



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 14, 2015

*They that are planted in the house of the Lord
shall flourish in the courts of our God.*

- Psalm 92:14

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



June 15 through June 21

Mon. 7am **Parishioners**
 Tues. 7am **Albert Janerich (A)** by family
 Wed. 7am **Communion Service**
 Thurs. 7am **Thomas Czekalski**
 by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Phillips
 Fri. 7am **Frank Kaminski**
 by Ann Tetlak & Family
 Sat. 1pm **Juskiewicz and Clark Wedding**
 4pm **Father's Day Intention**
 Sun. 8am **Father's Day Intention**
 11am **Father's Day Intention**

Message of the Week *Mark 4:26-34*

"It is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how."

In today's parable about the kingdom of God, Jesus gives us the image of something that grows "of its own accord." Yes, the man does the initial planting of the seed, but the real miracle of the seed turning into a full-grown plant happens without the intervention of the farmer. God makes it happen. So too, with the kingdom of God, we are called to participate to a certain extent, but also to allow God to work. We first do our part when we "scatter seed" of faith, by living out the baptism that made us children of this glorious kingdom. But even as we make our daily choices to follow Christ and live as his children we still get to enjoy the miracle of sitting back and watching God's providence in action. So it is that God makes our seeds "spout and grow" when we sincerely take that first step of faith to enter his kingdom.

A Farewell Social for Father Boyle will take place on Saturday, June 27 at 5:00pm in Bernadine Hall. Anyone wishing to help can call the Rectory (570) 825-6663 and leave a message at extension 5.

Office Hours this week will be Mon – Thurs. from 8am to noon. No evening hours this week

*In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Mary S. Rymar*

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary S. Rymar

June 7, 2015

Contribution	\$8,718
Care and Education of Priest	\$1,075
Charity	\$124
Dues	\$772
Maintenance	\$168
Cemetery	\$85
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$20
Ascension	\$22
Father's Day	\$235
Air Conditioning	\$212
Insurance	\$5

Questions of the Week?

Matthew 4:26-34

How do you interpret the meaning of Jesus' parables about the kingdom of God?

Ezekiel 17:22-24:

What does Ezekiel's prophecy say about God?

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Why do you think it is "courageous" being a Christian today?

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	



Memorial Donations

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

SS. Peter and Paul Parish

\$50 In honor of Lena Spagnuolo
by a friend and co-worker

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$28 Anonymous
\$10 Stella Cappellini
\$10 Jean Curtis
\$30 Elizabeth Segeda
\$20 Joan Yostrum
\$40 Ann Pendolphi
\$25 Elizabeth Hession

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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop James C. Timlin, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation for SS. Peter & Paul Parish and St. Andre Bessette Parish. The date is Sunday, October 18, at 4:00 PM. Further information will be given when it becomes available.

Father's Day Card are available in the vestibule and side entrance of the church. If you wish to remember you father or relatives in the Father's Day Masses you can obtain the card for the living fathers and the envelope for the deceased fathers, place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during Office Hours.

New Assignment for Your Pastor

On Saturday, May 30, I received a call from Bishop Bambera to inform me that I will become the Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, on June 29. This new parish is the result of three parishes merging. The Bishop told me that I will be the third Pastor in an 18 month period. It will be challenging since a new church building, hall and rectory have to be built. The makeup of the parish necessitates someone who is able to minister not only in

Parish Activities

June 14 through June 21

Sat & Sun. Little Bethlehem Christians

Sun. 2015 Confirmation Class 12:15

Mon. Quilting 5pm
Prayer Shawl 5pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Women's Meeting 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am
Liturgy 6:30pm

Wed. 2015 Confirmation Class 6pm

Thurs. Quilting 9am
Youth Group 6:30pm
Men's Meeting 6:30pm
Food Pantry Prep

Fri. Food Pantry 9am

This Weekend – Mission Cooperative

English, but also Spanish and Polish. Being able to communicate in these languages, along with my familiarity with the area and people made the Bishop and the Priest's Personnel Board determine I would be the ideal candidate for the pastorate. People may ask: "Weren't you happy at SS. Peter & Paul Parish?" The answer is a resounding "YES". Eighteen months is not a very long assignment – especially in light of my two predecessors and the time Msgr. Pilny served here. I would have been content to remain here until my retirement – in 10 more years. Needless to say, that is not to be. I ask for your prayers as I prepare for this new assignment. I pray that my successor will be someone who is ready and willing to make the message of Jesus Christ alive and vibrant for this great Parish.

Bulletin Briefs

"[S]ome behaviors are always wrong, always incompatible with our love of God and the dignity of the human person... Assisted suicide and euthanasia are not acts of mercy but acts that are never morally acceptable."

*Pastorial Plan for Pro-Life Activities
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities*

Next weekend let us welcome, Sister Virginia Mozo, a member of the Missionary Sister of St. Columban. This year Columban Family, Fathers, Sisters, and Lay Missionaries are celebrating the 1400 years of St. Columban, a great Irish Missionary. With great hope they are continuing and following the footsteps of St. Columban to preach the gospel with zeal. Sr. Virginia will speak to our parish family during the celebration of the Eucharist for our mission appeal under the 2015 Missionary Co-operative Plan for the Diocese of Scranton. She served for many years in Chile and Pakistan. She is from Maila. The Columban Sisters are dedicated to the missionary in Chile, China/Hong Kong, Korea, Pakistan, Myanmar (Burma), Philippines and Peru as well as home region of Ireland. Great Britain and the United States. Your prayerful and financial support *next week* will enable them to continue the Church's work of Evangelization with those to whom they are sent. Please keep the Sisters' and their work in your prayers.

