St. Peter's Church



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 17, 2019

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	

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.



Parish Contact Listing

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-724-2360 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 2/18	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/19	7:30am	In Memory of Carlos Palacio (The Josten)
Wednesday 2/20	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Beth Patt (Paul & Marion Patt)
Thursday 2/21	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Christopher Rymarczuk (Kathy Wilcox)
Friday 2/22	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Cindy Dalton (The Grab Family)
Saturday 2/23	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
Sunday 2/24	8:30am	Open (Call the Rectory to Schedule this Mass)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of Helen Pietrowicz (Tascione Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 17, 2019

Religious Ed–Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; K-12th:9:30-10:40am Safety & Security Presentation – 2:00pm, Parish Center

MONDAY, February 18, 2019

Rectory Closed - President's Day

TUESDAY, February 19, 2019

Adoration – 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction 6:30pm Women's Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center Parish Council – 7:00pm, Parish Center

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AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2019 ChristLife – 6:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, February 21, 2019

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

Samaritan House Training – 6:30pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, February 22, 2019

Rectory Closed

SUNDAY, February 24, 2019

Religious Ed-Pre-School:8:30-9:30am; K-12th:9:30-10:40am RCIA – 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 23rd/24th

5:00pm

Altar Servers: E. Poirier, W.Poirier, J.Poirier

Lectors: T.Sampson, L.Sampson

E. Min.: N.Ostapowicz, D.Sherman, G.Poirier, B. Chiaramonte

8:30am

Altar Servers: M.Ingerick, J.Lubera, B.Levindoski

Lectors: R.Kramer, P.Kramer

E. Min.: L. Whitney, M. Stirnaman, D. Stager, L. Stager

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 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Westfield ~~ Sunday 11:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland



Liturgical Reflection

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

The First Reading is a presentation of the wisdom teaching that God blesses those who trust in him, while those who trust in their own strength will be frustrated and cursed. Jeremiah uses an image that was very popular at the time of the Babylonian exile, that those who trust in the Lord are like trees planted by running water. They will never wither or fade, for the Lord will bet their strength. Those who rely upon their own strength, however, are doomed. We humans are incomplete in ourselves. We can only flourish when we learn to rely upon the love of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 1

The Responsorial Psalm continues the wisdom theme found in the First Reading. It uses the same imagery as found in the reading from Jeremiah. Those who trust in the Lord are said to be like planted near running water. The wicked, on the other hand, will dry up and be lost. Those who are good will not have anything to do with the wicked. If we want to follow God, we must make choices to separate ourselves from certain things.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

There were members of the community of Corinth who denied the resurrection of the dead. They believed that only spiritual realities had any value. They could not understand why anyone would want to return to one's body after one's death. Paul reminds then that if they deny the resurrection of the dead, then they are also denying the resurrection of Jesus . This is the core of our faith. To deny this is to deny who we are and what we are to be.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17, 20-26

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles



suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. In Luke's account Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Beatitudes sound more personal than those in Matthew's. There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents iust four, each of which has a parallel warning, a 'woe.' The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

Parish News and Activities

SAFETY AND SECURITY PRESENTATION AND TEAM MEETING



Today, Sunday February 17th at 2:00pm in the Parish Center, Sheriff Frank Levindoski will give a presentation on *Preparing* for Active Assailants in Houses of Worship.

Following the presentation, a team meeting will be held with all who are interested in being part of St. Peter's Safety and Security Team. The presentation and team meeting is open to all.

MASS INTENTIONS - SANCTUARY CANDLES

If you would like to schedule a Mass in memory or in honor of someone, please call the Rectory. Mass are available. The Sanctuary candle is kept burning day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Catholic churches. Sanctuary candles are available to remember or honor your loved ones. Call the rectory to reserve a week.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

As part of our ongoing safety and security procedures, we would like to make sure that we have current information for all parishioners. Please take a minute to fill out the form below and return it to the rectory as soon as possible. You can place your form in the collection basket, email it to stpadm@ptd.net, mail it to the rectory, or drop off during open hours. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Family Name:			
Address:			
Family Members Living At This Address:			
Home Phone #:			
Cell #:			
Email Address:			
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would be kept private) yes no			
If we were to send out a group text message, would you want to be included? (Events at St. Peter's, changes to Mass schedules, emergency information, etc. Cell			

numbers would be kept private) ves no

THANK YOU!

The Social Concerns Committee thanks all parishioners who so generously donated supplies and food for the Valentine meals we prepared. Also, thank you to those who delivered the meals and Akiko's, for the flowers. A special thanks to the Religious Education students for the pretty cards they made, to include with the meal. Many meal recipients always comment on how much they enjoy the cards!

