

# St. Peter's Church



**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 8, 2019**

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## **Rectory Office Hours**

Monday through Thursday 9:00–2:00pm

## **Parish Staff**

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 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.

## **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 \_\_\_\_\_



## **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  
 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

Date	Time	Confession Time and Mass Intention
<b>Monday 9/9</b>	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday 9/10</b>	7:30am	In Memory of Joseph Anthony (Ostapowicz Family)
<b>Wednesday 9/11</b>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Linda Kichline (Jurgen & Christine Plato)
<b>Thursday 9/12</b>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Paul & Anna Beuter (Family)
<b>Friday 9/13</b>	11:45am-12:00pm 12:10pm	Confessions In Memory of Joseph Grab, Sr. (Grab Family)
<b>Saturday 9/14</b>	4:15-4:45pm 5:00pm	Confessions All Living and Deceased Members of St. Peter's Parish
<b>Sunday 9/15</b>	8:30am	In Memory of Josephine Patt (Paul & Marion Patt)

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Honor of  
Wendy Doan Newcomb (Dan & Betsy Gordon)

### The Week Ahead

#### **SUNDAY, September 8, 2019**

Safety & Security Team Meeting – 9:30am, Parish Center  
Secular Carmelites Meeting – 11:30am, Parish Center  
Samaritan House Volunteer Dinner – 3:00pm, Parish Center

#### **TUESDAY, September 10, 2019**

Bible Study – 9:00am, Parish Center  
AA/Al-Anon – 8:00pm, Parish Center

#### **WEDNESDAY, September 11, 2019**

Finance Council Meeting – 8:00am, Rectory  
Harvest Dinner Planning Meeting – 10:00am, Rectory  
Broad Acres Mass – 10:30am  
Green Home Mass – 2:00pm  
Samaritan House Steering Committee Meeting – 4:15pm,  
Parish Center

#### **THURSDAY, September 12, 2019**

Cards & Games – 12:00pm, Parish Center

### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

This month's food pantry items are: Pork & Beans and canned fruit. 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, 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.

### ST. THOMAS/ST. CATHERINE MASS SCHEDULE

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

### Ministers of the Altar Schedule

#### **September 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>**

##### **5:00pm**

Altar Servers: H.Campbell, M.Mann, W.Steinbacher  
Lectors: T.Sampson, L.Sampson  
E. Min.: B.Chiamonte, D.Sherman, K.Wilcox, B.Butler

##### **8:30am**

Altar Servers: W.Feil, X.Tellgren, A.Tokarz  
Lectors: H.Sampson, M.Sampson  
E. Min.: K.Tellgren, J.Bernethy, T.Tokarz, 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 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.

## Parish News and Activities

### REGISTER NOW FOR RELIGIOUS ED



Registration information has been mailed to all returning students. Please fill out the registration form and return by September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have a new student or did not receive the mailing, please call or email the Religious Education office and information will be mailed to you.

### RELIGIOUS ED KICK-OFF SUNDAY

Mark your calendars. Catechetical Sunday is September 15<sup>th</sup> and will be the first class for students in grades Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Following the 8:30am Mass, students will report to their classrooms and a short parent meeting will be held in the church. At the conclusion of the parent meeting, we will be joined by the students to kick off the year with donuts and coffee/juice on the lawn for everyone.



### SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL SALE

St. Peter's annual fall rummage sale will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 3<sup>rd</sup>. When you are fall cleaning, please consider donating household items, books and clothing. If you have any questions regarding donations, please call Mary Lasko 570-439-7706 or Pat Gorda 570-404-8919.

#### The schedule for the sale is as follows:

September 29<sup>th</sup> – **Donations accepted** 11:00am–3:00pm  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> – **Set up & Donations accepted** 8:00am–5:00pm  
 October 1<sup>st</sup> – **Sale Hours** 8:00am–6:00pm  
 October 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Sale Hours** 8:00am–5:00pm  
 October 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Sale Hours** 8:00am–3:00pm

**Take what you want for a donation on October 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

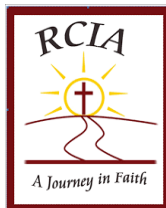
**No Early Sales! Please, no donations of televisions.**

**Bake Sale:** We will be selling homemade baked goods during the sale. *Donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated* and can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Sunday and Monday during the hours above.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down the sale. If you are willing to donate ANY time; please call Mary or Pat.

### INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church. It begins with a period of inquiry in which you may ask questions before you make a commitment to become Catholic.



**An informational meeting** will take place on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am following the 8:30am Mass, in the Church. Please call the Rectory to register or for more information.

### CHANGE TO UPCOMING MASS TIME

Please note that the Mass time for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> has been changed to 7:00pm, to accommodate Fr. Bechtel's Elkland schedule.

