

St. Peter's Church



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901

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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 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 _____

*It's the perfect time to follow
 Jesus' example. The "why did
 they" doesn't matter. What
 matters is that you respond with
 forgiveness and compassion.
 "Forgive them, Father."*

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 2/25	No Mass	
Tuesday 2/26	7:30am	Open (Call the Rectory to Schedule this Mass)
Wednesday 2/27	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Mary Agnes Bushner (Robert Bechtel)
Thursday 2/28	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of John & Anna Andrascik (Family)
Friday 3/1	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Lillian Gabriele (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Saturday 3/2	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of William Gitchell (Thomas Family)
Sunday 3/3	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
James Hopp (Anthony Family)

The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, February 24, 2019

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

MONDAY, February 25, 2019

ChristLife – 6:00pm, Parish Center

TUESDAY, February 26, 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, February 27, 2019

Staff Meeting – 8:30am, Rectory
Polish Dinner Prep – 8:00am, Parish Center
ChristLife – 6:00pm, Parish Center

THURSDAY, February 28, 2019

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

FRIDAY, March 1, 2019

Rectory Closed
Polish Dinner – 4:00-7:00pm, Parish Center

SUNDAY, March 3, 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

March 2nd/3rd

5:00pm

Altar Servers: E. Hazelton, I.Hazelton, A. Banik
Lectors: D.Sherman, C.Evert
E. Min.: V.Anthony, K.Wilcox, T.Straniere, B.Chiamonte

8:30am

Altar Servers: J.Grab, E.Benjamin, A.Osborn
Lectors: T.Reindl, M.Ostapowicz
E. Min.: M.Osborn, M.Bialas, N.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.

ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Westfield

Sunday 11:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland



Liturgical Reflection

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FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

The readings this Sunday challenge us to adopt a radically different sense of justice, one based upon mercy and not strict retribution. The First Reading recounts an episode from the life of David. God had chosen David to succeed Saul, and Samuel had anointed him as the next king. All that David did was successful. Saul had been anointed as king of Israel, but he had sinned against the Lord and the Lord had rejected him. This caused Saul to be jealous and he sought to kill David many times. David could have killed Saul when he came upon him, but David would not kill the anointed of the Lord. David's respect for the king puts the matter in God's hands. This gives us a good example of how we can respond to those who do evil things to us. We can respond with forgiveness.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 103

The Responsorial Psalm reminds us that we have learned what mercy means from the way the Lord has treated us. God has redeemed us and crowned us with kindness and compassion. He is slow to anger. He has forgiven our sins. We seek the mercy and compassion of God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

St. Paul uses the imagery of Jesus being a second Adam in this passage. The first Adam, the first human created, is our forefather. He brought sin into the world. We have inherited this from him. The second Adam, Jesus, has brought life into the world. Unlike the first Adam, he was obedient to the command of his Father. While we have inherited our earthly nature and sin from the first Adam, we have inherited our spiritual nature and eternal life from Jesus.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

"Be merciful,
just as your Father
is merciful."

Stop judging
and you will
not be judged.

Stop condemning
and you will
not be condemned.

Forgive and you
will be forgiven."

The Gospel of Luke has been characterized as being a Gospel of mercy and compassion. This passage demonstrates that, for in it Jesus calls us to base our human actions upon the call to mercy. It calls Christians to adopt the Gospel of love. Love is a choice of service to those who hate and hurt us. It cannot be motivated by what one will receive in return, but must be

based upon the need of the other. We cannot refuse to love others because they do not deserve our love. We did not deserve to be loved and forgiven by God, and yet we received that mercy. We have to share that mercy with others. Jesus presents a goal. We must aim at that goal, realizing that it might take a lifetime for us to reach it. May our hearts be the exact reflection of God's heart of mercy, as we respond with compassion, just as we have received compassion from our loving God.

Parish News and Activities

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Training for
Extraordinary
Ministers of
Holy Communion

Training for anyone interested in becoming part of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ministry, will be held on Thursday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the church.

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.

Contact the
Rectory to
Schedule

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.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Family Members Living At This Address:

Home Phone #: _____

Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

If we were to send out a group email, would you want to be included? (Events at St. Peter's, changes to Mass schedules, emergency information, etc. Email address 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) ____ **yes** ____ **no**

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.

Our Parish is at 76%

Parish Goal: \$ 46,500

Current Pledged Amount: \$ 35,463

If you have not yet given your support, please:

- Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or gift by credit card
- Mail a check to the 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.



