St. Peter's Church



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 15, 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 – 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. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious 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

Phone
Address

Name

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901 Rectory Phone: 570-724-3371~ Fax: 570-724-6322 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789 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

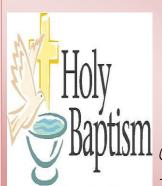
Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

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.



We Welcome

Adeline Faye Trescott, daughter of Timothy and Sheena Trescott into the One, Holy, Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism.

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 – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180 Youth Group – Maureen Poirier/ Melissa Mann 570-724-9789 Eucharistic Adoration – Rhonda Gooch 570-724-3092 Finance Council - Priscilla Walrath 570-724-2056

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 7/16	No Mass	
Tuesday 7/17	7:30am	In Memory of Lana Bennett (Don & Lucy Whitney)
Wednesday 7/18	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Claire Vargas (Joe & Loretta Tascione)
Thursday 7/19	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Ed Cornell (Don & Lucy Whitney)
Friday 7/20	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Tom & Debbie Donahue (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Saturday 7/21	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Honor of Jack & Agnes Worden
Sunday 7/22	8:30am	In Memory of Jack & Arlyne Robinson (Frank Patt Family)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Parishioners of St. Peter's Parish

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, July 16, 2018

Vacation Bible School – 5:30pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, July 17, 2018

Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction 6:30pm Vacation Bible School – 5:30pm, Woodland Park

WEDNESDAY, July 18, 2018

Vacation Bible School – 5:30pm, Woodland Park

THURSDAY, July 19, 2018

Vacation Bible School – 5:30pm, Woodland Park

FRIDAY, July 20, 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. 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*, *or Chicken*. 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 – 10:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

July 21st/22nd

5:00pm

Servers: A.Osborn, A.Banik, W.Feil Lectors: L.Sampson, P.Walrath

E. Min.: M.Osborn, T.Straniere, V.Anthony, N.Ostapowicz

8:30am

Servers: K.Swendrowski, A.Swendrowski, L.Germino

Lectors: R.Kramer, P.Kramer

E. Min.: M.Bialas, M.Stirnaman, D.deGuzman, 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 if 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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Amos 7:12-15 efends his vocation as a prophet.

Amos defends his vocation as a prophet. He had another profession, but God's call changed his life course. He speaks at God's call, with divine directive, not seeking gain for himself, but to proclaim God's message. When the priest told Amos to stop his prophesying, Amos had a simple response. He told the priest that because it was not he, but God, who had called him to his vocation, no human had the authority to tell him where or how to prophesy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 85

The Gospel speaks of how the disciples were sent off to proclaim the Good News to all who would hear. The Responsorial Psalm speaks of what that Good News is and what it produces. It is a proclamation that God delivers us and saves us. God save us from all of our enemies. While the psalm speaks of human enemies, our greatest enemies are really those which Jesus saved us: sin, death, and alienation.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Though addressed to the church at Ephesus, this Pauline letter actually speaks to the entire Christian community, the worldwide Church of its time. After the customary opening, the author omits the usual greeting and inserts what is often called a "hymn of the Church." Its poetic language draws upon liturgy and prayers already in use among Christians. The hymn opens by praising God. Throughout the letter, the author presents Christ as the origin and uniting force of the Church. It was God's will and plan from all eternity to form holy people. Hence the Church, as the newly created people of God, is destined to reveal and embody the gracious love with which God made us sons and daughters of one Father. In the Church, God has revealed the "mystery" – God's eternally plan – to bring all things into oneness in Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13



After continuing to teach in various villages, Jesus turns to the Twelve, the inner circle of disciples whom he will send forth to spread his message by word and deed. They are not to be overly

concerned about material needs, but to rely on the power of God. The message is repentance, a change of heart akin to Amos' message to those who have acted unjustly. Jesus "summoned the Twelve." They did not choose him, but he sent them. Likewise, we who are baptized have been summoned to continue Jesus' mission in the world. This is a moment to ask what gifts God has given us for the good of others.

Parish News and Activities

PARISH CENTER RENOVATIONS TO BEGIN



Renovations on the parish center (bathrooms and doors) will begin on Monday, July 16th and are scheduled to be complete by Friday, August 17th

During this time period, the parish center will be not be available to parish groups or outside organizations. For the first two weeks, our restrooms will be out of commission. In the event that a restroom is needed during Mass, a single person bathroom is available off of the robing room. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time.

