



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2015

*Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you
and is able to save your souls.*
James 1:21b

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.

Office

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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



August 31 through September 5

Mon. 7am **Communion Service**
 Tues. 7am **Emily Chrzanowski** by Children
 Wed. 7am **Marie T. Kownacki**
 by Marie, John & Christine Katsock
 Thurs. 7am **John Krulack** by Susan Kuzminski
 Fri. 7am **Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Recchioni**
 by Family
 Sat. 4pm **Joseph Oley (A)** by Julia Oley & Family
 Sun. 8am **Parishioners**
 11am **Elizabeth Binker** by Children



**In Memory of
 The Sanctuary Lamp
 Bernard Paciga**

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Edward & Julia Milanch**

**Flowers on the Altar
 Marianne Lynch**

Message of the Week

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” In days of Jesus, this issue was about performing empty external rituals of cleanliness instead of purifying the heart. For most of us, the issue is probably a bit different. Our fixation on externals is not so much with religious practices; instead, our daily obsession tends to be with appearances in general. In our media-saturated culture, we are extremely turned in to how things look. We are trained to respond to current fashion trends in clothing, hair, makeup, and accessories. The risk for us is to be so concerned with having the right “look” on the outside that we fail to consider what’s happening on the inside. As human beings we are a unity of body and soul, and if we neglect our souls, then we are neglecting the fulfillment of our human nature. We need to make sure we are not like the Pharisees in today’s reading who were too concerned with outside appearances. Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to help purify us of that spiritual ugliness so we can appear beautiful in the sight of God.

August 30, 2015

Contribution	\$7,265
Care for the Priest	\$5
Charity	\$1,009
Dues	\$995
Utilities	\$60
Maintenance	\$105
Holy Day	\$108.5

Questions of the Week?

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

What do you think “defiles” a person?

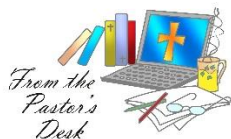
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8:

How carefully do you observe God’s laws?

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27:

In what ways do you put your faith into action?

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	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	
Buildings/Maintenance/Properties Michael Levandowski	



Father Jack is interesting in forming for an Adult Choir. Anyone interested is asked to see Fr. Jack. Remember singing is praying twice.

Reminder:

Confirmation is Sunday, October 18 at 4pm.

Please note changes in Schedule

There is a change in the weekly Mass Schedule. The Communion Service will take place on Monday mornings. All Masses previously scheduled for Monday will be said on Wednesday mornings. **The new schedule will start this week.**

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The Church in Central and Eastern Europe

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe eases the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations offer affordable shelter, train seminarians, and provide pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation today help to **restore the Church and build the future** in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit www.uscb.org (search “Church in Central and Eastern Europe”) to learn more about the important projects funded by the collections.

Registration for Religious Education Classes are held for children in Pre-School through 12th grade and should be attended by any child in those grades who attend a public school. Children who will turn four before September 30th can enroll in our Pre-School/Kindergarten class. Classes for the 2015-16 School Year will begin on Sept. 13th. In order to compile accurate class rosters and supplies, parents are asked to register their child(ren) even if they have previously attended the program. To register contact Sande Holena at the Parish Center or via email at sandeholena@epix.net.

Parish Activities

August 30 through September

Mon.	Quilting	5pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
Tues.	Quilting	9am
Thurs.	Quilting	9am

Annual Festival Assessment

To date \$ 18,840.00 has been collected for the Annual Festival Assessment. Thus far 283 families has contributed. Thanks to all who have contributed generously to this assessment.

Hershey Park Tickets are available at the Parish Office. Due to the limited weekends left we are lowering the cost of the tickets to \$25 each. They can be used for the following dates: 8-31 – 9-7, Sept 12-13, Sept 19-20, and Sept 26-27,

The Miracle of Christmas Trip will take place on Nov. 18 in Lancaster. Cost of the trip is \$110. Bus will leave from the Bank Street Parking Lot. Cost includes transportation, ticket into show and dinner at Shady Maple. Contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815 for more information or to make reservations. The fee is due by Sept 14th and can be made to Women Society and mailed to Joann Melman, 22 Garden Drive, Hudson, PA 18705. If payment is not received by the 14th your reservations will be cancelled and name removed from the list.

The Women’s Society of SS Peter and Paul will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 18th the Parish Center. They will meet at 7:30am to recite the Rosary and attend the 8am Mass. Breakfast will be served in the Parish Center after the Mass. Guest speaker will be the Director of Ruths Place. Each participant is asked to bring an item that is needed for Ruth’s Place. Cost of the breakfast is \$15 payable to Mary Jo Marek and Mailed directly to Mary Jo Marek, 75 Helen Street, Plains, PA 18705. Please contact Mary Jo at 570-825-6969 to make reservation. All members and guest are invited to attend. Reservations and payment is needed by October 12th.

**SS Peter and Paul's Food Pantry
Shopping List for August**

Cans: Potatoes
Fruit
Pasta (Spaghetti O's etc...)
Carrots
Mixed Veggies

Bottles -
Spaghetti Sauce

Thanks for all your support!!!

Father Jack is planning a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, April, 2016. More information to follow.

Chess Club for Students

Academy of Chess, LLC invites students in grades 2 through 8 to join the Regal Rook Chess Club for the upcoming school year. We specialize in teaching beginner students in grades 2 through 8 as well as student that already know the game. We also have customized programs for school districts. Details at www.academyofchessllc.com or call 570-829-0828.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult employees and volunteers who have direct contact or routine interaction with children. During the three-hour training , a facilitator, who will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, will incorporate techniques in a discussion-format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015, at 6pm, at St. Joseph Mareello Parish, Pittston, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gift: our children. To register, please contact the parish office at 570/654-6902 or Sunday, September 27, beginning at 12:30pm at St. John the Baptist Parish, Larksville. A notice with complete details included on the website, www.dioceseofscranton.org (safe environment-child protection/VIRTUS).

