

# St. Peter's Church



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter – May 1, 2022

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

## **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 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Classes begin in September and conclude in May. Pre-K (ages 3-5) is held during the 8:30am Mass. K-12<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup>) 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 worshipping 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*... Easter promises  
that what God does in the  
resurrection of Jesus  
is God's intention  
for the entire creation.*

James A. Harnish

## **Parish Contact Listing**

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

Date	Time	Mass Intention
Monday 5/2	12:10pm	In Memory of Mildred Hummel Family (Dio & Marilyn deGuzman)
Tuesday 5/3	7:30am	In Memory of Gavin Glimm (Joan Sattler)
Wednesday 5/4	12:10pm	In Memory of Jean M. Getgen (Joan)
Thursday 5/5	No Mass	
Friday 5/6	12:10pm	In Memory of Mary Cleveland (Daughter, Mary)
Saturday 5/7	5:00pm (Mass is livestreamed)	Our Mother's Day Intentions
Sunday 5/8	8:30am	Our Mother's Day Intentions

The Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of Eileen Evert (Suzanne Niles)


## Parish News and Activities

**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 April 24, 2022: \$4,642.00  
 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$6,100.00  
 Difference: (\$1,458.00)  
 Year-to-Date Budget Variance: (\$2,765.75)  
*We are grateful to all those who are able to financially support our parish.*

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**  
**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Religious Education End of Year Social, 9,30am  
**Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Women's Bible Study, 9:00am  
**Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Italian Dinner Prep, 9:00am  
**Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – Rectory Closed  
 Italian Dinner, 4:30-6:30pm  
**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Religious Education End of Year Social, 9:30am

**SAMARITAN HOUSE COLLECTION**  
 Thank you to everyone for your generous donation help defray the cost of the repair work to the Samaritan House. The total donations received were \$4,530.00! Your donations allow us to continue this very special ministry at St. Peter's and in our community.

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SOCIAL**  
 Today is the last day of the Religious Education Classes will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a social in the parish center following the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome!



## Liturgical Reflection ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-31, 40-41

The Acts of the Apostles continues to tell the story of the spread of the Gospel in the days following the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus. This Sunday we again hear of the Apostles and the ongoing conflict with the Sanhedrin. To keep them from preaching about Jesus, the authorities had the Apostles jailed. But an angel of God secretly released them during the night and ordered them to resume their preaching in the Temple area. The authorities puzzle over how these men escaped locked cells, but the Apostles are convinced God is directing their fate. That is why, after this second arrest, they dare to defy the Sanhedrin and insist they must obey God, rather than men. Beaten and warned to keep silent about Jesus, the Apostles go forth rejoicing, not because they are free, nor because they narrowly escaped death, but because they were found worthy to suffer for the sake of Christ.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30

The hope of a future resurrection is found only in some of the latest parts of the Old Testament and is absent from the psalms. When the psalmist speaks of being brought up from the netherworld and restored to life, he is using metaphorical language to describe deliverance from earthly troubles. But Christian apologetic, followed by liturgical piety, interpreted the psalm Christologically—the “I” who speaks becomes Christ, and the deliverance becomes his resurrection.

### SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The Book of Revelation shifts from extolling the creator to unfolding the story of the plan of salvation. The vivid depiction of the heavenly liturgy finds all in the universe raising its voice to the glory of God. John’s message is clear: Christ is not a victim; he is a victor reigning at the right hand of God. He is the source of life and those who give themselves to him, no matter what trials they must endure, will conquer death with him and find eternal reward in his Kingdom.

### GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The third appearance of the Risen Christ happens at the seashore. Again, the Lord is encountered in meal fellowship. Notice how the three affirmations demanded of Peter are parallel to his three denials before the Crucifixion. Peter and the others will be called to powerfully shepherd the flock, even though it will be to the death. Peter’s death is referenced in the stretching out of hands. Not only will Peter follow Jesus as shepherd of the flock, he will also follow him to the glory of martyrdom for the sake of his sheep.



