



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 8, 2016

*"May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!*

— Psalm 67:6

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 5/9 7AM *Mother's Day Novena*
T 5/10 7AM *Mother's Day Novena*
W 5/11 7PM *Mother's Day Novena*
Th 5/12 7AM *Mother's Day Novena*
F 5/13 7AM *Mother's Day Novena*
S 5/14 4PM *Mother's Day Novena*
S 5/15 8AM *Mother's Day Novena*
 11AM *Living and Deceased Parishioners*

THE GIFT OF PEACE

We are offered another vision in today's second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, "coming down out of heaven from God" (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God.

The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. "[M]y peace I give to you," Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.*

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29) *or John 17:20-26.*

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Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Candle
Florence Baczmarga

May 1, 2016

Contribution	\$8,582
Dues	\$696
Air Conditioning	\$70
Easter	\$42
Insurance	\$109
Holy Day – Ascension of the Lord	\$152
Care of the Priest	\$1,481
St. Vincent de Paul	\$28
Home Mission	\$39
Mother's Day	\$602

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
 Mother's Day;
 World Communications Day
 Tuesday: St. Damien de Veuster
 Thursday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
 Friday: Our Lady of Fatima
 Saturday: St. Matthias

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
Food Pantry Pauline Markowski	Youth Group MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

Parish Activities

May 8 through May 15

Sun.	9:30AM	Confirmation 2016	School
Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd FL
	6PM	Grief Support	Parish Center LL
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Center 1 st FL
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 nd FL
Tues.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd FL
Wed.	7PM	Choir	Choir Loft
Sun.	9:30AM	Confirmation 2016	

Memorial Donations

The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

SS. Peter and Paul Organ Fund

\$100 Richard Fitzsimmons

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$145 Anonymous

\$100 Thomas & Diane Donaghue

\$25 Mason Joseph Kelly

\$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

\$25 Joan Yostrum

\$10 Member of Plains Senior Citizens

\$20 Jane Biniek

In Memory of Julia Oley

\$25 Jane Biniek

In Memory of Helen Kaminski

\$10 Lillian McGrady

In Memory of Marie Rehn

\$50 Maryann Kropiewniecki

In Memory of Joseph Luczak

In Memory of Joan Chukinas

\$25 Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wilk

\$25 Donald & Donna Korba

In Memory of Joseph Canterini

\$30 Edna & Clinton Seifert

\$25 Gail & Robert Myers

In Memory of John Binker

\$50 Mary Drew

\$25 Maryann Kropiewniecki

\$25 Jane Biniek

\$20 Stan & Pat Neishel

In Memory of Ceil Toloczko

\$100 Rosemarie & Ronald Winiewicz

\$40 Janel McCormick

\$50 Bob & Karen Huggins

SS Peter and Paul Youth Group

In Memory of Julia Oley

\$50 Judy Gerrante

\$50 Lottie Magda

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Today, we will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through television, radio, social media, podcasts, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so

please be generous in this collection.

The Womens Society will be sponsoring a trip to New York to enjoy the popular Broadway Musical "An American in Paris" on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The bus will leave Plains at 8AM and leave New York at 7PM. Show starts at 2PM. Meals are on you own. Cost is \$130 and includes tickets (Orchestra Seating) and bus fare. **Full payment is due when reservations are made.** 40 tickets are available at a first come first serve basis. For more information or to make reservations contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

Graduates Mass and Breakfast

Each year we recognize and honor graduates from High School and College in our Parish with a Mass and Breakfast. The celebrations will begin at the 8AM Mass on Sunday, June 12th Breakfast will follow for the graduates and their family in Bernardine Hall. Please call Diana at the Parish Office by June 3rd to register.

SPRING LOTTERY WINNERS

4-25	#416	Joe Martin
4-26	#165	Joseph Paraschak
4-27	#781	Joe Urban
4-28	#641	Elizabeth Segeda
4-29	#257	Gino Marchetti
4-30	#858	Stella Szymanski
5-1	#716	Leona Nesterak

Congratulations to all!!!

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Seventh Sunday at Easter

The solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord which many of us celebrated on Thursday of this past week is today's celebration in some parts of the world, including Canada and some dioceses of the United States.

