

St. Peter's Church



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 27, 2019

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00–2:00pm

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. David Bechtel – Dbechtel00@yahoo.com
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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 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 _____

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.

— Thomas Aquinas

Feast Date - January 28th



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 1/28	No Mass	
Tuesday 1/29	7:30am	In Memory of John Labosky (Norb & Nona Josten)
Wednesday 1/30	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Mathew & Florence Waclawik (Waclawik Family)
Thursday 1/31	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Stephen Singer (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Friday 2/1	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Eugene David Getgen (Wife, Joan)
Saturday 2/2	8:30-8:45am 9:00am 4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish Confessions In Memory of Cecelia Gamble (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Sunday 2/3	8:30am	In Memory of Tom Stager (Friend of St. Peter's)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
Jack Worden (Agnes & Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, January 27, 2019

Religious Ed-Pre-School: 8:30-9:30am; K-12th: 9:30-10:40am

R.C.I.A. - 9:30am, Parish Center

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting - 9:30am, Church

Knights of Columbus District Meeting - 2:00pm, Parish Center

MONDAY, January 28, 2019

ChristLife - 6:00pm, Rectory

Knights of Columbus - 7:00pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, January 29, 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 30, 2019

ChristLife - 6:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, January 31, 2019

Cards & Games - 12:00pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, February 1, 2019

Rectory Closed

SATURDAY, February 2, 2019

First Penance - 10:00am, Church

SUNDAY, February 3, 2019

Religious Ed-Pre-School: 8:30-9:30am; K-12th: 9:30-10:40am

R.C.I.A. - 9:30am, 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) 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.

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

February 2nd/3rd

5:00pm

Altar Servers: E.Hazelton, I.Hazelton

Lectors: D.Bleggi, P.Walrath

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

8:30am

Altar Servers: A.Banik, L.Germino, J.Lubera

Lectors: H.Sampson, M.Sampson

E. Min.: M.Bialas, D.deGuzman, N.Josten, 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.

ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening - 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Westfield

Sunday Morning - 11:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland



Liturgical Reflection

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

The context of this reading is the reestablishment of the city of Jerusalem after the Babylonian exile. Because the fate of the city and the nation is tied to the people's fidelity to the covenant, the community celebrates this event with a public proclamation of the law. For the children of Israel, the law is not a constraint on their freedom, but a sign of God's loving care for them and the foundation of their nation. The people's desire for God's Word, the public proclamation, and their eager reception of its message have sanctified the day and made it an occasion of joy and celebration.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 19

The Responsorial Psalm begins with six symbols for the law of the Lord, praising God for the law's goodness. It is odd that there would only be six synonyms. Seven was the perfect number in the Bible. The last section clarifies why. The psalmist speaks the world of his mouth and the thoughts of his heart. This is the seventh reference. The law is only perfect when it is found interiorized (found in the thoughts of one's heart) and when one give witness to it in the way one lives (the words of one's mouth).

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

One of Paul's greatest contributions to the life and theology of the early Church was his understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ. By Baptism, each Christian is incorporated into this body. Baptism erased divisions between individual members. There was no need for jealousy and competition because each member placed his or her gifts at the service of the common good. Together we are Christ's Body; as individuals we are its "parts." God has given us all different roles, but equally important and all of them necessary.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



In the introduction, Luke sets forth his goal in writing the Gospel. He intends to reassure a lover of God, Theophilus, of the reliability of what he has heard about Jesus.

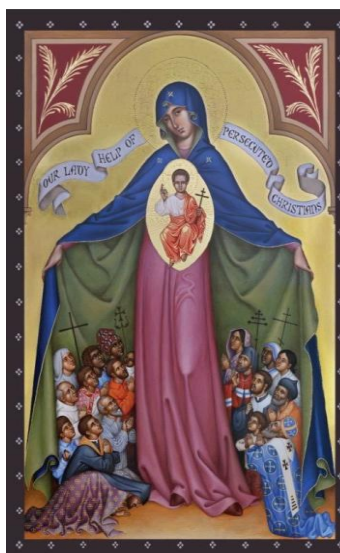
This reassurance extends to people today. In the second part of the reading, we hear the declaration of God's purpose in Jesus. He is the Anointed One sent by God. In his first visit to his hometown after his baptism by John, Jesus sets the agenda for his ministry. His mission is to bring God's Kingdom – a kingdom where the poor, lonely, imprisoned, and oppressed will find freedom from want, fear, and need. We see Jesus' respect for God's Word as he assumes the role of lector, reads the passage, and then carefully rolls up the scroll again before sitting and declaring its fulfillment. The awe inspiring aspect of this text is that what happened then happens yet today, as weekly the words of Scripture fall upon us and actualize the sacred realities of which they speak.

