



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*April 12, 2015*

*Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes  
that Jesus is the Son of God?*

*1 John 5:5*

### *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*



**April 13 through April 19**  
**Easter Mass Intentions**  
 Mon 7am *Nellie Szymanski,*  
*Larry and Michael Martin*  
 by Tony & Stella  
 Wed. 7am *Communion Service*  
 Thurs. 7am *Stella Cybulski* by Sandra Browning  
 Fri. 7am *Theodore Wysocki (A)*  
 by Gina & Brian Palmaioli  
 Sat. 4pm *Daniel Skillinge* by Wife, Son & Family  
 Sun. 8am *Mr. & Mrs John L. Kelly*  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Phillips  
 & Family  
 11am *Parishioners*

*In Memory of*  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Ted Wysocki*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Alvida Eustice*

**April 5, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$8,299</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priest</b>	<b>\$549</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>\$91</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$16,924</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$1,051</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$122</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>\$769</b>
<b>Lenten</b>	<b>\$68</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Novena</b>	<b>\$49</b>
<b>Utilities/Fuel/Heat</b>	<b>\$70</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$1,864</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>\$1,305</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$85</b>

**Message of the Week** *John 20:19-31*  
*"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*

After the Resurrection, the wounds of Christ take on a whole new meaning. Whereas they had originally been a sign of the tragedy and pain of the crucifixion, they now became a sign of triumph and power over physical death as well as spiritual death— sin. When Jesus invites Thomas to touch his wounds, he is allowing Thomas to experience this reality for himself. Thomas doesn't just look at the nail marks; he personally encounters them. And then, he believes.

This is a powerful image for the mercy of Christ. The suffering he endured on the cross was not just a distant symbol for us to admire. The fact that Jesus suffered for us means that our suffering now has somewhere to go. Our pain, our battle with sin, our struggle to truly believe in him, all of this can be laid within the wounds of Christ and healed. When we unite our own wounds to those of Christ, when we allow ourselves to encounter the wounded but glorified Christ, we are able to move beyond our own troubles. We get to share in the victory and truly experience his peace.

**Questions of the Week?**

**John 20:19-31:** What role does doubt play in your spiritual journey?

**Acts 4:32-35:** How would others characterize your community of faith?

**1 John 5:1-6:** What do you see as the core of God's "commandments" for us?

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

## JUSTICE NOTES:

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, a day that celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. At the canonization of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II declared: "It is important that we accept the whole message that comes to us from the word of God on this Second Sunday of Easter..." By the words "the whole message," Pope John Paul II was referring to the connection between the "Easter Mystery of the Redemption" [the suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Christ, followed by the sending of the Holy Spirit] and this Feast of Divine Mercy, the Octave (8<sup>th</sup>) Day of Easter, which fulfills the grace of atonement as lived through by Christ Jesus and offered to all who come to Him with trust. Pope John Paul II states, "The Church sings ... as if receiving from Christ's lips these words of the Psalm [118:1]." Since the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis has consistently placed a strong emphasis on mercy in his words and works. He states, in an interview Fr. Antonio Spadaro SJ, editor in chief of *La Civiltà Cattolica*, that he sees "The church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up" (8/2013). The focus of the Divine Mercy devotion is the merciful love of God and our desire to let that love flow through one's own heart towards those who need it most. The love we receive is meant to be given away, especially toward the poor.

While presiding over a penance service in St. Peter's Basilica on Friday afternoon (3/13/15), Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Jubilee dedicated to Divine Mercy, beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2015 and ending on November 20, 2016. He states, "Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought about how the Church might make clear its mission of being a witness to mercy. It is journey that begins with a spiritual conversion. For this reason, I have decided to call an extraordinary Jubilee that is to have the mercy of God at its center. It shall be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: **"Be merciful, just as your**

**Father is merciful"** (cf. Lk 6:36).

This Divine Mercy Sunday renew your own heart's willingness to flow outward to those who need to see the face of love. Join one of our social justice ministries and meet the poor as one of your beloved brothers or sisters.

## Thank You

I am sorry that I neglected to thank the women who so graciously assisted in preparing the environment of our Sanctuary for Holy Week and Easter. I apologize for not acknowledging their time and talent as well. May the Risen Lord bless you and your efforts to "Build Up The Kingdom of God."

## Youth Group Thank You

I want to thank the members of our Youth Group under the direction of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Quinn for their time and effort in organizing and carrying out their Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday. You are a good example to all of us on how to make our Parish beam with the love and spirit of Christ. God bless you for your effort.

**Eucharistic Adoration** takes place in our church every Friday from 7:30am to 5pm. Please take a few minutes out of your day to spend with the Lord. *"The time we spend in having our daily audience with God is the most precious part of the day".*

*Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

## Easter Flowers

Robert J. Kubicki  
Florence Yansheck  
Theresa M  
George P  
Krapcki Family  
Podcasy Family  
Padden Family  
Peter Budzinski  
Jackie Budzinski  
Stella Krawczyk  
Joseph Jr. Joana, Lynn Linker

## In Memory/Honor of ...

Josephine Falkowski  
Mary P.  
Sue S.  
Anne & Mary  
Paddock Family  
Caffrey Family  
Elizabeth Budzinski  
Peter Jr. Budzinski  
Richard Musley  
Stanley Krawczyk

## Lottery Tickets

Tickets for May are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin March 1 and end March 31 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$200 on May 10 - Mother's Day, May 14<sup>th</sup> - The Ascension and May 25<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day. Anyone selling 25 or more will be

entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Reserve your numbers using the form below or calling the Rectory during Office Hours. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

**The Women Society** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. Rosary will take place at 6:30pm with the meeting following. The women will discuss the upcoming spring plans, crowing of the Blessed Mother and the trip to Sight and Sound on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> to see the Miracle of Christmas. Detail will be announced at a later date. Jean Dougherty and Sharon Fehlinger will be hostesses.