MUSIC MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Do you sing or play the piano or guitar? The Music Ministry is reaching out to those who have an interest in singing or playing at Mass. Please call Christina Simonis at 570-724-2085, or the Rectory for more information.



ADULT EDUCATION FILM SERIES CANCELED

Sorry
This Event
Has Been
Cancelled

Due to the renovations taking place in the Parish Center, the summer film series has been cancelled. We apologize for such short notice, but we just recently received the information from the contractor stating the dates the work would commence.

50th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIES

As we approach the 50th Anniversary of our Church on Central Avenue, we are asking those who have memories or stories to tell, pictures, keepsakes,



etc. to please share them with the Rectory. We would like to compile a remembrance book of the time leading up to building the current church, and memories of the last 50 years. Submissions can be made in hard copy, through email, or in person. Please stop in or call the Rectory if you have any questions.

MISSIONARY APPEAL WEEKEND

Next weekend is missionary appeal weekend. A special collection will be taken up at both Masses. Please be as generous as you are able. Fr. Guenghan Mbinkar will be preaching at both Masses.

Check out our new Mass Times sign at the front entrance of the church!



That's The Way It Is!



Now that our new organ is installed I thought this week I would take the opportunity to explain where my appreciation of the organ comes from. From an early age I was enamored with the organ. The appreciation for the organ has never left me. My passion for the organ has only

grown over the years. I originally took Piano lessons when I was a child. That is how I learned to read music. Eventually I gave up the Piano lessons because like all good Piano students I hated practicing. What I did do was start playing the organ. Because of the Piano lessons I understood the keyboard and how to read music. Over the years I just kept at it and learned the organ by watching other organists play. I would also ask questions and have them explain things to me.

I think I was born with an appreciation for the organ. There is never a time in my life that I can remember when I wasn't enamored with the organ. I remember going to church with my grandmother. She is Lutheran. Her church had a huge pipe organ up front. I thought that was the neatest thing I ever saw and heard. I loved going to church with her because I loved hearing the organ. At some point I was given a book for children that explained all about pipe organs. I remember reading that the organ is considered "The King of Instruments." That has always stuck with me. The organ is called the King of Instruments because it is like having a full orchestra at your command. No other instrument parallels the capabilities of the organ. No other instrument has the commanding presence in concert halls or churches that an organ has.

The first time I got to play an organ for a church service was at my father's Methodist church on a Sunday. I was 10. The organ in his church was just a small electronic Hammond. As far as organs go it was nothing that would excite an organist. For me it was like Christmas morning. I loved it! When I was 12 we joined a different Catholic Church and that church had a pipe organ. Eventually I got to play that organ too. I would come to the Church in my free time and they would let me play it. Then in 1992 they did a restoration and expansion project on the organ as part of an extensive 150th anniversary capital campaign. I was excited about that project and could not wait to try out the restored and expanded pipe organ! I drove the organists crazy. The pipe organ is still there and when I get vacation and visit home I stop by the Church and play it.

When I was in grade five we went to visit my aunt in Georgia. This was during Holy Week. I was so upset that my parents drug us to Mass when we were on vacation. I got a treat however: after the Maundy Thursday Mass somehow I got to meet the organist and he let me play the church organ. The organ was a pipe/electronic combination. When I went to high school I started playing regularly at the smaller Catholic churches in town and even some Protestant churches. The money I made was nice spending money. Of course wherever I would play, they would say "Can you play a little softer?" "Um, no, I can't" I would say.

Organ playing is an exact art and subtle science. Anyone can read music and play the notes on the page. Anyone can learn the proper techniques involved. Anyone can read a text book on the organ; learn the different stop classifications, what they are for, when to use them, etc. What distinguishes the great organists from the average organists isn't in the science of playing the organ. Great organists know when to break the rules, throw the science of organ playing out the window and just let their passion for the instrument and music guide them in their playing. This is not to say that the science is not important. Virgil Fox, one of the greatest organists of all time used to say that you need to know what the rules are before you can break them.

I do not claim to be the world's best organist. There are a lot of people who are far better than me. I do claim to have a passion for the instrument. I was an organist before I became a priest. Organ playing is as much a part of who I am, if not more so than priesthood. What is nice is that being a priest allows me to continue my passion for the organ and from time to time share my passion for the instrument with the people.