Happening at St. Thomas SPRING FLING

You are invited to the First Annual Spring Fling Celebration! The celebration will include crafts, door prizes, delicious home cooked food, baked goods, and money & basket raffles. The event will take place on Saturday, April 13th from 10:00am-2:00pm at the Knoxville Community Center. Admission is \$1.00. Vendors wanted!

Diocese of Scranton News 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.

> Parish Goal: \$ 46,500 Current Pledged Amount: \$ 34,978

To make a pledge: call the Development Office at 570-207-2250, mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or online www.DioceseofScranton.org. Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ANNULMENT PROCESS?

Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment Process?: In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



St. Peter's will provide transportation for any women who want to attend this conference.

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, 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 wellknown psychologist, speaker, and EWTN TV hose, 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. 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.

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.

That's The Way It Is



In the United States, religious organizations do not pay taxes on their income. Actually that statement is a bit of a misnomer. Religious organizations, including Saint Peter's do pay some property taxes. What religious organizations do not pay is income tax.

Clergy, however, do pay tax on their income just like everyone else. Catholic priests actually get a double whammy when it comes to tax. You see, the government, for tax purposes, considers priests independent contractors. This means we pay the full 15% tax on social security. The Church provides our housing, but the government considers this income. That means we have to impute to our taxes the value of the cost of the housing. It warms my heart that I will be meeting with my account and filing my taxes on President's Day! How patriotic!

Many people misunderstand the purpose of tax exemption and think it is a privilege the government extends to religious organizations because they are religious. How many times have we heard someone claim something along the lines of "You know, they should tax the Churches. That will take care of the national debt." Whether taxing Churches would take care of our national fiscal woes is debatable. While I am no tax expert, it seems to me that things are not that simple. For starters, what, precisely, constitutes "revenue" in an organization that is not-for-profit? What is there to tax when all of the money collected goes right back out to pay for the expenses incurred to run the organization? Secondly, if we are going to tax religious organizations, then we have to tax all not-for-profit organizations. The government cannot single out religious organizations but give all other not-for-profits a pass. Should we support efforts to tax all not-for-profits in such a case? Again, I do not claim to be a tax expert. I am just trying to show that things may not be as simple as they first appear.

More importantly, however, is understanding why religious organizations are tax exempt in the first place. The reason religious organizations do not pay tax on income is because religious organizations are not-for-profit charitable organizations. All religious organizations engage in some community charity work. At Saint Peter's I think the biggest and most well known charitable work is Samaritan House. The point to understand here is that the government is not extending a privilege to religious organizations. The government is recognizing that religious organizations contribute to the well being of a community through their charitable work. Taxing their income would severely limit their ability to function as an organization and thus their ability to assist in charitable efforts for the larger community.

I think most people understand that much. In my 10 years of ministry, my experience is that people don't

really squawk about the tax exempt status of a religious organization unless or until their political sensibilities are offended in some way by a religious organization. That means when it comes to the Catholic Church, it usually involves people who have an ax to grind with the Church's moral teaching, in particular Church teaching on abortion. Ironically these same people, however, stand up and cheer when the Church involves herself in social justice issues that are just as political. Of course in those cases, it just so happens that Church teaching lines up with their personal beliefs and political ideology. When Church teaching lines up with their personal beliefs and political ideology, entering the political arena is alright. The Church is only not allowed to enter the political sphere when it involves issues where they dissent from Church teaching.

In any case, there is a point to the tax exempt status of the Church and it has nothing to do with the government favoring religion. It has everything to do with the nature of the religious organization as a not-for-profit charitable organization. The government would be shooting itself in the foot by removing tax exemption because the government would have to fill the void created by the absence of the charitable work of the organization. This is not to mention all the jobs that would be lost and thus income tax revenue from those who work for the organizations. How many people work for religious organizations? Many of those people would be out of work. When those people are out of work, the government loses the revenue from their income tax.

There is a darker side to ending tax exemption for religious organizations: it would give them the ability to directly and formally enter the political arena and take sides in the political debate. Ending tax exemption for religious organizations actually has the potential to give them more power, clout and influence. In short: if people think religious organizations have an undue influence on politics now, wait until you remove their tax exemption. Then there are no rules limiting the ability of the organization to speak to politics. Organizations could start officially campaigning for political parties and candidates. I doubt those calling to end tax exemption for religious organizations have thought about that.

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

Stewardship

Sunday Collection February 10, 2019: \$7,136.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,800.00

Difference: \$1,336.00 Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$9,481.74)

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

St. Peter's Church Polish Dinner

Friday, March 1, 2019 4:00 – 7:00pm in the Parish Center

Adults: \$10:00

Children (Under 12): \$ 5.00 (Children 3 & Under are free)



- Homemade Pierogies
- Homemade Kielbasa
 - Stuffed Cabbage
 - Baked Haddock
 - Sauerkraut
- Applesauce & Veggie Tray
 - Homemade Desserts
- Coffee, Soda, Iced Tea, Lemonade

In order for this dinner to be a success, we need volunteers to work during & after the dinner and donations of some food items and baked goods.

