

St. Peter's Church



The Most Holy Trinity June 16, 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.

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.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310
Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS
Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center (570) 673-4476

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 _____

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

Director of Religious Ed.: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net

Assistant Directory of Religious Ed.: Maureen Poirier

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.

Blessed indeed is the man
who hears many gentle
voices call him father!

HAPPY Father's Day!

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 6/17	No Mass	
Tuesday 6/18	7:30am	In Memory of Jon Banik (Richard Shire)
Wednesday 6/19	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Honor of our President & Country (Wayne & Sue Singer)
Thursday 6/20	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Rachel Lynn Marrucci (John & Valerie Fornagiel)
Friday 6/21	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Teresa Kennedy (Lasko Family)
Saturday 6/22	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Joseph & Clara Patt (Family)
Sunday 6/23	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
Deceased Fathers of St. Peter's Parish

The Week Ahead

TUESDAY, June 18, 2019

Adoration - 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction – 6:30pm
AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, June 19, 2019

Broad Acres Mass – 10:30am

THURSDAY, June 20, 2019

Cards & Games – 12:00noon, Parish Center

FRIDAY, June 21, 2019

Rectory Closed

SUNDAY, June 23, 2019

Parish Breakfast – 9:30am, Parish Center

GOODIES FOR OUR TROOPS

This month's Goodies for our Troops items are: *foot aids, eye drops, lip balms, sunscreen, trail mix, flavored sunflower seeds, beef jerky, slim jims, Oreos, tootsie pops, lollipops & personal notes*. A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: Canned Tuna, ham, or chicken. A donation box can be found at the entrance of the church.

ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 7:00pm, St. Catherine, Westfield
Sunday 10:30am, St. Thomas, Elkland

Ministers of the Altar Schedule

June 22nd/23rd

5:00pm

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

Lectors: D.Bleggi, G.Poirier

E. Min.: N.Ostapowicz, I.Dziengowski, T.Straniere,
B.Chiamonte

8:30am

Altar Servers: L.Singer, Z.Singer, E.Benjamin

Lectors: M.Sampson, H.Sampson

E. Min.: D.Stager, L.Stager, A.Singer, A.Huck

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. prepares those who are unbaptized for full initiations into the Catholic Church. The program is adapted to the needs of each person. Contact the Rectory for more information.

Give freely that which you have received freely,
so that God's graces may reach the hearts of all. Pope Francis



Liturgical Reflection

Trinity Sunday

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom, personified as a woman present with God before the creation of the world, plays a great part in helping to establish the order and beauty of all creation. God's wisdom suffuses the universe with order and beauty. God's wisdom is present in and manifested through all creation, establishing both the extent and the limits that God desired for all creation. Wisdom existed before all things and was present at the creation. Ultimately, Proverbs affirms that God's wisdom found great delight in the company of all creation, most especially the human race. The Spirit, understood as the wisdom of God, is the fullness and presence of God dwelling with all creation, delighting especially in the intimate relationship with all humanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 8

Psalm 8 is a hymn that speaks about the glory that God has shared with human beings. When God created us, he breathed his Spirit into us. We are created in God's image and likeness. God shared His glory and honor with us and made us little less than angels. This carries a responsibility. We are created to be God's coworkers.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

Paul speaks of the Trinitarian presence of God in our lives by focusing first on God justifying and restoring us to intimate covenant relationship in Christ. Our response in faith enables us to access God's peace and grace, leading us to boast only in God's glory. We boast both in good times and in bad, for, through faith, all things draw us near to God's love, which has been poured out into our hearts in and through the gift of the Spirit which has been giving to us. Such Trinitarian love is beyond our imagining and yet, is God's gift to all humanity freely, intimately, and completely. Jesus restored peace between God and humanity. Faith in Jesus gives us access to that peace and also to grace, that is, God's own life surging within us. So faith leads to peace and grace and they open the door to hope. United in Christ in faith we can hope to share in the glory of God.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

Taken from the Last Supper discourse, this text presents Jesus, as ever, trying to care for his disciples with careful explanations. Jesus, before departing from his disciples, comforts them by promising the gift of the Spirit of truth who will enlighten them on all that Jesus said and did while he was with them. The Spirit will guide and enlighten them on those things they currently find difficult to bear. All that the Father has given to Jesus will be made clear and understandable through the Spirit that will be given to them. We are a community intimately united to God through Christ by the work of the Spirit gifted to us. Today we celebrate this rich love relationship which is ours in our Trinitarian God.

Parish News and Activities

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Laurel Festival booth. A special thank you to Sue Sticklin or chairing the event. A financial report will be printed in next week's bulletin.

PARISH BREAKFAST

Parish Council is hosting a parish breakfast on Sunday, 23rd, following the 8:30am Mass. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, and drinks will be served. All are welcome to attend. Please join us!

