St. Peter's Church



Second Sunday of Lent ~ March 13, 2022

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.

Pregnancy Support

Catholic Social Services (800) 982-4310 Crisis Pregnancy Help line (888) 4-OPTIONS Heart of Tioga County Pregnancy & Parent Support 570-948-2020

Emergency Contact

In the event of an emergency, please call the rectory at 570-724-3371. If after hours, please leave call our emergency number 570-439-2219. If no answer, please leave a message and Fr. Mosely will return your call as soon as he is able.

Religious Education and Formation

Religious Education classes are held for Pre-K – 12th grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12th 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-4th) 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 _ | | | |
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47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania 16901 Rectory Phone:570-724-3371~ Fax: 570-724-6322 Religious Education Office: 570-724-9789 Website: www.stpeterswellsboro.com

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8:00am–2:00pm Thursday, 9:00am–1:00pm

Parish Staff

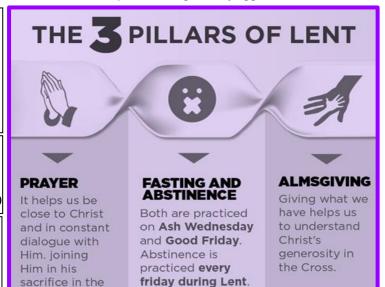
Pastor: Rev. Joseph Mosley – joseph.mosley81@gmail.com Secretary: Connie Spang – stpch@ptd.net Business Manager: Patti Mitchell– stpadm@ptd.net Religious Education.: Melissa Mann – stpreled@ptd.net Maintenance Staff: Connie Spang, Francis Kennedy

Schedule of Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm (Livestreamed); Sunday 8:30am

Reconciliation

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:45am-12:00pm; Saturday, 4:15-4:45pm or by appointment



Parish Contact Listing

Cross.

Women's Bible Study – Sue Singer 570-948-2184 Knights of Columbus – George Gamble 570-724-5216 Social Concerns – Karen Plumley 570-439-0175 Parish Rummage Sale – Pat Gorda 570-404-8918 Church Decorations – Sue Singer 570-948-2184 Buildings & Grounds – Rick Joachim 570-439-2591 Cemetery Committee – Howard Rutledge 570-724-4529 Fundraising Dinners – Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206 Music Ministry - Christina Simonis 570-724-2085 Samaritan House – Linda Sampson 570-404-2180 Youth Group – 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 – Rectory 570-724-3371 Prayer Chain – Kate Black 570-916-9573 ChristLife – Norb Josten 570-724-9095 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Michelle Sepiol 570-439-6206

Second Sunday of Lent

| Date | Time | Mass Intention |
|----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Monday 3/14 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Al & Anna Marie Dlugokinski (Ostapowicz Family) |
| Tuesday 3/15 | 7:30am | In Memory of Josephine Patt (Marion Patt) |
| Wednesday 3/16 | 7:30am Note Change to Mass Time | In Memory of Flora Beuter (Family) |
| Thursday 3/17 | No Mass | |
| Friday 3/18 | 12:10pm | In Memory of Jean M. Getgen (Joan) |
| Saturday 3/19 | 5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed) | In Memory of Joseph Germino (Germino Family) |
| Sunday 3/20 | 8:30am | In Memory of Raymond & Richard Palmerine (Dawn Pletcher) |

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of James Walker (Mike & Connie McNamara)

Parish News and Activities

UPDATED Church Hours/Adoration

The church will be open for private prayer, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm. Generally, all three doors leading into the church will be unlocked. If for some reason the front and carport doors are not open for entry, please use the door on the parking lot side of the church. Saturday, the church will be open from 8:00am – 4:30pm using only the parking lot side door. The front and carport doors will be unlocked at 4:30pm for those attending Mass. All doors of the church will be unlocked on Sunday morning at 8:00am for those attending Mass. Adoration will take place on Tuesday from 8:00am-6:00pm, with Benediction but no evening prayer.

