St. Peter's Church



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 4, 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 $Pre-K - 12^{th}$ grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th begins at 9:30am and concludes at 10:40am. To register, please contact the Religious Education Office at 570-724-9789 or the Rectory at 570-724-3371. Children's Liturgy (grades K-4th) is held during the 8:30am Mass when Religious Education classes are in session.

Welcome to St. Peter's Church!

If you are visiting Tioga County this weekend, welcome and thank you for worshiping with us! If you are searching for a Spiritual home, we welcome you to join us and invite you to become part of our church family. Please complete this form and return it to the parish office or drop it in the offertory basket.

Request for Parishioner Registration Form

Name_

Phone

Address

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 Director 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.



Vacation Bible School 2019

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 570-404-8918 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 Praver 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 8/5	No Mass	
Tuesday 8/6	7:30am	In Memory of Nykola Antoniw (Ostapowicz Family)
Wednesday 8/7	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Beth Patt (Paul & Marion Patt)
Thursday 8/8	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions Special Intentions
Friday 8/9	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Linda Kichline (Wayne & Sue Singer
Saturday 8/10	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions In Memory of Paul & Anna Beuter (Family)
Sunday 8/11	8:30am	All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of **Ralph & Doris Sampson** (Tom & Linda Sampson)

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, August 5, 2019 Samaritan House Meeting – 4:15pm, Adult Ed. Room <u>TUESDAY, August 6, 2019</u> Adoration - 8:00am-6:30pm; Benediction – 6:30pm Retreat Planning Meeting – 6:30pm, Music Room AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center <u>WEDNESDAY, August 7, 2019</u> Adult Education Film Series – 7:00pm, Parish Center <u>THURSDAY, August 8, 2019</u> Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Adult Ed. Room <u>FRIDAY, August 9, 2019</u> Rectory Closed <u>SUNDAY, August 11, 2019</u> 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: Chicken Noodle or Tomato Soup (10-11oz). 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

August 10th/11th

5:00pm

Altar Servers: M.Mann, X. Tellgren Lectors: L.Sampson, T.Sampson E. Min.: D.Sherman, B.Butler, D.Stager, L.Stager

8:30am

Altar Servers: L.Germino, M.Ingerick, S.Zimmerman Lectors: M.Ostapowicz, N.Bickham E. Min.: M.Stirnaman, N.Ostapowicz, J.Bernethy. 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.



Liturgical Reflection

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Wisdom literature focuses on the meaning and significance of everyday life, especially in those things that matter in our relationship to God and one another. The key lesson of Ecclesiastes is that life is "vanity of vanities," transitory like vapor or breath that quickly vanishes. Those who work hard at gaining possessions and wealth will soon die and leave the possessions to one who had not worked for them. Striving for material things brings with it worry, anxiety, and sleepless nights. Death makes such struggle futile and meaningless. Wisdom's lesson is to focus on and strive for things that truly matter in life. Only attunement to God's values and path, and not our limited and often distorted values, leads to the wisdom of heart necessary to face and work through life's transitory nature.

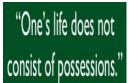
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90

The verses from Psalm 90 heard today, emphasize the fragility of human life and the greatness of God. The psalm starts with the premise that we can do nothing on our own. The psalmist presents this truth and then tells God it is up to him. If he does not provide his gracious care, then we will not have a chance. He is the only one who can bring our works to completion.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

If in Baptism we have been raised with Christ, then it must manifest itself in our manner of living and relating to God and one another. Our life is now hidden with Christ in God such that we no longer act but Christ acts in and through us. We are challenged to put away all that is "earthly," namely all that causes our hearts to harden and not be attuned to Christ's way of living and acting. In Baptism we have put on Christ so we must live as Christ. Since "Christ is all and in all," we are all bonded to each other, all divisions are eliminated, and nothing can ever separate us from God and one another.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21



Luke's Jesus is always attuned to the obstacles that riches pose in our efforts to attune ourselves to God's voice and way of operating. The "rich fool" parable becomes a

living example of one who had not learned that "one's life does not consist of possessions." Ecclesiastes' wisdom of the "vanity" of life, the worries that come with possessions, and the uncertainty of inheritance upon death, are reiterated by Jesus as an important teaching lesson for all disciples. Jesus teaches us that we are all not in storing "up treasures for ourselves." Only by responding to God's covenant love offered to us in Christ, and striving to be in right relationship with all, will we ever achieve true wisdom of heart.

Parish News and Activities ADULT FAITH FILM SERIES



St. Peter's adult faith film series continues on Wednesday, July 31st starting at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. All films are free of charge and have been

selected to enrich and inspire our faith journey. This week's film is *Woodlawn*. In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player on the Woodlawn High School football team. Their dedication to love and unity, in a newly desegregated school filled with racism and hate, leads to the largest high school football game ever played. 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 – 7:00pm 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.

Stewardship

week to support our parish and its ministries!

