



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2014

All Things work for good for those who love God.

-Romans 8:28a

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

Mon.	7am	Catherine S. Piotroski by Mary Alice Trainor & Florance Prociak
Tues.	7am	John Woloski Sr. by Woloski Family
Wed.	7am	Communion Service
Thurs.	7am	Parishioners
Fri.	7am	Angeline Parise by Ron & Ceil Phillips
Sat.	4pm	Joseph Gill (A) by Joy, Gill & Jim
Sun.	8am	Mildred Burcha by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Jakubczyk
	11am	Frantz Bernard by Wife, Lillian

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp

Michael McGrady

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Angelo Stella

July 27, 2014

Contributions	\$6,144
Utilities	\$1,788
Catholic Relief Services	\$1,292

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

Pastor Message of the Week

This week's scriptures can fill us with a hunger in our hearts – like the crowd of 5,000 that followed Jesus to the side of the mountain. Hopefully, we long to hear the message that Jesus gives us this week. With the Lord's help, we can remove from our lives and hearts all distractions and inclinations that would keep us from experiencing his merciful love.

Today's Reading

First Reading – All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast!(Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm – The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading –Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel – All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

Questions of the Week?

Isaiah 55: 1-3: Am I ready to walk in the way of the Lord and allow him to provide for all my needs?

Romans 8:35, 37-39: St. Paul reminds us that God's love for us is a gift that comes through Christ. Am I allowing anything from the outside to separate me from God's steadfast love ?

Matthew 14:13-21: Jesus abundantly feeds more than 5,000 people with only five loaves and two fish. Am I ready to allow Jesus to feed me with his Body and Blood? Am I ready to allow him to satisfy all my needs?

Pastor

Rev. John Boyle

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Coordinator of Religious Education

Sande Holena

Eucharistic Minister/Lectors

David Loiacono

Food Pantry

Pauline Makowski

Altar Servers

Gloria Flynn

Youth Group

Maryann and Michael Quinn

Security

Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.



Justice Notes:

The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

Psalm 145:9

In ancient times the poor were subjected to insult, blamed for their poverty, and lived without hope. When you think of the poor, what thoughts come to your mind? What things influence your attitude to the poor? How does this passage from Psalms, as seen through the lens of Jesus' life, affirm or challenge your attitude? What should you do? The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops write: "Catholic disciples are called to put Two Feet of Love in Action! This foundational tool describes two distinct, but complementary, ways we can put the Gospel in action in response to God's love: *social justice* (addressing systemic, root causes of problems that affect many people) and *charitable works* (short-term, emergency assistance for individuals).

Charitable Works are our 'response to immediate needs and specific situations: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for and healing the sick, visiting those in prison, etc.' (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 31). We step with the Charitable Works foot when we work to aid or assist others both locally and globally to meet their immediate, short-term needs. Examples include engaging in direct service or providing food, clothing, shelter, or monetary assistance to help those in need. Social Justice 'concerns the social, political, and economic aspects and, above all, the structural dimension of problems and their respective solutions' (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, no. 201). We step with this foot when we work to address the *root causes* of problems facing our communities by advocating for just public policies and helping to change the social structures that contribute to suffering and injustice at home and around the world."

Little Christians from Bethlehem, Palestine

We are pleased to welcome to our Parish this weekend, Christians from Bethlehem in Palestine. These Christians are providing us with the opportunity to purchase hand carved religious items, made from Olive Wood. These Christians not only support themselves through this ministry, but also help support other Christian Communities in Palestine. Please take time to look at their offerings and assist them in preserving the Christian Presence in the Holy Land. They will be located in the Parish Center, 1st Floor. (where the Rosary is said on Monday).

Memorial Donations

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

Scholarship Fund

\$250 Harold Golomb Jr.

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$25 by Elizabeth Segeda

\$25 by Joseph & Deborah

\$10 by Anonymous

\$100 by Mountain Laurel Lions Club

\$20 by Elaine M. Felli

\$20 by Joan Yostrum

In Memory of Bernard Luckenbach

\$50 by Carol I. Pinola

\$50 by Rose Luckenbach

\$50 by Elizabeth Hession

\$25 by Patricia & Jerome Mazeika

In Memory of Anthony Wilk

\$100 by Ann Nguyen

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.