## Social Concerns Mother's Day Layette Project

The Social Concerns Committee is again asking for your help in providing baby supplies to needy mothers in our area through our Mother's Day Layette project. We are working with the local hospital maternity ward and Heart of Tioga pregnancy center to collect newborn items. The Giving Tree will be set up in the back of the church with tags indicating items and sizes needed. Donations of new infant clothing, baby blankets, diapers size newborn and 3, hooded bath towels and bath supplies can be placed in the box or on the table near the Giving Tree. Knitters may also place handmade blankets and sweater sets in the donation box. No time to shop? Cash donations will be gratefully accepted. Just place donations in an envelope marked "Layette Project" and drop it in the collection basket. Please have all donations in the box or on the table by 3:00pm, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Call Ginny at 570-724-8496 or Mel at 570-724-4844.

# St. Peter's Church Italian Dinner



**Friday, May 6, 2022**

**4:30 – 6:30pm in the Parish Center**

**Adults - \$10.00, Children (12 & under) - \$5.00**

- Spaghetti with Marinara Sauce
- Homemade Meatballs
- Salad
- Garlic Bread
- Homemade desserts
- Coffee, soda, tea, lemonade

*For this dinner to be a success, we need volunteers to work during & after the dinner and donations of some food items and baked goods. Signup sheets can be found in the back of the church.*

## BISHOP'S YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENT



Congratulations to 12<sup>th</sup> graders, Justin Godon and Elizabeth Gordon, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Emily Benjamin and Anna Tokarz, this year's recipients of the Bishop's Youth Award. The Bishop's Youth Award is presented to students in 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade who meet the following criteria: must be involved within their parish community, must be an outstanding public example of a young Catholic who reflects and lives the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the Church, attends Sunday Mass and receives the sacraments, must be endorsed by the Parish Youth Coordinator and Pastor, and must be involved in multiple volunteer service apostolates as defined by the Bishop. Congratulations to our worthy recipients!

## 2022 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 29, 2022. To register, please go to [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or [jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org)). Those celebrating couples who speak Spanish may contact Jose Flores (570-207-2213 x 1130 or [jflores@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jflores@dioceseofscranton.org)).



### UPCOMING RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

AUGUST 19 - 21, 2022 AT THE TOWNEPLACE SUITES, MOOSIC

*Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage. If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)*



[www.cwcnepa.com](http://www.cwcnepa.com)

**If you or someone you know would like to attend the conference but can't afford the price of the ticket, call Cecilia Carr at 570-430-2735 or E-mail [ccarr18414@yahoo.com](mailto:ccarr18414@yahoo.com) to reserve a *GOOD SAMARITAN TICKET.***

"When we bring peace to someone who is suffering physically or spiritually, when we spend some time listening, being present, or consoling someone, we encounter Jesus who repeats to us through the eyes of all those who are weighed down by the trials of life: Peace be with you!"

"Let's remember the forgiveness and peace we have received from Jesus. Let's put the memory of God's warm embrace before the memory of our own mistakes and failings. In this way, we will grow in joy. For nothing will ever be the same for anyone who has experienced God's joy!"

**Pope Francis**

## MARY'S MANTLE CONSECRATION

*"One of the great consolations of being Catholic is knowing that the Mother of our Lord is our Mother, too. Mary's Mantle Consecration deepens one's personal life of virtue, unites people in prayer, and sanctifies daily life, thus making us more like her son and so bringing joy to her motherly heart." (Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone)*

All parishioners of St. Peter's and Holy Child churches are invited to participate in Mary's Mantle Consecration beginning on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. This consecration is designed for busy people and can be done in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle. The heart of the program is the Rosary, along with a brief daily meditation and a weekly day of fasting. Participants will receive daily emails and are encouraged to share their thoughts and prayer requests with the group.