Signup sheets can be found on the handout table on the side of the church.

News from the Vatican



CATECHESIS ON THE OUR FATHER

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our ongoing catechesis on the "Our Father," let us continue to learn from Jesus how to pray as he taught. True prayer is made

in the intimate depths of a heart visible only to God. It is a silent dialogue, like the glance between two people in love. Yet in this way the Christian does not forget the world, but rather brings its people and its needs into prayer. We notice the absence of the word "I" in the "Our Father." Jesus teaches us instead to pray: "your kingdom come, your will be done." The second half of the prayer then moves from "your" to "our": "give us our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses." This use of the plural shows that Christian prayer never asks bread for just one person, but always on behalf of others. In our prayer, then, do we open our hearts to the cry of others? We are all children of God, and at the end of our lives we will be judged on how we have loved. Not a sentimental love but one that is concrete and compassionate, as seen in God's word: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40).

TRUE PRAYER IS COMPASSIONATE, NO HYPOCRISY OR TRICKS

Pope Francis tells the faithful during his weekly General Audience that prayer with God is a silent dialogue with love at its core, where there is no pretence. Pope Francis told pilgrims gathered for the General Audience on Wednesday, that "true prayer is made in the intimate depths of a heart visible only to God." "It is a silent dialogue," he said, with love at its core. "To look at God and to let oneself be looked at by God is to pray." The Pope commented that in this way, the Christian does not forget the world, but rather brings its people and its needs into prayer. He continued by saying, that the person who prays, tells God about the pain of someone he or she met that day. "If you don't realize that there's so many people who suffer," the Pontiff underlined, then that means one's heart is withered. "Feeling compassion" is "one of the key verbs of the Gospel.""Let us ask ourselves," said the Pope, "when I pray, do I open myself to the cry of so many people near and far? Or do I think of prayer as some kind of anesthesia so you can relax?" He stressed that "Jesus doesn't want hypocrisy. "True prayer is that which is accomplished in the secret of conscience, of the heart: inscrutable, visible only to God... It avoids falsehood: with God it is impossible to pretend." Before God, he said, tricks have no power.

Jesus makes us pray, the Pope emphasized, even for those "who apparently do not seek God", because God seeks these people "more than anyone else."

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule March 6th

7:30am – Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

12:10pm – Mass

7:00pm – Mass

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The Wellsboro Ministerium will be offering Wednesday Lenten Services. All services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 12:00-12:30pm, with a light lunch to follow.

The theme for this year is Love -1 Corinthians 4-8. The schedule below lists the church who will host the luncheon, and the verse being preached on for that day.

March 6th – First Presbyterian Church – Verse 4a
March 13th – Lutheran & Vineyard Churches – Verse 4b
March 20th – United Methodist Church – Verse 5
March 27th – Seventh Day Adventist – Verse 6
April 3rd – St. Peter's Church – Verse 7
April 10th – First Baptist Church – Verse 8

All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

WOMEN'S RETREAT LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

A women's retreat and Lenten Day of Reflection will be held on Sunday, March 24th at St. Eulalia's church, Coudersport, PA. The day will begin with Mass at 11:00am, followed by the program from 12:00-3:00pm, and dinner at 3:00pm. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The retreat will feature Judy Hehr, a spiritual motivator and inspirational speaker. Judy was a college dropout, single, homeless, drug addicted, and bankrupt by age 20, but a mom of 4 and a millionaire by the age of 34. Scorned, broken, and almost divorced by the age of 37, Judy is now a seminary graduate and thriving in a sanctified marriage. Her message of hope centers on her journey from captivity to freedom, and uses her sense of humor and real struggles from her personal life to compel her audience and connect theology to daily reality. The power behind her life journey will expand self-awareness, enrich attitudes, rekindle love for Christ, and encourage a personal relationship with God. For more information contact Sue Singer 570-724-2360



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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."

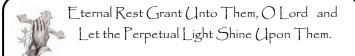
Parish Prayer List



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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, 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, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Paul Beuter, Jerry Eckert, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Frank Dziengowski, Jr., Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Denny Young, Cindy Copp, Carolyn Tester, Tom Brown, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Edward "Turk" Cruttenden, Agnes Worden, Larry Mommicco, Anne Marie Beuter, Carol Fasick, Skip Warriner, Jim Honeywell, Beverly Willsea, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Doris Coumbe, Michael Bowen, Lou Kirby, Linda Kichline, Shannon Pierce Jones, Arlene Froutz, and Steve Ziemak.



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.