# **St. Peter's Church**



# Pentecost Sunday May 20, 2018

#### **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 - 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4<sup>th</sup>) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Relgious Education classes are in session.

#### 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\_

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Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.org ~ Email: stpch@ptd.net **Rectory Office Hours** 

Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00pm

**Parish Staff** 

Pastor: Rev. David Bechtel - Dbechtel00@yahoo.com Secretary: Connie Spang - stpch@ptd.net Business Manager: Patti Mitchell - stpadm@ptd.net Directors of Religious Ed.: Maureen Poirier & Melissa Mann stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

**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.



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.



#### **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 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 Praver 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

# Pentecost Sunday

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
<b>Monday 5/21</b> Jas 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 5/22</b> Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37	7:30am	In Memory of Nick Cavagnaro (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Wednesday 5/23	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40	12:10pm	In Memory of Harold & Ruth Reindl (Tom & Ginny Reindl)
<b>Thursday 5/24</b>	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50	12:10pm	In Honor of Singer Children & Grandchildren (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Friday 5/25	11:45am-12:00pm	Confessions
Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Cleveland (Family)
<b>Saturday 5/26</b>	4:00-4:45pm	Confessions
Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16	5:00pm	In Memory of Members of Joseph & Clara Patt Family (Family)
<b>Sunday 5/27</b> Dt 4:32-34,39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20	8:30am	All Living an Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

This week's Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of the **E.R. Petray** (Tascione Family)

### The Week Ahead

MONDAY, May 21 2018

Knights of Columbus Meeting – 7:00pm, Parish Center <u>TUESDAY, May 22, 2018</u> Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm, Benediction- 6:30pm Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018

St. John Neumann Group – 1:00pm, Parish Center <u>THURSDAY, May 24, 2018</u> Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

FRIDAY, May 25, 2018

Rectory Closed

#### **GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS**

This month's Goodies for our Troops items are: *popcorn*, *eye drops*, *"to go" powdered drink mix, travel size wet ones, beef jerky, & personal notes* (*cards, letters, drawings from children.*) *Note: No chocolate items during the summer months.* A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: *Creamy Peanut Butter and Grape Jelly.* A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

#### ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

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

# Ministers of the Altar Schedule

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5:00pm
Servers: X.Tellgren, E.Hazelton, I.Hazelton
Lectors: T.Sampson, D.Sherman
E. Min.: K.Tellgren, T.Straniere, I.Dziengowski, V.Anthony
8:30am
Servers: A.Dunkel, W.Steinbacher, J.Lubera
Lectors: T.Reindl, N.Bickham
E. Min.: N.Ostapowicz, M.Bialas, L.Whitney, M.Stirnaman

# **Sacramental Information**

**Baptisms** - Parents anticipating the birth of their first child are asked to attend baptismal instructions classes before the birth of their child, if possible. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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** Pentecost Sunday FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

This story recounts the origin of the many and languages varied spoken by humankind. diversity Such was viewed as both а punishment and а check by the Lord to stop humans from the kind of self-assertion



evidenced in their attempts to "make a name" (Gen 11:4) for themselves through their own efforts. Such misguided and uncontrolled drives could be disastrous. Unable to understand one another because of their diverse languages, the people were dispersed throughout the world. At Pentecost, the disciples' gift of tongues would overcome these barriers and serve the proclamation of the Gospel and the faith of those from far off lands who heard them. Luke records the descent of the Holy Spirit as fulfilling both the prophecy of John the Baptist (see Luke 3:16) and the promise of the resurrected Christ (see Acts 1:8).

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 104**

This Psalm of praise declares the majesty and glory of God. Through our proclamation of this song, we ask God to renew the outpouring of the Spirit upon us, and upon the earth. All of creation is a sign of God's greatness; the spirit of the Lord brings life and renewal.

#### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13** Through Baptism, believers have received the Spirit of God, the first-fruit of the new creation. Yet, the life of God is still coming to be realized within us. The Spirit we have been given works within us and prays within us until all is accomplished. The gifts given to each person are for the benefit of the whole community. This makes each individual gifted and responsible to the entire body.

#### GOSPEL: John 20:19-23



The Resurrection narrative heard today is the first encounter between the risen Christ and the disciples. Jesus has a twofold message to his disciples who are frightened and in hiding. The first is a message of comfort twice repeated:

"Peace be with you." The second is a message of commission: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Just as Luke reports on the descent of the Holy Spirit in today's First Reading, John, too, offers his own version of Pentecost, the birth of the Church.

#### ABOUT THIS SUNDAY

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church.

The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day. Parishioners are also invited to wear red on this day. Red decorations as well as celebrations are appropriate, similar to any other birthday.