The Thursday which falls forty days after Easter was always the traditional day for this celebration, but provinces of bishops now have the option of changing it to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Prior to the current liturgical reforms, the paschal candle was extinguished after the reading of the Gospel on Ascension Thursday. It now remains lit for the entire fifty-day Easter Celebration.

The Pastoral Council is continuing the process of listening. We have been so blessed by this process to learn the needs and desires of the parish community. Thank you to all who have participated, we have received such valuable information. We are asking the same 7 questions to all parishioners so we can compile your vision for the parish into a working parish plan. For those who have not participated as of yet, we will be holding sessions on Saturday, May 21st after the 4PM and Sunday, May 22 after the 8 & 11AM Masses. Please join us, we truly desire to hear from you! Kindly sign up, sheets are located in the vestibule of the church. The meetings will be approximately one hour and held in the Parish Center. Focus groups for lectors, Eucharist Ministers and Ushers will be arranged soon. Any question contact Laura Rudloff at 570-498-2656.

Marriage Moments

That they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:22) Although you and your beloved are united in spirit there still may be many things you disagree on. The crucial thing is not that you are 100% alike, but that you find ways to manage your differences. What's a difference that you've compromised on? What have you agreed to do your spouse's way?

- Susan Vogt

Food Pantry Shopping List

Soup

Can Vegetable & Fruit

Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce

Mac n Cheese

Peanut Butter, Jams, Jelly

Coffee, Juice

Thanks for your generosity

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.

Is Your Car Dirty? Does it need to be washed?

The 2016 Confirmation Class can help! They are selling fully automatic car wash certificates to McCarthy Car Wash on Kidder St and Pierce St. The cost is \$6 per certificate and will help to fund the Senior Citizen Dinner on May 22, 2016. Certificates can be used at any time and do not expire. Purchase several for the entire year or use for gifts. (Father's Day, Birthdays etc.. Checks should be made out to SS Peter and Paul Church. Certificates will be available on May 14 & 15 and 21st & 22nd in vestibule of the Church.

Parenting Pointers

When kids leave their toys and clothing lying around the house, try this: The offending items go to jail. Put a note in the child's room saying "Help, I'm your _____ and I'm in jail." The child then has the choice of letting it serve out its time or bailing it out by doing a chore. (author unknow)

- Susan Vogt

Bulletin Briefs

“An unexpected pregnancy can bring joy, excitement, awe, gratitude, and deeper love than I knew was possible.”

*10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (ggo.gl/MkBfb9)*

Holy Family Parish, Sugar Notch will hold their Derby Day Night at the Races on Saturday, May 7th. It will be held in the church hall. Doors open at 5PM, dinner is at 5:30PM and post time is 6:30PM. Buffet is included with horse sponsorship of \$10. Menu will be chicken scampi with pasta, ziti lasagna, American pierogi, cole slaw, pasta salad, ham, copper penny salad, baked beans, lazy piggies and desert. For more information or to sponsor a horse please contact the rectory at 570-822-8983.

Graduate Discernment Retreat

Have you ever felt that you might be called to be a priest or a brother? If you are a college graduate, and would like to learn more about how to discern whether God might be calling you, we would like to invite you to join us at Moreau Seminar on May 20-22. Come stay with us for the weekend, and set aside some time for Mass, prayer and presentations from Holy Cross Priests focused specifically on discernment. Contact the Office of Vocations at 570-631-6385 or email us at vocation@holycrossusa.org for more information or to register.

“**A Butterfly to Remember**” **AseraCare Hospice** invites you, your family and friends to a memorial event on May 22 at 3PM at St. Gabriel's Monastery, S Abington Township. Reflections, Refreshments, Music and Butterfly Release. For more information, call 570-586-4573.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's

Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Joseph DeVizia at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad

Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. De conformidad con la Comunidad de los Servicios de Protección Infantil de Pennsylvania Leyes, informes de sospecha de abuso de niños también debe hacerse inmediatamente por teléfono las 24 horas maltrato infantil hotline (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Joseph DeVizia, a (570-862-7551) o a los oficiales diocesanos incluyendo El Vicario General, Monseñor Thomas M. Muldowney, a (570-207-2269).