parish) who would like one. Delivery of dinners will take place on Tuesday, February 13th. To assist with needed supplies, please look for our signup sheets near the main entrance of the church. If you would like to receive a meal or know a parishioner who would like to receive one or can help with delivery, please contact Ginny Reindl at 570-724-8496.



Youth Group News

UPCOMING EVENTS

Goodies for Our Troops - January 28th, 10:45am-12:30pm – Middle School and High School Youth Groups will volunteer at *Goodies for our Troops* by helping to prepare care packages for local military troops currently serving overseas. Donations of items the troops have requested can be placed in the donation box for the students to take with them.

Valentine Event - February 11th, 10:45-12:00noon, Middle School and High School Youth Groups will have a Valentine's party and once again create homemade Valentines to accompany the dinners supplied by the Social Concerns Committee. *For more information on either event, please contact the Religious Education Office.*

That's The Way It Is!



This week I thought I would focus an article on two different approaches to helping the poor. What I am going to do is present two hypothetical scenarios where someone is asking for assistance with tuition in a Catholic Diocesan run school.

These scenarios while hypothetical are very common in parishes and schools all over the nation. They are not limited to school tuition. That is just the example I choose. I will then present two different responses to the request for assistance. At the end of each hypothetical presentation I will pose questions for reflection.

Scenario A, Parish A,

Tuition in the local Catholic school is \$6,000 dollars. An interested couple wants to send their child to the school, but cannot afford the tuition. The school has granted the student a \$1,000 scholarship. However, even after the scholarship is granted the couple still cannot afford tuition. The most they can afford to pay is \$3,000. That means they need to find an additional \$2,000 somewhere. The couple comes to their pastor to see if the parish can assist them with the tuition so their child can get a Catholic education.

The pastor of their Parish sits down with the couple and discusses their budget. The pastor notices that one of the parents smokes. The parent tells the pastor that he/she smokes a pack a day. The cigarettes cost approximately \$4.00 a pack. He/she smokes the cheaper brands to save money. Brand name cigarettes cost upwards of \$7.00. The pastor does the math and points out that if the parent stops smoking he/she can save over \$1,400 a year. He reminds the parent that they need \$2,000 in order to afford the Catholic school. Saving \$1,400 a year by quitting smoking means that they just generated approximately 70%-80% of the money they need by that one simple act. The pastor says that quitting smoking costs nothing and also is a far healthier choice.

The pastor then asks the parents if there are any luxuries in their life that they might cut to generate the rest of the money they need. The parents point out that they have premium cable. The cost of this service is \$100 a month. The pastor points out that the mid-level cable package is around \$60-70 a month, while a basic package is only around \$20 a month. He points out that if they cut back and went with a mid-level package they save \$30 dollars a month. That generates \$360 dollars for their tuition. If they go with a basic package at \$20, they save \$80 dollars a month and generate \$960. Cutting back to basic cable means they not only have all they need for tuition, they even have some money left over for savings or other bills.

From your view, did the pastor help the parents? Why or why not? If not, what from your view should he have done that he didn't do? Why?

Scenario B, Parish B:

Tuition in the local Catholic school is \$6,000 dollars. An interested couple wants to send their child to the school, but cannot afford the tuition. The school has granted the student a \$1,000 scholarship. However, even after the scholarship is granted the couple still cannot afford tuition. The most they can afford to pay is \$3,000. That means they need to find an additional \$2,000 somewhere. The couple comes to their pastor to see if the parish can assist them with the tuition so their child can get a Catholic education.

After listening to the parents and finding out that they need \$2,000, the pastor of parish B tells the parents not to worry. He assures them that their inability to pay will not be a problem. He tells them that they have a right to Catholic education and that our Catholic schools cannot just be schools for the rich. The pastor tells them he will call the school on their behalf and tell them to just accept their \$3,000 payment and write the rest off. He muses "What kind of a church would we be if we didn't make Catholic education available to those who cannot afford it?"

From your view, did the pastor help the parents? Why or why not? If not, what from your view should he have done that he didn't do? Why?

My point in this exercise is simply to illustrate the different approaches to helping people/the poor. If I were the pastor, my own approach would be more like the scenario presented in A. Other priests (probably most) might approach the issue like the scenario presented in B. I hope that whichever way you would have approached this you would at least be willing to grant that both pastors did provide assistance for the parents. They just approached the problem and the solution to that problem differently.

That's the Way it is!

The Reverend David W. Bechtel

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for January 21st: \$5,200.00
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,750.00
Difference: (\$ 550.00)
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$3,316.36
Service to Help: \$1,635.00

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



"Prayer allows us to see one another the way God our Father sees us, and to realize that we are brothers and sisters." Pope Francis

Pro Life News

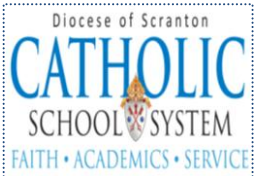
PRIESTS FOR LIFE

The Gospel and First Reading for this Sunday raise the issue of the authority of those who speak the Word of God. Jesus taught with authority because he is the Word of God. The prophets taught with authority because God put his own words into their mouths. The Church today teaches with authority because, as the Body of Christ, she continues his teaching mission or, to be more precise, Christ himself continues teaching through his Church. Each member of the Church, by virtue of baptism and confirmation, has a prophetic role, and echoes the Word of God himself, both by words and example.

These themes are important in the battle between the Culture of Life and the Culture of Death, because our opponents ask why we are "imposing our morality on everyone else." In reality, however, we are not imposing anything. We are speaking a truth which is not our own, and which simply reflects the reality of how we are made and what the moral law is. If anything is "imposed," it has already been imposed by God. We are witnesses to him. We have no authority of our own; we simply proclaim his Word. By that fact, moreover, we are equally bound by what we proclaim as are those to whom we proclaim it. This is why the proclamation of the pro-life message does not imply some kind of moral superiority on the part of those who proclaim it. Rather, it implies solidarity, and a common acknowledgement of the God of life, who is Lord of those who preach and those who hear.

