# St. Peter's Church



14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time July 7, 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 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup>) 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	

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.

# We welcome

# Logan Coates

son of Shawn & Rachel Patt Coates, into the One, Holy, Catholic Church through the waters of Baptism.

#### **Parish Contact Listing**

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-724-2360

ChristLife - Norb Josten 570-724-9095

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Jan Bernethy 307-267-0677

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

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
Monday 7/8	No Mass	
Tuesday 7/9	No Mass	Fr. Bechtel
Wednesday 7/10	No Mass	is away this week.
Thursday 7/11	No Mass	is away tills week.
Friday 7/12	No Mass	
Saturday 7/13	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Bob Daraio (Frank & Ida Dziengowski)
Sunday 7/14	8:30am	In Memory of Lewis "Chuck" Getgen (Joan Getgen)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Edward G. Kamenc (Tascione Family)

#### The Week Ahead

#### TUESDAY, July 9, 2019

AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

#### **THURSDAY**, **July 11**, **2019**

Life Line Screening – 8:30am – 5:30pm, Parish Center Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Adult Ed. Room

#### **FRIDAY, July 12, 2019**

**Rectory Closed** 

## **SUNDAY, July 14, 2019**

Secular Carmelites – 11:30am, 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**

July 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>

5:00pm

Altar Servers: M.Mann, W.Steinbacher, X.Tellgren

Lectors: D.Bleggi, P.Walrath

E. Min.: I.Dziengowski, D.Sherman, K.Tellgren, V.Anthony

8:30am

Altar Servers: H.Campbell, L.Germino, S.Zimmerman

Lectors: L.Gordon, D.Gordon

E. Min.: J.Bernethy, T.Gamble, N.Ostapowicz, K.Wilcox

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

"We all go through difficult days at times, but we must always remember that life is a grace. It is the miracle that God drew forth from nothing." Pope Francis



# **Liturgical Reflection**

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Isaiah speaks of the great joy that will be experienced by all as the Lord restores Jerusalem after the devastation of the Babylonian Exile. Using rich mother metaphors, God will restore Jerusalem from a barren, sorrowful, mournful mother to a fertile, prosperous, loving and ever-comforting one. As a mother comforts, loves and dotes on her child, so will God do for us. The power of the Lord will be evident to all, with joy and abundant life as its unimaginable manifestation.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 66**

Psalm 66 is a hymn of thanksgiving; both for what the Lord had done for the nation and for what he had done for the psalmist. God is both a God who guides the great events of history, and a God who is concerned with every individual. The psalmist calls upon all the nations of the earth to give praise to the Lord.

#### **SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18**

Paul asserts that the only thing any disciple can boast in is the Cross of Christ, the most degrading of deaths transformed into the ultimate symbol of God's love to all. As disciples, we too are called to manifest God's gracious love to all, no matter the cost. Whether circumcised or uncircumcised, Jew or Gentile, all are new creations in the Lord, who broke down any and all boundaries that divide us. Paul asserts that as disciples we all bear the marks of Jesus as we willingly give ourselves in service of others. All this is God's doing through the grace given to us in Christ.

#### GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20



Jesus appoints seventytwo disciples and commissions them to go ahead of him to spread the word concerning God's reign. They are being sent as workers to

a rich harvest that God has cultivated. However, they are also warned that such harvesting will involve dangers and challenges, concretized in the image of being sent out "like lambs among wolves." They will experience rejection and opposition. Jesus instructs them as to their behavior on such a mission, and insists that no matter what they encounter, they are to trust in God who will protect and care for them. They return rejoicing at the great feats they are able to accomplish in God's name, as Jesus proclaims that with God's reign, Satan is defeated and his disciples have their names recorded in heaven.

# **Parish News and Activities**

#### ADULT FAITH FILM SERIES

St. Peter's will present an adult faith film series on Wednesday evenings from July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> 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 gold to demonstrate to the world the worth of their deeply held convictions. A friendship builds between them 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!

#### SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

As part of our ongoing safety and security evaluation and implementation, there will be a change in when the church building will be open. The time has come to lock the church doors during the evening and overnight hours. Beginning in September the church doors will be unlocked and open from 8:00am - 5:00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 7:00am – 5:00pm on Tuesday; 4:00pm until after Mass on Saturday; 8:00am until after Mass or Religious Education classes are over on Sunday. All other hours, the doors will be locked and you will not be able to enter the building. If you currently have a key signed out (daily sacristan, candle or linen volunteer, etc.) please note that your key will still work for the interior doors such as the Sacristy or holy room, but your key will not open any of the outside doors to the church. You will have to perform your "church duties" during the hours listed above, when the building is open. While this is a big change for us, and one that may take some getting used to, it is a necessary step in our ongoing safety and security efforts, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

#### **CHRISTLIFE REUNION REMINDER**

All parishioners who have completed at least one of the ChristLife series programs should have received an invitation to attend the ChristLife alumni reunion on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be a meal, inspiring talks, songs of praise, and small group discussion. Please return your registration form no later than July 7<sup>th</sup>, so the food and materials can be planned.

#### FISCAL YEAR HAS ENDED

Our fiscal year has come to a close. The Finance Council met this week and approved a budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year. A financial report for 2018-19 is being prepared and will be shared with the parish and published in the bulletin in September.

# That's The Way It Is



How does the seminary work? This week I want to talk a little bit about the seminary system in the Church and explain how it works. It may surprise you to learn that seminaries are a relatively recent phenomenon in the

Church. The Church is 2020 years old. The idea that priests should receive formal training for ministry in schools came about because of the Protestant Reformation. For 1500 years, priests had no formal training. They learned by apprentice. In response to the issues raised during the Protestant Reformation, the Council of Trent decreed that dioceses should set up places where future priests can be formally trained for ministry and formally educated.

How does one form and educate a priest in a formal setting? There was no working model for how to train priests. The bishops had to improvise. The model bishops adopted for their seminaries was based on the monastery. In a monastery, professed religious live their vows in community. They live together, eat together, work together, pray together, etc. There day is quite regimented. They get up early, perhaps at 6:00AM. Morning Prayer might be held in the chapel at 6:30AM. Mass would follow Morning Prayer. The monks would then go about their daily work. They might meet in the chapel at 12:00PM for Daytime Prayer. Lunch would follow then afternoon work. At the end of the day they would meet again in the chapel for Evening Prayer. Dinner would follow. There might be some community time before everyone gathered in the chapel for Night Prayer around 9:30PM. After Night Prayer, it was bedtime.

Until Vatican II, seminary formation very much followed this model. After Vatican II, the model was updated somewhat. Seminaries are not as regimented as they were prior to Vatican II, but the monastic model is still followed. Men studying for the priesthood live in community. They eat together, pray together, attend class together, and otherwise live in a pseudo-monastic setting. What has been updated since Vatican II is that there is more focus on field assignments. Depending on your year of study you receive a field placement. This could be in an institutional setting like a hospital, prison, school, college, soup kitchen, etc. This is called an Apostolate. Parish placements are also part of the field work. Generally men in their graduate study years would receive parish placements during the year.

You study a great deal of philosophy at the undergraduate level. At the graduate level you study theology. Knowledge of philosophy is necessary because theology speaks in the language of philosophy, just as science speaks in the language of math. Trying to understand theology without philosophy is like trying to

understand science without math. Basic courses in psychology, sociology and counseling techniques are offered as well. In all, seminary can take 6-9 years, depending on the age of the person entering and whether they have an undergraduate degree. If you have an undergraduate degree when you enter seminary, seminary will take 6 years. If you do not have a degree, it will take 8-9 years. Some seminaries have a year of spirituality as part of their program.

In my opinion, weakness of seminary is the monastic model. You are being trained and formed for a life you will not be living as a priest. The life of a diocesan priest could not be more different from the life of a professed religious. In seminary, the day is regimented. You follow a schedule. You have times when you do this and times when you do that. Parish life does not follow a schedule. Often times, things just start happening and the day gets away from you. Seminary is a sterile and controlled environment, parish life is anything but. For some newly ordained this can certainly be an adaption. This is especially so with prayer. In seminary you often had uninterrupted times when you could pray. Parish life does not work that way.

