



St. Peter's Parish Family Church
The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 10, 2011
"A Dirty Little Story"



Like many of you, Marie & I tend a family garden. There is nothing like the miracle of watching, waiting & finally seeing a seed sprout forth through the dirt! It is a process that never grows old. Every year, we do the same things. We till the soil to turn in the fall leaves & help the soil dry, then till it again right before planting. We amend it with manure, compost from our bin, & fertilizer. We "discuss" when to plant what, me always being eager to get started; Marie always being the cautious one.

Marie is the seed sower. I am the gatherer & cook. We both tend the garden, making a weed mat of newspaper & grass clippings & watering. Ahhhh, the watering! First we had more rain than our clay soil could hold in the spring & now we have drought, a story not that different than those in the Bible! Daily Marie reports to me what seeds have sprouted – lettuce, beans, cucumbers, zucchini.

Every year we fret about something – lack of water, slugs & beetles, bunnies with the munchies, or the heat or lack thereof. And every year we have more food than we can eat. Each year is different in what grows most abundantly. I'm either making buckets of pepper

soup & stuffed peppers, or I'm making zucchini everything! But the point of the story is there is always "enough" & more. And it all starts with the dirt. Good dirt, great harvest, poor dirt, little yield.

So my question for you today is, how's your dirt? Are you rich soil waiting to receive the Word of God into your heart to produce great abundance? Perhaps you are poor soil, coming & going to church every week, hearing, but not listening. The seeds are scattered, but produce no fruit. Maybe you are soil overcome with the "weeds" of the world & thus unable to let the Word of God take root in your heart & soul.

Let this coming week be a time when you analyze the soil of your heart & soul. Is it rich or poor, filled with rocks or weeds? Do you need to amend your soil so that you feel rich & are ready to let God's seeds be planted in you? You may need a little compost, or quiet time to center yourself on what's really important in life. Marie & I do that with 10-15 minutes of prayer every morning before work.

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"The Angelus"

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



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"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

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 7/3/2011	\$3,220.10
PARISH SHARE ASSESSMENT	\$37,800.00
PARISH SHARE T-D	\$16,047.77 or 42%
Peter's Pence	142.00

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

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

From front page: A bible study class or simply reading the daily Mass readings and contemplating them may also provide a little fertilizer for your soil. If you feel as though you are nothing but rocks or weeds, try Reconciliation or seek out a spiritual director. You want to enrich the soil of your heart & soul so that you will produce a rich & abundant harvest, putting God's Word into action by bringing the message of hope & love to all the folks around you! ...And that's the "dirt" on today's readings!
~Connie Dittmer

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

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 will be held at St. Fidelis Parish, 125 Buttercup Rd. Class size is limited to 20 couples. Register early as classes fill quickly. The class consists of two Saturday sessions: Saturday, **October 15, 2011** & Saturday, **October 22, 2011. You must attend both Saturday sessions to complete the class.** The class begins at 12:15 PM each 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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL: The following hours are open at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 432 Center Ave, Butler: Tuesday: 12 Midnight - 1 AM, 4 - 5 AM. Wednesday: 2 - 3 AM. To sign up as a regular adorer or sub call Linda Spohn @ 724-283-2555.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOPS are scheduled for August 25, 2011 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. Joseph's Cabot July 23 - 9:00 AM Contact: 724-352-2149 & St. Ferdinand's Cranberry - September 8 9:00 AM or 6:00PM / Contact: 724-776-9177.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BUTLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE: On Monday, July 11, 2011, Rose Uniform Company will be at Butler Catholic from 2:30—5:30 PM in the School Gym so that parents can purchase **new** school uniforms.

HOLY HOUR FOR PEACE will be held at St. Paul, 128 N. McKean St., Butler on Monday July 11th, beginning at 7 PM. Besides prayers for peace, a rosary, and other prayers there is a time for silent meditation. The hour closes with Benediction. Now more than ever we need to be at peace.

THE BLUE ARMY OF BUTLER will pray the rosary in honor of Mary's third apparition at Fatima on Wednesday July 13th at 7:00pm at Butler Catholic school. Bring a chair.



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR will be held at St. Paul, 128 N. McKean St., Butler, on July 19th, beginning at 7 PM. Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction



GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION: The Diocese of Pittsburgh is once again planning its annual Golden Wedding Celebration for the couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. This year's celebration will begin with Mass at St. Paul Cathedral on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 2:00 PM. Bishop Zubik will be the celebrant. A reception will follow in the lower hall at the Cathedral.

If you are one of the couples celebrating your 50th anniversary in 2011, and would like to receive an initiation to this event, please call the Parish Office or drop a note in the collection basket no later than August 7, 2011.

