

St. Peter's Church



***The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019***

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00–2:00pm

Parish Staff

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stpreled@ptd.net

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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. 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 worshipping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

*Prayer
is the road
to Heaven
but Faith opens
the DOOR*

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

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Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 1/14	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/15	7:30am	In Memory of Dan Post (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Wednesday 1/16	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Paige Griffin (Grab Family)
Thursday 1/17	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of George & Barbara Bush (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Friday 1/18	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Jack Worden (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Saturday 1/19	4:00-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Bob & Mary Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)
Sunday 1/20	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
Jack Koch (Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 13, 2019

Religious Ed-Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; K-12th:9:30-10:40am
Secular Carmelites – 11:30am, Parish Center

TUESDAY, January 15, 2019

Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction 6:30pm
Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center
AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019

ChristLife – 6:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, January 17, 2019

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, January 18, 2019

Rectory Closed

SUNDAY, January 20, 2019

Religious Ed-Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; K-12th:9:30-10:40am
R.C.I.A. – 9:30am, Parish Center
First Penance – 9:30am, Church
Knights of Columbus District Mtg. – 2:00pm, Parish Center

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are:

Canned Fruit (15oz.) and Pork & Beans.

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: *foot aids (insoles, powder, cream), eye drops, lip balms, 1# coffee, coffee singles, candy bars, M&M's & Reece's, microwave popcorn & 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

January 19th/20th

5:00pm

Altar Servers: E.Hazelton, I.Hazelton

Lectors: D.Sherman, C.Evert

E. Min.: T.Straniere, V.Anthony, K.Wilcox, I.Dziengowski

8:30am

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

Lectors: R.Kramer, P.Kramer

E. Min.: A.Singer, M.Bialas, D.deGuzman, J.Josten

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

The Baptism of the Lord

FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

The First Reading comes from the beginning of the second section of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. The people had suffered terribly during the war that led to the fall of Jerusalem and during their exile from their homeland. They wondered whether God would be angry at them forever. God would restore the good fortune of the people. God would bring the people of Israel back to their homeland. The good news was to be proclaimed on the mountaintops.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 104

The Responsorial Psalm is a hymn of praise that proclaims the glory and power of God and celebrates the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Typical of this type of hymn, God is first proclaimed as the creator and ruler of all that exists. Not the least of all Gods' works of power and beneficence is the fact that God created us. We are fragile creatures, but God loves and protects us.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

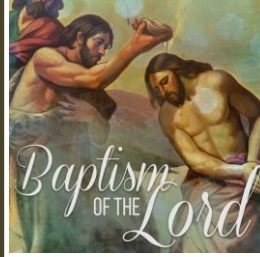
On this feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we hear about the "bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" that we have received. This rebirth was not due to anything that we had done to deserve it. It was the gift of a merciful and gracious God. His Spirit dwells in our hearts. Baptism is an expression of our faith. Faith is a gift from God. We cannot do anything to earn that gift, yet once we receive it, we must respond to it by being baptized and living as children of God. We must live what Baptism signifies. We must live Spirit-filled lives of virtue.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22



The baptism scene of Luke is structured in a similar way to the first servant song. The scene commences with the voice of God addressing an audience, so Luke's account begins with John addressing the people about the imminent advent of Christ in their midst and of his mission. John emphasizes the difference between his baptism and the one that the Messiah will administer. John's baptism is an acknowledgement of sin and repentance, while Jesus' Baptism conveys the power of the Holy Spirit that will transform those who receive it in new birth in the Spirit. By the same token, one can only receive the cleansing fire and empowering gift of the Spirit when one acknowledges one's sinfulness. God's Word proclaims Jesus and his divine status and relationship to God.

The Baptism of the Lord



The Christmas Season comes to its close with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by

John. The idea that a sinless Jesus would undergo baptism does not seem to make sense. But Jesus' baptism did not have to do with forgiveness, but had to do with manifestation, as it publicly revealed Jesus' identity as the beloved Son of God. Jesus' baptism was necessary – not for Him, but for us. It is the feast that proclaims the Baptism that elevates believers to the status of sons and daughters of God.

