



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2015

I, the Lord, am your God...

You shall not have other gods besides me.

Exodus 20:2a, 3

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; o
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 8am – 6pm
Tuesday and Thursday noon – 6pm
Wednesday 8am – noon
Friday and Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am
Wednesday – 6pm
Saturday 4pm
Sunday 8am & 11am

Confessions

Daily 6:30am
Saturday 3:15pm
And by appointment

Parish Center

(570)822-8761

Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God



March 9 through March 15

Mon 7am *Eva Letinski (A)* by Daughters
 Tues. 7am *Dorothy A. Vearling* by Husband
 Wed. 6pm *Joseph Klepadlo*
 by Dr. Mrs. William Yunkunis
 Thurs. 7am *Helen & Stanley Stanski Jr.*
 by Children
 Fri. 7am *Fred Spagnulo (A)* by Family
 6:30pm *Stations of the Cross*
 Sat. 4pm *Beth Bonn* by Family
 Sun. 8am Walter Burko Sr by Wife
 11am *Parishioners*

In case of inclement weather conditions,
 If Wilkes-Barre Area is cancelled, there will no Mass;
 if there is a delay, Mass will be at 12:10pm

Message of the Week *John 2:13-25*

*"While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of
 Passover, many began to believe in his name when
 they saw the signs he was doing."*

How we would love to see those signs! How easy it would be for us to believe if we too could witness Jesus healing the sick, feeding the multitudes, calming the storm. We might be inclined to think that we don't have the same benefits as those first believers, and so faith is harder in our day and age. But is it, really?

In truth, we have an advantage that none of those people had: two millennia of faithful, prayerful Christians believing in Jesus and spreading the Gospel; the collective witness of the saints—many of whom have also worked "signs" in Jesus' name; the effects of the church on culture and the world through its schools, its hospitals, its spiritual movements, and religious institutions; the unbroken line of apostolic succession that traces back to the time of Christ. But even with all of this testimony, it's important to remember that seeing signs and believing in Jesus are not the same thing. Even those who witnessed Jesus' miracles had to take the next step by choosing to accept him as their Lord. The point is to encounter Jesus on a personal level. The signs may open the door to bring us closer to him, but it's up to us to walk through that door.

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Eva Letinski
Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ted Wysock

March 1, 2015

Contribution	\$8,229
Dues	\$1,387
Maintenance	\$149
Charity	\$186
Care and Education of Priest	\$675
School	\$794
Utilities	\$75
Flowers	\$83
Novena	\$29
Lenten	\$1,224
Ash Wednesday	\$143
Insurance	\$100
Initial Offering	\$28

Questions of the Week ?

John 2:13-25:

What do you think was so upsetting to Jesus in the Temple?

Exodus 20:1-17:

What role do the Ten Commandments have in your spiritual life?

1 Corinthians 1:22-25:

How do you explain that "Christ crucified" points to the "power" and "wisdom" of God?

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Religious Education Sande Holena	Music Christine Katsock
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.
Buildings/Maintenance/Properties Michael Levandowski	



WELCOME: Please extend a warm welcome to the Little Sisters of the Poor who are visiting our parish this weekend. Their ministry is to provide shelter and care for the elderly and those who need skilled nursing care. Their visit is twofold: to request our prayers and support for their ministry, and to “beg” for financial assistance to help them provide for the needs of their residents. May the Lord bless them for their willingness to bring the love and compassion of Jesus to those entrusted to their care.

THANK YOU: I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Leonard Stanski for building the Lenten Cross that is in our sanctuary. May the Lord bless him for his kindness and willingness to help

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount pledged as of Feb.. 9, 2015 is \$62,697. We are under our goal by \$11,303. 421 Parishioner have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Anyone wishing to contribute Appeal can call the Diocesan

Spring Trip to New York City, sponsor by the Women’s Society will take place on April 15th. They will visit the 9/11 Memorial and Museum with time for themselves following. The cost is \$65 (meals not included) for further information contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

The St. Joseph’s Table will be held on March 19th from 5pm to 6:30pm in the School Hall. The custom of the St. Joseph’s Table is to bless bread and other simple foods and share them with the poor. Our St. Joseph’s Table will consist of a variety of soups, salad and breads. All are invited to join us in this celebration. We will begin with the Blessing Prayers for St. Joseph Table. Anyone able and willing to donate soups should contact Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968. Monetary donations for this simple meal will be given to our Food Pantry.

Reminders

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

- Samuel Johnson

Parish Activities

March 8 through March 15

**Sun. Religious Education Classes
Class 9:30am – 10:30am**

Mon. Quilting 5pm
Confession 5:30pm – 7pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Lenten Spiritual Experience 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am
Finance Meeting 6:30pm

Wed Youth Group 6:30pm

Thur. Quilting 9am
Parish Council 6:30pm

Fri. Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Sat. Finance Program 11:30am

Sun. Religious Education Classes

Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their “lights on” from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God’s grace, mercy and healing.

Increased Offertory Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted no later than March 22 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit you card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

Carmelite Kitchen Order Forms for Easter are available in the Parish Office. Place an order for delicious goodies from the Carmelite Sisters (let them know Fr. Boyle will pick up). Mail payment to the sister and Father Boyle will pick up the orders and bring them to the parish office for your convenience. All orders need to be made by March 16. Pickup for goodies will be Thursday March 26 after 2pm. When placing an order please call the parish office to let Father know.