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

A promotional poster for the "Come to the Well" Catholic Women's Conference. The poster features a title in a script font, a list of speakers with their photos, and details about the event date, location, and admission. The speakers listed are Teresa Tomeo, Jill Metz, Sr. Mercy Marie, SV, His Own Musicians, and Megan Murphy. The event is on Saturday, June 22, 2019, at the Byron Center, University of Scranton. Admission is \$40, student admission is \$20, and religious is free. The poster also includes a logo with a cross and the text "REFRESH YOUR FAITH" and a registration website: CWCNEPA.COM.

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 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. 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. 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 provide transportation, through Benedict's Bus Service, to the conference. Register on line at www.beamanconference.com, call 570-207-2213, 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



Clericalism. We have been hearing a lot about clericalism from Pope Francis and some of the bishops. Pope Francis, the bishops and laity throw that word around a lot. The way Pope Francis and some of the bishops talk, you would think all the problems of the Church are

caused by clericalism. You get the impression that Pope Francis and some of the bishops think all the problems of the Church could be solved if we can just get rid of clericalism. I think it might be good to understand what clericalism is and is not. It is a word that most have heard but may not really understand what it means or is.

There are as many definitions of clericalism as there are ideologies. Those of a more liberal ideology will define clericalism differently from those with a more conservative ideology. Liberals tend to think of a clerical priest as one who wears a cassock with French Cuff shirts, shoes shined to a mirror shine, drives a nice car, enjoys high church Roman worship and liturgy, likes high quality, beautiful liturgical appointments and vestments, and otherwise has the trappings of a more traditional priest. Conservatives tend to think of a clerical priest as one who does not identify with the traditional trappings of a priest, preferring instead to be more casual both liturgically and professionally. The clerical priest is one who thinks because they wear sandals and tie-die, drive a Prius, and do not go by the title "Father," believes that makes them hipper-than-thou and otherwise more able to relate with and provide pastoral care to their people.

The above is meant to be a bit tongue and cheek exaggerating the stereo-typical traits of what the differing people of differing ideologies in the Church understand as "clericalism." The problem is that these stereo-typical traits do not actually get to the heart of the issue. I would not be caught dead in tie-die and sandals. I also understand that whatever personal tastes a priest may have in what he drives; whatever tastes a priest has liturgically and professionally, that has little to do with clericalism. A hipster type priest can be just as clerical as a traditional priest; just in different ways.

Clericalism is an arrogance; a state of mind within the priest. Clericalism, very simply, is anyone who believes that they are entitled to respect, privilege and honor simply because of their rank or office in the Church. A liberal priest who refuses to pray a Rosary at a funeral home because he thinks Rosaries are left over medieval superstition is just as bad as a conservative priest who imposes the Tridentine Mass on an unwilling

congregation. Clerical priests are those who think respect and trust do not have to be earned. They believe they are entitled to respect and trust simply because of their ordination. I don't care what kind of car a priest drives, what cloths he wears, whether he goes by the title "Father," how high church the guy is, etc. I care about the kind of person he is. A priest who cares more for his people than he does himself is a good priest, regardless of his ideology and personal tastes. A priest who cares more about himself than his people, regardless of ideology and personal tastes is not a good priest.

A priest who is more Roman than Rome, more popish than the pope does not necessarily make him Clerical. Conversely, being hipper-than-thou; more radical than Karl Marx does not mean the priest is not Clerical. What makes a good priest is a priest who has a heart for service. If a guy wants to be more Roman than Rome, fine. Does he willingly get up in the middle of the night to respond to an emergency? Then he is a good priest. Is he willing to take off the Cuff-links and cassock and get down into the dirt at the cemetery clean up or bus tables at the soup kitchen? That is a good priest. Conversely is the guy who is to the left of Karl Marx and hipper-than-thou willing to do a Rosary when a family requests at a funeral home, despite his personal distaste for the devotion? Than this is a good priest.

What matters in the priesthood is what a priest does and how he treats other people. A priest who is clerical, then, whatever their personal tastes, is a priest who wants to be served rather than to serve. A clerical priest is one demands respect because of his office, yet gives no respect. A clerical priest is one who cares more about himself and his own comfort than he does his people. A clerical priest is one who cares more about what the Church can offer him than what he can offer the Church. Clericalism, then, is not in the external trappings of the priest—whether more Roman than Rome or hipper-than-thou, but in his actions towards people.