Parish News and Activities

SAFETY AND SECURITY



As was announced a few weeks ago, St. Peter's is reinforcing old, and implementing new, security measures during Mass and Religious Education times. The Parish Center doors will remain

locked and all will need to enter the church through the main doors. All doors leading to the Parish Center will remain locked while the children are attending classes and will not be unlocked until 10:40am, when classes have ended. If a need arises where you need to remove your child from class early, please check in at the Religious Education Office for assistance. While we know this can be an inconvenience for some, the safety of our parishioners and our children is our primary concern.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry creates beautiful shawls to help comfort those who are sick, bereaved, shut-in, nursing home resident, or those experiencing loneliness or stress. The shawls are like being wrapped in prayers and love. Our hope is that those who receive them will feel the hands of God around them, giving them healing and comfort. If you know of someone in need of a shawl, please contact Jan Bernethy at 307-267-0677.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

A candle is kept burning day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches. It is an emblem of Christ's abiding love and a reminder to the faithful to respond with loving adoration in return. Sanctuary candles are available to remember or honor your loved ones. Call the rectory to reserve a week.

News From the Vatican



EVERY PRAYER ANSWERED, IN GOD'S TIME'

In his continuing catechesis on the Our Father at the weekly General Audience, Pope Francis says no prayer goes unanswered, but reminds us that God's timing is not our own.

Pope Francis took up the age-old question about why, at times, it seems that God does not answer our prayers.

Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, the Holy Father said Jesus reminds us in the Our Father of the need to persevere in prayer. The Pope said Jesus' entire life was "steeped in prayer." "Every step of Jesus' life was pushed by the breath of the Spirit, who guides him in each of his actions."

Pope Francis said this is most visible in the events of his Passion. Jesus intercedes for Peter who will soon deny him. He prays for those who crucified him. His last words are a confession of trust in the will of the Father.

"Jesus' prayer seems to cushion the most violent of emotions – the desire for revenge and retaliation – and to reconcile us with our most bitter enemy: death."

When the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray, the Pope said, he offers them the Our Father prayer. Pope Francis said Jesus adds two parables after the prayer that remind us to be constant in prayer and to trust unwaveringly that God will answer our prayers.

One is the friend who importunes his neighbor for some bread to offer a guest. Next, Jesus offers the example of a father who has a hungry child: "What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?"

"Jesus lets us know that God always responds, that no prayer goes unheard, and that God is a Father and never forgets His children who suffer." Pope Francis said this truth seems as if it is not borne out in our daily lives. "How many times have we asked and not received, knocked and found a closed door?" he mused. In those moments of seeming defeat, the Pope said Jesus invites us "to insist and not to give up."

"Prayer always transforms reality: if things around us do not change, at least our hearts are changed. Jesus promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to every man and woman who prays."

Finally, Pope Francis said we can be absolutely positive that "God will respond." The only uncertainty, he noted, regards God's timing.

"Nothing is more certain: the desire for happiness we all carry in our heart will be fulfilled."

INDIFFERENCE IS OPPOSED TO GOD'S LOVE

In his homily at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta on Tuesday, Pope Francis says God takes the first step towards us and loves us because He is compassionate and merciful, despite our indifference.

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel (Mk 6:34-44) about the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and on the First Reading, taken from the First Letter of John (4:7-10).

The Holy Father said the Apostle John explains "how God manifests His love in us." "Let us love one another, because love is of God," John writes. Pope Francis called this the mystery of love: "God loved us first. He took the first step." God loved us, he said, even though we "don't know how to love" and "need God's caresses in order to love." "This first step God takes is His Son. He sent Him to save us and to give meaning to our lives and to renew and recreate us."

Reflecting on the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Pope Francis said Jesus fed the crowd out of compassion. "God's heart, Jesus' heart, was moved when he saw these people, and he could not remain indifferent. Love is restless. Love does not tolerate indifference; love is compassionate. But love means putting your heart on the line for others; it means showing mercy."

Then Pope Francis described the scene as the disciples went in search of food. He said Jesus taught them and the people many things, but they grew bored, "because Jesus always said the same things." As Jesus teaches "with love and compassion", the Pope said, maybe they began "to talk amongst themselves." They start to check their watches, saying "It's getting late." The Holy Father then quoted Mark: "But Master, this is a deserted place and it is already very late. Dismiss them so that they can go to the surrounding farms and villages and buy themselves something to eat." The Pope said they basically wanted the people to work it out themselves. "But we can be sure," he said, "that they surely had enough bread for themselves, and they wanted to keep it. This is indifference."