Another adaption for some men is the lack of community life. Most people who are drawn to priesthood are naturally people persons. They are extroverted. They get used to living in a community and always having someone right there to talk to, etc. Then they get ordained and diocesan priesthood is not at all communal. With the exception of your first years in ministry, most of your priesthood will be spent living alone. And even if you live with another priest that does not entail you eat, pray or work together. You are often coming and going at different times. So you spent 6-9 years praying together, eating together, doing everything together and diocesan priesthood is nothing like that. For an introvert like me, this is heaven. For an extrovert, this is an adaption.

Yet another adaption for many is the utter disconnect between the skills seminary seeks to pass on to us and the skills that are actually needed in a parish. A friend of mine put it this way: "We are trained to be theological practitioners and what is needed is community organizing."

Seminary as a whole has its strengths and weaknesses as you can see. I do think it would behoove the Church to take a look at the system as a whole and, perhaps make some updates so men can be better prepared for ministry in the modern Catholic Church.

That's the way it is,

Rev. David W. Bechtel, Pastor

Volunteers needed on July 28<sup>th</sup> for the *Conquer the Canyon* marathon. Please contact Megan Bagg 484-542-4441 or MeganRunsPA@gmail.com for more details Volunteers will work water stations along the course-kids (12 & older) and adults welcome. *Benefits Second Chance Animal Sanctuaries*.

# **Stewardship**

Sunday Collection June 30, 2019: \$4,810.56 Weekly Goal to Meet Projected Expenses: \$5,800.00

Difference:(\$ 989.44)

Year-to-Date Budget Variance:(\$ 9,473.94) Collection for Peter's Pence: \$ 803.00

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

## **Priests for Life**

About the Readings - The command to "love our neighbor as ourselves" doesn't simply mean to love them "to the same extent" as we love ourselves, but more fundamentally to love them "as a person like ourselves." It means that we recognize in them a person with the same worth, value, dignity, and rights as we ourselves have. This is precisely where the "pro-choice" mentality has gone wrong, when it fails to see the unborn child as our neighbor. The justifications for abortion would not hold if invoked as a reason to kill a born child. Our Declaration of Independence invokes the "right to life" as an "unalienable right" granted to all "by their Creator," not their government. What God gives, government cannot take away. This is the foundation of our freedom – that God himself grants our human rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted." This is the basis of the freedom we enjoy in America. Preserving that freedom requires preserving the fundamental rights that are its foundation, starting with life itself.

# **Diocese of Scranton News**

#### CATHOLIC WOMEN DAY OF REFLECTION

The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct Retreat/Day Reflection of on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at The Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, 245 Meadowside Road, Mount Pocono. PA. Monsignor Vincent Grimalia. Coordinator for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations. will conduct the retreat. The theme of the day-long event is "Works of Mercy". The day includes Mass, confession, private time, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will end by 3 p.m. A continental breakfast and luncheon will be served. The cost is \$35. All Catholic women are invited to attend. The reservation deadline is July 30th. Please send your reservation with payment to Helen Oravec, 814 Theresa Street, Peckville, PA 18452. Make check payable: Scranton DCCW. Contact Helen Oravec at 570-489-5231 or at 570-470-1536 if Judy **Poltanis** additional information is required.

# DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

#### SCRIPTURE AND TRADITION

My Protestant friends say that their church goes by the Bible Alone, but that the Catholic Church has added a lot of man-made traditions to the Word of God...Is that true?

No, it is not true. Protestants have as their sole rule of faith the written Word of God, which we find in Sacred Scripture. The Catholic Church has as its sole rule of faith, the entire Word of God, as it is found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. All of the Word of God was at one time passed on orally...Sacred Tradition. Eventually, some of Sacred Tradition was written down...this became Sacred Scripture, which is written tradition. However, Scripture itself tells us that not all of the things that Jesus said and did were written down.

Listen to what Paul says about "tradition" in 2 Thes 2:15, "So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter." Traditions taught by word of mouth and traditions taught by letter.



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>

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 nightfor all
children, volunteers
and their families.
Additional details will be
emailed once
registration is
confirmed.



