

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 25, 2014**

*“I will ask the Father, and he will give you the Spirit of truth.*

*John 14:16-17*

### **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

“The members of SS. Peter and Paul, as baptized Christians in concert with the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton and all Catholics, and in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, has as its Mission to participate in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We strive to set Christian examples by sharing our faith, our love of Christ and our talents. We proclaim the Word of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayer and worship, acts of charity and Evangelization, all of which become living proof of our communion with God and one another.”

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#### Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
8am to 4pm

All others by appointment only

#### Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am  
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7am  
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



May 26 through June 1

- Mon. 10am **Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery**  
*Christine Likowski* by Mary Ann Wills  
10am **Memorial Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery**
- Tues. 7am **Mary Mido** by Frank Camille Glazenski
- Wed. 7am **Communion Service**
- Thurs. 7am **Erik Vannucchi (A)** by Jim & Pat Martin
- Fri. 7am **John & Pearl Woloski**  
by Stan & Elizabeth Miskiewicz Family
- Sat. 4pm **Mary Ann Phillips** by Phillips Family
- Sun. 8am **Mr. & Mrs. Marino**  
by Michael & Kathryn Kosach  
11am **Michael Fedor**  
by Maryann & Michael Quinn

### Pastor's Message of the Week

*John 14:15-21*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. " We tend to think of commandments as obstacles to real freedom, imposed by some tyrant who just wants to be in control. But Jesus casts the commandments in the context of love. He does not insist on any obligation to follow them; rather, he says that whoever observes his commandments "is the one who loves me. "Jesus said the two greatest commandments are to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, "and to "love your neighbor as yourself " (Mt 22:37-39)—even the commands he gives us are rooted in love, not legalism. When we truly love someone, we desire to make them happy. Thus, following his commandments ultimately makes us happy too. Understood in these terms, the commandments don't stifle us, they satisfy us! God doesn't restrict our freedom; he respects it. Ultimately, it is our choice whether or not we will live the life of love that Jesus offers us.

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John Boyle	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Coordinator of Religious Education</b> Sande Holena	
<b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b> David Loiacono	
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Youth Group</b> Maryann and Michael Quinn	<b>Security</b> Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.

*In Memory of*

### The Sanctuary Lamp

*Ted Wysocki*

### Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Joseph Prociak*

**May 18, 2014**

Contributions	\$5,471
Dues	\$3,262

*A good place for the "buck to stop "is in the collection basket!*

### Today's Reading

**First Reading** –The people of Samaria accepted the word of God preached by Philip; they received the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17).

**Psalm** –Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

**Second Reading** –Act with gentleness and reverence toward all, so that when you are maligned those who defame you will be the ones put to shame (1 Peter 3:15-18) *or* 1 Peter 4:13-16.

**Gospel** –I will not leave you orphans, but will come to you (John 14:15-21) *or* Jn 17:1-11a.

### Questions of the Week ?

#### **John 14:15-21:**

Why do you think "the world "neither knows nor accepts the Holy Spirit?

#### **Acts 8:5-8. 14-17:**

What do you think the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Samaritans tells us about God and the resurrected Christ?

#### **1 Peter 3:15-18:**

How do you handle those who malign you for your faith?

## Patriotism

Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.

*Mark Twain*



### Memorial Day Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery

Catholic Cemeteries Nationwide celebrate Memorial Day with special services at cemeteries throughout the country. *"Serving God and Country: A Memorial Day Salute to Our Heroes."* It honors those who died serving in the Armed Forces, as well as recognize both active military and military veterans who have served our country.

In conjunction with this special observance we will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery on Monday, Memorial Day at 10am. Along with remembering our war dead we also remember all our deceased family and friends who are buried in our cemeteries. All are invited to attend this special Mass. In case of rain the Mass will be held in our Church.

### Sacramental Preparation Meetings Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Our Sacrament Preparation Program provides the opportunity for church and families to work together as we share in this blessed time of Sacrament preparation. Preparations for next year's celebrations are underway. The following meetings are scheduled:

**Confirmation**, for all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade or anyone older who has not yet received Confirmation, will meet in the Church on Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**Reconciliation and First Communion**, for all students entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade next fall and their parents will meet in the Church on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm  
If further information is needed call Sande Holena at 570-822-8761.

### *Readings for the Week of May 25, 2014*

Sun Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a  
Tues Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
Wed Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
Ascension Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23  
Sat Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56

### Parish Activities

May 26 – May 30

Mon	<i>Parish Office and Center Closed</i>	
Tues.	Quilting	9am – Noon
	Confirmation Mtg.	6:30pm
Wed.	Grief Support	6:30pm
Thur.	Quilting	9am – Noon
	Finance Meeting	7pm

### 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 date is set for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be at the 8am Mass with breakfast for the graduates and their families following the Mass in the School Cafeteria. *Please call Diana at the Parish Office by Tuesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.*

### Marriage Moments

On Memorial Day we remember those who have defended our freedom. Humorists suggest that once couples marry they lose their freedom. True, we are not free to enter into other intimate relationships or to make important decisions based solely on one's own desires. But, marriage can free us to stop searching, to stop putting up a front, to risk being our truest, best self because we are loved unconditionally.