Stewardship

Sunday Collection for March 6, 2022: \$7,211.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00 Difference: \$1,111.00

Year-to-Date Budget Variance: \$ 983.41 We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, Mar. 13th –Religious Education Classes, 9:30am **Tuesday, Mar. 15**th – Women's Bible Study, 9:00am **Sunday, Mar. 20**th– Religious Education Classes, 9:30am

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL



Each Easter, the flowers in the church during the season memorialize deceased loved ones. If you would like to contribute to this year's Easter flowers in memory of

a loved one, please use the envelope found in your monthly packet and place in the collection basket. A list of those we remember will be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

EASTER MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners are reminded that there are special Easter Mass Intentions envelopes in your monthly packets to remember both living and deceased family members and friends. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during all of the Easer Masses to remember the donor's intentions.



"No compromises with evil! We must not fall into that slumber of the conscience that makes us say: 'But after all, it's not serious, everyone does it.' Let us look at Jesus, who does not make agreements with evil. He opposes the devil with the Word of God and overcomes temptation." Pope Francis

Liturgical Reflection ~ Second Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

As we are beginning to immerse ourselves more deeply in the penitential Lenten season, the readings for today remind us that Lent is not the end in itself, but for Christians a promise of a renewed life in Christ. God had previously promised Abram that he would become a great nation, a blessing to all the families of the earth. God assures him by comparing his future descendants to the number of stars in the sky. When God promises land as well as heirs, Abram ask for a sign that he will, in fact, possess it. God complies by enacting an ancient contract ritual where animals are cut in half and placed opposite each other, so those making the contract can walk between them to suggest their willingness to suffer the fate of the animals, if either should break the agreement. Abram emerges from this experience an even deeper faith. In that faith Abram walked until God's promise was fulfilled and in that same faith, we as his descendants, are called to walk today.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 27

The Responsorial Psalm is a series of verses taken from Psalm 27, an individual lament. The way that the verses have been chosen, however, makes this psalm more of a psalm of trust. The psalmist is sure that God will intervene in his cause and rescue him from the hands of his enemies. In Lent, we ask what the enemies are, from which God delivers us. Could they be sin and selfishness and the loneliness that we bring into our lives every time that we consciously or subtly reject God?

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

In today's Second Reading, Paul encourages the community to imitate him and use him as a model of the life of the baptized. Paul has heard that his hard work among the Philippians is being threatened by false teachers, and he writes urgently from prison to bring them back. What is at stake is salvation. He is not competing with other false teachers for the attention of the Philippians; he's competing for the souls of his beloved converts whom he himself won for Christ. Paul ends with a strong and moving declaration of love for the Philippians. Out of that love he calls them to imitate him in standing firm in the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-36

Today's Gospel gives us yet another powerful image of a future hope of line in Christ. The man the disciples knew as friend and rabbi is suddenly revealed to a privileged three as God's Son. The Transfiguration of Jesus comes just before the suffering, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus will be predicted. With Jesus are two great figures of Israel: Moses, the human scribe of God's law, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. Until this point, the disciples seem confused about whom Jesus was; here we see his continuity with all that went before him. Peter, who did not understand, asks about building some tents for the heavenly trio here on earth. This was not God's plan. Instead the voice from heaven declared, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." The



experience leaves the three disciples silent, a most fitting response to the wonder and mystery of the infinite God.



Parish Lenten Service Project

CV Closet at Cowanesque Valley High School was founded just over a year ago. It originated as a way to aid in meeting the hygiene and personal needs of students. CV Closet is an in-house, free "store" to provide students with clothing, bedding, and hygiene items. Students themselves maintain inventory, facilitate "thank you's," and generally take care of the CV Closet.

The students who run this store want fellow classmates to feel comfortable asking for help and to feel comfortable taking what they need. To do this, they set up two "grab and go" tables in two different areas of the school. The items on these tables are showcased like store displays and are changed regularly. They also have an actual room in the high school, deemed CV Closet. This houses the more personal items someone might need, as well as acts as storage.

The mission is more than helping students meet physiological needs. It is about building relationships and building a culture of taking care of each other and a culture of acceptance. The students bring their own items to donate. They help each other "shop." The faculty, staff and students believe this has positively impacted the culture of their school.