ST. CHRISTOPHER AT THE LAKE PARISH FESTIVAL will be held on Friday, July 15th from 4:00 - 10:00 PM and Saturday, July 16th from 5:00 - 10:00 PM. On Saturday at 4:00 PM there will be an outside Mass. Activities include: Country Store, Games, Wood Crafts, Flea Market, Chinese Auction, Prizes, and Entertainment. Open Class Pinewood Derby will be held on July 16th, Registration at 5 PM and Race at 6 PM. Food includes: Halupki, Halushki, Pierogies, Potato Pancakes, Hot Sausage, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Snow Cones, Homemade Ice Cream, Funnel Cakes, BBQ Chicken, & Much More! At the crossroads of Rts. 422 & 528 in Prospect.

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR COMMUNITY CENTER is getting ready to start up another exciting year of our **Summer Program**. These programs are open to all kids ages 5-12. Special activities include: 4-H, Special Guest Speakers, Reading Time, Outside Play, Special Themed Days (Luau, Christmas in July, End of Summer Picnic, Etc.), and much more. Summer Program continues through August 19th. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. For more information or to sign-up you child, please call 724-287-5648.

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. Your donation allows us to distribute that produce to the hundreds of needy right here in Butler County. Christ request to "Feed My Sheep" requires your kindness and answer. Also, tickets for SHARE OUR BOUNTY will be available.

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.

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 children participate in various activities such as crafts, music, gym, bible stories, etc. The program runs from September 2011 to May 2012. The cost of the program

is a \$10 non-refundable registration fee and a \$40 tuition/activity fee. Parents/caregivers are required to volunteer once a month per child enrolled. Clearances and a "Protecting God's Children" class are required for parent/caregiver volunteering. Paperwork will be provided upon enrollment. For more information or a registration form, please call the Director of the program, Justine Howe at (724) 287-4960.

BALLROOM & MORE DANCE couples and singles welcome! All your favorites: Ballroom, Swing, Latin, Line, Free Style. Alcohol and smoke free. DJ Jazzy Jim playing all your favorites on July 22, and Aug. 26. Lesson 7 PM, Dancing 8-11 PM at St. Michael School Hall, Admission is \$10.00 (includes lesson). For more information call 724-285-9597.



LIFELINE OF SOUTHWEST PA: We serve expecting and new parents. All our services are free and confidential and there are no income restriction. Here is a partial list of our services: Caring help for any girl or woman facing an unexpected or problem pregnancy, Pregnancy test, Maternity clothes, Newborn layettes, Seasonal clothing through size 3, Supplemental diapers twice a month. **For more information, please call 724-282-1200.** (We rely only on donations for all clothing items. We accept maternity clothes and lovingly used and new items - infant through size 3.)

RETROUVAILLE: A Lifeline for Married Couples. Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. Call today to begin the healing process beginning with a weekend on July 15, 2011. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrovaille.org More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com

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 Sharon Abel Christine Abraham Fr. Regis Alberth Joe/Ralph Baldauf Elissa Barker Christy Beach Annabelle Birckbichler Jay Blanshan Clyde & Thelma Braun Regis Brennan Marilyn Horan Caparosa Dave Leitem Olive Cehelsky Sandra Check Julie / Jon Coburn Joyce Collins Terry Conner Art Dandoy Pauline & Holly Davis* Rachel Denny Loretta Dunmyre Robert Evans Wilda Faber Kay Fillhart Ronald Franchuk Fred Garing	Evelyn Green Steven Greer Lawrence Groger Michael Gurner Greg Haney Jeanne Harris Dennis Hartle Stacey Hutema Lisa John 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 Eunice Nevins Richard Noullet Kelsey Ogin Joe Ostwinch Nevins Parkinson	Paul Rex Gertrude Roberts Twila Savage 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 Mildred Waters Roxanne Wehr Ervin Werner Lori Wimer Irene Wood Donald Wulff 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 July 10, 2011

Sunday: July 10 - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Betty Cadwallader (Family)

St. Michael - 6:00 PM (Sat.) - For the People of St. Michael's

St. Michael - 8:30 AM (Sun.) - Stella J. Hamilton (Family of Jeff Schnur)

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

Monday: July 11 - St. Benedict, abbot

St. Michael - 8:45 AM - Richard Galante (Wife & Family)

Tuesday: July 12 - Weekday

St. Michael - 8:45 AM - The Kadunce Family (Stella Kadunce)

Wednesday: July 13 - St. Henry

8:45 AM - Leona Farnen (Paul & Janie Slater)

Thursday: July 14 - Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

8:45 AM - Edward & Bruce Heade (Wife & Mother)

Friday: July 15 - St. Bonaventure

8:45 AM - Charles Carmody Sr. (Chuck & Mary)

Saturday: July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

+ Confessions 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Sunday: July 17 - 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00 PM (Sat.) - Liv. & Dec. of the Ference & Sholl Families (Natalie Ference)

St. Michael - 6:00 PM (Sat.) - For the People of St. Michael's

St. Michael - 8:30 AM (Sun.) - 35th Wedding Anniv. of Larry & Cathy Heasley (Family)

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.