That's the way it is,

The Reverend David W. Bechtel, Pastor

Stewardship

Sunday Collection February 17, 2019: \$4,736.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,800.00

Difference:(\$1,064.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$10,545.74)

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

News from the Vatican



HEAR THE CRY OF THE LITTLE ONES WHO ASK FOR JUSTICE

Dear Brothers, good morning! In light of the scourge of sexual abuse perpetrated by ecclesiastics to the great harm of minors, I wanted to consult you, Patriarchs, Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, and Religious Superiors and Leaders, so that together we might listen to the Holy Spirit and, in docility to his guidance, hear the cry of the little ones who plead for justice. In this meeting, we sense the weight of the pastoral and ecclesial responsibility that obliges us to discuss together, in a synodal, frank and in-depth manner, how to confront this evil afflicting the Church and humanity. The holy People of God looks to us, and expects from us not simple and predictable condemnations, but concrete and effective measures to be undertaken. We need to be concrete.

So we begin this process armed with faith and a spirit of great parrhesia, courage and concreteness. As a help, I would share with you some important criteria formulated by the various Episcopal Commissions and Conferences – they came from you and I have organized them somewhat. They are guidelines to assist in our reflection, and they will now be distributed to you. They are a simple point of departure that came from you and now return to you. They are not meant to detract from the creativity needed in this meeting.

Finally, I ask the Holy Spirit to sustain us throughout these days, and to help us to turn this evil into an opportunity for awareness and purification. May the Virgin Mary enlighten us as we seek to heal the grave wounds that the scandal of pedophilia has caused both in the little ones and in believers. Thank you.

WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER IN YOUR HEART?

“Where is your brother in your heart?” This is the question that Pope Francis invited listeners to ask at the morning Mass he celebrated at Casa Santa Marta in the Vatican on February 18, 2019. In his homily, the Pope meditated on “disturbing questions and compromise responses”, especially in the First Reading where Cain responds in substance: “But what have I to do in my brother’s life? Am I his guardian? I wash my hands.” And he “seeks to flee the eyes of God.”

The question of God to Cain is “a disturbing question,” noted the pope, listing compromise responses: “but, it is his life, I respect, I wash my hands ... I do not interfere in the life of others ... we respond a little with general principles that say nothing but say everything.”

And the pope imagined the dialogue: “‘Where is your brother?’ – ‘I do not know’ – ‘But your brother is hungry!’ – ‘Yes, yes, it is certainly at the Caritas meal of the parish, yes they will surely give him food,’ and with this answer – of compromise – I save my skin. ‘No, the other, the sick ...’ – ‘He’s definitely in the hospital!’ – ‘But there’s no room in the hospital! And he has medicine?’ – ‘But this is his life, I can not meddle in the life of others ... he will surely have parents who will give him medicine, and I wash my hands...’ – ‘Where is your brother, the prisoner?’ – ‘Ah, he has what he deserves. He did that, he pays ...’”

“Where is your brother?” insisted the pope. “Where is your exploited brother, the black worker ... the one who does not have clothes, the little brother who cannot go to school, the drug addict ... where is he? Where is your brother in your heart? Is there room for these people in our hearts?”

“We are used to giving compromise answers, answers to escape the problem, not to see the problem, not to touch the problem,” he continued, before warning: “When we live ... without taking in hand what the Lord has taught us, sin stands at the door, lurking, waiting to enter. And destroy us.”

In Genesis too, “Adam hides from shame, from fear. Maybe we feel this shame. Where is your brother? Where are you? In what world do you live, without perceiving these things, these sufferings, these pains? Where is your brother? ... Where are you? Do not hide from reality. The Pope invited us to “respond openly, with loyalty, and also with joy to these two questions of the Lord.”

St. Peter's Church

All You
Can Eat!

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.

LENT IS COMING

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Ash Wednesday is on 6 March 2019
Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Lent lasts 40 days
(excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are:
prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting
(one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

PARISH MISSION TO BE HELD AT ST. PETER'S

Fr. Ray Collins from the Saint John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia will be celebrating and preaching at all of the Masses the weekend of March 10th, the First Sunday of Lent.

On **Sunday and Monday evenings, March 10th and 11th**, we will gather at St. Peter's for evening prayer beginning at 7:00pm. This will be followed by Fr. Collins speaking on St. John Neumann and his spirituality, along with sharing information on a few relics of the saint, Fr. Collins will bring with him.

Beginning the season of Lent with reflections on the life and spirituality of Saint John Neumann will be a great way to begin the season of Lent.

All are invited!

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.

This year's theme 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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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.