

# St. Peter's Church



**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 21, 2018**

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## Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 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.

## **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 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**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

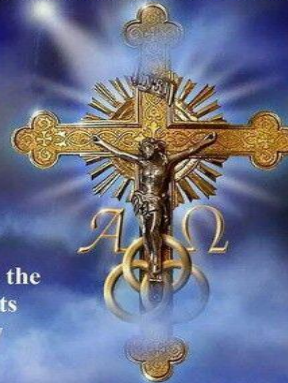
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## **As a Catholic, I am called to...**

To share with  
others the joy  
of knowing  
**JESUS  
CHRIST**

To celebrate the  
Sacraments  
regularly



To love my  
neighbor  
as myself

**FORGIVE as I  
have been  
FORGIVEN**

## **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

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 10/22	No Mass	
Tuesday 10/23	7:30am	In Memory of David Schiller II (Grandfather)
Wednesday 10/24	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Huldreich Egli (Daughter, Marie Egli)
Thursday 10/25	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Lillian Doherty (Jim & Ann Callahan)
Friday 10/26	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Anne Donovan (Black Family)
Saturday 10/27	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Jeffrey J. Mann (Mann Family)
Sunday 10/28	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

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

### The Week Ahead

#### SUNDAY, October 21, 2018

Religious Ed–Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; -12<sup>th</sup>:9:30-10:40am

#### TUESDAY, October 23, 2018

Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center

Parish Council Meeting – 7:00pm, Parish Center

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2018

ChristLife – 6:00pm, Parish Center

#### THURSDAY, October 25, 2018

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

#### SUNDAY, October 28, 2018

Religious Ed–Pre-School:8:30-9:30am;K-12<sup>th</sup>:9:30-10:40am

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: *chicken noodle or tomato soup*. A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

### GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS

This month's Goodies for our Troops items are:  
*Christmas lights, small non-breakable ornaments, Santa Hats, chocolate candy bars, warm socks, Christmas Cards (for the troops to send home) & personal notes (cards, letters, drawings from children.)*  
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

#### October 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup>

##### 5:00pm

Servers: E.Hazelton, I.Hazelton, M.Mann

Lectors: D.Sherman, P.Walrath

E. Min.: K.Wilcox, B.Butler, T.Straniere, B.Chiamonte

##### 8:30am

Servers: L.Singer, Z.Singer, S.Zimmerman

Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, T.Reindl

E. Min.: N.Josten, A.Singer, T.Gamble, D.deGuzman

### 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 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

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**FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:10-11**

The First Reading returns to Isaiah's figure of the suffering servant and comes from the prophet's fourth and final poem. Although the opening line sounds exceptionally harsh, the point is not that God is pleased with pain; rather, God is pleased with the faithfulness of the servant in spite of and through the course of the servant's suffering.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33**

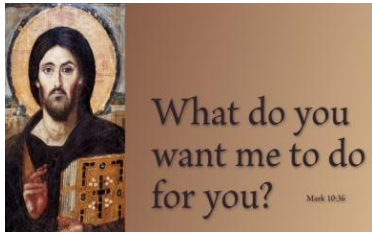
Psalm 33 becomes our prayer for God's mercy. We place our trust in the Lord and hope that he will deliver us from death and preserve us from suffering.

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:14-16**

The author designates Jesus as the Son of God, and his emphasis is on divine compassion. The Son of God, far from being aloof, sympathizes with each human creature and, as we proclaimed in the psalm, offers mercy and grace whenever we are in need. Believers can approach God, confident in an intermediary who is himself both divine and human.

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45**

Today's Gospel highlights the depth of the disciples' failure to hear Jesus' repeated message. For the third time, Jesus has told his followers of his looming arrest, torture, and execution. But now not just Peter, but others among the Twelve, seem to imagine Jesus only as a gloriously reigning Messiah – with themselves holding cabinet positions in his Kingdom. Today's reading focuses on Jesus calling his disciples to service rather than to seeking glory as part of a royal entourage. Clearly referring to Isaiah's suffering servant, Jesus summarizes his own identity and teaching for his disciples; because Jesus himself serves the needs of all at the cost of death itself, those who follow in his footsteps can do no less. To be great is to serve. To be first is to serve. The Son of Man provides the example par excellence of this teaching for he came to "give his life as a ransom for many."



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:00am in the Adult Ed room in the Parish Center. We will begin a study on the Bible books James, Peter, and Jude. All women are cordially invited to come and visit or join our group.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates beautiful shawls to help comfort and warm those in need; the sick, bereaved, shut-ins, nursing home residents or those experiencing loneliness and emotional distress. The shawls are like being wrapped in prayers and love. If you know of someone needing a shawl, call Jan Bernethy 307-267-0677.