Diocese of Scranton News

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week, January 28th – February 3rd, by attending one of our Catholic School Open Houses! You are invited to come experience our communities of faith and academic excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, our students live their faith, challenge their minds, serve their communities, and build lifelong friendships. As families register their students for the upcoming school year, consider becoming an **Academic Angel!** Your contribution is an investment in a child's future...the outcomes speak for themselves. Our schools offer an instructional environment that challenges the mind, while inspiring and strengthening the spirit. Please consider supporting our students for the 2018-19 school year. You can designate the gift as a memorial or as an honor for someone special; you can also select a particular school to receive your gift, or allow us to allocate it to the area with the greatest need. Contributions can be sent to the Diocese of Scranton Scholarship Foundation, 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton PA 18503. For more information visit DioceseofScranton.org/CatholicSchools.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE MAY 5th

Our 4th annual "Be A Man" Catholic Men's Conference for the Scranton Diocese will be held at King's College in Wilkes Barre on Saturday, May 5th, from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Based on our 2018 theme "Christ is Here, Come and See," our three nationally-known presenters will highlight various aspects of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist: Tom Peterson – founder of Catholics Come Home Inc.; Fr Michael Gaitley MIC – author of 33 Days to Morning Glory; Jesse Romero – a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist.

We will be honored to have Scranton Bishop Joseph Bambera celebrate our closing Mass. There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Various exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic books, DVDs, CDs and other products, as well as information concerning ministry opportunities.

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10, 2018. 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 12, 2018.

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEBRUARY 2nd

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord celebrates the presentation of Christ in the temple at Jerusalem on the 40th day after His birth. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified. Saint Mary and Saint Joseph kept this law, even though, since Saint Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his gospel, Luke recounts the story (Luke 2:22-39).

When Christ was presented in the temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel" (Luke 2:25) When Saint Mary and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon: "Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; because my eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

Why Candlemas?

Inspired by the words of the canticle ("a light to the revelation of the Gentiles"), by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries.

News from the Vatican



POPE WARNS OF THE JONAH SYNDROME

Jesus continues to walk on our streets.

Citing Sunday's gospel reading about Jonah, the Pope warned that we sometimes suffer that prophet's faith. He

called it the "Jonah syndrome."

"The Lord sets out on a journey: to Nineveh, to Galilee, to Lima, to Trujillo and Puerto Maldonado... the Lord comes here," said Pope Francis. "He sets out to enter into our individual, concrete histories."

He pointed out that God wants "to be with us always." That means "...in the routine of your daily life and work...amid your aspirations and anxieties...within the privacy of the home and the deafening noise of our streets."

He warned that under these conditions, the same thing that happened to Jonah can happen to any of us. Because of the "pain and injustice" in our cities, we can be tempted "to flee, to hide, to run away." In the city, he lamented, there are those who have the means to develop their personal and family life, but left behind are many "non-citizens," "the half-citizens," or "urban remnants." "They are found along our roadsides, living on the fringes of our cities, and lacking the conditions needed for a dignified existence," Francis said. "It is painful to realize that among these urban remnants all too often we see the faces of children and adolescents. We look at the face of the future."

"Seeing these things in our cities and our neighborhoods – which should be places of encounter, solidarity, and joy – we end up with what we might call the Jonah syndrome: we lose heart and want to flee," the Holy Father decried. "We become indifferent, and as a result, anonymous and deaf to others, cold and hard of heart. When this happens, we wound the soul of our people."

Recalling his consistent theme of the need to care for those on the fringes, Pope Francis called on the faithful to be a "timely antidote to the globalization of indifference." He

calls on people to be like Jesus, who walked through the city with his disciples.

"Jesus continues to walk on our streets," Francis stated. "He knocks today, as he did yesterday, on our doors and hearts, in order to rekindle the flame of hope and the aspiration that breakdown can be overcome by fraternity, injustice defeated by solidarity, violence silenced by the weapons of peace."

"Jesus continues to call us; he wants to anoint us with his Spirit so that we too can go out to anoint others with the oil capable of healing wounded hopes and renewing our way of seeing things."

The Pope concluded by reminding the crowd that Jesus continued to give us hope. But he cannot reach the far corners of the earth without "daring and courageous witnesses." "Today the Lord calls each of you to walk with him in the city, in your city. He invites you to become his missionary disciple so that you can become part of that great whisper that wants to keep echoing in the different corners of our lives: Rejoice, the Lord is with you!"

"We often wonder about how to face storms, or how to help our children pull through in these situations. I want to tell you that no better way exists than that of the Gospel: it is called Jesus Christ. Fill your lives always with the Gospel. I want to encourage you to be a community that lets itself be anointed by the Lord with the oil of the Spirit. He transforms, renews and strengthens everything. In Jesus, we have the strength of the Spirit not to treat as natural the things that hurt us, that dry up our spirit and, what is worse, rob us of hope. In Jesus, we have the Spirit who keeps us united so that we can support one another and take a stand against whatever would take away all that is best in our families. In Jesus, God makes us a believing community able to sustain itself; a community that hopes and therefore struggles to reverse and transform every adversity; a community that loves, because it will not let us fold our arms." Pope Francis

St. Peter's Church Polish Dinner

Friday, February 9, 2018 ~ 4:00 – 7:00pm in the Parish Center

Adults: \$10:00 ~ Children (Under 12): \$ 5.00 ~ (Children 3 & Under are free)


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

**All You
Can Eat!**

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.

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Parish Prayer List



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

John Mansfield

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.