



# Saints Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Twenty fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*September 11, 2016*

*A clean heart created for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.*

*— Psalm 51:12*

## *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 Saints Peter and Paul opens wide its doors  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

## **Mission Statement**

As members of Saints 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 – 4PM  
Tuesday through Friday 8AM – 4PM  
Office Closed 12-12:30PM  
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

*Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God*



**M** 9-12 7AM **Communion Service**  
**T** 9-13 7AM **Frank Kaminski (A)**  
 by Anthony Bonczewski  
**W** 9-14 7AM **Leo & Elizabeth Catani** by Daughter  
**Th** 9-15 7AM **Anthony Pizzella**  
 by Mattei Family  
**F** 9-16 7AM **Marie Kownacki (A)** by Kathy & Raymond  
**S** 9-17 4PM **Francis Teresinski** by Susan Suchochi  
**S** 9-18 8AM **Ersilia Pascucci** by Husband & Daughters  
 11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

## RECONCILIATION

True reconciliation is emotional, dramatic, and cleansing. When two people meet heart to heart and work through old hurts, misunderstandings, and careless words, cleansing tears often flow and the encounter ends with an embrace that fills both with the warmth of a love too strong to fade.

The readings this weekend assure us of this healthy release that comes with reconciliation. They give us the courage to reach out to someone with whom we need to reconcile ourselves, and give us the courage to ask for forgiveness from God, too.

In the reading from Exodus, we see how God refuses again and again to give up on the Israelites. Even though they grow impatient with God and turn to false idols, God still calls them back. Luke's Gospel assures us that God rejoices when we turn away from sin. Paul's letter to Timothy encourages us, like Paul, to look back on our lives and recognize where God's patient mercy has been shown to us.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Because Moses interceded, the LORD relented and did not punish the people (Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14).

**Psalms** — I will rise and go to my father (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Paul expresses his gratitude for being appointed to the ministry (1 Timothy 1:12-17).

**Gospel** — There is great rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:1-32 [1-10]).

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*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle*  
Joan Chuckinas

*Our Holy Family Votive Candle*  
Constance Zielinski

September 4, 2016

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$8,882</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$15</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$31</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$256</b>
<b>Church in Eastern Europe</b>	<b>\$86</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priests</b>	<b>\$1,392</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$169</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>\$305</b>

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
 Patriot Day; Grandparents Day  
 Monday: The Most Holy Name of Mary  
 Tuesday: St. John Chrysostom  
 Wednesday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
 Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Friday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian  
 Saturday: St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John C. Lambert	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director</b> Joan Turel	
<b>Faith Formation</b> Sande Holena	<b>Custodians</b> Michael Lambert Michael Levandowski
<b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b> David Loiacono	<b>Ushers</b> Paul Muczynski
<b>Organists</b> Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	<b>Youth Group</b> MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

## Do You Know Someone Who is Interested In Joining the Catholic Church?

Sometimes a relative or a co-worker asks you questions about the Catholic Church with an eye toward exploring what it would take to be a catholic?

If you know of anyone who is seeking information please invite them to come to the Conference Room in the Parish Center on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. No strings attached. We would welcome their questions and their journey of faith up to this point in their life.

## No Festival Collection

You probably have received your letter concerning our annual collection. This year I would really appreciate your support in designating this collection for the up-grade of our kitchen in Bernardine Hall. We are in need of some new kitchen equipment and your help will provide the much needed up-grade. In the event that our collection is sufficient, we will be able to up-grade the bathrooms and the hall lighting and maybe even air-condition the hall – Praise God! \$15,687 has been collected from 255 parishioners. The breakdown is as follows: 1 - \$500; 1 - \$400; 8 - \$200; 3 - \$150; 43 - \$100; 1 - \$85; 7 - \$75; 1 - \$65; 3 - \$60; 125 - \$50; 62 - \$49 and under. Thanks to all for the generous contributions

## The Annual Choose Your Own Hand Stitched Quilt Bingo

will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2016. This year's bingo will be a dauber bingo. With your admission you will receive 6 Bingo card to play each of the regular games. The cost of admission will be \$25. Each additional 6 cards will cost \$10. There will also be 5 Specials and a 50/50. Door prizes will also be awarded. Raffle Books can be purchased for \$2 each or the book of 6 for \$10. Please return the raffle books as soon as possible. Admission tickets can be purchased from any quilter or at the Parish Office. They will be available at all Masses on the weekend of September 24 & 25 and October 1 & 2. Plan to attend and support this endeavor.

**Save the Date - Liturgical Workshop** will be held on Wednesday, September 21 in the Church for all who are interested more details next week.

## Parish Activities

September 11 through September 17

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30 – 10:30AM</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>	
<b>Mon.</b>	5PM Quilting		Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
	6:30PM Rosary		Parish Garden
	7PM Faith Sharing		Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
<b>Tues.</b>	9AM Quilting		Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
<b>Wed.</b>	8AM Women's Trip		Bank Street Parking
<b>Thurs.</b>	9AM Quilting		Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
	<b>9AM Food Pantry Prep</b>		<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9AM Food Pantry</b>		<b>Bernardine Hall</b>

## Lottery Tickets

Tickets for Fall Lottery are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 30<sup>th</sup> – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Monday through Saturday, \$100 on Sunday and \$300 on All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Thanksgiving, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Christmas, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Cost of the ticket is \$10. 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 Parish Office. We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

## Saints Peter and Paul Adult Seasonal Choir Beginning Rehearsals on Wednesday, September 28 in Church: New Members Invited

Confirmation will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. The choir has grown into an ensemble of 36 people who truly love singing in parts, experiencing community and using their talents to praise God. It's a win, win, win situation.