Choir Practice for anyone wishing to be part of the adult choir and/or cantor for Holy Week and Easter Masses on Wednesday, March 11 following the 6pm Lenten Mass.



Easter Egg Hunt Right

Around the Corner

Our Youth Group will be sponsoring our Annual Parish Easter Egg Hunt, held the Sunday before Easter, March 29th for our children, ages 1 thru 10 years of age. We will be putting together “Easter Grab Bags: again this year instead of baskets. We are gratefully accepting any of the following you can give us to help defray the cost of putting these “Grab Bags” together. We will be looking for small items that can fit in a lunch bag size grab bag, candy or monetary donations to purchase the items would be greatly appreciated. ***We Do Not need baskets, straw or large plush.*** The Youth Group is providing all the plastic eggs, candy and some prizes for the Egg Hunt. Last year we had over 80 children participate. Anyone wishing to help us out, can drop an envelope with a monetary donation in the collection basket at any of the Masses marked Easter Egg Hunt. If you wish to donate any candy or items for the “Grab Bags” you can either drop them off at the rectory during Office Hours or contact Michael or Maryann Quinn of the Youth Group at 570-821-6121. Your help in making our Egg Hunt a success, as always is most appreciated!

You are Invited For Prayer and Sharing

A Women’s Retreat: Rebuilding My Church : St. Francis and Pope Francis will be held on March 13-14 from women 17 years old or older. From 4:30pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in the Bernadine Franciscan Sisters Motherhouse, 460 St. Bernadine St., Reading, PA 19607. Freewill offering. Please respond by March 11th to Sister Madonna at 610-952-5030.

Protecting God’s Children VIRTUS

Program will take place on Monday, March 16th, beginning at 4pm on the campus of Misericordia University, Dallas. A notice with complete details is attached and included on our diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org. If you are an adult volunteer who works a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children, please take part in this important resource to secure the safety of our children.



Is Your Car Dirty? Does it need to be washed? The 2015 Confirmation Class can help! They are selling fully automatic car wash certificates to McCarthy Car Wash on Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre and Pierce Street, Kingston. The cost is \$6.00 per certificate (that’s less then what they originally charge) and will help to fund the senior citizen dinner on April 26. Certificates can be used at any time and do not expire. Purchase several for the entire year or use for gifts (Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Birthdays etc…) If interested please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory or place in the collection basket by March 15th (payment must accompany the order) Checks should be made out to SS Peter and Paul Church. Certificates will be available for pick up after Masses on March 21st and 22nd. For your convenience the certificates will be available in the School Library, 1st Floor.

Thank you for your continued support.

Car Wash Certificates

Name: _____

Phone: _____

_____ **# Certificates @ \$6 = \$** _____

Please check the Mass for pick up

_____ **4pm**

_____ **8am**

_____ **11am**

Ways to Evangelize During Lent

External Sacrifice:

So why exactly are you not eating candy for the next month?

This is a very popular penance during Lent, and the questions about it are just as popular. Heaven forbid you should avoid the cake at the birthday party! You LOVE cake! But it's Lent – a time for penance and sacrifice. Christ has said, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23) Giving up something we enjoy strengthens our love for Christ and our resilience against temptation. As Pope Benedict XVI said in his Lenten address of 2009, "Through fasting and praying, we allow [Christ] to come and satisfy the deepest hunger that we experience in the depths of our being: the hunger and thirst for God." It unites us with Christ's own sacrifices and gives us a deeper appreciation of the blessings in our lives.

The Choir of St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Mark's, 5700 Bear Creek Blvd. is sponsoring "Soup for the Soul" every Monday during the Lenten Season serving from 5-7pm in the church hall. Enjoy ALL YOU CAN EAT soup, salad, dessert, and beverage for only \$7. Reduced prices for children 12 and under. Delicious varieties of homemade soup will be featured every Monday during the Lenten Season. Take outs will be available. And don't forget to feed your soul as well. Confession will be heard in the upper level of the church every Monday during Lent from 5:30 – 7pm.

Homemade Pasta and Sausage Dinner held at St. Maria Goretti on Sunday, March 8th from noon to 5pm. Dinner includes salad, rolls/butter, beverage and dessert. Take out are from noon to 4pm. Tickets available at the door for \$11. Children 5 years and under are free for eat in only.

Choral Society Lenten Concerts

In a 66 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 8th in Wilkes-Barre and on March 15th in Forty Fort. The first concert on Sunday, March 8th will be held at St. Andrew Parish, 316 Parish St., W-B at 3pm. The second concert will be presented by Forty Fort United Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Ave. Forty Fort on Sunday, March 15th at 3pm. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. The group, marking its 66th season, is composed of members from both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties who will perform inspirational music in the Advent tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040

Holy Family Parish, 828 Main Street, Sugar Notch will hold the annual *Ham and Cabbage Dinner* on Saturday, March 14th in the Church Hall. Dinner will be served from 4 to 7pm and take outs will be available from 3pm. There will be a basket raffle and homemade Easter Eggs will sold. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. They may be purchased after weekend Masses, by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983 or at the door.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians are looking for a few or more good Irishmen! AOH St. John Neumann Division of Wilkes-Barre is actively recruiting new members in our area. If you are Irish by birth or descent, *and a Practicing Catholic* and are interested in learning more about our organization, please contact Jim Gallagher at 570-362-1350

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Heaven

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

- John Henry Newman