Parish News and Activities

OUR LADY OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

There are few places on earth where Christianity is as old as it is in Iraq. Christians there trace their history to the first century apostles. But today, their existence has been threatened by the terrorist group that calls itself Islamic State. More than 125,000 Christians -- men, women and children -- have been forced from their homes over the last 10 months. The Islamic State -- or ISIS -- stormed into Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, last summer and took control. From there, it pushed into the neighboring villages and towns across this region, known as the Nineveh Plains, a vast area that's been home to Christians since the first century after Christ. Much of what took almost 2,000 years to build has been lost in a matter of months.

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Charities has been working with Iraqi officials to rebuild bombed out cities and to help displaced citizens throughout the war-torn Middle East. To bring our attention o the Christian's plight in the Middle East, the Knights have dedicated an image to Our Lady of Persecuted Christians to be displayed in all Catholic churches around the world. **This image, the Icon of Our Lady of Persecuted Christians, will be displayed for veneration at St. Peter's until January 29th.**



O God of all the nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church
be united to the suffering of your Son.
Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.
Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.
May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Created by Italian iconographer Fabrizio Diomedi, this icon depicts the Blessed Mother, with the Child Jesus over her heart, spreading her protective mantle around a representative gathering of recent Christian martyrs – men and women, young and old, from East and West; priests, religious, and layperson, including one of the six priest members of the Knights of Columbus who were killed by the Mexican government in the first half of the 20th century. The four crosses represent an “ecumenism of blood” among martyrs of Roman and Eastern Catholicism, as well as those of Coptic, Armenian, Syrian, and Orthodox tradition.

SOCIAL CONCERNS VALENTINE'S DINNER

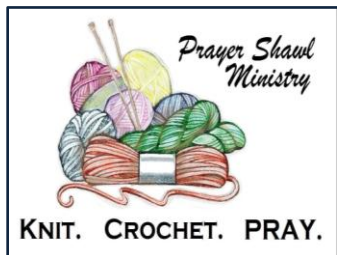


The Social Concerns Committee will again be delivering a Valentine's dinner to any parishioner (homebound, living alone, recovering from an illness, a "sweetheart" who contributes in a special way to the Parish) who would like one. Delivery of dinners will take place on Saturday, February 9th. To assist with needed supplies, please look for signup sheets near the main entrance of the church. If you would like to receive a meal or know a parishioner who would like to receive one or can help with delivery, please contact Ginny Reindl at 570-724-8496.

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

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.



Pro Life News

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 - The Gospel reading today fits perfectly with the call for protection of children living in the womb. Such advocacy is at the heart of the Gospel and of Jesus' mission. "He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captive...to let the oppressed go free." Nobody is more oppressed in our world today than the unborn child. The Spirit of the Lord, who is our Advocate in heaven, fills us and makes us advocates for these lives. And that advocacy takes so many numerous forms in the wide variety of activities in the pro-life movement. Just as the second reading reminds us of the diversity of the one Body of Christ, so is that diversity manifested in the pro-life movement which, driven by the same Spirit who is "Father of the poor," seeks the same ultimate goal. We are called to remind others of the extent of this tragedy, and of the fact that it is "our business" to intervene for the victims of abortion, no less than it is our business to help the victims of crime, war, drugs, poverty, AIDS, and any other type of violence. Ours is the business of love, the business of "letting the oppressed go free," for that is what God has done to us. www.priestsforlife.org

That's The Way It Is



Dear Parishioners,
This weekend the Diocese of Scranton is beginning a program of compensation for victims of sex abuse at the hands of diocesan clergy. There is a lot of information about this program and how it will work in the bulletin. No amount of

compensation can take away the pain that the victims of sex abuse have gone through. For many people, a program like this, however well intentioned, seems too little too late. I am reminded of the old adage: better late than never. This program, however late in coming, is, nevertheless, a start.

But it is only a start; and a small one at that. That is what I hope the bishops understand. There is still much work to be done, many reforms that need to be made. The first wave of the scandal broke in January 2002. Since then, it seems that wave after wave keeps hitting. There were the Archdiocese of Philadelphia grand jury reports in 2005 and 2011. Then there was the Altoona-Johnstown grand jury report of 2016. Interspersed between all this were worldwide reports of bishops who covered up abuse. However, these waves seemed to pale in comparison to the tsunami that hit in August of 2018. In that report, the deepest, darkest secrets of six of the eight PA dioceses were revealed. Light was shown in the deepest, darkest corners of the Catholic Church.

When the first wave of the scandal hit, like many of the bishops, I thought that the scandal was that priests abused children. Thus, the reforms the bishop's made in June of 2002 made sense to me. Discussions of "zero-tolerance policies," mandatory reporting, training people to recognize abuse and or to prevent abuse, all seemed rational and sensible. When people complained that "the bishops were ignoring the crisis" such statements confounded me. I wondered what people meant by that. If these reforms constituted ignoring the crisis, what would it look like for the bishops not to ignore the crisis? What did people want?

