

St. Peter's Parish Family Church  
The 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time  
August 22, 2010  
"A Ticket to Heaven"



I have always envisioned the "entrance to heaven" as the pearly gates, magnificently large, luminescent, beautifully scrolled and flung wide-open in the most welcoming manner. Never do I think of heaven's front door being a narrow gate with a lock! And when I think of my trip to heaven, I think of it more as a homerun than a squeeze play between third base and home plate. So what IS the meaning of Jesus' harsh words warning us that only the strong will get in, (and here is my favorite phrase) "there will be wailing & grinding of teeth?" What happened to "knock, and the door shall be opened unto you?" Talk about mixed messages!

Today's gospel is one of Jesus' shake, rattle, & roll sermons. He's telling us that if we think coming here to St. Peter's church each Saturday/ Sunday, singing a few songs, saying a few prayers, & receiving Communion will qualify us for an invitation to pass through the pearly gates, we are so wrong! Schmoozing with God once a week, or daily for that matter, at Mass does NOT a follower make. Jesus is quite firmly telling us to put a little money where

our mouth is today & every single day. Just rubbing elbows with God does not a good Christian make!

If I can't get to heaven simply based on who I am or claim to be, like being a member in good standing in a parish, then what is my ticket to heaven? Jesus says it's not who you are, but what you do that gets you through the narrow gate. Try this at home. Get a paper & pencil. Make a list of all the gifts, talents, & abilities – both great & small - God has given you. Beside each one list the ways in which you have used these to help others who have less than yourself. Have you used all of your gifts well & thoroughly? Could you do better, or have you done your ultimate best? Does this list clearly show that you are a charitable person, one who uses their gifts to benefit many others? This list IS your "ticket" to heaven. Take it with you & when you meet up with the angels & saints you'll find either a narrow gate with a lock or pearly gates flung wide open like Jesus' arms on the cross. You pick, God doesn't!

~Connie Dittmer

### "The Angelus"

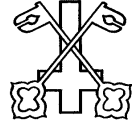
St. Peter's Parish Family "A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"  
127 Franklin Street - Butler, PA 16001-4811  
Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.  
724-287-2743 - "Butler's First Catholic Parish"



# St. Peter's Parish Family Church

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

Rev. James W. Dolan, Pastor



Susan Cadwallader, MA Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Schmur, CDP, Catechetical Administrator

Mary Musko, Secretary / Bookkeeper

Chuck Carmody Church & Hall Maintenance - Cemetery Caretaker

Kevin McAfee - Parish Hall / Amy Scott - Church Office

**Baptism:** Please call parish for date and time.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for the Catholic parishioner must be made at least six months in advance. Couples initial interview by the pastor is done before any dates are given. Call the parish. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** After Mass or anytime by appointment.

**Sponsor Letter:** To be eligible to be a sponsor for Baptism and / or Confirmation one must be an active member. An active member is defined as one who is registered, attends Mass, and is financially supportive of the Parish and its programs, is confirmed, and is living in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. To receive a sponsor letter, call the parish office.

**Cemetery Questions:** Please call the Parish office.

Telephone: 724-287-2743 E-mail: [office@specialandloved.com](mailto:office@specialandloved.com)

FAX: 1-412-291-3233 – Web: [www.specialandloved.com](http://www.specialandloved.com)

## + WEEKLY OFFERTORY +

<b>INCOME FOR 8-15-2010</b>	<b>\$2,722.33</b>
<b>PARISH SHARE ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>\$43,796.00</b>
<b>PARISH SHARE T-D</b>	<b>\$25,530.90 or 58%</b>
<b>Assumption</b>	<b>\$488.00</b>

## BUTLER CLUSTER MASS SCHEDULE

**St. Peter** - Saturday @ 4pm / Sunday @ 11:00 am

**St. Michael** - Saturday @ 6 pm / Sunday @ 8:30 am

**St. Paul** - Saturday @ 6:30 pm / Sunday @ 8 & 10 am 12 & 7 pm

**St. Andrew** - Saturday @ 6 pm / Sunday @ 8:30 & 11 am

# PARISH NEWS

**THANK YOU** to all who made our parish picnic such a success. We truly appreciate all of the cooks, shoppers, bakers and set up and clean up volunteers who gave of their time and talents to make it an enjoyable day for all!

**PARISH OFFICE:** Please note that my new office days will be **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Please call or stop in with any parish matter. Thank you. Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS:** We will be taking Mass Intentions for 2011 starting on September 7. At this time we ask that you limit it to **one request per family**. With the reduction of Masses per week and catch up from last year it is necessary to request only one Mass at this time. Please contact Mary by calling or stopping in the office Tuesday through Thursday with your request. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CCD REGISTRATION:** Registration for CCD will take place on **Sundays, August 29 and September 5 from 9:00 - 10:30 AM**. All students Kindergarten thru Grade 8 are required to register. CCD classes will take place at St. Peter's Parish Hall beginning on **September 26 from 9:45 until 10:45 AM**. Please call Sister Nancy at 724-282-4107 for any additional information.