DEANERY MASS CELEBRATED

The annual Deanery Mass held at the deGuzman residence, will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 26th at 6:00pm. Bring a dish or snack to pass and a lawn chair. **All are welcome!** Questions? Call 570-376-5427. (*Directions: 287 N, 249 N to Keeneyville, turn right to Osceola, 1 1/2 miles to Box 818.*)

ADULT FAITH FILM SERIES

St. Peter's will present an adult faith film series on Wednesday evenings from July 24th to August 28th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. The films are free of charge and have been selected to enrich and inspire our faith journey. The first film is *Chariots of Fire*. In this 1981 Academy Award winner for Best Picture, two very different men on the UK Olympic team vie to win Olympic gold to demonstrate to the world the worth of their deeply held convictions. A friendship builds between the two in this true story that is as strong as their desire to win in the 1924 Paris Olympics. Discussion & Refreshments to follow. Please join us!



Confirmation 2019



St. Peter's Church Vacation Bible School

Open to all children ages pre-k through 6th grade

Join Us for the "Mane" Event this Summer
with Bible Lesson Activities, Crafts, Games, Snacks and Fun!

Dates: Monday July 15th through Thursday, July 18th

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at St. Peter's Parish Center
Thursday at Woodland Park; lower pavilion

For more information and to register, visit vbspro.events/p/5bd861

Be a Blessing...Volunteer!

Adults and students in grades 7-12 are needed to help make VBS a fun and successful event for the children of our parish. Please consider volunteering your time and talents. Details can be found on the registration website or contact Melissa Mann at stpreled@ptd.net for more information.

To close out Vacation Bible School, a family potluck picnic will be held at Woodland Park on the final night for all children, volunteers and their families. Additional details will be emailed once registration is confirmed.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

SALVATION - Many Protestants believe we are saved by Faith Alone and they say Catholics believe they can "work" their way into Heaven. How do you answer that?

Nowhere in the official teaching of the Catholic Church, does it teach that we can "work" our way into Heaven. The Catholic Church does not now, nor has it ever, taught a doctrine of salvation by works...that we can "work" our way into Heaven.

Nowhere in the Bible does it teach that we are saved by "faith alone." The only place in all of Scripture where the phrase "Faith Alone" appears, is in James...James 2:24, where it says that we are not...not...justified (or saved) by faith alone. So, one of the two main pillars of Protestantism...the doctrine of salvation by faith alone...not only doesn't appear in the Bible, but the Bible actually says the exact opposite – that we are not saved by faith alone.

If works have nothing to do with our salvation...then why do many passages in the New Testament that talks about judgment, say we will be judged by our works, not by whether or not we have faith alone? We see this in Romans 2, Matthew 15 and 16, 1 Peter 1, Revelation 20 and 22, 2 Corinthians 5, and many, many more verses.

If we are saved by faith alone, why does 1 Corinthians 13:13 say that love is greater than faith? Shouldn't it be the other way around?

As Catholics we believe that we are saved by God's grace alone. We can do nothing, apart from God's grace, to receive the free gift of salvation. We also believe, however, that we have to respond to God's grace. Protestants believe that, too. However, many Protestants believe that the only response necessary is an act of faith; whereas, Catholics believe a response of faith and works is necessary...or, as the Bible puts it in Galatians 5:6, "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love...faith working through love...just as the Church teaches.

That's The Way It Is



Recently the SCOTUS upheld part of a law in Indiana concerning abortion restrictions. The part of the law that the justices upheld in a 7-2 majority is the part of the law that requires that fetal remains be buried or cremated and otherwise treated as human remains. What is interesting about this decision is that two of the liberal justices voted in the majority. That Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonya Sotomayer were the two dissenting justices is no surprise to anyone. The bigger surprise is that the two other liberal Justices Elena Kagan and Stephen Breyer voted with the majority to uphold that part of the law.

I am no fan of Ruth Bader Ginsburg, but, I have to say that Ginsberg is nothing if not consistent. In her dissent, Ginsberg argued the following: "A woman who exercises her constitutionally protected right to terminate a pregnancy is not a 'mother'; the cost of, and trauma potentially induced by, a post-procedure requirement may well constitute an undue burden." Here, Ginsberg seems to be referring to "undue burden" language in a 1992 case before the SCOTUS that ultimately upheld Roe.

Ginsberg's concerns appear to be twofold. First, Ginsberg is concerned with a more practical issue: additional costs a woman may have to bear due to the requirements of the law. The potential for additional costs obviously hurt poor women the most. Abortion becomes less "accessible" to the people Ginsberg would see as needing access to the procedure the most. In Ginsberg's mind, this fact makes the law unconstitutional because it fails the "undue burden" test. Ginsberg's next concern is far more telling and ominous: for Ginsberg, the law is problematic because it treats fetal remains as human remains. Ginsberg does not believe a fetus is a human person. By treating the remains in such a manner, a woman who had an abortion may realize that abortion actually takes the life of a human being and come to regret her decision as a result of the law. This may lead to possible psychological trauma. Because of this, the law fails the "undue burden test" as far as Ginsberg is concerned.