I read a book called "The Faithfully Departed: The Collapse of Boston's Catholic Culture." The book is written by Philip Lawler. It is a great book and I highly recommend it. I believe this book should be mandatory reading for all the bishops. The book helped me understand the real scandal. What I didn't get, is that the sex abuse scandal is actually a combination of two scandals. The first scandal is that priests abused children. This is the part of the scandal the bishops get. This is the part of the scandal that was addressed in 2002 with the reforms the bishops made. The second part of

the scandal is what the bishops do not seem to get. This is arguably the most important component of the scandal: the role of the bishops in creating the scandal.

That priests abused children is horrible; that bishops covered it up is even worse. That there is no formal system of accountability for the bishops is even worse still. It is this component of the scandal that the bishops do not seem to grasp. Had the bishops dealt swiftly and decisively with abusive priests; removing them from ministry right away, reporting the abuse to law enforcement, we would not be in this situation today.

When I say this program is a good start, there is more work to be done; I am referring to the work the bishops need to do to set up a system of real, substantive and meaningful accountability. As a priest, I am accountable to the diocesan bishop. The bishop is my boss. I pledge obedience to the bishop. The bishop holds me accountable. If any diocesan priest is accused of a crime, the police are notified and the priest is suspended from ministry pending the outcome of the legal process. This is the way it should be. This is the way it should have been.

The problem is that such a process does not exist for the bishops. Bishops who are accused of crimes are not required to step down; they are not suspended pending the outcome of the legal process. To date, there is no formal process in the Church for dealing with bishops accused of crimes or otherwise holding them accountable. That is what needs to change. The USCCB, in concert with Pope Francis need to come up with a formal process of accountability for bishops similar to the one for priests. I do not mean to suggest that this is all that needs to happen. I do want to suggest that a formal system of accountability for bishops, in concert with a victim's compensation fund would, from my view, demonstrate that the bishops are starting to grasp that abusive clergy are but one component of a multifaceted scandal.

That's the way it is,

The Reverend David W. Bechtel
Pastor

Stewardship

Sunday Collection January 20, 2019: \$2,875.83

(A collection was taken only at the 5:00pm Mass, due to the storm)

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,800.00

Difference:(\$2,924.17)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$10,938.57)

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

Diocese of Scranton News

5TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 5th Annual Catholic Men's Conference for the Diocese of Scranton will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Wilkes Barre, PA. A most important day for the future of our faith, featuring keynote presentations by Fr. Philip B. Bochanski, the executive director of Courage International, who speaks on the good news of living chaste lives, along with well-known psychologist, speaker, and EWTN TV host, Dr. Ray Guarendi. Our third speaker will be motivational speaker, apologist, and TV host of "Battle Ready," Doug Barry. You will hear Doug explain the BATTLE READY effort to be more AWARE of, PREPARED for and ENGAGED in the battles that we all face, body, mind, and soul. Every one of us is in the thick of the spiritual battle. Many do not see it and consequently are unprepared for it. The outcome of that scenario is devastating. The primary goal of BATTLE READY is to help others know how to deal with the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil. A must awareness for Catholic men!

There will be opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as praying the Rosary. Additionally, exhibitors will be present with a full array of Catholic books and publications as well as CD's and ministry opportunities.

Fathers, sons, grandsons, and friends are all most welcome to register for the event. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will be the celebrant for the closing Mass.

The idea for this year's event was initiated by laymen from various parishes, with the support of their pastors, in an effort to address challenging issues facing men in today's culture.

St. Peter's will once again provide transportation, through Benedict's Bus Service, to the conference.

Register on line at www.beamanconference.com, call 570-207-2213 (Diocesan Pastoral Center), or mail the completed application with your check to: Men's Conference, Office of Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave, Scranton, PA 18503.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Save the date for the 2nd Annual Catholic Women's Conference. This year's theme is *Come to the Well*. The conference will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at the University of Scranton. More information will be published as we near the date.

News From the Vatican

VATICAN RELEASES DETAILS ON PROTECTION OF MINORS MEETING


The Holy See Press Office issued details regarding "The protection of minors in the Church" Meeting, to be held in the Vatican from February 21-24, 2019, which will see Presidents of Bishops' Conference from all over the world coming together to discuss the protection of minors in the Church. Pope Francis has assured he will be present for the entire duration of the meeting.

"The February Meeting on the protection of minors has a concrete purpose: the goal is that all of the Bishops clearly understand what they need to do to prevent and combat the worldwide problem of the sexual abuse of minors. Pope Francis knows that a global problem can only be resolved with a global response. The Pope wants it to be an assembly of Pastors, not an academic conference – a meeting characterized by prayer and discernment, a catechetical and working gathering.

It is fundamental for the Holy Father that when the Bishops who will come to Rome have returned to their countries and their dioceses that they understand the laws to be applied and that they take the necessary steps to prevent abuse, to care for the victims, and to make sure that no case is covered up or buried.

Regarding the high expectations that have been created around the Meeting, it is important to emphasize that the Church is not at the beginning of the fight against abuse. The Meeting is a stage along the painful journey that the Church has unceasingly and decisively undertaken for over fifteen years."

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"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



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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.