Our parish will be collecting items for the CV Closet UNTIL APRIL 3rd. If you would like to donate, drop-off bins will be located in the back of the church. Below is a list of items that are needed for the CV Closet.

sunscreen flip flops hair brushes

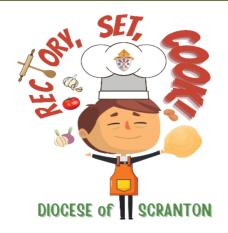
hair ties/head bands athletic shorts toothbrushes & paste

shampoo tissues flosser

conditioner small jugs of laundry soap ladies underwear and sports bras shaving cream hand/body lotion adult coloring books & colored pencils

body wash/ body puffs Q tips

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Deb Rudy at (570) 439-4835. Thank you for any and all donations, and for supporting this wonderful ministry.



WHO: THIRTY "PASTOR CHEFS" PUT THEIR COOKING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST, AND OUR PARISH IS PARTICIPATING!
WE NEED YOUR VOTES TO RISE TO THE TOP!

WHAT: A FRIENDLY VIRTUAL COLLAR-NARY COMPETITION TO BENEFIT OUR PARISH AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND HELP FIGHT HUNGER THIS LENT.

WHEN: WEBSITE LIVE NOW THROUGH MIDNIGHT APRIL 10, 2022. WINNERS ANNOUNCED APRIL 11.





HOW DO I VOTE?

- 1. Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org and click on the Rectory, Set, Cook! logo.
- 2. Click "Donate to Vote" to vote instantly. You can make a general donation or attribute your support to our parish team by using the drop-down menu.
- 3. To watch the cooking videos, then cast your vote:
- ~ Click on OUR CHEFS. (On mobile devices, scroll down to OUR CHEFS.)
- ~ Select our parish team, then click VIEW.
- ~ **Press the PLAY icon:** (If you can't see the Play icon on a mobile device, scroll down until you see "Read More." Click "Read More" to reveal the Play icon.
- ~ Cast your vote/s! Each vote is \$10. Half goes to Catholic Social Services, and half stays with our parish. (Unattributed donations will support the cause rather than a particular parish.)

TO MAKE AN OFFLINE DONATION WITH CASH OR CHECK:

- 1. Place cash or a check MADE OUT TO OUR PARISH in a plain envelope marked RECTORY, SET, COOK! Drop in the collection basket or at the rectory or mail it via U.S. Postal Service. Parish staff will enter your donation.
- 2. Include your name, address, phone number and email address (so that your gift may be entered into Diocesan records and you will be properly thanked and credited for tax purposes.)
- 3. Special note: If you **DO NOT** want your name added to our parish's online donor wall, please indicate your wish to remain anonymous. Donor walls are visible to our parish and the public.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Who likes pierogi?

In conjunction with the diocesan *Rectory, Set, Cook* Fundraiser, Fr. Mosley will be raffling off a batch of his homemade pierogi for any parishioner who votes on his cooking video. Voting is done online through the *Rectory, Set, Cook* Fundraising page. For every vote you purchase, your name will be entered into a drawing for Fr. Mosley to make you your own batch of potato pierogi. As long as you do not vote anonymously, your name will be given to Fr. Mosley to enter you into the pierogi sweepstakes. A name will be drawn at the conclusion of the Rectory, Set, Cook Fundraiser. All funds will be split between Catholic Social Services' anti-hunger efforts **and** our parish community.

The direct link to Fr. Mosley's personal page is <u>our campaign (mobilecause.com)</u> or <u>https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/PASTORCHEF/team/SaintPeterParishWellsboro</u>.

"River of blood and tears are flowing in Ukraine. It is not merely a military operation, but a war, which sows death, destruction, and misery. The number of victims is increasing, as are the people fleeing, especially mothers and children. The need for humanitarian assistance in that troubled country is growing dramatically by the hour. The Holy See is ready to everything, to put itself at the service of this peace... War is madness! Stop, please! Look at this cruelty!" Pope Francis



Lenten Reminders

Days of Fast and Abstinence - Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. All Catholics, 18-59 years of age, are bound by Church law to fast, which means only one large meal and two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused. Catholics 14 years of age and older are required to abstain, which means no meat may be eaten. Note: This year, the Feast of the Annunciation falls on Friday, March 25. 2022. Because it is considered a solemnity by the church, the law of abstinence from meat and meat products does not apply specifically on Friday, March 25th, this year (per Canon 1251.)