It may surprise you to learn that I think Ginsberg makes a good argument there. Ginsberg's argument is sound and very powerful **if you accept the premise that a pregnant woman is not a mother**. It is easy to justify abortion if you do not believe that a human being is the subject of an abortion. If pro-lifers didn't believe that a fetus is a human being, they would have no problem with abortion. If a fetus is not a human being, then a fetus is no different from any other body part; a gall bladder for example. Pro-lifers have no

problem with removing and disposing of a gall bladder precisely because an organ is not a human being. If a fetus is analogous to other body parts, like a gall bladder, or a kidney, then abortion is nothing more than another surgical procedure used to "treat" a "medical condition."

Ginsberg understands the underlying premise of the Indiana law, namely, that a fetus is a human being. Other surgical remains are not treated in that manner because while they are human organs, they aren't to be confused with the person themselves. A gall bladder is a gall bladder. A gall bladder is human, but it is not a human being; a human person. Ginsberg understands that the SCOTUS in upholding the law is going down a slippery slope. In upholding the law, the SCOTUS is subtly accepting the premise of the anti-abortion movement: a fetus is a human being subject to rights. Human beings are not just "disposed" of when they die like other body parts. They are buried because they are special. They aren't just body parts. In upholding the law, the SCOTUS is subtly undermining Roe and setting the stage for its destruction; at least from Ginsberg's perspective. I happen to think Ginsberg is right on that. That is the whole point of anti-abortion laws. That is the whole reason SCOTUS appointments are so vital to both sides of the issue. Both sides of the issue know what is at stake.

While I do not agree with the ideology of the liberal justices, I have to admit that Ginsberg is not stupid. She is quite perceptive and quite intelligent. She knows that the underlying intent of the law subtly shifts the way people may think about abortion and thus possibly give woman seeking abortion pause. Pro-lifers have won a great victory in the SCOTUS decision precisely because the pro-lifers have now been able to shift the terms of the debate in American Jurisprudence. I am not saying this will result in Roe being overturned tomorrow or even 5 years from now. I am saying that we should not underestimate the power of small victories like this. Ruth Bader Ginsberg quite perceptively sees where this small victory could lead in the long term.

That's the way it is,

Rev. David W. Bechtel, Pastor

Stewardship

Sunday Collection June 9, 2019: \$ 5,605.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Projected Expenses: \$ 5,800.00

Difference :(\$ 195.00)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$ 7,522.24)

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

Priests for Life

Reflection on Today's Readings- The readings today, of course, present again the truth that God is One in Three Persons. Preaching pro-life on the Feast of the Holy Trinity leads us to comment on the reality of "communio". Seen in a unique way in the Trinity, this is a reality lived on a human level as well. It is first of all a gift, and secondly a task, consisting of a total self-giving to one another. The unity of families, nations, and the world depend on it. As the bulletin insert above indicates, this is a key reason for today's Feast. A particular application is in the matter of abortion. There are no two human beings closer than a mother and her unborn child. Abortion disrupts, denies, and distorts the union of these two persons, and in doing so, further destroys family and societal unity. Most marriages break up after an abortion, and the woman often experiences an inability to bond with future children or even enter into future relationships with men. Her ability to trust and to make life decisions is impaired by abortion. Standing for life and protecting the unborn means fostering the "communio" we see, in its ultimate form, in the Trinity. Life is preserved precisely when it is given away in self-sacrificing love.

Diocese of Scranton News

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF VICTIMS OF VIOLENT OR TRAGIC DEATH

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 11th at 7:00pm in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR GRIEVING

An evening of reflection for those who are grieving will be held on Sunday, June 23rd, 6:00pm, at Saint Monica Parish Hall 363 West Eighth Street, West Wyoming. The evening includes Prayer and Scripture, Video, Words from Father Peter Tomczak, time to share and refreshments. Please make plans to attend this beautiful evening of consolation, For more information or to register please call Joanne Austin at 570-288-6785.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Come to the Well
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

 TERESA TOMEO <i>Keynote Speaker</i>	 JILL METZ <i>Featured Speaker</i>	 SR. MERCY MARIE, SV <i>Featured Speaker</i>	 HIS OWN <i>Musicians</i>	 MEGAN MURPHY <i>Keynote Speaker</i>
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Saturday, June 22, 2019
BYRON CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

\$40 ADMISSION (EARLY BIRD PRICING UNTIL 6/9/19)
\$20 STUDENT ADMISSION
FREE RELIGIOUS

Register at
CWCNEPA.COM



St. Peter's will provide transportation for any women who want to attend this conference. Please let the Rectory know by Monday, June 17th, if you are planning attending the conference.