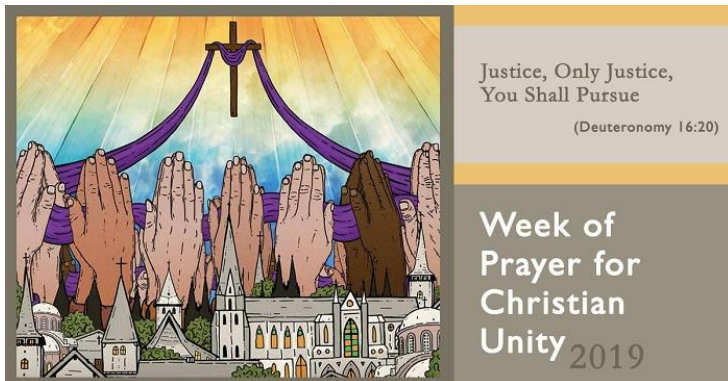
"The disciples were not interested in the people. Jesus was interested, because he cared for them. They weren't evil, just indifferent. They didn't know what it meant to love. They didn't know how to show compassion. They didn't know what indifference was. They had to sin, betray the Master, and abandon him in order to understand the core of compassion and mercy. And Jesus' response cuts deep: 'Give them some food yourselves.' Take their plight upon yourselves. This is the struggle between the compassion of Jesus and indifference, which is always repeated throughout history. Many people who are good, but don't

understand the needs of others, are incapable of compassion. They are good people, maybe because the love of God has not entered into their heart or they have not let it enter.”

Pope Francis then described a photo hung on the wall of the Office of Papal Charities. He said it was a picture taken by a local man and it shows well-dressed people leaving a restaurant in Rome as a homeless woman lifts her hand to beg for alms. He said the picture was taken “just as the people looked away, so that their gaze would not meet” that of the homeless woman. This, the Pope said, “is the culture of indifference. That’s what the Apostles did.”

Pope Francis said God’s love always comes first and is compassionate and merciful. He said it is true that the opposite of love is hate, but that many people are not aware of “a conscious hate”. “The more-common opposite of the love of God – of God’s compassion – is indifference. ‘I’m satisfied; I lack nothing. I have everything. I’ve assured my place in this life and the next, since I go to Mass every Sunday. I’m a good Christian. But leaving the restaurant, I look the other way.’ Let’s reflect on this: Confronted with God who takes the first step, is compassionate, and is merciful, many times our attitude is indifference. Let us pray to the Lord that He heal humanity, starting with us. May my heart be healed from the sickness of the culture of indifference.” *Vatican News Service*

News From the USCCB



At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus’ prayer for his disciples that “they may be one so that the world may believe” (see John 17:21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity.. The event that touches off this special experience is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. In the southern hemisphere, where January is a vacation time, churches often find other days to celebrate it, for example around Pentecost, which is also a symbolic date for unity.

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "**Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue**" (Deuteronomy 16:18-20). Christian communities "become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus’s prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims."

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

Prayer to recite during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

God of justice, you have revealed yourself as the One who brings about justice and unity through your Son Jesus Christ.

As the Church experiences a lack of unity, you call us by name to heal what divides us.

Make us truly one in the eternal pursuit of justice.

Eternal God, let us love one another in His name, One with You and the Holy Spirit, living and true, now and forever.

Amen

NINE DAYS FOR LIFE



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Monday, January 14 – Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily emails or text message. (Copies can be found on the handout table on the side of the church.) Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com!

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Pro Life News

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Annual March for Life is the World's Largest peaceful Pro-Life event! Come join the crowd and be inspired by great speakers and music and take a stand for life in our nation's capital! The theme for this year's march is "Unique from Day One: Pro-Life is Pro-Science". Pennsylvanians for Human Life-Scranton Chapter is coordinating their annual bus trip to the March for Life 2019 in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 18th. Buses leave for Washington D.C. at 6:45am from the Keyser Oak Shopping Center in Scranton. The Pro-Life Rally begins at 12 noon on the National Mall - 12th Street, Washington, D.C. March begins at approximately 1:00pm. Bus returns at approximately 11:45pm. Cost is \$40 for adults & \$20 for children. Limited sponsorships are available. Payment required in advance. Please make check payable to Pennsylvanians for Human Life and send to Pennsylvanians for Human Life 400 Wyoming Ave. Suite 110 Scranton Pa 18503. For detailed information about the March, please visit their home page at www.MarchForLife.org. For more information on our bus trip, visit us at www.prolifescranton.org or call 570-343-5099.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Annual Respect Life Prayer Breakfast, hosted by Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Scranton Chapter will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2019 beginning at 9am at Fiorelli Catering, 1501 Main Street in Peckville. Cost is \$22 per adult, \$10 for children 6-12, children 5 and under are free. Register and payment in advance only by Friday, January 25th. Clip and send reservation with check payable to Pennsylvanians for Human Life to: Anne Domin, 632 Gardner Road, Elmhurst Twp, Pa 18444. Contact Anne for reservations or questions at 570-842-9653. For more information visit us at www.prolifescranton.org.