## ENVISIONING MINISTRY

**BAPTISM INSTRUCTIONS:** You may receive Pre-baptism instructions at the following Baptism class:

St. Paul Parish	Sept. 5, 2010	1:15 PM
St. Michael Parish	Oct. 7, 2010	7:00 PM
St. Peter Parish	Nov. 11, 2010	7:00 PM

Call the appropriate Parish office to register for instruction. Attendance at a Baptism Seminar is required every three years. We encourage you to attend a Baptism Seminar before your baby is born.

**BUTLER AREA MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Classes consists of two Saturday sessions: October 30, 2010 & November 6, 2010. You must attend both Saturday session to complete the class. The class will



be held at St. Peter Parish Center, 342 Normal Ave., Slippery Rock, PA 16057. Cost is \$40 per couple. Lunch will be provided. Class size is limited to 20 couples. Register early as classes fill up quickly. To register or for more information call Cheryl @ 724-991-2639 or email: [cweiland@zoominternet.net](mailto:cweiland@zoominternet.net)

**THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY is coming to YOU!** Have you been thinking about joining a bible study group? Now is the time, do not wait any longer! Come, join us starting September 23<sup>rd</sup> as we study Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom using The Great Adventure bible study series. The Great Adventure bible study series is the #1 Catholic bible study in the United States. Why are these bible studies so popular? Simply, these studies are changing peoples' lives. By attending these studies Catholics are given the foundation to understand the scriptures and this is leading them to a deeper Catholic faith. We will gather for this excitement on **Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM at ST. PETER PARISH HALL (Butler)**. Register by calling John Galante at 724-285-3873. The registration fee is \$26.00 prior to September 10<sup>th</sup>, after this date the registration fee is \$30.00. This fee covers your personal bible study materials that you receive at the first study session. The study dates are September 23 & 30 - October 7, 21, 28 - November 4, 11, 18 - December 2, 9, 16 - January 6, 20, 27 - February 3, 17, 24 - March 3, 17, 24.

## BUTLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**REGISTRATION:** We are currently taking registrations for all grades at Butler Catholic. We offer 3-year old Preschool, 4-year old Preschool (1/2 day and full day), and Kindergarten through Grade 8. 4-year old Preschool and Kindergarten are filling up fast. Call 724-285-4276 today to schedule an appointment to register.

**DREAM BIG!** Please help Butler Catholic School win \$500,000 from Kohl's Cares. Kohl's is donating \$500,000 to 20 schools. The schools that have the most votes determine the 20 winners. All of you Facebook users, please go to the BCS website [www.butlercatholic.org](http://www.butlercatholic.org), click on "Vote Now" on the top right side of the web page and follow the prompts. Anyone that is at least 13 years of age may vote and you can vote 5 times all at once! Please take a minute and help BCS by voting. Voting began on July 7, 2010 and continues through September 3, 2010. Thanks so much!

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS SEASON TICKET RAFFLE:** Don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket for TWO tickets for the ENTIRE 2010 Steeler REGULAR Season. Seats are Row D, Section 131, Seats 5 & 6 - 4 rows from the field behind the Steelers's bench. Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the School Office. The drawing will be held on September 1, 2010.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**SPANISH MASS:** You are invited to attend Mass in Spanish on Sunday, August 29 at 2:30 PM at St. Paul Church in Butler.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL RAFFLE TICKETS** available in the Parish Office to help benefit St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Tickets are \$30.00. Drawing will be on October 23rd from Noon - 5:00 PM with tickets drawn every 15 minutes. Fabulous prizes including a Plasma TV and Cash prizes. Help support the Food Pantry which helps so many families here in Butler!

**CHILDREN'S HOUR:** St. Fidelis Children's Hour in Meridian is now accepting Fall registration for their Christian Activity Program for pre-school age 3-5 yrs. old (they must be toilet-trained). The program runs from September 2010 to May 2011. There is a non-refundable registration fee of \$10 due at registration. In addition, a \$40 activity/tuition fee for supplies, crafts, etc. will be due the first two weeks of school. Parents/caregivers are required to volunteer once a month per child enrolled. Clearances are required for parent/caregiver volunteering. Paperwork will be provided upon enrollment. For registration or additional information, please call the Director of the Program, Justine Howe at (724) 287-4960.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** St. John Byzantine Catholic Church in Lyndora will be having their annual BLOOD DRIVE on Friday, August 27th from 12-6 PM. Free lunch will be served to all presenting donors, plus a chance for a drawing. Call Janet @ 724-287-0689 to schedule your appointment, or just show up. Give blood, give life. Thank you.

**ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE** to the Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Uniontown, PA., Sunday, September 5, 2010. Outdoor Mass, confessions, Rosary, healing service, conferences, kids programs, etc.