Marriage Moments

Baseball marriage tip #2 from Becoming An All-Star Team in the Major League of Marriage by Jack & Jane Katenkamp: Healthy couples “sometimes bunt vs swinging for the fences (sometimes it’s the little things that count).” Do a little favor today.

- Susan Vogt

Wyoming Area Catholic School still has seats available on their bus to see Pope Francis on Sunday, September 27th in Philadelphia. If you are interested in seeing Pope Francis and have not yet reserved a seat on a parish or diocesan bus, please contact Mrs. Theresa Sabetta at Wyoming Area Catholic (570-654-7982). The bus will be leaving from the school parking lot at 7:30am. The cost of the trip is \$50 which will include a special t-shirt for the occasion. Full payment (non-refundable) is due no later than Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

Bulletin Briefs

“[K]eeping the spirit of the Gospel means that Catholic institutions are to bear witness in love to the full truth about the human person by providing social, charitable, and educational services in a manner that fully reflects the God-given dignity of the human person.”

Archbishop Willaim E. Lori, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, on the “Freedom to Bear Witness”
(www.bit.ly/Freedom2Witness)

Young Adults – 21-35 Gathered and Growing

In a world that demands our individed attention to be divided among a thousand different things in a thousand different ways it is easy to feel disoriented and scattered. This unsettledness is particularan issue for young adults, who are just starting to make their way into the world and finding it much more complex than they may have imagined. If you are a young adult ages 21-35 and feel scattered, confused, stressed or just longing for an experience of community, please join us for a time of food and faith sharing. Come to share, to laugh, to eat, but most importantly come as you are. The next gathering will be Thursday, September 3rd, 6:30pm. In the community room at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre, 226 South Washington Avenue.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Buttonwood, Hanover, is having a Soup, Bake and Book Sale on Thursday, September 3 from 8am to 6pm. Soup, Bake, and Book Sale on Thursday, September 3 from 8am to 6pm. Soup of the month is Old Fashioned Vegetable. Cost is \$8 per quart. Take outs only. Your pre-order will be appreciated. To place an order, please call Sylvia at 570-825-6370 or Barry at 570-831-5593.

St. Andre Bessett Parish will hold a Dancing Under the Stars fundraiser on Sat., Sept 19th from 7-11pm. The event will be DJ'd by Rockin Father Mike Kloton, & will be held in St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall(522 Madison St. Wilkes-Barre). The donation to attend is \$20 per person, which includes a homemade dinner & dessert buffet & coffee/soda/water. BYOB ok. Tickets can be reserved by calling (570)814-9227. Doors open at 6:45 & no tickets will be sold at the door. Please join us for a fun evening of dinner and dancing.

Holy Redeemer High School is respectfully inviting you to attend a Memorial Mass for Mr. Abe Simon on Monday, September 14, at 7pm in the McCarthy Auditorium at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes—Barre, Pa 18701. Immediately following the Mass we will have a blessing and dedication of the flagpole marker. Light refreshments will be served. For planning purposes, please RSVP to Holy Redeemer High School at 570-829-2424 or to mhumiston@holyredeemerhs.org.

Forming Intentional Disciples: The Path of Knowing & Following Jesus.

This is a seminar presented by nationally acclaimed author Sherry A. Weddell. It will be presented at St. Monica's Parish, 363 W. 8th Street, West Wyoming, Pa on Saturday, October 24, in the Church Hall. Registration before October 1st is \$25 and \$30 after the date. The day will begin with coffee and pastries from 7am to 8am. The seminar will begin at 8am until 3:40pm with lunch included. You can register on the Diocese of Scranton web site, go the Parish Life Office and click on the icon of Forming Intentional Disciples. Please call the Office at 570-693-1991 for any additional information. This is open to any interested people in the Diocese.

Back to School Supplies for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre is now taking donations for school supplies. Items being collected are: backpacks, notebooks, binders, paper, pens, plastic scissors, pencils, pencil sharpeners, markers, erasers, glue sticks & crayons. Items will be collected up until August 18th. Volunteers are needed for distribution at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Wednesday, Aug. 26th from 9 – noon & 3-6pm. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118 ext. 305 if you can help.

A Bus Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Faustina, observed on Monday, October 5th. Bus will leave at 7am from the Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Pittston. Arrival is 11am. All events will be Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine. The cost is \$63 per person and will include bus trip, entrance fee into the Shrine, a full course dinner at Michael's Restaurant and the bus driver's tip. Call Cathy for reservations at 570-654-6063.

The Free Clothing Room at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, is in need of gently used fall clothing for men, women and children. Especially needed are jeans, sweatshirts, long sleeved shirts, light jackets, socks, sneakers and back to school children clothing. Donations can be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, 39 E. Jackson Street, Wilkes-Barre on weekdays from 8am to 1pm.

Women's Preached Retreat, St. Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center will be held on September 11-13. Directed by Rev. Vincent Boney CP, of St. Ann's Monastery, Scranton, PA. The retreat begins on Friday evening at 7:30pm and ends after the noon meal on Sun.. (No meals served Fri.) **The Passion of Jesus Christ a Preached Retreat for Men and Women**, At St Gabriel's Passionist Retreat Center, will be held October 16-18. Comfortable silence during retreat. Begins on Fri. evening at 7:30pm and ends after the noon meal on Sunday. (no meals served Friday) Preached retreats consist of conferences on the spiritual life, time for personal reflections, prayer service, opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Liturgy. A deposit is required. For more information, call the Retreat Office at 570-586-4957 or email kporter@epix.net.