



St. Peter's Parish Family Church
The 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
September 5, 2010
"REALLY?????"



For me, the whole point of this passage is that Jesus warns that we will come to a decision point at some time or another in our relationship with him. We will have to choose what comes first. When (not if) there is a conflict between our allegiance to Christ and our allegiance to something else, the one who wants to be a follower of Christ will choose Christ over and above something else. Here is what Jesus says in plain English:

"When your allegiance to me conflicts with your allegiance to any other person -- mother, father, sister, brother, or any one else -- you must choose me!"

"You must be willing to follow me -- even to death -- if that's what it takes!"

"When your attachment to the world is stronger than your attachment to me, you must be willing to give up your world."

Put in the simplest terms, to be a Christian means that somewhere, sometime, someplace we come to the decision that Jesus Christ absolutely comes first in my life. No other love can ever be more than "second fiddle". "Your love for me," Jesus would say, "Must dominate your life as my love for you has dominated my life and determined my death!"

Secondly Jesus says, "Be very clear about the price of entering a relationship with me. Can you handle it? I come first. Understand what that is going to mean in your life before you *sign on*."

In other words, Jesus Christ calls us to something that is counter cultural right now -- commitment!

The very first thing this gospel lessons tells us is that every person who claims to be in that broad group who follows Christ will sooner or later have to hear the voice of Christ asking a couple of hard questions -- *"Have*

you considered very carefully what it means to be a follower of mine?" "Are you prepared to give your absolute allegiance to me?"

All the words about "counting the cost" ahead of time are a caution about answering too quickly. The earliest Christian confession of faith was simply, *"Jesus is Lord."* Or -- "Jesus is in charge of my life. Whatever that takes, I am ready to pay the price." *"But -- are you able..."* says Christ. You remember Peter. He was the one who said, *"Whatever it takes, I am with you to the end. Even If I have to die with you, I will never deny you!"* You recall how that turned out.

Think it through. What does it mean to say -- "Christ will have my ultimate allegiance, in my faith life, in my marriage, in my family, in my business, in my entertainment and in *every* area of my life?" At the very least, Jesus' words in this passage call us to some thoughtful reflection on our commitment to him.

One of the important ways we can respond to the words of Jesus in this passage is to ask how we approach the issue of commitment in our life together as church. How does the process of becoming / or being a part of **this** fellowship, here and now, reflect the words of our gospel reading?

"I will 'but' if my mass time changes I won't."
"I will 'but' if Mass is an hour, I won't." "I will 'but'... Fill in the blank!

As you reflect on your relationship with the Lord what do the words of Jesus in this passage say to you. Let's take a moment of silent prayer and ponder the question, *"Is my allegiance to Jesus Christ sitting "dead center" squarely at the heart of my life?"* If not, what is?

I'm just saying

Sue Cadwallader

"The Angelus"

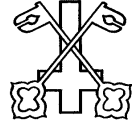
St. Peter's Parish Family "A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"
127 Franklin Street - Butler, PA 16001-4811
Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.
724-287-2743 - "Butler's First Catholic Parish"



St. Peter's Parish Family Church

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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

FAX: 1-412-291-3233 – Web: www.specialandloved.com

+ WEEKLY OFFERTORY +

INCOME FOR 8-29-2010	\$3,574.75
PARISH SHARE ASSESSMENT	\$43,796.00
PARISH SHARE T-D	\$26,475.90 or 60%
Catholic Communications & University	\$105.00

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

CCD REGISTRATION: Registration for CCD will take place on **Sunday September 5th from 9:00 - 10:30 AM**. All students Kindergarten thru Grade 8 are asked 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.

CHOIR NEWS: Choir begins Saturday September 11th following the 4:00 PM Mass. All are welcome! **St. Augustine said that singing was praying twice.** We encourage new members to join! You are here for Mass, why not join us in the choir loft. You will be glad you did!

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.

SENT MASS INTENTIONS: Recently the following Mass Intentions were sent to our Missions Office. They will be fulfilled in a timely manner.

Thelma M. Sobeck requested by Sam & MayAnn Mazule, Lapansky Family, Vivian Hannon, Kay Kaiser. Leo Kienzle requested by Joan Niggel. Richard Curry requested by Emma Nichter. Michelle Geibel requested by Bob & Judy Geibel. James Rothen requested by Carol Bowman & Rene Rabold. Vincent Fallecker requested by Family. Freda Rebecca Schaffer requested by Mary Ellen Miller, Karen & Joe Smith.