## Religious Ed. & Youth Group News

### GOT LEAVES? LET THE YOUTH GROUP HELP!

On October 28<sup>th</sup> (note date change) the youth group students will volunteer to rake leaves and other debris for those in our community who need assistance cleaning up their yard. If you, or someone you know, would like to schedule a time for leaf clean-up between 9:30am and 11:30am, call the rectory at 570-724-3371 or email the Religious Education Office at [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto:stpreled@ptd.net).

### COIN CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY

The religious education classes will once again have a friendly competition to benefit a local charity. Students are encouraged to collect loose change for donation (dollar bills are accepted, too!) and bring to class each Sunday in October. Last year, a total of \$530.64 was collected, which benefited the Samaritan House. Start collecting those coins - your change can make a difference!



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy is offered at the 8:30am Mass. Children, along with an adult leader, are dismissed by Father before the First Reading and rejoin their families for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. While gathered in the parish center, children celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. All children ages Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend. No registration is necessary.

## Parish News and Activities

### HARVEST DINNER

Thanks you to all those who volunteered in any way to the Harvest a success. A special thank you to Paul Uner for chairing the event. A financial report will be included in next week's bulletin.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection October 14<sup>th</sup>: \$ 4,861.00  
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$ 5,800.00  
Difference: (\$ 939.00)  
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$10,149.14)

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

## That's The Way It Is!



I have instituted the practice of reciting the Saint Michael Prayer at the end of Mass. This week I wanted to explain a little bit about the history of the prayer and why I have instituted the practice at our parishes.

Saint Michael is an archangel. There are nine choirs of angels. Angels and archangels are the two lowest ranks in the hierarchy. They are analogous in rank to a private and a private first class. The role of angels is to serve as guardian angels for human beings. Archangels watch over nations. At the top of the hierarchy are Cherubim and Seraphim. These are like four star generals in the hierarchy. Notice that it was Cherubim that were placed at the entrance to the Garden of Eden in the book of Genesis. The role of Cherubim is to guard the holiness of God. The Garden of Eden had been desecrated by Adam's sin. Hence it was Cherubim who were dispatched to guard the entrance to the garden. Seraphim worship God day and night and burn with God's love.

The angel who became Satan ranked at the top of the hierarchy. Sometimes he is referred to as Lucifer. He was the most beautiful and powerful angel that God had created. He commanded all of the choirs of angels. At some point Satan rebelled and he took one third of all the angels with him in his rebellion. It is not known why he rebelled; it is just known that he rebelled at some point. War broke out in heaven with Satan commanding one third of the angels against God. Saint Michael rose to command the ranks of those angels who remained faithful to God and cast Satan out of heaven and all those who were with him. Saint Michael now commands the choirs of angels and leads the fight against Satan. This is ironic given his low rank in the hierarchy as an archangel. It would be analogous to a private first class commanding the US armed services. God rewarded Michael for his faithfulness. Now Saint Michael is specifically known as the angel who defends God's Truth and God's Church from the powers of Hell, death and Satan. This is why the prayer to Saint Michael was a prayer that faithful would pray in their devotions. They were asking Saint Michael to defend them and the Church from Satan and evil.

Eventually the prayer to Saint Michael found its way in the Mass. The prayer to Saint Michael was recited at the end of the Mass in the Tridentine Rite. The prayer to Saint Michael was a devotion that was inserted into the Mass. Part of the reforms of Vatican II involved purifying the Mass; that is, removing from the Mass all of the things that aren't proper to the Mass itself. There is a distinction between personal devotion and the Mass. The Mass is not a private devotion. The Mass is the public worship of the Church. One of the principles of

the Mass, at least as liturgists would argue, is that private devotion should not be co-mingled and mixed with the Mass. Co-mingling and mixing private devotion with the Mass blurs the distinction between Mass and private devotion. For this reason, in the reforms of the Mass, the recitation of the prayer was removed.

In 1994 Pope John Paul II requested that the Faithful start praying the prayer again. Some churches responded to this call by praying the prayer once again communally at the Mass. I have decided to institute the practice of reciting the prayer because of the scandal. It is very clear that a lot of evil has been done to a lot of people. It is very clear that there is a lot of filth and evil that is in the Church. The Church is stained and plagued with the sin of clerical abuse of children. The Church is stained and plagued with the sin of bishops who covered up this abuse. Priests and bishops were not living holy lives; instead they were wrecking lives.

The Church needs to be purified of all the filth and evil that has stained her. The Church needs to be purified of all the monsters who masqueraded as men of God and destroyed the lives of so many innocent people. The Church needs holy priests and she needs holy bishops. The Church needs God to raise up good and holy reformers, just as He has done in the past when the Church failed to live up to the demands of the Gospel.

