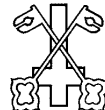




St. Peter's Parish Family Church
The 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
August 7, 2011 "A Leap of Faith"



Someone who is very dear to me has been in the middle of an emotional crisis. Life changes are happening quickly and sometimes without warning. A world that was calm and secure has become stormy and filled with uncertainty. After many conversations about all the changes that are happening, the question asked over and over has been, "How do I know this will all work out?" I can only answer based on my own experiences, so I tell my friend, "Put it in God's hands and take a leap of faith." This is easier said than done, especially when the storms of life feel as overwhelming as the devastating storms of nature.

Elijah withstood strong and heavy winds, and earthquake, and fire until he heard the small whisper of the Lord. This tiny whisper was enough to give Elijah the push to take his leap of faith to trust that God would keep him safe and provide for him. The disciples, many of whom were fishermen and used to the water, got caught in a strong wind and waves on the Sea of Galilee in a fishing boat. It must have been terrifying for them knowing what could happen should their boat capsize. Adding

to their fear, they saw what they thought was a ghost walking on the water but hearing the comforting words of Jesus. Peter, not trusting his eyes or ears, challenged Jesus to let him walk on water. When Jesus said, "Come", Peter took his leap of faith and stepped out of the boat. He began to sink as he doubted Jesus could protect him. Only when challenged with this doubt could Peter be saved and gain a stronger faith in God.

Like Elijah, Peter, and my friend, we are all called to grow in faith. Because we are human, we will always have storms in our lives that will require us to take a leap of faith. Instead of drowning under the force of the storms and losing faith altogether, we must turn to the Lord with whatever faith we have and allow it to grow in the knowledge that God will provide. None of us know what the future holds for us, but if we take what is given and make the best of it, we can be freer and happier in our lives. The next time your life gets stormy, trust in God—take a leap of faith.

~MaryJo Grinder

"The Angelus"

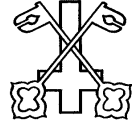
St. Peter's Parish Family "A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"
Masses: Saturday @ 4:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 11:00 a.m.
"Butler's First Catholic Parish"



St. Peter's Parish Family Church

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Rev. James W. Dolan, Pastor



Susan Cadwallader, MA Pastoral Associate

Sr. Nancy Schnur, 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 7/31/2011	\$3,106.50
PARISH SHARE ASSESSMENT	\$37,800.00
PARISH SHARE T-D	\$18,645.77or 49%

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

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

PARISH NEWS

CCD REGISTRATION: Registration for CCD classes will take place on Sunday, August 28 and Sunday, September 4 from 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM at St. Peter's Social Hall. All students in Kindergarten thru Grade 8 are required to register for the fall classes. CCD will begin on Sunday, September 25 from 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM. Please call Sister Nancy at 724-282-4107 for any additional information.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL dues are due now. Please pay the \$12.00 by August 20th in order for your name to be in the Women's Council booklet. You may either put the dues in an envelope marked "**Women's Council**" and place it in the collection basket or send them to Jackie Mackalica, 212 Jamison Rd., Boyers, PA 16020. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHOIR begins on August 20th. We will be focusing on the changes of the Mass parts using an oldie but goodie: Sing Praise and Thanksgiving by Michael Joncas with the New Roman Missal wording. It hasn't changed a lot and this Mass is familiar so it should make learning the new texts a lot easier! Come join us! Choir rehearsals are after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday evenings and they last about an hour. St. Augustine says that singing is praying twice! So come and join us, sing, pray and let's rejoice in the Lord always with our voices as we welcome in the changes of the New Roman Missal!

ST. PETER'S PARISH FAMILY offers our congratulations to Dan and Donna Wymer on the celebration on their 40th Wedding Anniversary. May God bless them with many more happy years together!

ENVISIONING MINISTRY

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

St. Peter Parish	Aug. 11, 2011	7:00 PM	724-287-2743
St. Paul Parish	Sept. 4, 2011	1:15 PM	724-287-1759
St. Michael Parish	Oct. 6, 2011	7:00 PM	724-282-4107

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

BUTLER AREA MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS - St. Fidelis Parish in Meridian. Class size limited to 20 couples. Register early! There are two Saturday sessions: **October 15 & 22. You must attend both sessions to complete the class.** Class begins at 12:15 PM Saturday and runs until 6 PM followed by evening Mass at 6:30 PM. Both Saturday sessions conclude with the 6:30 PM Mass at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Mass attendance is part of the Pre-Cana Program and satisfies the Sunday obligation. Cost is \$40/couple. For Registration/Information: phone 724-991-2639 or email: cweiland@zoominternet.net

COMMUNITY NEWS

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS August 25 at St. Fidelis Parish, 125 Buttercup Rd., Meridian from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM. To register call St. Fidelis Parish R. E. Office @ 724-428-2362. St. Ferdinand's, Cranberry - September 8 9:00 AM or 6:00 PM / Contact: 724-776-9177.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE will be held at St. Paul Church on August 8th beginning at 7 PM. Come and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament, pray for peace, vocations, Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, rosary, Benediction. Come be at peace.