Mary's Mantle Consecration is a journey of 46 days, ending on the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (June 27<sup>th</sup>.) The number 46 refers to the stars on Mary's cloak, or mantle, in the image of our Lady of Guadalupe. Those who partake will have several opportunities to meet and pray in person throughout the retreat. A special ceremony in June will commemorate the consecration.

Each participant needs a copy of *Mary's Mantle Consecration*, by Christine Watkins, which can be ordered from Amazon or your favorite bookstore. For more information or to join the group, send an email to Linda Sampson at sampson4509@gmail.com, or use the sign-up sheet on the handout table in the church.



### First Saturday Pilgrimages St. Mary's Church, Blossburg

Beginning on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing every First Saturday, a carpool will be available for those who wish to attend First Saturday services at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg. Mass begins at 9:30am, followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. The service concludes at 11:00am. Participants meet at Whitneyville Fair Grounds at 9:00am. For more information or to join the carpool, contact Linda Sampson at 570-404-2180



*Please join us for a*

## Women's Brunch

*Enjoy faith, fellowship, and some fabulous food.*

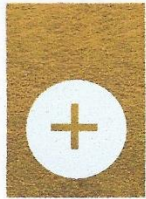
*Saturday, May 21, 2022  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Parish Center*

*Please register by Friday, May 13, 2022,*

*Laurie Coffee 570-549-2210  
[laurie.coffee@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.coffee@gmail.com)*

*or register on the sign-up sheet at the back of the church.*





# Third Sunday in Easter

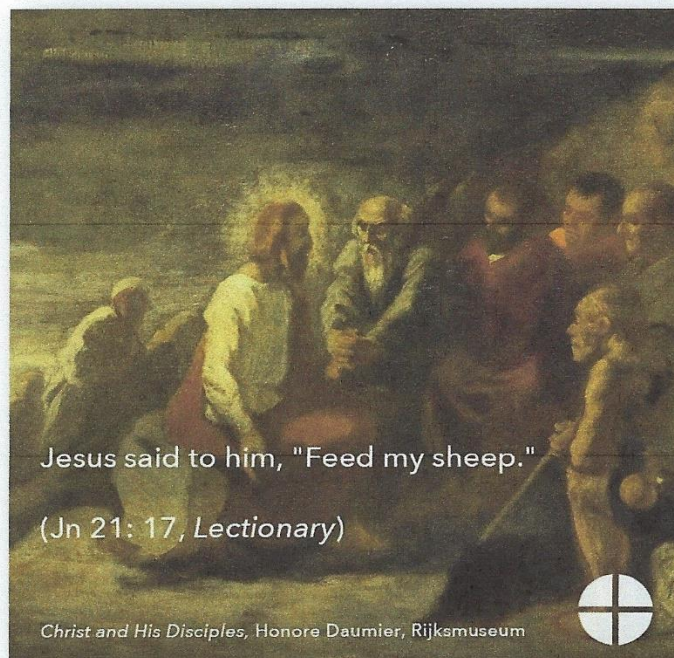
"The first thing we need to discern and discover is this: Jesus wants to be a friend to every young person. This discernment is the basis of all else. In the risen Lord's dialogue with Simon Peter, his great question was: "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" (Jn 21:16). In other words, do you love me as a friend? The mission that Peter received to shepherd Jesus' flock will always be linked to this gratuitous love, this love of friendship." (Pope Francis, *Christus Vivit*, no. 250)

## Fact of Faith

### *The Paschal Candle*

The paschal candle is the symbol of the *light of Christ, rising in glory*, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds. Above all, the paschal candle should be a genuine candle, the pre-eminent symbol of the light of Christ.

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After Easter Time the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals, the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate Christ's undying presence, his victory over sin and death, and the promise of sharing in Christ's victory by virtue of being part of the Body of Christ (see *Order of Christian Funerals*, no. 35). The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside Easter Time.



Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

(Jn 21: 17, *Lectionary*)

*Christ and His Disciples*, Honore Daumier, Rijksmuseum

## *Saint of the Week*

### *Damien of Molokai*

1840-1889

Feast Day—May 10

Born in Tremelo, Belgium, Joseph de Veuster left school at 13 to work on the family farm. Six years later he joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, taking the name Damien. He volunteered for a mission to the Hawaiian Islands and was ordained in Honolulu in 1864. He served on the island of Hawaii for eight years, then volunteered in 1873 to work at the leprosy colony on Molokai (leprosy is now called Hansen's disease). Father Damien was priest, doctor and counselor to 800 patients before he contracted the disease in 1884. He stayed on Molokai, ministering until a month before his death. Considered a model and martyr of charity, he was canonized in 2009.

Please patronize our sponsors and thank them for their support. Their advertising helps to make our bulletin possible.



**UNITED CHRISTIAN  
MINISTRIES, INC.**  
SOCIAL MINISTRY

V.E. Boley, Ph.D.    E.D. Clemens  
Executive Director    Director of Operations

Ph: (570) 944-0106                      7534 Route 49  
Fax: (570) 827-3063                      P.O. Box 25  
Email: unitedchristianministries.inc@gmail.com    Elkland, PA 16920  
Website: ucministries.org

**WALRATH & COOLIDGE**

Probate & Estate Administration  
Real Estate  
Personal Injury



Wills • Corporate Adoptions  
Family Law

R. Lowell Coolidge, Esq • Priscilla Walrath, Esq  
570-724-3801    Fax: 570-724-7239    126 Main St • Wellsboro, PA

Great relationships  
Great conversations  
Great futures

Connect with us:  
**bakertilly.com**  
Two Wain Street  
Wellsboro, PA 16901  
+1 (570) 724 5000



© 2020 Baker Tilly US, LLP.

*Akiko's Floral Arts*



31 East Avenue  
Wellsboro  
(570) 724-1509

**"If Akiko's Not Your Florist, She Should Be"**  
Shop 24/7 at [www.akikos.com](http://www.akikos.com)  
Akiko, Clark & Joe Hewitt

OVER 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

**TUSSEY-MOSHER  
FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**  
Calvin T. Mosher, Supervisor

139 Main St. Wellsboro, PA 16901  
(570) 724-4637 | [TusseyMosher.com](http://TusseyMosher.com)


**CARQUEST  
AUTO PARTS**

MITCHELL'S CARQUEST AUTO PARTS  
FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1950

kenneth@mitchellcarquest.com  
688 South Main Street  
Mansfield, PA 16933  
T 570.662.2277  
F 570.662.1078




Kenneth Mitchell Owner



25 Main Street  
Wellsboro, PA 16901  
570-723-4263

[www.popscultureshoppe.com](http://www.popscultureshoppe.com)  
**Games \* Imagination \* Fun**  
Your proprietors Julian and Anja Stam  
Consider it all joy! James 1:2

Please refer your friends and family.  
Happy patients are our best referrals.



Oral & Facial Surgery  
15 Meade Street  
Wellsboro, PA 16901  
(570) 724-2141    Dr. Richard F. Black

**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."*

**U-HAUL**  
AUTHORIZED DEALER

U-Haul® Dealer Since 2011  
[uhaul.com](http://uhaul.com)



Ken Mitchell  
Mitchell's Carquest Auto Parts  
688 South Main Street  
Mansfield, PA 16933  
Business: (570) 662-2534  
[www.mitchellcarquest.com](http://www.mitchellcarquest.com)

**TOKARZ  
CUSTOM  
WOODWORK**

Stephen F. Tokarz  
• Artisan  
• Craftsman

Specializing in Custom Wood Products

570-404-0693  
Established in Tioga County, PA

## 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 Antoniow, 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, Richard and Valerie Tobin, Shirley Dixon, Lucy Whitney, Adele Young, Suzan Richar, Lucille Keck, Gloria Fermenic, Alice Kohut, John Bowe, Kathy Wheeler, Phylliss 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 Luis Ang.



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

**Werner Plato**

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.