# **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Today's Gospel acclamation: Colossians 3:15A;16A

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# Prayer for the Journey

As Jesus sought the quiet of the desert, teach us to pray.

As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples, teach us to love.

As Jesus promised paradise to the thief on the cross, teach us to hope.

As Jesus called Peter to walk to him across the water, teach us to believe.

As the child Jesus sat among the elders in the temple, teach us to seek answers.

As Jesus in the garden opened his mind and heart to God's will, teach us to listen.

As Jesus reflected on the Law and the prophets, teach us to learn.

As Jesus used parables to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom, teach us to teach.

# Saint of the Week

Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

17th - 20th Centuries

Feast Day: July 9



## Augustine Zhao Rong was

a soldier in China who had guarded the prison cell of a Catholic bishop. He was so moved by the bishop's demeanor that he became a Christian and a priest. He died in 1815 after being tortured. He and 120 other martyrs from 400 years of Chinese history were canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000.

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# **News from the Vatican**



#### SEAL OF CONFESSION ALWAYS INVIOLABLE, DESPITE CIVIL LAW

In a note published Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Vatican reaffirms the inviolability of the Seal of Confession, saying any political or legislative attempts to force priests

to reveal what is said in the confessional is a violation of religious freedom.

Approved for publication by Pope Francis on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the Note (written in Italian) upholds the absolute inviolability of the Seal of Confession, meaning that priests can never be forced to reveal what they learn in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"The inviolable secrecy of Confession derives directly from revealed divine law and is rooted in the very nature of the sacrament, to the point of admitting no exception in the ecclesial or, even less so, in the civil sphere. In the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, in fact, the very essence of Christianity itself and of the Church is encapsulated: the Son of God became man to save us, and He decided to involve the Church, as a "necessary instrument" in this work of salvation, and, in her, those whom He has chosen, called, and constituted as His ministers," the Note reads.

Any political or legislative pressure to override this sacramental seal, it continues, would be "an unacceptable offense" against the Church's freedom, which comes from God and not human institutions, and would be "a violation of religious freedom."

"Violation of the Seal would equal a violation of the poor person that is within the sinner."

Priests, the Note reads, should therefore defend the Seal of Confession even to the point of shedding blood, both as an act of loyalty to the penitent and as a witness – martyrium – to the unique and universal salvation of Christ and the Church.

Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, Major Penitentiary of the Apostolic Penitentiary, who signed the Note with Msgr. Krzysztof Nykiel, the Regent, released a statement to explain the Note's content. He said the Note comes in response to the media-centric nature of modern society, which he said is more interested in getting the story out than verifying the facts. "Everything today is in view; everything must be known," he said.

Pope Francis, he noted, recently said, "The internal forum is an internal forum, and it cannot go outside. It is a sin against the dignity of the person who trusts the priest, and who expresses his or own situation to ask for forgiveness."

The Note also contests a "worrying 'negative prejudice' against the Catholic Church in society. In an interview with Vatican Radio, Cardinal Piacenza said there is "an unjustifiable pretense that the Church should, in some manner, conform her juridical system to the civil laws of States where she operate. We must work with the State, in everything that is not the sacramental forum."

The goal in releasing the note, said Cardinal Piacenza, is "to instill greater trust, especially in these times, in penitents who come to confess themselves, and ultimately to advance the cause of the sacrifice of Christ, who came to take away the sins of the world."



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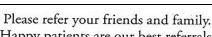
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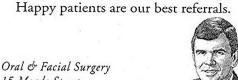
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# A Gift in Your Will

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."



#### **BULLETIN ADVERTISING** SPACE AVAILABLE

We currently have advertising space available in our weekly bulletin. If you are interested in placing an ad, please call the rectory.

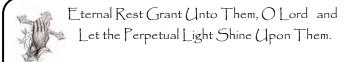
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# **Parish Prayer List**

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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, 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, 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, Anne Marie Beuter, Carol Fasick, Skip Warriner, Beverly Willsea, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Doris Coumbe, Michael Bowen, Lou Kirby, Shannon Pierce Jones, Steve Ziemak, Ted Zuchowski, and Cody Bowers.



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.