If you want to understand what I mean by passion for the organ, go to "Youtube" type in "Virgil Fox: O God Our Help in Ages Past" and watch. When Virgil played that hymn he was giving his final performance on the organ at Riverside Church. He was riddled with cancer and dying. One month after he played this hymn he passed away. I have watched that video a thousand times and am still moved by it. Someone wrote of Virgil Fox on Youtube that "He lost himself in the thrill of the music and pulled the audience along for the ride with him. That is pure passion right there." When I play that is what I try to do, except that I also loose myself in the thrill of praising God in hymn and song and drawing the people up in that.

That's the way it is, The Reverend David W. Bechtel Pastor

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for July 8th: \$6,211.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,800.00

Difference: \$ 411.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$ 304.00)

We have begun a new fiscal year. The Finance Council met this week and a fiscal year 2018-19 budget was approved. A new *Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses* amount is reflected above. A required financial report is being prepared for the Diocese and will be included in an upcoming bulletin.

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

News from the Vatican



POPE RECALLS THE REJECTION OF JESUS

'A Prophet Is Not Without Honor, Except in His Own Country'

Pope Francis recounted the rejection Jesus suffered at the hands of his own community, citing the gospel reading

from Mark's sixth chapter. In the reading, Jesus comes home to Nazareth after performing many great deeds, but his authenticity soon is questioned when he performed less miraculously than the locals expected.

"He had not set foot in His homeland. He returned. Therefore, the whole country was ready to hear this son of the people, whose reputation as wise Teacher and powerful healer now spread throughout Galilee and beyond," Pope Francis explained. "However, what could have been a success, turned into a resounding rejection, to the point that Jesus was unable to work any miracles there, but only a few healings (Cf. v. 5)."

The people were "scandalized" because, despite Christ's reputation throughout the country, they still saw him as a simple carpenter, uneducated and unqualified.

"According to the inhabitants of Nazareth, God is too great to lower Himself to speak to such a simple man!" the Pope continued. "It's the scandal of the Incarnation: the disconcerting event of a God made flesh, who thinks with the mind of a man, works, and acts with the hands of a man, loves with the heart of a man, a God who gets tired, eats and sleeps like one of us."

The Holy Father warned that even today people can fall into this sort of "prejudice" and "we must force ourselves to open our heart and mind to receive the divine reality that comes to meet us."

"Every occasion is a good one to spread Christ's message!" Pope Francis

Pro Life News

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

A Consistent Ethic of Life - "A wide spectrum of issues touches on the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. As Pope John Paul II has reminded us: "Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent. It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (The Gospel of Life, no. 87).

"Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is always gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).

A Reflection on the Readings – The apostles were called to "to preach repentance," as is the Church today. This is a key aspect of being a "prophet" (First reading). It's not so much about telling the future as it is about telling the present, pointing out to God's people how fidelity to Him today means we have to change.

A key aspect of repentance in our present circumstances is suggested by the Second Reading, which is all about God's choice. He chose us in Christ before the world began. That in itself is a subject for profound reflection. Before anything ever existed, before the first event that any history book relates, we were already chosen to exist, to believe, and to be holy. God knew us, wanted us, and loved us.

What this reveals is that God's choice is primary. Human choice is secondary. "It was not you who chose me," Jesus teaches elsewhere, "But I who chose you" (Jn. 15:16). "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Since God first chose each human person to exist, no human can choose for them not to exist. "Pro-choice" is a mentality that puts our choice above God's, and therefore is contrary to the lesson of these readings. "Pro-choice" essentially says that we have responsibility only to those lives for which we choose to have responsibility. Scripture teaches, on the other hand, that we have responsibility for others before we choose, and that in choosing, we have the duty to take that pre-existing responsibility into account. Here lies a key aspect of repentance, for us personally and for our culture. www.priestsforlife.org

Diocese of Scranton News

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CONFERENCE

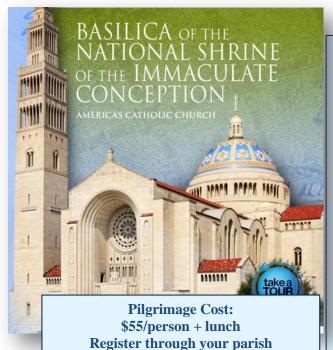
The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Renewal is sponsoring its 36th annual conference at the University of Scranton during the weekend of August 3-August 5. This year's theme is: "He restores my soul!" The Conference will feature inspiring speakers and uplifting music. Mass is celebrated each afternoon. A well-stocked book/gift store will be available. Separate tracks for Children and Youth are also available. The full-weekend Registration Fee is \$50 up to and including July 23 and \$65 after July 23. Single-day registration is also available on-site. Commuting and brown-bagging is encouraged, while dormitory housing and cafeteria meals are available at a moderate cost. For registration information, please visit website www.ccrscranton.org, our email ccrconference@comcast.net, or call the CCR Office at 570-344-2214. ALL ARE WELCOME!