That's The Way It Is

A teacher in a Catholic school in South Carolina was fired for publically supporting abortion. The teacher, Elizabeth Cox, is now suing the school for wrongful termination. Cox claims she was fired for her political views and free speech. That claim is ridiculous. Cox was fired for publically supporting abortion while in the employment of a Catholic institution. Cox was not fired for her political views and affiliations. No one cares what political party she belongs to, or what her political ideology is. No one cares what political candidates she supports for office. No one would care that she supports abortion; the problem is that she works for a Catholic institution. The Catholic Church is against abortion; this teaching is fundamental. Dissent on this teaching is not permitted.

All employees of Catholic institutions know that while employed by the institution they may not publically support things that conflict with the Catholic Faith. What Cox is not telling the media outlets is that she signed a contract where she agreed to publically speak and act in accord with the principles of the Catholic Faith while employed by the Catholic Church. Cox knew full well that supporting things that conflict with the Catholic Faith can lead to termination of employment. If Cox wants to support abortion, let her get a job at a public school-or anywhere but a Catholic school or institution. If Catholic teaching on abortion offends her, why does she work at a Catholic school and why did she sign a contract where she agreed to publically speak and act in accord with Catholic principles? No one put a gun to her head and forced her to work in a Catholic institution.

Cox posted several comments on Facebook in support of abortion. The post I want to deal with is this: "I'll start believing you're pro-life when you: ban guns, have free healthcare for all, stop separating families at the border, offer cheap, prescribed birth control, raise minimum wage, improve the quality of education in schools, act on the climate crisis, improve mental health care."

Note that Cox adopts a text book strategy that many abortion supporters use when debating abortion: they change the subject. I fail to see the connection between being abortion and one's stance on second amendment rights, government run health care, immigration policy, education, minimum wage, etc. Put another way: what does the belief that all innocent people have an absolute and fundamental right to life have to do with your stance on second amendment rights, the minimum wage, immigration, education, free health care, etc? Cox does not tell us. I believe that all innocent people have an absolute right to life. Why does that automatically demand that I support a liberal immigration policy, a \$15 an hour minimum wage, free health care, free college, restrictions on second amendment rights, and the Green New Deal, etc? Not that those issues are unimportant. I just fail to see what they have to with one's stance on abortion. What is clear is that for some reason, Cox seems to think that the belief that all innocent people have an absolute right to life entails, support for liberal immigration policy, restrictions on second amendment rights, free health care, free college, a \$15 dollar minimum wage, and support of the Green New Deal, etc. I will take Cox's logic and turn it on its head in the illustration below:

"I will believe that Cox truly supports a liberal immigration policy, free health care, free college, a \$15 per hour minimum wage, free or cheap birth control, strong restrictions on second amendment rights, support for the Green New Deal, etc, when Cox stops supporting abortion."

You see, what is good for the goose is good for the gander. If in Cox's mind, the belief that all innocent people have an absolute right to life entails support for restrictions on second amendment rights, free health care, a liberal immigration policy, etc, then support for restrictions on second amendment rights, a liberal immigration policy, free health care, etc, entails a belief that all innocent people have an absolute right to life.

Somehow, I doubt Cox and other abortion supporters would agree. In that, they stand refuted by their own logic. In disagreeing, they implicitly grant my point. The belief that all innocent people have an absolute right to life does not entail that one support free health care, a \$15 minimum wage, etc. Climate change, Second Amendment rights, etc, are all important issues worthy of discussion. Abortion is a separate issue that is even more fundamental than any other issue. Those who support abortion are starting from a flawed position. They are starting from a position that not all innocent life is equal. Those who support abortion believe that some innocent people do not have a right to life; that the right to life depends on the desires of someone else. If this is their starting point, it is difficult for me to understand their outrage at people who support second amendment rights, the enforcement of immigration law, etc. It is difficult for me to understand their outrage at those who do not support free health care, a \$15 per hour minimum wage, etc. If we have no obligation to care about the rights of the unborn, why do we have an obligation to care about the rights of the born?

That's the way it is,

The Reverend David W. Bechtel, Pastor

News from the Vatican



THE OUR FATHER IS THE SYNTHESIS OF EVERY PRAYER

At the Angelus, Pope Francis reflects on the Our Father, "one of the most precious gifts" Jesus has left us. In his

reflection on Sunday's Gospel, Pope Francis said that the disciples wanted "to experience the same 'quality'" of prayer was present in Jesus' relationship with the Father. "They could see that prayer was an essential dimension in the life of their Master," he said, noting that "each of His important actions was characterized by extended periods of prayer." They recognized, too, that Jesus "did not pray like the other masters of the time"; rather, "His prayer is an intimate link with the Father."

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, the Pope said, the Lord did not simply "give an abstract definition of prayer, or teach an effective technique for praying in order to 'obtain' something." Instead, Jesus shared with them His own experience of prayer, "putting them directly in contact with the Father, and arousing in them a longing for a personal relationship with Him."

This, Pope Francis said, "is the novelty of Christian prayer: It is a dialogue between people who love one another, a dialogue based on trust, sustained by listening, and open to the commitment to solidarity."