Given the crisis and the need of the Church to be purified of all the sin, filth and evil that currently plagues her, I thought it most appropriate to call upon the help of Saint Michael the Archangel. We cannot serve as a light to the world until the darkness that envelops the Church with this crisis is dispelled. I ask Saint Michael to help dispel the darkness that currently envelops the Church and bring back the holiness and Truth of God that the Church should reflect.

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



### St. Michael Prayer

As a special patron and protector of the Church, St. Michael has been assigned to fight against Satan; to protect faithful souls from him, especially at their death; to champion God's people; and, further along this line, to escort them to their judgment. We pray this special prayer for our Church, our Diocese, and our parishioners.

***Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.***

***May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the Divine Power of God,  
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who roam throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.***

## News From the Vatican



### TO HATE IS TO KILL IN THE HEART

A person may not have killed someone, but if they are angry or have hate toward another person, it is like they have killed him or her in their heart, Pope Francis said on Wednesday. To insult or hate someone, or to have contempt, is a way of “killing the dignity of a person,” the pope said. One may think: “I’m fine because I do not do anything wrong,” but he or she is deceiving themselves, he continued. “A mineral or a plant have this kind of existence, a person – a man or a woman – no.” “More is required of a man or woman,” he stated. “Human life needs love.”

Pope Francis continued his series of messages on the Ten Commandments with a reflection on Christ’s teachings about anger and its connection to the fifth commandment: You shall not kill. Francis referenced the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus is teaching his disciples on the mountain, and says: “You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” In this passage, the pope explained, Jesus reveals to his followers that “before God’s court, even anger against a brother is a form of murder.” Jesus also says that, by the same logic, insult and contempt are sins too, he added, pointing out how often people are accustomed to insulting others, even commenting sometimes that so-and-so “is dead to me.” To do so is like killing them in your heart, the pope said: “Jesus says stop!”

Pope Francis said the commandment to not kill is more than an order against bad actions, it is also “an appeal to love and mercy, it is a call to live according to the Lord Jesus, who gave his life for us and rose for us.” “And what is authentic love? It is what Christ showed us, that is, mercy. The love we cannot do without is the one that forgives, which welcomes those who have harmed us.”

Pope Francis advised Catholics, before the start of Mass, to strive to be reconciled with anyone they have a problem with and to fight against the temptation to be indifferent toward their fellow human beings. He pointed to Cain in the Old Testament, who said after he killed his brother Abel, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” This is how killers speak, the pope emphasized: “Are we the keepers of our brothers? Yes, we are! We are the keepers of each other!” There is more to a person than his or her physical body – there is the spirit, he added, saying that even “an inappropriate phrase is enough to violate the innocence of a child.”

He concluded by urging Catholics to give thanks to Jesus, “the author of life, in his love which is stronger than death, and through the power of the Spirit that the Father gives us, we can welcome the Word ‘Do not kill’ as the most important and essential appeal.

### POPE DENOUNCES MORALLY RIGID CHRISTIANS

In his homily at Mass on Tuesday, the pope compared modern Christians hung up on doctrine, morals, or the liturgy with the “hypocritical” Pharisees and doctors of the law of Jesus’ time. People followed Jesus because he was “attractive, touched hearts, made himself loved,” Francis said, unlike the Pharisees who scrutinized everything “under a magnifying glass.” The Pharisees “were scandalized by the things Jesus did when he forgave sins, when he healed the Sabbath. They rent their garments,” Francis said, and they did this because “they did not care about the people, but only cared about the law.” Jesus, who knew perfectly well how to distinguish “appearances from the internal reality,” unmasked “these gentlemen” who “are the doctors of appearances,” he said. “A rigid thing does not change, it does not open, that’s how it is,” he said. “But there are always problems, underneath or inside such rigidity. Serious problems,” Francis warned. “Always behind the fake appearances of perfection, of good people, there are problems.”

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## Pro Life News

### PRIESTS FOR LIFE

*Reflection on today’s readings* -“Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.” In the Kingdom of God, and therefore in the Culture of Life, even those in authority recognize that their subjects are their brothers and sisters, and that no distinction in role implies an inequality in dignity. The smallest, the weakest, the most insignificant in the eyes of the world are, nonetheless, persons worthy of equal honor, respect, protection, and service. That is because in the Kingdom of God, we recognize that we have a King, and that the smallest human person still belongs to him, and may never be disposed of. Government officials and candidates, therefore, would never imagine for a moment that they have the authority to declare some human beings to be “non-persons.” They would never support the affirmation that some people are outside the protections of the law – as Roe vs. Wade did in regard to children in the womb.