#### **Parish News and Activities** SAMARITAN HOUSE - 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

"Before and above all things, Samaritan House is celebrating 20 care must be taken of the sick, that they be served in very years of service to our community, helping guests die with dignity and truth as Christ is served." loving care. We have served over 100 souls in our 20 years, on an all volunteer basis. Currently we are seeking to increase our volunteer base. Our volunteers, some of whom started this ministry, have aged out, become ill, are caring for family members or have moved away. When a guest is in residence, there are 35 shifts per week to fill. Daytime shifts are 4 hours and nights are 8 hours. We ask for family involvement, but often they are unable to do so. No medical experience is required to volunteer, just the desire to lovingly serve each guest. Volunteers work with an experienced volunteer until they feel comfortable. End of life care is about safety, comfort and caring. The ability of Samaritan House to accept guests is totally dependent on our volunteers. We URGENTLY need to recruit new volunteers! Please visit the Samaritan House website at *www.samaritanhouseofwellsboro.com* to review our history and comments from volunteers. An application can be downloaded and emailed to dstager@ptd.net. or dropped off at the Rectory. Please call Julie Stager (570-376-2424) or Laurie Coffee (570-549-2210) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration of this important ministry! \*\*\*\*\*\*

#### THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS



Thank you to all who helped in any way with the Italian dinner this past Friday. Thank you to all the committee members and a special thank you to Paul Urner for chairing the event. A financial report will be printed in next week's bulletin.

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#### SOCIAL CONCERNS THANKS YOU!

The Social Concerns Committee wishes to thank all who so generously donated clothing or diapers for the Layette project.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Peter's Catholic Church create beautiful prayer shawls to help comfort and warm those in need. They comfort the sick, the

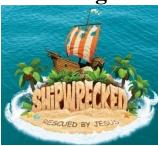


bereaved, shut-ins, nursing home residents, or people experiencing loneliness and emotional distress. The shawls are like being wrapped in prayers and love. If you know of anyone needing a shawl, please call Jan Bernethy at 307-267-0677.

#### **BINGO TO BENEFIT ST. THOMAS PARISH**

Super Bingo will be held on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Knoxville Community Center, Main Street, Knoxville, PA. The cost is \$25.00. Doors will open at 10:30am with Bingo beginning at 12:00noon. The kitchen will be open. The payout is as follows: 100 or less players - \$2,000; 120 or less players - \$2,500; 121 or more players - \$3,000.

#### **Religious Education News** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Save the date for Vacation Bible School! This year VBS will take place from July 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. The theme is *Shipwrecked* – *Rescued by Jesus*. Keep watching for more information to come in upcoming bulletins.



# **Pro Life News**

#### PRIESTS FOR LIFE

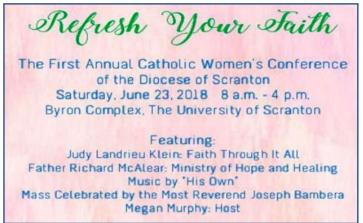
Fifty days after the Passover, the People of Israel celebrated "Pentecost," observing the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, when God wrote the law with his own finger on the tablets of stone. The feast was originally rooted in the celebration of the harvest. It was on that Pentecost Day that the apostles reaped the harvest of the Lord's Passover of suffering, crucifixion, and resurrection, and received the Holy Spirit, who writes the law on our hearts.

This same Holy Spirit who came mightily on Pentecost comes to us. The same Spirit is in us, by our baptism and confirmation – the same Spirit who transformed the apostles, who raises the dead, and who changes bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood. That same Spirit is in us, and this should give us tremendous confidence in following Christ. The Spirit brings many gifts, and one of them is to enable us to see creation in its proper relationship to God – including the crowning of his creation, the gift of human life.

When we do not have this light of the Holy Spirit, the law we have to follow seems like an imposition from the outside that limits our freedom. That's what people in the world sometimes feel about our attitude toward abortion and euthanasia. They think we are "restricting rights." But when the Holy Spirit fills us, he gives us an inner attraction to all that is right and good, so that we do not feel pushed where we would rather not go, but rather pulled by the attractiveness of what is good and right. *www.priestsforlife.org* 

#### **Diocese of Scranton News** CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

There are now sign-up sheets on the handout table. For those who have not already signed up on line, please fill out and turn into the rectory no later than May 29<sup>th</sup> with payment of \$20. St. Peter's will pay the balance. For those who have signed up on line, please call the rectory and let us know, so that we can make sure you are on the bus list and refund to your our portion of the fee.



St. Peter's will provide transportation through Benedicts Bus Company and will pay half of the registration fee for those interested in attending

# That's The Way It Is!



In 1972 BBC did a series on the six wives of Henry VIII. It is a very good series. When I taught theology I used the series when we covered the Reformation. There was a modern remake of the series called "Secrets of the Six Wives." If you want to watch

the remade series you can go to Amazon Video. If you want to watch the original BBC series go to Youtube.