The prayer Jesus taught them, the Our Father, "is one of the most precious gifts left to us by the divine Master during His earthly mission," the Pope said. With this prayer, Jesus teaches us "to enter into the Fatherhood of God, and shows us the way to enter into prayerful and direct dialogue with Him, through the way of filial trust." The Our Father, he said, "is the synthesis of every prayer, and we always address it to the Father in communion with our brothers and sisters."

FREE WOMEN FROM THE SLAVERY OF PROSTITUTION

Pope Francis contributes the preface to a new book on human trafficking, entitled *Women Crucified. The Shame of Human Trafficking as told from the Street,* by Fr Aldo Buonaiuto, a priest of the Pope John XXIII Community.

In the preface, Pope Francis recalls one of his Mercy Friday visits to a house run by the Pope John XXIII Community for victims of human trafficking. "I did not think I would find such humiliated, afflicted and suffering women there," writes the Pope. "Truly, women crucified."

"A person can never be offered for sale," writes the Pope. He goes on to praise what he calls "the precious and courageous work of rescue and rehabilitation" conducted by the author, Fr Aldo Buonaiuto, over the years.

The Pope also expresses his awareness of the dangers this work involves, including possible retaliations by crime syndicates for which these women represent "an inexhaustible source of illegal and shameful profit."

Pope Francis says he hopes this book will be widely read. If we are to "combat the exploitation and humiliation of human lives effectively," writes the Pope, we need to tell "the stories behind the shocking numbers" of people trafficked.

"Corruption is a disease that does not stop on its own," he continues. "We need to raise awareness individually and collectively," in the Church as well.

Pope Francis goes on to affirm that: "any form of prostitution is a reduction into slavery, a criminal act, a disgusting vice that confuses love-making with venting one's instincts by torturing a defenseless woman."

Prostitution, writes Pope Francis, is "a wound to the collective consciousness." He describes as "pathological" the idea that a woman can be exploited like a commodity to be used and thrown away. Prostitution is "a disease of humanity", he adds, "a wrong way of thinking about society". Freeing these slaves, says Pope Francis, "is a gesture of mercy, a duty for all people of good will."

"Individuals and institutions cannot remain indifferent before their cry of pain," concludes the Pope. "No one should turn away or wash their hands of the innocent blood that is shed on the roads of the world."

Diocese of Scranton News

RETREAT WEEKENDS BEING OFFERED

Finding the Gift of God's Mercy in our Everyday Lives will be directed by Rev. Richard Nalepa, CP of St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, Pittsburgh. The retreat begins Friday, September 6th at 7:00pm and departs after the noon meal on Sunday, September 8th.

Praying the Passion" is a more silent experience for both men and women and will be directed by Rev. Curtis Kiddy, CP. The retreat begins Friday, October 18th at 7:00pm and departs after the noon meal on Sunday, October 20th.

Both retreats are held at St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, 631 Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit, PA and cost \$140 per person. For more information, call the Retreat Office 570-586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net

Priests for Life

Reflection on the Readings - "Thus it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." And what is it that matters to God? Today's second reading answers the question that arises from today's Gospel. What matters to God is that we become like him, that we "put on the new self, which is being renewed ... in the image of its Creator." What matters is that we do what he does, that is, that we give ourselves away in love. The opening prayers of today's mass call God our "origin" and declare, "Our life is your gift." What we have received as a gift, we must give as a gift, and through our God-like generosity, be the origin of life in others. The dynamic traced in today's Gospel, whereby we see fulfillment in earthly possessions and fail to see the lesson of the first reading that all earthly things pass away, is what contributes so powerfully to the Culture of Death. So many are tempted to take life, through abortion and euthanasia, precisely because they think the things of earth will slip away if they are generous. Yet what matters to God is that we are giving ourselves away at every moment, to the unborn as well as to the born, and to the weak as well as to the strong.

As the Gospel indicates, judgment can come at any moment; our opportunity to give life to others can cease at any moment. "To whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?" In the Culture of Life, we are secure at every moment in knowing that we simply seek to give ourselves away, that others may live.



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

Why can't non-Catholics receive Holy Communion in the Catholic Church?

This is a common question asked by both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Many non-Catholics, when attending a Mass at a Catholic wedding, find themselves being gently told that they should not come forward to receive Holy Communion. Of course, they wonder, "Why? Catholics are allowed to receive communion in our church, so why can't we receive Communion with the other Catholics here?"

Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, meaning that what appears to be bread and wine is really Jesus' body and blood—not just a symbol of his body and blood. When Catholics receive Holy Communion, it is an expression of the unity among all those in communion with the Catholic Church throughout the world, who maintain the belief in the Real Eucharistic Presence of Christ. Therefore, only those who believe in the True Presence may participate in this sacrament of oneness with Christ and his Church.

Ultimately, Catholics believe that we cannot celebrate this unifying sacrament with other Christians while there are disagreements about the Eucharist itself. However, Catholics pray for the day when we can reconcile with other Christians and share in the unity of God's people through the Holy Eucharist.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops expresses this desire for unity: "We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us 'that they may all be one'" (John 17:21).

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Parish Prayer List

PRAYERS Needed For...

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, 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, Cody Bowers, and Sue Singer.

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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.