Easter Duty – All parishioners are reminded of their obligation to fulfill their Easter Duty. A person's Easter Duty consists of receiving Holy Communion at least once between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday as well as going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to confess any mortal sins.

LENTEN MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Lenten materials for your personal prayer and spiritual enrichment, have been placed on the handout table at the back of the church. Please feel free to take some for you and your family to use during this Lenten season.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm in the church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend Stations of the Cross during the Lenten season.



THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU



As we begin this season of Lenten preparation, each of us is invited to reflect on those choices which will bring about the new life we celebrate in Easter. For this reason, the Church invites us

to experience Lent as a time for deepened prayer, personal sacrifice, and self-giving – all so that we can be raised to new life in Christ! The Church encourages us to make confession a regular part of our spiritual life, especially during the holy season of Lent, as we reflect on our baptism and repentance. Bishop Joseph C. Bambera is helping to make this experience possible by arranging for a Lenten initiative called *The* Light Is On for You. Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their lights on for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God's grace, mercy, and healing. Due to Fr. Mosley's responsibility for St. Thomas Parish, the schedule for St. Peter's will be March 7th and 21st, and April 4th from 5:00-6:30pm.

Please make plans to come on a Lenten Monday, and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. "The Light Is On for You!"

WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

The Wellsboro Ministerium will be offering Wednesday Lenten Services. All services will be held at the First Presbyterian Church from 12:00- 12:30pm, with a light lunch to follow. This year's theme is *People Who Witnessed the Cross*.

The schedule for the church who will host the luncheon and lead the prayer service is as follows:

March 16th – Vineyard/Living Word; March 23rd – First Baptist Church;

March 30th – United Methodist Church; April 6th – St. Peter's Catholic Church.

All are welcome to attend!

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON - SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The Diocese of Scranton looks forward to listening to your voice as we journey forward in this Synod process. It is our hope that you will prayerfully consider the prompts provided in order to participate and offer feedback about your experience as a member of the Diocese of Scranton via the online survey, on the available hotline, or during a parish gathered listening session:

Online Surveys: English--<u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y3FRDX6</u>

Spanish--https://www.surveymonkev.com/r/NRB7GJY

Phone line: 570-591-5024 (English or Spanish)

Synodal Prompts:

For each, please respond with: "Strongly Agree; Agree; Strongly Disagree; No Opinion"

In the church and in society, we are called to walk together side by side on the journey of life.

1) The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is inclusive, meaning every person has the ability to participate as equals

• We invite you to provide any thoughts on groups or individuals who you feel the Catholic Church may be leaving on the margins

Listening is one of the most powerful and deeply human experiences we can have. The act of listening respects and validates the voice that is being heard.

2) The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton listens to all people

• We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on those that the Catholic Church does/does not listen to.

Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton are encouraged to speak up, be brave and boldly trust we are loved by God.

- 3) Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton are provided with the opportunity to speak candidly with their parish priest and our bishop
 - We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on what enables or hinders people from speaking up about their hopes and concerns.

One of the foundations of the Catholic Faith is the belief that God is alive in each and every human person. For Christians, we are baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit and are nourished by Christ in the Eucharist.

- 4) The celebration of the mass inspires me toward a more joyful and holier life
 - We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on how prayer and/or masses does or does not inspire you.

Every Catholic has a responsibility to participate actively in the mission of the Catholic Church, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- 5) The Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is succeeding in the following areas of its mission
 - Leading People to a Deeper Relationship with God
 - Educating People of All Ages in the Faith
 - Helping the Poor, Lonely and Vulnerable
 - Welcoming Immigrants, Refugees, and Other Newcomers
 - Being Compassionate to those in Prison
 - Ensuring Racial Equality
 - Promoting Pro-Life Issues
 - Protecting Human Rights
 - Caring for the Environment
 - Supporting Families

Paper copies of the survey can be found on the tables at each entrance to the church. Simply fill out, fold and tape, and mail to the address listed.

