



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT

February 21, 2016

*The Lord is my light and salvation, whom should I fear.
- Psalm 27:1*

Welcome

*To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope;
to all who are homeless and need sheltering love;
and to all who sin and need a Savior;
and to whomsoever will,
the Parish of SS. Peter and Paul opens wide its doors
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

Mission Statement

As members of SS. Peter and Paul,
we have as our mission the sharing of our faith and our talents.
We proclaim the Word of God through
compassion for our community and sharing of our treasures as Disciples of Christ.

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Office Hours

Monday 10AM – 3PM
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 3PM
Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday – Communion Service – 7AM
Tuesday through Friday – 7AM
Saturday 4PM
Sunday 8AM & 11AM

Confessions

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45AM
Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
And by appointment anytime

Parish Center

(570)822-8761

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God

M 2/22 7AM **Communion Service**
W 2/23 7AM **Confession 5:30-7PM**
T 2/23 7AM **Ruth Verespy** by Mary Drew
W 2/24 7AM **Hugh Drew** by Wife and Children
Th 2/25 7AM Peter Jastremski
 by Daughter Phyllis & Karen
F 2/26 7AM **Helen Nardone** by Rhonda & Ron Koslosky
 6:30PM Stations of the Cross
S 2/27 4PM **Walt Ciolek** by Mike & Maryann Quinn
S 2/28 8AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**
 11AM **Dorothy Nestorick** by Carly & Suzie Baker

WE ARE TO BE TRANSFORMED

Today's showing forth of God's glory is filled with a light that astonishes and reveals. Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor energizes even the sleepy apostles, who see but cannot get hold of it. They can be forgiven for not apprehending the full meaning of this extraordinary vision of a transfigured Jesus with Elijah and Moses. The whole of the Law and prophets is summed up here on this mountain.

The transfiguration on Mount Tabor is handed over to us this Sunday. As Paul reminds us, it is we who are to be transformed. The light and life of the Resurrection are set forth here so we do not lose heart and fall entirely asleep. This Sunday looks to Easter. It looks to transformation. It asks us to lift up our heads and acknowledge the risen Lord as our light and our salvation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

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Daniel Jescavage

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ted Wysocki

February 21, 2016

Contribution	\$7,459
Dues	\$625
Catholic Campaign	\$125
Care of the Priest	\$112
St. Vincent de Paul	\$71
Christmas	\$25
Initial Offering	\$115
Maintenance	\$1,587
Lenten	\$1,269
Easter	\$10
Easter Flowers	\$5

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
 Monday: The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle;
 Washington's Birthday
 Tuesday: St. Polycarp
 Friday: Abstinence

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director Joan Turel	
Faith Formation Sande Holena	Facilities Engineer Michael Levandowski
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Organists Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn

Reminder: Fridays in Lent are Obligatory Days of Abstinence from meat

Good News!!! Burial Plots in our Parish Cemeteries; SS Peter and Paul, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph are available. For more information please contact the Rectory during Office Hours

Listen

1: to pay attention to sound, 2: to hear something with thoughtful attention, 3: to be alert to catch an expected sound.

Do you ever have a conversation and wonder if the person you are speaking with is really listening to what you say? The Pastoral Council will LISTEN to all you have to tell us over the next few months as we form focus groups. We will be meeting with Seniors in the month of February and Parents of school age children in the coming months.

Our Lenten Buffet is scheduled for Friday, March 11th in Bernardine Hall, (formerly the School Hall). The Buffet will include baked fish, pierogi, haluski, homemade pizza, choice of soup, French fries, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. Dinner and take outs will begin at 4PM and run until 6:30PM. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under, children under 3 are free. Planning to attend...please fill out the coupon below (this will help with planning) enclose payment and drop in Collection Basket or bring to the Rectory during Office Hours. Names of families will be at the door.

Lenten Buffet

Family Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Parish Activities

February 21 through February 28

Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM
	Taize Prayer	4:30PM
Mon.	Quilting	5PM
	Rosary	6:30PM
	Prayer Shawl	5PM
	Women's Meeting	7PM
Tues.	Quilting	9AM
	Liturgy	6:30PM
Wed.	Choir	7PM
Thurs.	Quilting	9AM
Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM

Pieorgi Making Time

Father Jack is asking all volunteers in joining him on Feb. 27th at 10AM in Bernardine Hall (snow date of March 5th) in learning to make pierogi. Our Parish has a strong tradition of making pierogi. And now it's time to invite everyone to join Father to be a part of our tradition. There are many jobs that need to be done besides pinching, from mixing the dough, rolling the dough, cutting the circles, scooping the fillings, boiling the pierogi, drying and packing the pierogi, carrying the trays over to the church, cleaning up, packing the pierogi the next day and selling them after Mass. As Father's Mother would say, many hands make light work. So please join us on Feb. 27th at 10AM.

The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul is going to enjoy an evening of dining and music on April 9th at Woodloch Pines. Diner will be served at 6PM in the Dining Room, meal includes a seafood appetizer, choice of one of four entrees, dessert and beverage. Woodloch Pines presents the Best of the Worlds TV Shows – Songs, Skits, Dancing from the 50's etc. Cost is \$70 which includes transportation, show and diner. Pickup will be Yanaitis Funeral Home at 3:30PM. Reservation confirmed as the time of full payment. Checks payable to Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul and mailed to Joan Pisack, 80 E. Carey St., Plains, PA 18705. For more information call Joan at 570-822-3815.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Second Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's liturgy focuses on faith and trust in God and gives us a kind of preview of Christ's Resurrection in the Gospel reading of the Transfiguration.