THE BLUE ARMY: of Butler will pray the rosary in honor of Mary's fourth apparition at Fatima on Saturday August 13th at 7:00pm at Butler Catholic school. Please bring a chair.

CREED COURSE at St. Paul Church The 'Creed' course will be offered at St. Paul in Glenn Hall on Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Diocesan Master Catechists will be Tootie Betres and Fr. Gerald Lutz. This course is open to not only those in the catechetical ministry but for any adult who wants to review or know more about the catholic faith. The text is the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" and it may be purchased from any book store. Bring the text and a bag lunch. Bibles will be provided. Call 724-287-1759 to register for the course. Dates: August 20....September 17.....October 1....2011

Future Course:

The Sacraments Course will also be at St. Paul Church and it will be on Saturdays -- think ahead to these dates: November 5...November 19....December 3, 2011.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? Gardeners, now that the growing season is underway, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is praying for an abundant harvest for all gardeners. Hopefully you have set aside a plant or two for donation to our food bank. When your produce is ready, food bank volunteers

will be available at St. Michael the Archangel School Hall , 432 Center Ave., Butler on Saturdays, July 16 thru October 1 from 8:00 AM until Noon. For arrangements for pickup or delivery of produce, please call Lew at 724-991-6094 or Jerry at 724-285-1552.

SHARE OUR BOUNTY Fun, Food, Fellowship event to benefit the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank is scheduled from noon to 5 PM on October 22, 2011 at St. Michael Church Hall, 432 Center Ave., Butler. Prizes include laptop computer, snow blower, weed eater, golf package and cash. Food and beverages are provided. Tickets are \$30 each. Please contact Lew @ 724-991-6094 or John @ 290-5115.

REVELATION BIBLE STUDY: 10 Consecutive Thursdays beginning September 8th at St. Peter's (Butler) Parish Hall from 7-9 PM. There is a \$23.00 registration fee which covers your personal bible study materials. Register before Aug. 23rd by calling John Galante at 724-285-3873.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH: Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an inspiring prayer breakfast on Sat., Aug. 20th from 9 AM to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is August 12th. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or download a form at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org

A BENEFIT FOR PITTSBURGH DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS will be held on Sat., Aug. 20, 2011 at Highland Country Club. Luncheon, Door Prizes, Raffles, Chinese Auction, and Card Playing if you're so inclined. Requested donation \$25.00. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee of Catholic Daughters of the Americas will sponsor this 25th year benefit. Reservations by Aug. 13. Call Lisa @ 412-824-1032.

PRODUCE TO PEOPLE 2011 is a new monthly distribution of fresh produce and other items for residents of Butler County. Households earning less than 150% of the poverty line, receiving Social Security Disability or Retirement, Medicare, Medicaid, Unemployment Comp. or who are in a temporary emergency condition qualify. Produce to People will usually take place the 4th Tuesday of the month from 4 - 6 PM at Butler City Farmers' Market, 205 Chestnut St. For more info. or if you would like to volunteer, contact Dave Miller at the Lighthouse Foundation @ 724-898-4673, Ext. 34 or E-mail @ davemiller@thelighthouseonline.net

WWE: There are still two **World Wide Marriage Encounter Weekends** left this year! September 23-25 at the Four Points Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport and November 11-13 at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. Please call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at www.wwme.org or Facebook: WWME SW PA!

LIFESTEPS: Lifesteps' Early Education Center in Butler is accepting enrollments for Fall preschool classes and Pre-K Counts, Pennsylvania's FREE preschool program for qualifying families. Lifesteps' Early Education Center is located at 383 New Castle Rd. and provides to children of all abilities. For more information on Lifesteps' Early Education programs or to take a tour of the facility, please contact Stacy Slater, Director of Early Education at Lifesteps at 724-283-1010.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY: The pain and suffering of a separation or divorce can be devastating and the effects can last a long time. This ministry is available to all and we would like those in need to feel welcome. You may feel free to express your feelings or just listen—it is entirely up to you. Meetings are held at Good Shepherd Parish, Sacred Heart Campus Hall, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills from 7:00 - 8:45 PM each Wednesday evening beginning August 24th; the series runs for thirteen weeks. For more information or to register, call Linda at 412-977-1804.