ENVISIONING MINISTRY

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

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



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 23rd 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 10th, 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.

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

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE will be held at St. Paul Parish, 128 N. McKean St.. Butler on September 13th beginning at 7 PM. Prayers for peace, prayer for vocations, rosary, Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Benediction. Come and pray for peace. Come and be at peace. You are most welcome.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL RAFFLE TICKETS are available in the Parish Office to help benefit St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Tickets are \$30.00. Drawing will be on October 23rd at St. Michael's Church Hall 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!

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE: Saint Paul Catholic Church - Wednesdays - Glenn Hall - 1:00-3:00 PM or 6:30-8:30 PM This is a great introduction for anyone who wants to know about the Bible. Who wrote it? When? Why? What kind of Bible is best to use? Why are there different books in Catholic and Protestant Bibles? How do Catholics interpret the Bible? There will be a display of Bibles and Resources. A guidebook, "A Catholic Understanding of the Bible" will be used. This guidebook is \$9.00. There is no fee for this Bible Study. Come and ask questions. Come and learn how to use the Bible for study and/or prayer. The sessions will be held Wednesday: September 22 & 29; October 13 & 20; November 3 & 10. There are 6 sessions in all. Bring a friend. If you are planning to attend please call 724-287-1759 to register . Tootie Betres, DRE, St. Paul Church.

BASKET BINGO: September 26, St. Fidelis Parish in Meridian. Doors open at 12:00 PM. Cost: \$35.00 - includes luncheon, 20 regular games and a Longaberger® Basket! Luncheon: 12:30 PM - Bingo

following. Special games - Raffles - Drawings - Chinese Auction. Tickets available at the parish office Monday-Thursday from 9-2, or by calling 724-482-2690, or email psurose04@yahoo.com. Tickets presale only.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Don't let "good enough" get in the way of the best. Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend September 24-25, 2010 at the Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport and have the best marriage you can. For more information or to register call Jay and Judy @ 412-635-7775 or visit us on the web at www.wwme-pittsburgh.org. Facebook: WWMESWPA.

VATICAN EXHIBITION COMING TO PITTSBURGH - SPECIAL DISCOUNT AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE TO PARISH MEMBERS. The Senator John Heinz History Center recently announced its upcoming exhibition Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art, the largest Vatican exhibit ever to visit North America. Beginning Mon., Aug. 16, nearly one month before tickets go on sale to the general public, members of local parishes and religious congregations are eligible to obtain a \$2 discount for each admission ticket purchased. Ticket prices without the discounts are \$20 for adults, \$17 for seniors and students (with college ID), and \$13 for children (ages 6-13). Children under age 5 are free. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.vaticansplendors.com, or via telephone at 1-888-5VATICAN, or at the Heinz History Center box office at 1212 Smallman St. in the Strip District, during museum hours (10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day).



Please be sure to mention or enter the special promotional code "**PARISH**" when placing your ticket order.

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 Raymond Collins 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 Gumpfer Greg Haney Jeanne Harris Louis Heasley Jr. Mary Hoover Jody Kerry Jean Koch Mary Jo Koch 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 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE
 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
 Or you can call your parish and ask for an appointment.

BUTLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL
 Sister John Ann Mulhern, C.D. P., *Principal*
 Butler Catholic School.....724-285-4276
 Web Site.....www.butlercatholic.org
 E-mail.....bcs@butlercatholic.org

**Mass Schedule for Week of
September 5, 2010**

Sunday: September 5 - 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Virginia Krause (M/M Robert Evans)

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

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

Monday: September 6 - Weekday

St. Michael - 8:45 AM

Tuesday: September 7 - Weekday

St. Michael - 8:45 AM

Wednesday: September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:45 AM - Herbert Warnick (Family)

Thursday: September 9 - St. Peter Claver, priest

8:45 AM - Mary Ellen Rothen (Catholic Daughter of America #443)

Friday: September 10 - Weekday

8:45 AM - John Mackalica (Jackie & Family)

Saturday: September 11 - Weekday

Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Sunday: September 12- 24th 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 - Wade Snider (Family)

**For daily scripture readings go to
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.