The bus for the NY Trip will leave the Bank St Parking Lot at 8am sharp. The bus will arrive for the scheduled 12 noon show. Following the Shoe and Museum Tour the bus will leave all off, at the Avenue of the Americas. Passengers will have free time to themselves until 6:30pm at which time they will board the bus in the same location for the return trip home.

#### **Diocesan Annual Appeal Update**

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount pledged as of March 23, 2015 is \$63,007. We are under our goal by \$10,993. 423 Parishioner have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Anyone wishing to contribute Appeal can call the Diocesan

#### **Lottery Winners**

3-30 #452 Sharon Kaminski  
3-31 #333 Lorraine Baginski

***Congratulations to all!!!!***

**The Holy Name Society** will meet on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Plans will be made for the Parish Communion Breakfast. New members are always welcome.



#### **Spring Dinner Social for Seniors**

will be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm in the School Hall. The dinner is sponsor by the 2015 Confirmation Class as part of service to their parish. The dinner will consist of fresh fruit cup, ham, turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, carrots, rolls and butter, beverage and pie. There will be musical

entertainment and door prizes awarded. Admission is free, to take part in this social event you need only to call the parish office to make reservations.



#### **Spaghetti Dinner**

Join family and friends on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> in caring support of Bill Holena who is recovering from major health setbacks. The dinner will be held in the School Hall from 3pm to 8pm. The cost is \$10. Live entertainment from *Just Us* will be featured. A basket raffle and bake sale (sponsored by the Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul) will be held along with the dinner. Proceeds will go to the family to help defray medical costs. Monetary donations, gift certificates, baskets and bake goods are being accepted. Anyone wishing to help with the dinner or make a donation should contact Diana Pehala at 823-4485 or Karen Stanski at 477-3548. Tickets can be obtained from family members or at the Parish Office during Office Hours.



#### **Coughlin High School Football**

**Booster Club** will hold an All U Can Eat Breakfast in SS Peter and Paul School Hall on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9am to 1pm. The breakfast will include scramble eggs, ham, sausage, pancakes, breakfast potatoes, milk, juice, tea and coffee. Donations is \$9 and children under 4 eat free.



#### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Plains Little League Night at the Races**

will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> at SS. Peter and Paul School Hall. Doors open at 6pm. Races begin at 7pm. Advance Admission Tickets are \$10 and \$15 at the door. Horses may be purchased for \$10 each. If interested in purchasing tickets, horses or sponsoring a race, contact Rock Stahovic at 570-762-7899 or Phil Latinski at 5870-212-1105.

#### **Parenting Pointers**

April is child abuse prevention month. If you haven't already, alert your children that they should tell you when ANYONE touches them

inappropriately. Sexual abuse by those in positions of authority is tragic, even more so when perpetrated by clergy who hold positions of trust. Victims deserve the Church's ongoing support, apology, and reparation. Clergy of integrity, however, also suffer because of the sins of their colleagues. Let those ministers, priests, or religious who has served you well know of your support.

**The Annual Spring Concert of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton** will be presented on Friday evening, May 15 at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave. The guest performers for this concert will be the Forest City Regional High School Choir directed by Allison Yuravich. A second performance will be presented on Sun. evening, May 17 at St. Ignatius Church, 339 North Maple St. Kingston where they will host Wyoming Valley West Concert Choir directed by Bernie Gargalla as guest performers. Tickets are available from society members or by calling 570-587-2753; tickets are also available at the door: adults \$10, under 12 free, seniors and students \$8.

**Rummage Sale** will be held at the Inkerman Presbyterian Church on Main St., on April 17 & 18 from 9 to 1pm. Fri. will feature \$.25 clothing and books sale and Sat. will be "Bag Day" (\$4 and \$3).

**Holy Redeemer High School** is accepting donations in memory of Mr. Abe Simon, a dedicated administrator and educator, a man of faith and a proud veteran of the Army Reserves. We are replacing the American flags in all classrooms and purchasing new flags and a plaque for the flag pole in front of the school. We would also like to honor Mr. Simon by offering scholarships and tuition assistance in his name. We invite you to make a donation to help our endeavors succeed. Donations may be mailed to: Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd. W-B, 18701.

### **Taste of the Parish Social**

Once again St. Ignatius Loyola Congregation will sponsor Taste of the Parish to be held Sunday afternoon April 26, in Conlan Hall from 1:15pm to 4pm. Come and enjoy sampling over thirty-five of our chef's favorite food dishes, win one of our many raffle prizes. Ticket donations are \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth (Sr. HS & Under). Limited tickets sales – Don't Delay. Tickets are available during office hours at the Rectory 339 North Maple

Avenue in Kingston (570-288-6446) For questions or concerns call 570-288-6178.

**Christian Women of Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch**, will sponsor a cash bingo to be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the church hall at 828 Main Street, Sugar Notch. Doors open at 12 noon and the first game will begin at 1pm. Admission is \$5 and tickets can be purchased at the door. Homemade food and refreshments will be available.

**Marriage Moments** A Trip Down Memory Lane #11. First Fight. This might not be a happy memory, but hopefully you are not still fighting over the same issue. Focus on one disagreement that you have resolved satisfactorily. May it give you insight for the future.  
*- Susan Vogt*

### **A Cheerful Giver**

*A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.*  
*- St. Julian*