Lottery Tickets Awards will begin July 1 - July 31 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes: \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on July 4th. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

Parish Picnic – SS Peter and Paul Feast Day
The date – June 28, will be here before we know it. Mass will take place at 1pm followed by our annual picnic. We will supply the meats and drinks. Those who wish to bring sides dishes, such as salads, veggies, desserts etc... There will be games for the children and bingo for the adults. All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities. Parishioners are free, \$10 for non-parishioners who wish to attend. Please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Parish Picnic
Name: _____
Phone: _____
Number Attending: _____

Dear Fr. Boyle, Women of SS Peter & Paul, Various Ministries and Parishioners
Thank you for making Bernadine Sunday so special and memorable. Your time, talents, energy and selflessness are sincerely appreciated. The Liturgy, flowers, social and the renaming of the Parish Hall as “Bernadine Hall” touched the Sisters. Many and precious memories and acquaintances were also renewed. It is difficult to try to put into words, sentiments which I know you understand. SS Peter and Paul has been and always will be the Church of my heart. I began life’s journey as a Catholic through my Baptism at SS Peter and Paul, attended school, ministered here, knew and loved her Parishioners through these many years. It is with deep gratitude that I thank one and all for forming, supporting, and blessing me. Thank you for the cards, messages, lovely gifts, and monetary gifts. I only wish I could express personally my appreciation and affection to each of you individually. I hope you will accept this letter as at least, an attempt at that. I will carry SS. Peter and Paul Parish community with me. My God bless each of you. Prayerfully and fondly S. Immacule Zdaanowicz, O.S.F.

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a trip to see the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders on Sunday, August 2nd. Gates open at 12pm, game time is 1:05pm. Cost is \$31 per person and includes admission to the game, seats in the third base party box, food and non-alcoholic beverages. Transportation will not be provided. If you are interested in attending the game please fill out the slip below and return to the Parish Office along with your check payable to SS Peter and Paul Parish. Any questions contact Ben Berrini at 570-829-3822.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders
Name: _____
Phone: _____
Number attending: _____

Summer Chess Camps will be held during the weeks of July 13 through July 17 and August 3 through August 7 for students in grades 2 through 8. The camps will be held in Bernadine Hall (formerly the School Hall). Students do not need to know how to play chess before signing up; chess instruction will be given. For registration, cost and additional information, go to www.academyofchessllc.com or call 570-829-0828.

The Plains Rotary will hold their annual "Pasta in the Park" on Wednesday, June 24th from 4 to 7pm at the Birchwood Hills – Plains Pavilion. Take outs are available. Cost is \$8. Tickets are available thru any Rotarian or the day of the event. Dinners will be served by SS Peter and Paul Youth Group. All proceeds go to purchase winter coats for children in need at our food pantry, dictionaries for our public school and Christmas Party for the developmentally challenged in our community to name a few.

Hope to see you there!

The Catholic Tour Presents...

Fatima & Lourdes with Barcelona

10 days, 16 Meals

October 2 and October 13

Twin: \$1,749 Single \$2099

Experience Portugal, Spain and France, on a journey to some of the most revered pilgrimage sites in the region.

Shrines of Italy - 11 Days, 15 Meals

November 3

Twin \$2349 Single \$2849

Embark on a journey to explore the beauty and religion of Italy. Behold the unsurpassed beauty of St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine.

Pilgrimage to Poland - 9 Days, 15 Meals

November 4

Twin \$2099 Single \$2749

Journey to the many religious landmarks scattered throughout Poland, making stops at the places that pay tribute to the legacy of Pope Saint John Paul II.

Israel: Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

9 Days, 15 Meals

November 4

Twin \$2099 Single \$2749

Embark on an inspirational journey that will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God. Celebrate daily Mass in some of the most important churches to Catholicism.

St. Patrick Ireland - 10 Days, 13 Meals

September 20

October 11

Twin \$1749 Single \$2099

Get to know the soul of Ireland on a faith-based journey that blends the history and culture with the most revered pilgrimage sites that have been touched by St. Patrick. For more information contact Jim Adair at jimadair@thecatholicstour.com or call TOLL FREE at 877-627-4268.

Marriage Moments

A Trip Down Memory Lane #12. First Joint Purchase. Whether it was major (like a home) minor (like a book) or sentimental (like a pet) how you join your finances show your values. What have you learned about joint decision making from that first purchase?

- Susan Vogt

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 7pm in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. Questions concerning this Mass may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

AseraCare Hospice invites you to a Memorial Program and Butterfly Release on Sunday, June 28th at 3pm at St. Gabriel's Retreat Center, Griffin Pond Road, Clarks Summit. For more details contact AseraCare Hospice at 570-586-4573.

Parenting Pointers

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots, the other is wings."(Hodding Carter) If your life is rooted in faith, let your child see it. If your child takes a different path, believe that the Spirit will take care of him or her. As a parent of adult children your job is to let go but not give up.

- Susan Vogt

Honesty

The most important person to be honest with is myself.

- Anonymous