 We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on where the mission of the Church is in need of greater focus. From Pope Saint Paul VI to Pope Francis, successive popes have actively called the People of God to be a Church in dialogue. Through dialogue, all of the Christian faithful shape the way the Church achieves her mission.

6) Catholics in the Diocese of Scranton are provided with the opportunity to discuss, debate, and dialogue about the future direction of the Church

 We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on the places and opportunities that our church does or does not offer for constructive dialogue.

Christ calls all His disciples, united by Baptism, to work side-by-side with diverse groups and other faith communities.

7) It is a priority of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton to work with other faith communities in promoting the well-being of all

o We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on the way the Catholic Church could interact with other Christian denominations and/or individuals with no faith tradition.

Through Baptism and Confirmation, the mission of the Catholic Church belongs to all the Christian faithful. Everyone is called to play an active role.

8) All Catholics, including young people, lay men and lay women, are challenged to use their gifts and talents in the life of the Church

• We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on how people are/are not challenged to participate in the future of the church.

The Christian faith is accessible to everyone. Because the mission of the Catholic Church belongs to the Church's members, every voice has a right to be heard.

9) In making important decisions, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is transparent and accountable in its decision-making processes

o We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on the decision-making process that the church uses and how it can be improved.

The Church's Tradition, received from the Apostles, carries the Christian faith through history. A synod is meant to identify the needs, challenges and opportunities of the present moment.

10) While respecting Tradition, the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Scranton is responsive to the needs, challenges and opportunities at the present moment.

• We invite you to provide any additional thoughts on how the church listens and engages in dialogue.

As we bring our hopes and dreams for our Church into the future, we join our hearts in prayer:

Prayer for the Synod:

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name,
With you alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and Son, forever and ever. Amen.



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A Gift in Your Will

We hope you'll consider including a gift to St. Peter's Church in your will or living trust. Called a charitable bequest, just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed. Share this sample bequest language for St. Peter's Church with your estate planning attorney:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise, and bequeath to St. Peter's Church. Wellsboro [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."

Parish Prayer List

Nan Bowser, Trish Knowlton, Judy Nagel, Shirley Mekos Broughton, Donna Brennan, Mary Mekos, Jonathan Hardman, Stephen Hurd, Stephanie Hemighaus, Suzie Alexander, Syler Sullivan, Adrienne Gilbert, Bob Murphy, Sylvia Smith, Tom Mohr, Carol Weatherby, Carol Shine, Teresa Pavlock, Jerry Pierce, Joann Black, Lori Lopaz, Patricia Quattrone, Larry Jackson, Katie Seip, Lisa Jones, Renee Kennedy, Gay Furlong, Fran Rose, June Sherman, Kathy Smith, Tim Bogaczyk, Beth Valdez, Charles Barrett, Joe Engel, Darleen Kohler, Victoria Salerno, Bob Snyder, Don Brooks, Paul Beuter, Cole Salerno, Mark Kilmer, Stephen Horvatch, Fr. Paul Mullen, Helene Carpenter, Clark Hewitt, Everett Dean Brown, Roberta Mahar, Bud Boyce, Marian Coolidge, Kay Evans, Elizabeth Payne, Cindy Sereno, Carolyn Tester, Richard Stankiewicz, Jim Callahan, Mary Antoniw, Ruth Russell, Edward Cruttenden, Anne Marie Beuter, Skip Warriner, Stephanie Calicchia, Jacoby Aratari, Lou Kirby, Shannon Jones, Steve Ziemak, Cody Bowers, Carolyn Clark, Don Hayden, Shannon Slaton, Lisa Neil-Keller, Ann Callahan, John Harling, Shawn Wheeler, John Wheeler, Kayleigh Johnson, Mary Clark, Ruth Braham, Jim Walker, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phyliss Davis, Tom Patt, Sammi Swinnich, Claire Smith, Raymond Butler, Michael Joseph Harris, Maggie Stirnaman, Jane Johnson, Dan Usavage, Philip Kniceley, Maureen Bailey, George Hill, Mary Kay Clark, and Luiz Ang.



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

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.