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Registration for Discovering Christ 2019 is now open! A free, delicious dinner! An interesting and instructive video presentation! Discussing the meaning of life and the person of Jesus Christ with other adults in small groups! What's not to like!!! Come and experience the Discovering Christ series on Wednesday evenings for seven weeks beginning October 9<sup>th</sup> with a refreshing retreat on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have already experienced the blessings of this inspiring series, re-experience it more deeply, while accompanying someone you have invited so they can be blessed as well. If a first-timer, consider inviting a spouse or friend to make this spirit-filled journey with you! St. Peter's Parish Center, 6-8:30pm. Child care available. Call 570-724-9095 or email [norb.josten@gmail.com](mailto:norb.josten@gmail.com) to register.

### SCHEDULING 2020 MASS INTENTIONS

Scheduling Mass intentions for 2020 will begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, through the parish office, during regular business hours. **The following are the established guidelines for scheduling intentions:**

1. One weekend Mass on each weekend must be celebrated for the intentions of the parish. This is required by Canon Law (c. 534). Because of this we only have one weekend Mass for which we can accept an intention. Due to this limited availability of weekend Masses, no family may schedule more than ONE WEEKEND MASS PER QUARTER, or four weekend Masses per year.
2. There is no limit to the number of DAILY MASS INTENTIONS, including those Masses said at the nursing homes each month, which may be scheduled by each family.
3. Canon 948 states, "Separate Masses are to be applied for the intentions of those for whom a single offering, although small, has been given and accepted." Therefore, only one intention may be scheduled for any given Mass. However, for pastoral concerns to better accommodate the needs of the parishioners, we will adhere to the following: Up to three first names with the same last name (i.e. John, Paul and Mary Smith) or two last names only (i.e. Scott and Smith Families) will be allowed per intention.
4. The stipend given for a Mass intention is \$10. While we are willing to take requests over the phone, your Mass Intention will be not be scheduled until we are in receipt of your donation.
5. Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and All Souls Day Masses are always for the individual intentions listed by parishioners on their envelope.
6. The Sanctuary Candle, burning in memory or honor of someone, is available on a weekly basis with no limit to the number each family may reserve.



### RELIGIOUS ED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Religious Education Program is in need of classroom aides, Children's Liturgy Leaders, and substitute catechists to share their faith and spread the Word of Jesus Christ with the children of our parish. Help inspire students to be true disciples of Jesus! If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please see Melissa Mann or contact the Religious Education Office at [stpreled@ptd.net](mailto:stpreled@ptd.net). All teaching materials are provided.



### SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE

**Reminder:** Beginning September 14<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday. All other hours, the doors will be locked and you will not be able to enter the building.

Also, for the weekend and Holy Day Masses, **the doors will be locked once Mass begins**. If you arrive after the start of Mass, please **enter through the front doors**. You will not be able to enter from either side door.

## Liturgical Reflection ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18

The theme of today's First Reading and Gospel is that God's ways are far beyond our ways. The author of the Book of Wisdom begs the question: Who can know the wisdom of God? Mortal beings are timid and unsure as they search for what God intends. But the wisdom of God is imparted through the Holy Spirit. Those who receive this wisdom will stand in awe of God's wonder and providence and their path of life will be made straight.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 90

The Responsorial Psalm continues the theme of the wisdom of God and how his ways are far beyond our understanding. The psalm reminds us to open our hearts to the ways of the Lord and not get so caught up in our everyday lives that we forget to explore its spiritual dimension.

### SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Paul writes to Philemon asking him to accept Onesimus, a runaway slave whom Paul has met and converted to Christianity, and to continue the work of the Gospel. Paul writes from prison but accepts his situation because it is in the name of Jesus Christ and for the sake of the Gospel. Nonetheless, Paul is committed to doing what he can to continue the work of the Gospel through Philemon and Onesimus.

### GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

Jesus teaches the difficult demands of being his disciples. This may have been one of the "hard sayings" that caused some to walk away from his mission. Jesus teaches that in order to follow him, one must leave all other claims on their time and energy. Even family obligations have to be reconsidered by those who choose to follow him. Following Christ not only requires placing him ahead of all other values and concerns, it also demands a willingness to carry our cross and suffer with him. It will sooner or later cost us all that we have, but we will acquire more than we ever hoped to receive.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection for September 1<sup>st</sup>: \$5,966.00  
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$5,800.00  
Difference: (\$ 372.00)  
Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$1,271.65)

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

### That's The Way It Is

*That's the Way It Is*  
will return next week.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



Do you knit or crochet? If so, please consider helping someone in need of your love by making them a simple prayer shawl. When they are alone or cold, when they need to feel the love of someone who cares, they can snuggle under a prayer shawl. Directions are simple and easy. *Knitting: use needles size 11 or 13, cast between 54-63 stitches, knit 3, purl 3 to end of row, repeat. Crocheting: use a size P hook, chaining 48 loosely hooks, turn and double chain and repeat. The shawl should measure approx. 50" x 24" and optional fringe can be added to each end. Variegated Lion Brand yarn is wonderful to use. Yarn can be provided.* Please call Jan Bernethy 307-267-0677 for more information.