Cost of the bus is \$20 per person. Call Janet @ 724-287-0689 to reserve a seat and for more information. Bus departs St. John Byzantine Catholic Church in Lyndora at 9:00 AM.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD:** A weekend retreat for post-abortion healing will be held on September 10-12, 2010 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) Registration deadline is 9/3/10.

**RETRouvaille:** "For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part" are words many couples say, but over time the silver is tarnished - perhaps very tarnished, but there is hope, there can be a new beginning. Retrouvaille helps couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on September 10, 2010, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**RELIGIOUS TOURS & PILGRIMAGES:** A tour to the Holy Land is set for September 27 to October 7, 2010, visiting Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Cana, Mt. Tabor and other sites affiliated with the life of Christ. Only 3 spaces remain for the trip. On October 22-29 there is a tour to Poland "in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and St. Faustina. This trip is nearly filled. In December there is a tour to the Christmas Markets of Bavaria and Austria, December 2-9-10. A pilgrimage to the Marian Shrines at Fatima, Portugal, and Lourdes, France will be held March 2011. For detailed information on any tour: Call 724-722-3141 or write: Seven Dolors Church, P. O. Box 308, Yukon, PA 15698. You can email "padre16201@yahoo.com."



**ST. PETER'S PARISH FAMILY CHURCH**  
**VISION/MISSION STATEMENT**

Remembering how special and loved we are, St. Peter's Parish Family is a Christ-centered community, committed to spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being through sacramental worship, continuing education and compassionate service.

**+ In your prayers please remember +**

Christine Abraham Joe/George/Ralph Baldauf Elissa Barker Christy Beach Annabelle Birckbichler Jay Blanshan Eleanor Bowser Thelma Braun Regis Brennan Olive Cehelsky Charles Christopher Ann Cingolani Julie / Jon Coburn Terry Conner Art Dandoy Robert Evans Wilda Faber Fr. Joseph Feltz Ronald Franchuk Fred Garing Judy Nanz-Gill Evelyn Green William Greenawalt	Steven Greer Joan & John Gumper Greg Haney Jeanne Harris Louis Heasley Jr. Mary Hoover Jody Kerry Mary Jo Koch Helen LaRose Marian Lechner Ron Leitem Robert Leventhal Theresa Ligus Josiah Lorenzini Mary Loscar Paula Mack Marion Mariacher Heather Martino Sandy Mauro Jack McGrogan Yvonne McIlvain Jean Mosesso Fr. Steven Neff John Neudorfer Mary Jo Nolan Kelsey Ogin	Joe Ostwinch Marc Panichelle Bryan Plummer William Povlick Paul Rex Twila Savage Peggy Scheetz Madison Schiebel Zachary Schnur Andrew Scott Shannon Small Mrs. Richard Smith Meghan Spencer Bruce Steele Ernie Stock Shirley Stock Rita Twerdok Mildred Waters Ron Weiland Lori Wimer  Please call the office if a name can be removed from the prayer list.  An * means new addition.
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Remember St. Peter's in your will.  
It will add to the financial security of our parish.

**Pastoral Council Members Names / Contact Information** can be found in the front vestibule of the Church on the Bulletin Board.

<p><b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>St. Paul - Saturday @ 8:35 am - 9:15 am          St. Michael - Saturday @ 11:30 am - 12 pm          St. Fidelis - Saturday @ 12-12:30 pm          St. Peter - Saturday @ 3:00 - 3:30 pm          St. Andrew - After 6:00 pm mass</p> <p>Or you can call your parish and ask for an appointment.</p>
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**BUTLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Sister John Ann Mulhern, C.D. P., *Principal*

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**Mass Schedule for Week of  
August 22, 2010**

**Sunday: August 22 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Anna Mae Solensky (Brother, Al Solensky)

**St. Michael - 6:00 PM (Sat) & 8:30 AM (Sun)**

11:00 AM Mass - Living & Deceased of St. Peter Parish Family

**Monday: August 23 - St. Rose of Lima, virgin**

**St. Michael - 8:45 AM**

**Tuesday: August 24 - St. Bartholomew, apostle**

**St. Michael - 8:45 AM**

**Wednesday: August 25 - St. Louis of France**

8:45 AM - Jane Kemper (St. Peter's Women's Council)

**Thursday: August 26 - Weekday**

8:45 AM - Thelma M. Sobeck (Vivian Hannon)

**Friday: August 27 - St. Monica**

8:45 AM - Carolyn Embroski (Ron & Barb Jurysta)

**Saturday: August 28 - St. Augustine, bishop & doctor of the Church**

Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 PM

**Sunday: August 29 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Living & Deceased of St. Peter Parish Family

**St. Michael - 6:00 PM (Sat) & 8:30 AM (Sun)**

11:00 AM Mass - Grace Green (Nieces)

**For daily scripture readings go to  
[www.usccb.org/readings](http://www.usccb.org/readings).**

**NEW PARISH MEMBERSHIP / CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Check:  New Registration

Changing Parishes from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Address

Need Envelopes

Please drop in the Collection or mail to the Parish Office.