Grace's Closet

A Clothing Ministry of
Grace @ Calvary Lutheran Church

123 E. Diamond St., Butler, PA 16001
Office: 724-283-0830
(9 a.m. to Noon, Mon.-Fri.)

**Hours
Of Operation**

Third Thursday of Month:
5 p.m. — 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Saturday:
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

Enter church through
Diamond St. and follow signs.
(Handicap accessible ramp available.)

Donations of CLEAN, gently
used clothing taken.

Clothing for men, women, and
children freely given.

Mission Statement of St. Peter Parish Family Roman Catholic Church

We, the parishioners of St. Peter Parish Family Church, the oldest Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, exist as a family, special and loved. Born in faith and raised on hope, we grow in the love of God, the Church, and one another. We build our community as our lives are strengthened in Christ by participating in the sacramental life of our faith. We extend an invitation for all to come, grow, learn, worship, and serve with our parish family.

+ In your prayers please remember +

Michelle & Annie
 Diane
 Andy
 Christine Abraham
 Joe/Ralph Baldauf
 Elissa Barker
 Christy Beach
 Annabelle Birckbichler
 Clyde & Thelma Braun
 Regis Brennan
 Dave Leitem
 Olive Cehelsky
 Sandra Check
 Julie / Jon Coburn
 Joyce Collins
 Terry Conner
 Art Dandoy
 Pauline & Holly Davis
 Rachel Denny
 Dulcie Doerr
 Robert Evans
 Wilda Faber
 Kay Fillhart
 Ronald Franchuk
 Fred Garing
 Evelyn Green
 Steven Greer
 Lawrence Groger

Michael Gurner
 Jeanne Harris
 Dennis Hartle
 Stacy (Stepp) Huitema
 Lisa John
 Karyn & Steve Koch and babies
 Jean Koch
 Ron Leitem
 Robert Leventhal
 Theresa Ligus
 Beryl Long
 Josiah Lorenzini
 Paula Mack
 Marion Mariacher
 Heather Martino
 Sandy Mauro
 Yvonne McIlvain
 William Meehan
 Jean Mosesso
 Edward Musko
 John Neudorfer
 Richard Noullet
 Kelsey Ogin
 Joe Ostwinch
 Nevins Parkinson
 Paul Rex
 Gertrude Roberts
 Twila Savage

Harriette Schaffer*
 Peggy Scheetz
 Madison Schiebel
 Perry Schiebel
 Zachary Schnur
 Shannon Small
 Mrs. Richard Smith
 Chad Spahn
 Meghan Spencer
 Mark/Kim Solensky
 Al Solensky
 Ernie Stock
 Shirley Stock
 Garrett Thomas
 Rita Twerdok
 Keith Warcup
 Mildred Waters
 Roxanne Wehr
 Ervin Werner
 Lori Wimer
 Donald Wulff

Please call the office if a name can be removed from the prayer list.
 An * means new addition.

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 August 7, 2011

Sunday: August 7 - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Liv. and Dec. of St. Peter Parish Family

St. Michael - 6:00 PM (Sat.) - Ann D. Krankota (Sisters: Angela & Violet DeMatteis)

St. Michael - 8:30 AM (Sun.) - For the People of St. Michael's

11:00 AM Mass (Sun.) - Liv. & Dec. of Ernest & Jane Kemper Family (Ernie)

Monday: August 8 - St. Dominic

St. Michael - 8:45 AM - Joseph Acquaviva (M/M Leonard Acquaviva)

Tuesday: August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

St. Michael - 8:45 AM - Margaret Volpe (Leyland Family)

Wednesday: August 10 - St. Lawrence

8:45 AM - Eunice Nevins (Women's Council of St. Peter's Parish)

Thursday: August 11 - St. Clare

8:45 AM - Irene Hinchliffe Grant (Cousin, Robert Gschwend)

Friday: August 12 - St. Jane Francs de Chantal

8:45 AM - Leona Farnen (Jerome & Lisa Schnur)

Saturday: August 13 - St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus

+ Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Sunday: August 14 - 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Ann Lehnerd Miller (Mom & Dad)

St. Michael - 6:00 PM (Sat.) - Elisa & Ike Thomas (Daughter-in-law: Jackie & Bruce)

St. Michael - 8:30 AM (Sun.) - For the People of St. Michael's

11:00 AM Mass (Sun.) - Liv. and Dec. of St. Peter Parish 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.