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2014

Sun Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Mon Jer 25:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tues Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Mt 17:1-9

Thurs Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

Fri Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Sat Hb1:12 – 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

Sun 1Kgs. 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Parish Activities

Aug. 4 – Aug. 10

Mon	Quilting	5pm-9pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	Faith Sharing	7pm
Tues.	Quilting	9am – Noon
Wed. Hershey Trip	8am	
Thur.	Quilting	9am – Noon

Registration for Religious Education Parish Center

Sat. 5pm - 6pm
Sun. 9:30am -11am

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Through your generosity, families will be reunited, valuable life skills will be taught to those seeking a better life, and many will have vital humanitarian needs met. Please visit www.usccb.org (search “Catholic Relief Services Collection”) to learn how your donations make a difference and **help Jesus in disguise.**

Marriage Moments

A trip down Memory Lane #3: As your relationship developed and you started to grow fonder of each other, what is one of the first endearing qualities you can remember that attracted you to your beloved?
“Susan Vogt

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for September are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin September 1st and end September 31st – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on Labor Day, September 1st. 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. Tickets will be sold in the back of the church starting on Saturday, August 17th.

Get yours before they are gone!!!!

Mass Intentions

1. Masses for a particular deceased person must be taken from the Mass Intention Book first, before a new request can be made.
2. Only three Mass Intentions per year for person in the Mass Intention Book.
3. Only **one** Mass for a weekend Mass per year.
4. If the deceased person does not have any Masses in the Mass Intention Book, then only ONE Mass per year will be allowed.
5. Mass intentions only for parishioners will be accepted.
6. Some Masses in the Mass Intention Book will be distributed to other priest to be satisfied. Religious orders, retired priest or priests needing Mass Intentions will be recipients of some Mass Intentions.

Mass Book for 2015 will open on Monday, August 18th.

Lottery Winners

7-21 #178 Janice Canterini
7-22 #862 Jane Biniek
7-23 #810 Dot Vearling
7-24 #424 Marilyn Novak
7-25 # 113 Noreen Atkinson
7-26 #223 Liz Segeda
7-27 #772 Bob Alesezyk

Congratulations to all!!!!

Lottery Tickets for September

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Special Numbers: _____

Total Number of Tickets: _____

Parenting Pointers

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!...Come receive grain and eat...wine and milk!” (Isaiah 55:1) What is your family’s favorite drink or food? Pick a day this week for each person to have one favorite food or drink.

-Susan Vogt

Catholic Cruise to Alaska

Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father William Gold, Sept. 7th – Sept. 14th, 2014 on Holland America Amsterdam out of Seattle, Washington. Ports of Call are Puget Sound; Tracy Arm; Juneau, Sitka, Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle, Washington. Prices begin at \$1,767 for two passengers this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Prince of Peace Parish in Old Forge will be sponsoring a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 10. It will be held in the parking lot of Arcaro and Genell Restaurant from noon to 4pm. The dinner is takeout/drive thru and a tent will be set up if you choose to eat at the site. The dinner will be prepared by Arcaro and Genell and included in the \$10 ticket price will be ½ BBQ chicken, a baked potato, corn on the cob, cole slaw and a roll. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the rectory at 570-457-5900, Francis, 570-451-0112 or Joe at 570-457-9325 by July 20th. Walk ins are welcome also.

Catholic Cruise to the Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 9-night Catholic Caribbean Cruise with Father DiPerri, December 13th – December 22nd on Norwegian Cruise Line’s Gem out of New York City, New York – Ports of Call: San Juan – Puerto Rico, St. Thomas – U.S.V. I., Philipsburg – St. Maarten, Tortola – B.W.I. and back to New York City, New York. Prices begin at \$1,634 for two passengers this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$250 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

The Sisters of IHM Foundation is hosting a special event on August 9th to benefit the IHM Retirement Fund, *IHM Sisters Celebration: Remembering Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Planning Our Future*. The IHM Sisters Celebration will be held on the Marywood University campus. The program will begin at 6:30pm with cocktails and include a dinner reception followed by a program. Monsignor Joseph G. Quinn will be the Master of Ceremonies and P.J. Carlesimo, who was formerly taught by IHM sisters at the Chapel School, Scranton, PA, will be the guest speaker. Reservations are \$100/person. To make your reservation, call the IHM Development Office at 570-346-5431. To learn more about the Sisters of IHM Foundation or to make an online donation through the foundation, visit www.helpihmsisters.com. The IHM Sisters thank you in advance for your generosity in financial contributions, talents, and prayers. May God continue to bless you.

Grace is Everywhere

People of faith act on this belief. As Christians we are called to reach deeply into ourselves and find God’s presence there. We are called to reach outside ourselves and find God there, too. The reality of grace has sustained and nourished people beyond numbering. The church never tires of telling the story of the loaves and fishes. It is narrated no less than six times in the four Gospels. We imagine the hesitant apostles reaching into the baskets and finding bread, always more bread. We anticipate the ending. The apostles will wear out before the bread runs out.

At another time and place, Isaiah also spoke of an abundance, this time of water, sweet honey, and rich milk. Always, always God is a gift giver, and we the receivers. Our response is doxology, or praise. In the second reading Paul provides the words and attitude. Praise is everywhere.

Prayer and Humility

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.

- St. Dominic