Catherine of Aragon was the first wife of Henry VIII. She was the daughter of Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. Henry VIII divorced her for Anne Boleyn. Catherine of Aragon and Henry VIII were married for over 20 years before he divorced her. In my article this week I want to talk about her amazing life. You would think her being royalty would have meant she had an easy, pampered life with the finest of things and people waiting on her for her every wish. The fact is that nothing could be further from the truth. Catherine of Aragon had a difficult life and the Tudors treated her very poorly. Catherine certainly didn't have the life Megan Markle can expect to have as a newly minted princess in England.

Catherine of Aragon was originally betrothed to Henry's brother Arthur. Catherine and Arthur were married in November of 1501. In April of 1502 Arthur died. When Arthur died, Henry Duke of York became heir to the throne. Henry VII decided Catherine would marry his son Henry Duke of York. Henry VII, however, changed his mind and made Henry Duke of York renounce her. Catherine was sent to Durham House in London. Her living conditions here were not what we would consider befitting a princess. Catherine's letters indicate that she had little money to support herself or her household. She also did not have enough food. Henry VII coldly told her that he considered the fact that he was even giving her any food to be charity.

When Henry VII died, Henry Duke of York succeeded him and became Henry VIII. He married Catherine despite renouncing her previously. Henry VIII and Catherine remained married for some 20 years. The marriage was largely happy save for one problem: Catherine did not bear him a male heir. Henry considered it essential to have a male heir. This is because the Tudor dynasty was relatively new. Also, Henry was not sure how England would take to a female ruler. Eventually Henry fell in love with another woman named Anne Boleyn. Henry divorced Catherine and married Anne despite papal objections. Henry declared himself the head of the Church in England and broke communion with the Roman See; thus founding the Anglican Church. To this day, the sovereign of England remains the titular head of the English Church. Before Henry broke from the Church, Henry applied for an annulment. The process was going too slow for him. Henry was pressuring the cardinals involved in the case to resolve it in favor of him. The Cardinals then pressured Catherine to give in or otherwise find a compromise. Even under pressure from the Church, Catherine refused to give in. She fought to the day of her death for her marriage. Catherine never saw Henry as anything other than her husband. Catherine was faithful to him.

Catherine loved Henry to the end. What stands out to me after Henry divorced her is that Catherine cared only for the salvation of Henry's soul and she prayed for that. On her death bead, she wrote to him and forgave him. She also told him that she hopes God will forgive him because she wants Henry to have salvation. Here is what Catherine wrote: "My most dear lord, king and husband, The hour of my death now drawing on, the tender love I owe you forceth me, my case being such, to commend myself to you, and to put you in remembrance with a few words of the health and safeguard of your soul which you ought to prefer before all worldly matters, and before the care and pampering of your body, for the which you have cast me into many calamities and yourself into many troubles. For my part, I pardon you everything, and I wish to devoutly pray God that He will pardon you also. For the rest, I commend unto you our daughter Mary, beseeching you to be a good father unto her, as I have heretofore desired. I entreat you also, on behalf of my maids, to give them marriage portions, which is not much, they being but three. For all my other servants I solicit the wages due them, and a year more, lest they be unprovided for. Lastly, I make this vow, that mine eyes desire you above all things. Katharine the Queen." While the authenticity of this letter is in question, the attitude it reveals is not.

Catherine wanted nothing more than to see Henry before she died. Henry not only ignored the letter, the day she was buried he openly celebrated her death. Henry's actions make this especially tragic. I think it safe to say that Henry had a lot to answer for when he stood before the King of Kings. Catherine was known throughout her life for her piety and dedication to the Catholic Faith. That's the way it is!

The Reverend David W. Bechtel

# Stewardship

Sunday Collection for May 13<sup>th</sup>: \$6,554.00\* Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,750.00 Difference: \$ 804.00 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$7,347.58 \* Includes Ascension Day Collection of \$1,0720. We are grateful to all those who financially sacrifice every week to support our parish and its ministries! Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.

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Games * Imagination * Fun Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam Consider it all joy! James 1:2	15 Meade Street Wellsboro, PA 16901 (570) 724-2141 Dr. Richard F. Black	just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:



### **Parish Prayer List**

Nettie Mays, Nan Bowser, Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Sue Evert, Valerie Tobin, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Antoinette Davis, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighauf, Suzie Alexander, Larry Sasani, Wendy Doan-Newcomb, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Rita Grinnan, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Susan Cleveland, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol

Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Jerry Pierce, Joann Black, Gabriel, Melissa & Daniel Espinoza, Lori Lopaz, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Grace Bickham, Floyd Williammee, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Elsa DiBernardo, Fran Rose, Christine Palmer, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Virginia Shaefer, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Tony Pranses, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Paul Beuter, Jerry Eckert, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Margaret Barnett, Richard Nowak, Frank Dziengowski, Jr., Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Gus Vargas, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Delores Scuderi, Colleen Rose, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Denny Young, Jack Worden, Teagan Kohler, Cindy Copp, Carolyn Tester, Tom Brown, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Barb Bechtel, Mary Antoniw, and Ruth Russell.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them. Gladys Buchko, Kathryn Germino, Bernice Gruzlewski 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.