REPORTING ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the

Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON 150th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA of the NATIONAL SHRINE of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



For more information, call: Office for Parish Life 570-207-2213

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

6:00 a.m. Buses begin to depart from various locations DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

9:30 a.m. Morning prayer on individual buses

11:00 a.m. Arrival at the Basilica of the National Shrine

12:00 p.m. Welcome in the Upper Church, Fr. Hvozdovic

12:10 p.m. Tour of Faith - Upper Church – Director of Pilgrimages

12:30 p.m. Rosary for World Peace - Upper Church

1:00-3:00 p.m. FREE TIME for lunch, touring, private prayer

2:00 p.m. Confession opportunity in the Crypt Church

3:00 p.m. Gather in the Upper Church to prepare for Mas

3:15 p.m. Pontifical Mass

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, Celebrant and Homilist

4:45 p.m. Buses depart National Shrine

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer on individual buses

10:30 p.m. Approximate return time to point of departure

Please see the next page of the bulletin for more information. If you are interested in going, please contact the Rectory by July 30th.

17th Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage of Faith Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, DC Saturday, September 22, 2018



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. How do I make my reservation to participate in the pilgrimage?

Registration for the pilgrimage is being taken in each parish – contact your parish office to be included in their bus roster and to pay the \$55 fee. If your parish is not participating, you may contact the Office for Parish Life to learn of another nearby parish with whom you may register.

2. Does the \$55 fee cover everything, or do I need to bring any additional money?

The fee covers your round trip bus fare and the pilgrimage program. You will need to either bring your lunch or purchase it in the Shrine Cafeteria. Also, each bus will determine when and where to stop for dinner on the return trip. You may also plan to contribute to a tip for the bus driver. There is a gift shop at the Shrine, from which you may choose to make purchases.

3. What is the deadline for registering?

Parishes reserving a full bus with at least 50 pilgrims are asked to confirm registrations with a full bus roster and fee paid by July 31st; for parishes with a smaller delegation joining with others on Diocesan sponsored buses, the registration list and fee is needed by August 14th.

4. How do I know the exact departure time and location for my bus? How about return?

If your parish has filled a bus, it will depart directly from your parish. If you are joining other groups of pilgrims, the exact departure location will be sent to you after registrations are received in mid-August. We will make every effort to select locations in close range for all pilgrims. The exact departure times will vary between 5:00-6:00am, depending on which part of the Diocese is your point of origin. The time and the location will be confirmed with all pilgrims through your bus captain. All of the buses will depart as close to 4:45pm as possible and will return to their same point of morning departure – the final return time will also depend on the plan your bus captain and drive make for a dinner stop, and the distance of your eventual return location.

5. Can the buses accommodate special needs?

The buses will be equipped with restrooms, ramps for wheelchair access, and basic first aid supplies. If you have medical needs and/or dietary restrictions, you will need to evaluate and plan for these as you see fit.

6. Could we break this into a two day trip?

There is a Friday/Saturday overnight option – but it is being arranged directly with TravelWorld. If you are interested in this option, contact your parish office to see whether they are interested in hosting this type of pilgrimage through TravelWorld.

If you are interested in going, please contact the Rectory by July 30th.



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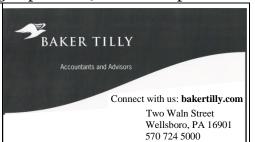
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We currently have advertising space available in our weekly bulletin. If you are interested in placing an ad, please call the rectory.

A Gift in Your Will

We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, 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:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise and bequeath to St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

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 Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Larry Sasani, Wendy Doan-Newcomb, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Rita Grinnan, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, 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, Teagan Kohler, Cindy Copp, Carolyn Tester, Tom Brown, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Barb Bechtel, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Edward "Turk" Cruttenden, Jack & Agnes Worden, and Mary Freeman.



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.