The second reading today provides a clear basis for this respect for the very least of our brothers and sisters, and that is that our human nature has been taken to the heights of heaven. Jesus, the “great high priest who has passed through the heavens,” is a priest precisely because, while remaining Divine, he also shares our human nature – the same human nature shared by every person, born and unborn. He has taken this human nature to the heights of heaven, where he continues to intercede for us. Human life was sacred at its creation, and becomes all the more sacred as Christ the High Priest takes it to the very throne of the Father. We who acknowledge that human life has been taken to the heights of heaven can never sit idly by while it is thrown in the garbage by abortion and other acts of violence. [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

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## Diocese of Scranton News

### #LEAVEAMARK18 – GATHERING OF THE YOUNG CHURCH WITH BISHOP BAMBERA – NOVEMBER 4, 2018

“Dear young people, we didn’t come into this world to ‘vegetate’, to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on,” said Pope Francis at World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland this summer. “No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark. It is very sad to pass through life without leaving a mark.”

For the past two years, hundreds of young people and families gathered in the Cathedral of Saint Peter with Bishop Joseph C. Bambera to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. #LeaveaMark brought together public and catholic high school students, college chaplains and students, young adults, families, women and men religious, priests, directors of religious education and youth ministers from throughout the Diocese of Scranton.

Bishop Bambera is inviting the young church to gather once again this year in the Cathedral of Saint Peter on Sunday, November 4 for a special Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a reception in the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

“The energy and enthusiasm of all who attended was joy-filled and promising for the future of our Diocese,” said Father Don Williams, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians. “We wanted to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week with this event once again this year as we encourage the young church to live as intentional and missionary disciples in our world today. We are excited that this year’s #LeaveaMark will coincide with the conclusion of the 150th Anniversary year.”

Students and young adults from throughout the diocese are helping plan the event. Promotions, liturgy, and reception subcommittees are working hard to build upon the event last year. Abbe Truschel, a senior at East Stroudsburg University, attended the event the past two years. This year she is volunteering on the committee.

“I decided to serve on the committee because I loved attending #LeaveaMark the past two years and wanted to enhance the experience, helping it to be the best it could possibly be,” said Truschel. “I’m looking forward to seeing the youth and young adults of the church share in a special day that celebrates us answering Pope Francis’ call to ‘leave a mark.’”

For more information about this event, contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at 570-207-1452 or visit [vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org).

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To make a donation to this year's  
Annual Appeal please visit

**[www.AnnualAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualAppeal.org)**

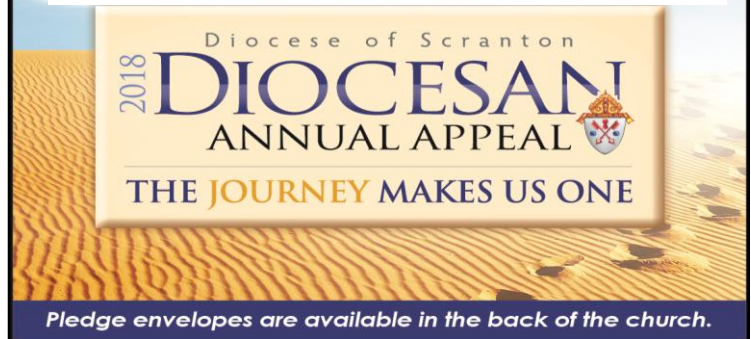
or contact us at **570-207-2250**

or send your gift to

Development Office, Diocese of Scranton

300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503

The Annual Appeal video can be viewed on-line at  
[dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) and click on the “Giving” tab.



### DAYBREAK RETREAT TO BE HELD



The DayBreak Retreat is a peer-facilitated retreat specifically for 8th & 9th grade students. The weekend will focus on forming good communication skills and healthy relationships with oneself, with family, and with friends. Students will come away with new friendships and the tools needed to make old friendships even better! DayBreak will be held on November 9-11, 2018 at St. Gabriel’s Retreat Center in Clarks Summit, Pa. Arrival time is 7:00pm on Friday with a departure time of 12:00pm on Sunday. Cost is \$185 per person. For more information, call (570)207-2213 EXT.1155.

#### ***Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual 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-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://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).










“When we listen to the Word of God, we obtain the courage and perseverance to offer the best of ourselves to others.” *Pope Francis*

Below is the **FINAL** list of those who contributed to the renovation portion of the capital campaign.

**No additions will be made to this list, but we will make corrections for spelling until Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

Donor	In Memory of:	Donor	In Memory of:
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Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

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*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.*