### Bible School

Plans for this year's Bible School are under way. Discovery Canyon will be this year's theme with lots of fun activities planned. Registration forms are in the back of the church or can be obtained on the Parish Website. Bible School will take place the week of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Early registration is June 1<sup>st</sup> and all registrations close on June 8<sup>th</sup>. All children from the ages of 4 to 10 are invited to

attend. Anyone wishing to join the Vacation Bible School Staff should contact Sande at 570-822-8761.

**The Youth Group** will be holding an "Orientation Meeting" for interested new members and their parents. The meeting will be Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> in the school cafeteria from 7 to 8 pm. Students going into the 7<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grades next year are invited to come check it out. You are not committed to joining by attending the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Find out more about yourself and other while having fun. It is a good way to become actively involved in our parish. Any questions, please contact the directors, Maryann or Michael Quinn at 570-821-6121.

#### **Lottery Winners**

May 12 <sup>th</sup>	#086	Erin Kelley
May 13 <sup>th</sup>	#541	Mike Molitoris
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	#465	Shirley Carter
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	#296	J. Selepak
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	#354	David Rubbice
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	#677	Geri Langdon
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	#103	Halden Bronack

*Congratulation to all!!!*

#### **Parenting Pointers**

Parental words that sustain and heal; "It's normal." "I'm proud of you." Look for an opportunity to say something like this today.

**Lottery Tickets for the Month of July** will be available June 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone requesting a special number please get them to the Rectory as soon as possible. Awards will begin July 1<sup>st</sup> and end July 31<sup>st</sup> –a winner daily. Follow the Evening Drawings (excluding the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Together let's make it another great fundraiser.

#### **Lottery Tickets**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Numbers** \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Triduum and Feast of Saint Joseph Marello**

*(Founder of the Oblates of Saint Joseph)*

The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold the annual Triduum and Feast of their Founder.

**The Triduum** (*three days of prayers*) will be held on May 27, 28 and 29 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, with a Mass at 11am and 7pm. Preaching this year's Triduum will be the Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Paul McDonnell, OSJ. Novena prayers and blessing with the St. Joseph Marello Relic will conclude each Mass.

**The Feast** will be celebrated on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with a Solemn Mass at 7pm. Serving as celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. retired auxiliary Bishop of Scranton. Concelebrants will be the local Oblate Father. Following the Mass, an outdoor reception will be held for everyone on the seminary grounds. You are invited. *Offer your personal petitions to St. Joseph Marello on his feast day.*

#### **Scouting Religious Awards**

Roman Catholic Boy Scouts enrolled in grade 7-9 (Fall 2014) are eligible for the Ad Altare Dei award. Byzantine Catholic Boy Scouts in gr. 7-9 are eligible for the Light of Christ award and must contact their Pastor for more information. Roman Catholic or Byzantine Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts enrolled in GR 9-12 (Fall 2014) are eligible for the Pope Pius XII award. On Wed., June 18<sup>th</sup>, Ad Altare Dei will begin at 7pm and Pope Pius XII award will begin at 7:45pm. Class will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, W-B. For more information and other scouting awards please call Ky Lazzari (570-825-2648) or Mary Anne Malone, Office for Parish Life (570-207-2213).

#### **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood at St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney and Division Street in South Wilkes-Barre, Monsignor's last Parish before his retirement. Everyone is invited.

#### **Bulletin Briefs**

“Nothing we do to defend the human person, no matter how small, is ever unfruitful or forgotten. Our actions touch other lives and move other hearts in ways we can never fully understand in this world.”

*Archbishop Charles Chaput, Politics and the Devil: Living in a World of Unbelief.*

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Gospel Today | Sixth Sunday of Easter | John 14: 15-21

Jesus will send The Holy Spirit to us, but we must follow His Father's commandments.

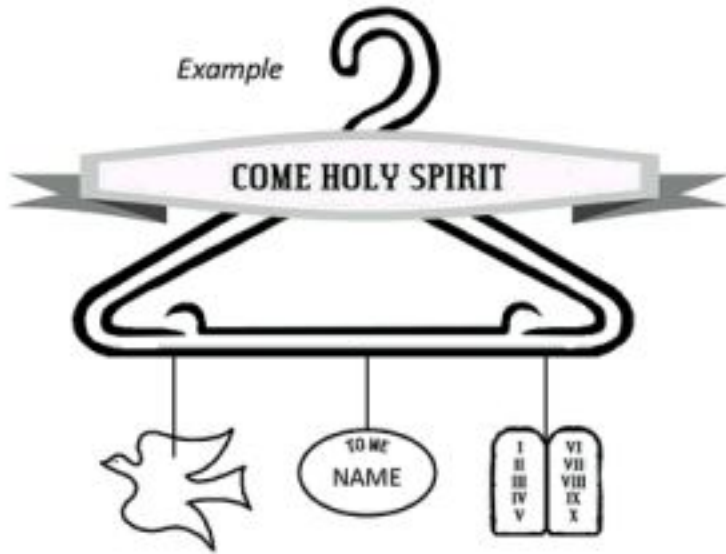
When the \_\_\_\_\_ blows, we remember Jesus' promise.  
- Fill in the word -

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## CRAFT Wind Mobile



Example



**Needed:** 1 plastic hanger, scissors, thread, tape

**Instructions:** Color & cut banner and pictures (or you can trace them). Attach pictures to hanger with thread.



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