Safety Tip #3

"Situational Awareness"

Situational awareness is simply knowing what's going on around you. Paying close attention to your surroundings – people, places, things – will help you better recognize potential threats

"As adults we must not rob children of their capacity to dream. Let us seek to promote an environment of hope, where their dreams may grow and be shared: A shared dream opens the path towards a new way of life." Pope Francis

News from the Vatican



SERVE OTHERS FREELY, AS GOD FREELY LOVES YOU

In his homily at Mass in the Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis reminds us that our relationship with God is completely gratuitous and requires only that we open our hearts to His grace. “Give freely that which you have received freely,” Pope Francis said. Focusing his remarks on the Christian’s relationship with God, the Pope noted that we are called to serve and love our brothers and sisters in the same way that God has done with us.

Vocation to serve, not to make use of others - Taking his cue from the day’s Gospel (Mt 10:7-13) in which Jesus commissions the disciples to go out on mission, Pope Francis said Christians cannot remain stationary, since our way of life impels us to “hit the road, always.” He said Jesus has already given us our mission: “As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons.” “Christian life is for service. It saddens us to find Christians who at the beginning of their conversion or awareness of being Christian, serve and are open to serve the people of God, but who later end up making use of the people of God. This causes much harm to God’s people. Our vocation is to serve, not to ‘make use of.’”

Expand our hearts- Christian life, said Pope Francis, is lived gratuitously. “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give,” he said, was how Jesus described the core of salvation. He said salvation cannot be bought, because God “saves us free of charge” and “requires no payment.” As God has done with us, so we are to do with others, he said. “Realize that the Lord is full of gifts for us. He asks just one thing: that our hearts be open. When we say ‘Our Father’ and we pray, we open our heart, allowing this gratuitousness to enter. Often when we need some spiritual grace, we say: ‘Well, now I will fast, do penance, pray a novena...’ Fine, but be careful: this is not done to ‘pay’ or ‘buy’ grace. We do it to open our hearts so that grace might enter. Grace is freely given.”

All God’s gifts, said Pope Francis, are given without cost. And he warned that sometimes “the heart folds in on itself and remains closed, and it is no longer able to receive “such freely given love”. We should not bargain with God, he said.

Freely give - Pope Francis then invited Christians, and especially pastors and bishops, to give freely and not try to sell God’s graces. “It pains the heart,” he said, when we see pastors “that make money off of God’s grace: ‘I can help you, but it will cost this

much...” “In our spiritual life we always run the risk of slipping up on the question of payment, even when speaking with the Lord, as if we needed to bribe the Lord. No! That is not the correct path... I make a promise, in order to expand my heart to receive what is already there, waiting for us free of charge. This relationship of gratuitousness with God is what will help us to have the same rapport with others, whether it be in Christian witness, Christian service, or the pastoral work of those who guide the people of God. We do so along the way. Christian life means walking. Preach and serve, but do not make use of others. Serve and give freely that which you have received freely. May our life of holiness be permeated by this openness of heart, so that the gratuitousness of God – the graces that He wishes to give us without cost – may enter our hearts.”

FROM SLAVE TO PRIEST: AUGUSTUS TOLTON ONE STEP CLOSER TO SAINTHOOD

Augustus Tolton is among the eight individuals whose heroic virtues were confirmed by Pope Francis in a series of decrees promulgated by the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints. The name of Augustus Tolton stands out partly because he is the only American, but mostly because, when he was ordained in 1886, he was the first Catholic priest in the United States publicly known to be black.

Augustus Tolton was born into a family of slaves in Missouri, in 1854. He studied for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained at the Basilica of St John Lateran in 1886 when he was 31 years of age. He returned to the United States soon afterwards where he served the black community, mostly in Chicago.









Known for his musical talents, which included a gift for playing the accordion and a beautiful singing voice, “Good Father Gus”, as he was nicknamed, quickly became famous for the eloquence of his sermons. Contemporary local news articles refer to him specifically as being “a fluent and graceful talker”.

The year 1897 saw the city of Chicago experiencing an exceptional heat wave. Fr Tolton was frequently given to bouts of illness and fatigue. On July 8th, he collapsed and died of heatstroke. He was 43 years of age.

His cause for canonization was opened by the Archdiocese of Chicago in 2010. On June 12, 2019, Pope Francis officially confirmed his “heroic virtue,” putting him on the path to eventual sainthood.

The Archdiocese of Chicago's official website for the Cause for Sainthood for Father Augustus Tolton includes historical information about his life, various videos that can be viewed on line, and other important information about his life.

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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.