Anyone from Junior, Senior High and older are welcome to join. Just call the parish office (570-825-6663, press 2 for the office and then 6 for the liturgy office and leave your name and phone number if you wish to join and we will prepare a folder for you. Then...simply show up for the rehearsals in the church. There are no auditions.

## Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

### Gestures

Bowing, kissing, genuflecting, and incensing are reverencing gesture used during liturgy.

Bowing is the ordinary gesture used to reverence the altar.

However, at the beginning and end of Mass, the priest and deacon reverence the altar with a kiss. The Book of the Gospels or *Evangelary* is also due reverence with a kiss.

Genuflection, the touching of the right knee to the ground, is the proper gesture used before the Blessed Sacrament. The presiding priest genuflects right after the consecration, and all should genuflect when approaching the tabernacle.

Incensing is optional and is used to show particularly solemn respect for any object or person during liturgical celebration. Examples of its use include reverencing the paschal candle at the Easter Vigil or the body of the deceased at a funeral.

The unity of the assembly is reflected as we assuming a common posture. We stand as a sign of reverence (e.g. communion); we sit to listen Scriptures, homily); and we kneel when we are in a penitential mode (Penitential Rite)

Although the universal posture for the Eucharistic Prayer is standing, some bishops have asked us to kneel during this time.

During the sign of peace we stand and no special gesture is prescribed. We are simply directed to offer each other a sign of peace.

**The Women's Society Communion Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The women will attend the 8AM Mass as a group. Afterwards they will share a breakfast at Parson Family Restaurant, River Road, Plains. The cost is \$15 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969 or Joan Lupinski at 570-829-2471. Reservations should be made by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you there.

**The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul Annual Retreat "A Day of Recollection"** will be held on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center, Lower Level. This year leader will be Fr. Paul C., P., Missionary of St. Ann's Basilica. The Program begins with a continental breakfast followed by the first sermon of the day. The day includes a hot lunch, snacks and beverages. The day will include sessions by the Missionary, meditation, rosary, stations of the cross and end with the celebration of Mass. All women, guests and visitors are invited to attend. For more information contact Marie Fender at 570-825-4356 or Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

### Discern Your Gift

Do you think you might be willing to share your experience as a Catholic with those who are seeking God through Scripture, catechesis, and ritual? At this time an RCIA team is being formed. We are looking for persons to be part of a pool of sponsors, or faith sharers, or Catechists or hospitality. It has always been a very rewarding experience for the team as well as those who decided to take this spiritual journey.

Discern your gifts. If interested simply come to the Liturgical Meeting. Since we hope to have groups your turn will be rotated.

### Marriage Moments

September 11 took most people by surprise. You don't know the time or the place you or your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have today to show your love.

- Susan Vogt

### SUMMER LOTTERY WINNERS

8-26	#155	Fran Griffith
8-27	#354	Tony George
8-28	#658	M. Pagnotti
8-29	#806	Buddy Golomb
8-30	#957	Fr. Jack
8-31	#551	Mary Ann Harkenreader
9-1	#774	Pete Isbitski
9-2	#664	Robert Sunday
9-3	#880	James Circo
9-4	#059	B.J. Hession
9-5	#245	Margaret Wilk

*Congratulations to all!!!*

**Saints Peter and Paul Children's Choir** to begin rehearsals for participation at weekend and special Masses. Children from second grade and up are encouraged and welcome to join. Participation in the Children's Choir allows the children of the parish to participate in a Ministry that gives our children the opportunity to serve the Church, to serve in a leadership role, to minister to others through music, while giving our children a sense of responsibility. Children's Choir also builds Christian character while developing team skills and commitment. Children also learn the Scriptures through song. Those interested are asked to call Diane in the Parish Office to express interest in joining the Children's Choir.

### **Scholastic Chess Club**

Attention students in grade 2 through 8, The Regal Rooks Chess Club will resume meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. All students from public, private and parochial schools are welcome to join. Meetings take place from 6:30PM – 8PM every Tuesday in the Parish Center. You don't need to know how to play chess; we will teach you all of the basics and even strategy and tactics. Parents and guardians are also invited to attend and stay for the first meeting for a short lesson. To register and RSVP go to [3](#) and click on the "How to Join" link then select the Regal Rooks link. Questions call 570-829-0828.

**A Planning Metting** will be held here at Saints Peter and Paul to plan a trip to Switzerland in September 2017. If you are interested in finding out about this trip please join us on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the Parish Center.

### **Parenting Pointers**

"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky." (Exodus 32:13) No matter the number of children you have, each one is a promise for the future. Do something to make the world better for your offspring today. (recycle, donate to a cause, make peace with someone) - Susan Vogt

**Fall Festival Roasted Turkey Breast Dinner**, will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew Church Hall, 318 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre. The dinner includes real roasted turkey breast, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coffee/tea and desserts. There will also be a bake sale, theme basket raffle and instant bingo. Serving is from 11:30AM to 4PM. Take-outs will be available.

Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 12 and under. Tickets will be sold at the door.

### ***Prayer of Remembrance***

*Almighty and Ever-Loving God,  
we remember September 11, 2001,  
and pray for all those who were affected  
by the terrible events of that day.  
We remember, with love and respect,  
all of those who went tragically to their deaths.  
We remember those who still suffer  
from their injuries of that day fifteen years ago  
and pray for their recovery.  
We remember the still grieving families and friends  
and all who lost loved ones.  
Gracious Lord, continue to console them  
in hope that all who trust in You  
will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom.  
Bless them with Your presence  
and surround us all with Your love.  
God of peace,  
bless all those defending and protecting our country  
and its ideals of freedom and liberty.  
Heavenly Father, answer our prayer  
and bring us hope thorough Christ, your Son.  
May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign  
and may the earth be filled with Your glory.  
Amen.*

### ***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](http://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 Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).