These themes from an excellent background for a special penitential rite or *scrutiny* that is celebrated today with already-baptized candidates who are preparing for reception into the church at the Easter Vigil.

It is interesting to note that the Transfiguration is revisited on August 6 with its own feast and a very different liturgy focusing on triumph, praise and exaltation.

Did you know that Holy Week is the most sacred time of the Church Year? Did you know that Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday services are one continuous liturgy? Did you know that Holy Saturday is the highpoint of it all, telling the story of our salvation, focusing on the light of Christ we have received at Baptism, and celebrating the resurrection? The music and the liturgies themselves will be very special. Come and Celebrate with us!

Our Very Own Potato/Cheese Pierogi will be available after all Masses. The cost is \$8 per dozen. They can also be purchased at the Rectory during Office Hours.

Mark Your Calendar...Save the Date
11-Day Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage Tour
Oct. 12-21, 2016 Including the Papal Audience
Visit Italy during the Holy Year of Mercy with Fr. Jack. Walk through the Holy Doors, Mass at the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Masses at the 3 Major Basilica's. Visit Lago Maggiore, Padova, Venice, Tuscany, Florence, Siena & Rome. For reservations & information call TravelWorld at 570-342-5790.

Easter Egg Hunt Right Around the Corner

The Youth Group will be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our parish children ages one thru 10, on the Sunday before Easter, March 20th. Details will follow at a future date.

With our Egg Hunt being so large each year, we are gratefully accepting any monetary donations that you can give us to defray the cost of the Easter Boxes we are putting together as this year's prizes. Any monetary donations will be greatly appreciated by both the Youth Group and the children who are participating in the Egg Hunt. The Youth Group will provide all the plastic eggs, candy and some prizes. We do not need any baskets, straw, plush or fillers this year. Last year 82 children participated in the Parish Egg Hunt

Anyone wishing to help us out can drop an envelope with their monetary donation in the collection basket at any of the Masses, please mark the envelope Easter Egg Hunt or drop off at the Rectory during Office Hours. Your help in making our Egg Hunt a success is always appreciated!

Our Bi-Monthly Lottery

We are changing our Lottery to a Seasonal Lottery (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter) with prizes everyday. Prizes are as follows: Monday thru Saturday - \$25; Sunday - \$100, and three large prizes of \$300 throughout the Season. In the Spring Lottery the special prizes will be Pentecost, May 15th, The Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 3rd and The Feast of SS Peter and Paul, June 29th. It will begin on April 1st and run through June 30th. It will Match the Pa Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing. The cost of the new Lottery will be \$10. There will still be a Sellers Drawing, those selling 25 or more will have their name put in the drawing for \$50 and those selling 10 will be in the \$10 drawing. Tickets will be available after Masses on the weekend of Feb. 27 & 28, We appreciate all the support in the past and in this new endeavor.

Marriage Moments

It's Lent – a time of taking stock, self-sacrifice, and penance. Take stock of your marriage this week. Is there a sacrifice you can make for your beloved? Anything it's time to forgive?
- Susan Vogt

Holy Family, 574 Bennett Street, Luzerne is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 13th from noon to 4PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$4 for children under 10, and are available by calling the Office at 570-287-6660 or at the door. Take-outs will be available; containers provided. All are welcome!

Parenting Pointers

Week 2: It's still pretty cold in the northern hemisphere. Does your household have an extra pair of gloves, a scarf, boots, a coat, a blanket that you could take to a homeless shelter, Goodwill, etc. Do it this week.

— Susan Vogt

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish is sponsoring its Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 21st from noon to 4PM. It will be held in Padden Hall (St. Al School Cafeteria). Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children 6-12. Children under 6 are free. All are welcome. For more information please call the parish office at 570-823-3791 ext. 2.

The Catholic Choral Society Lenten Concerts

In a 67 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 6th in Plains and on March 13th in Scranton. The first concert on Sunday, March 6th will be held here at SS Peter and Paul at 3PM. The second will be presented at St. Paul's Church, 1510 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA on March 13th at 3PM. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Jean Shields is accompanist. The group, marking its' 67th season, is composed of 60 members from both Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.

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Mass Schedule
Mon – Communion
Service
Tues – Fri 7AM
Sat 4PM
Sun 8AM & 11AM

Confessions
Daily 6:30am-6:45am
Sat 3 – 3:30pm
And by appointment
anytime

Parish Center
570-822-8761

St. Andrew Parish is having their annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 13th in the church hall (St. Patrick's) 318 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre. Serving is from 11:30AM until 4PM. Menu includes ham & cabbage, boiled potatoes, butter, beans, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Take-outs will be available. A Bake Sale will also be featured.

Save the Date... Friday, April 1st from 7-9PM at Gate of Heaven, 40 Machell Ave, Dallas. Susan Brinkmann, Women of Grace will speak. Admission will be free will donation. Please register by March 25th at jdmur@epix.net. Net or call 570-675-2121. Walk ins will also be welcome.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Your gift can do it!!

If you have not yet pledged, please...

Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

Our Parish is at 84.5 %

Only 10,893 needed to reach 100%

On behalf of all who will benefit, we convey our gratitude to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2015 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

Each donation truly matters.

If you have not made a pledge and wish to help our parish reach our goal, please call the Diocesan Development

Office at 570-207-2250

to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card,

mail a gift to the Diocesan Appeal Office

at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org.

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU

Let nothing disturb you,

Nothing frighten you.

All things are passing.

God never changes.

Patient endurance attains all things.

Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,

God alone is sufficient.

—St. Teresa of Avila