## 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. 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’.”

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.

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.”

## Diocese of Scranton News

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ANNUAL APPEAL

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WITH HOPE  
AND GRATITUDE

**The Annual Appeal begins  
in Our Parish this September**

NEW in 2019

- More direct support to parishes for Social Justice Grants & New Faith Formation Grants
- Increased support for Catholic Social Services
- Opportunity to designate your Appeal gift to the ministry of your choice
- Unique videos featuring parishioners & clergy showing the Appeal at work in your region

*Gifts to the 2018 Appeal touched  
thousands of lives*

<p><b>4,143</b></p> <p>Families served in Catholic Social Services Food &amp; Clothing Pantries</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Seminarians receiving tuition &amp; living expenses</p>	<p><b>16,555</b></p> <p>Nights of Shelter &amp; Support</p>
<p><b>104</b></p> <p>Retired &amp; Ill Priests Received Care</p>	<p><b>44</b> Parishes using Social Justice Grants to serve countless families</p>	<p><b>15,000</b> Children in Religious Education &amp; <b>4,500</b> in Catholic Schools</p>
<p><b>118</b> Parishes receiving support in all aspects of Parish Life</p>		

**Share your blessings. Give to the Appeal.**

GIFTS to the APPEAL support Diocesan ministries & will not be used to defray legal fees or fund the Survivors Compensation Program.

## Priests for Life

Mother Teresa of Calcutta has been declared a saint by the Catholic Church. Back in 1994, she spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC, and said the following words:

*I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.*

*By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.*

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**Reflection on the Readings** - “Hating...even his own life.” This is a strongly-worded condition of discipleship laid out in today’s Gospel passage. It takes aim at the arrogance to which the original sin has left us so inclined. It is the idea that was presented to our first parents. “You will be like gods,” the serpent said to them in the Garden of Eden. This original temptation was a promise that what was right and what was wrong would be up to us; that we could write our own moral law. That’s what the “tree of the knowledge of good and evil” meant, and why Adam and Eve couldn’t eat from it. We are all called to know good from evil, but not to decide it. To think we decide it is the error of the “pro-choice” mindset. “It’s all up to me and my choice, even if it means killing a baby.” This way of thinking, of course, leads to total chaos. On what basis do we tell people not to kill each other or steal from each other unless there are standards of right and wrong that apply to everyone no matter what they believe?

The temptation to abort is often couched in reasons and language that seem to invoke the Gospel’s advice to count the cost before building a tower or marching with an army. Yet prudence does not give license to kill in order to get ourselves out of undesirable consequences of past actions. Prudence, instead, calls us to evaluate those consequences before we act, and in this sense, the Gospel’s lesson is a call to chastity, and not to engage in sexual relations until we are ready to welcome a child in the context of marriage. Moreover, the Gospel is a call to calculate the cost of that renunciation of our own understanding, which the first reading also reflects. “Unsure are our plans.” When a child in the womb seems to throw life’s plans out of control, today’s message of total trust in the God who knows more than we do is a life-saving message indeed.

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH?

*Why Do We Sit, Stand and Kneel at Mass?*

**Why We Sit During the Mass** - Sitting is considered the base position of worship. We sit when we are listening to the first two readings. We also sit down after the Gospel reading, focused and attentively taking in the homily. We remain sitting while waiting for the Eucharistic elements to be prepared, a very meaningful gesture because we expectantly wait and rise when the priest is ready.



**Why We Stand During the Mass** - Standing has been considered the appropriate position for prayer since before Christ’s time. When we stand, we are following this centuries old tradition. Standing is also a simple but profound way of honoring and respecting Jesus who is represented by the priest during Mass. During the Gospel reading, we stand up. The Gospel is the Word of God and to hear these is a great honor which is why we ascend from our base position of worship. We stand to acknowledge the significance of hearing God’s very own words.

**Why We Kneel During the Mass** - Kneeling is the most humble way of worshipping God during Mass. When we kneel, we completely submit and surrender ourselves to our Heavenly Father. We kneel during several parts of the Mass. This is an incredible act of faith and devotion because when we kneel, we acknowledge that Jesus is really coming. We kneel to recognize Jesus’ presence in the Eucharistic elements after the priest says the Eucharistic Prayers.

During the mass, the priest is not just leading the celebration of the Eucharist, he is acting the role of Jesus. As Jesus, he leads us to do the different gestures, traditions and rituals that are part of the Catholic Mass Order. This is why we sit and stand when the priest sits and stands. The Mass is rich with meaning, every element and gesture represents something profound and beautiful. When we understand these different meanings and take them to heart, each moment we spend during Mass will certainly become more transformative and nourishing to our souls.



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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord and  
Let the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Pamela Robbins

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.