Our featured speaker this year is Seth Drayer, Vice President of Created Equal, a pro-life education and outreach organization based in Columbus, Ohio. Seth leads Created Equal's mission to equip pro-life defenders with the scientific/philosophic case for life and conversational skills to create dialogue about abortion in their hometowns. He also engages university professors in formal debate, and has appeared on national television shows Fox & Friends and Hannity. Seth holds a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University and has been in full-time pro-life ministry since 2010. Articulate with his content and engaging with his listeners, his timely message inspires and reaches people of all ages and affiliations.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE

Reflection on today's readings - Today we are presented with the mystery of Christ's baptism and our own. Jesus is baptized in order to reveal himself as God's only Son, and to reveal his mission of sharing that sonship with us sinners. The reality of his mission, and our status as baptized Christians, help us understand our commitment to a culture of Life.

To be a Christian is much more than to be a good person. It's about becoming a new person, sharing a new kind of life – the life of God himself. Christmas, the celebration of which we conclude with today's Feast, is not just about the birth of a child; it's about the birth of a whole new humanity. In Adam, all die; in Christ, all come to life again. We are made sharers, by faith and baptism, in the Divine Nature. At every Mass, as he pours a few drops of water into the wine, the priest prays, "By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the Divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity." That's what the Christmas season is all about. St. Augustine put it this way: "God became man that man might become God."

Baptism gives us our identity as the people of life. Baptized into Christ's victory over death, we are also sent to proclaim, celebrate, and serve that victory (see EV 78-101). When we renew the vows of our baptism, we say that we "reject Satan and all his works." Chief among those works is death. Yet the Son of God has destroyed death, and that means that we who follow Him likewise are called to stand against it.

Abortion is a contradiction to baptism. Consider what the Church does in the celebration of baptism. A child is brought into the congregation, and is welcomed by all who are present as a brother, a sister. Despite the fact that all but a few of the gathered Christians do not know this child, and did not know the child's name, they declare before God that they now accept the child as one of them. Baptism expresses God's unconditional welcome of His people, His call to them to share His life. Baptism expresses the hospitality of God's Church, and the responsibility incurred by the fact that God has entrusted us to the care of one another.

www.priestsforlife.org

Stewardship

Sunday Collection January 6, 2018: \$5,618.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,800.00

Difference:(\$ 182.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$7,534.40)

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

That's The Way It Is

That's The Way It Is will return next week, as Fr. Bechtel was on vacation this week.

Diocese of Scranton News

OFFICIAL NOTICE

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are hereby advised that John Tokarick is not a Roman Catholic Priest and is not permitted to function as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Catholic faithful should not receive the sacraments from Tokarick or attend his celebration of the sacraments, wherever they may be held.

DIOCESE ADDS NAMES TO LIST OF CREDIBLY ACCUSED INDIVIDUALS

Following the release of the Grand Jury report last year, Bishop Bambera made a promise that he would be more open and transparent in the way that the Diocese handles occurrences of child sexual abuse. That commitment remains true.

In August, the Diocese published on its website a list of all clergy, staff and volunteers who had been credibly accused of child sexual abuse. Since then, additional victims have come forward. Eleven new names have been added to the online list. Those new names are listed below. We will continue to alert you periodically in the case that additional individuals are added to this list.

If you are aware of additional allegations of wrongdoing or any information that should be included on this list, please contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570) 862-7551 or Monsignor Thomas Muldowney, Vicar General, at (570) 207-2269. If you have suffered abuse by clergy or anyone working on behalf of the Diocese, you are encouraged to contact Mary Beth Pacuska.

These names have been added to the original list of credibly accused individuals:

DIOCESAN CLERGY

Polcha, Michael C.
Pulicare, Michael J.

MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Bourbon, Francis C. (S.J.)
Fertal, Joseph (SVD)
Garrity, Stephen M., (S.J.)
Long, Arthur J. (S.J.)
Pisaneschi, Sister Clare (M.P.F.)
Rebovich, John (OSJ)

LAITY

Maroni, Mark
Smith, Richard
Yarros, David

Notice Regarding Sexual Abuse of a Child

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

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, at (570-207-2269).

ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

St. Peter's Annual Appeal Parish Goal: \$ 46,500

Current Pledged Amount: \$ 34,978

If you have not yet given your support, please: Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or Give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org.










Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. The event includes a 2:30 pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before April 2nd.

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

Susan Sweet Hars

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.