



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 20, 2015*

*The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.*

*Isaiah 50:7*

## *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*



**September 21 through September 27**

Mon. 7am **Communion Service**  
 Tues. 7am **Barbara Javick** by Robert Craig  
 Wed. 7am **Peter Paul Olszewski**  
 by Joan Churnetski  
 Thurs. 7am **Pete & Shirley Antosh**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
 Fri. 7am **Joseph Prociak**  
 by Thomas & Carol Caffrey  
 & Family  
 Sat. 4pm **Barbara Olsakowski (A)**  
 by Robert & Nancy Rinaldi  
 Sun. 8am **Donald Tomasetti (A)**  
 by Daughter & Family  
 11am **Parishioners**



**In Memory of**  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
*John Kozik*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Victor Nardone*

**September 13, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$7,809</b>
<b>Care for the Priest</b>	<b>\$186</b>
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>\$65</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$400</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,281</b>
<b>Holy Day</b>	<b>\$24</b>
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	<b>\$35</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$80</b>

**Message of the Week**

*Mark 9:30-37*

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me.” For many people, “receiving” a child is part of their daily routine. Those of us who are parents obviously welcome children into our families and continue to serve them throughout their lives. Grandparents, siblings, other relatives, foster parents, and sometimes neighbors and friends also make room in their homes and their hearts to welcome the children of God has placed in their circle. Teachers, physicians, therapists, and others who work with children on a professional level are also in the “business” of receiving children. How wonderful to thing that all of this normal activity can offer us the opportunity to encounter Christ! Because dealing with children can become routine, or at times can even be filled with challenges and frustrations, we might need to pause to remind ourselves about the blessings that they bring. Certainly their joy and innocence is a gift in itself, but in today’s Gospel we are reminded that their presence brings more than that. When we serve children in a spirit of generosity, when we “receive” them as they are – with all that entails – we are in turn receiving Jesus...who first came to us as a child.

**Questions of the Week?**

**Mark 9:30-37**

How well do you do with humility and simplicity?

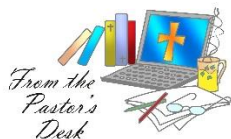
**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20:**

How would you characterize truly “wicked” people?

**James 3:16-4:3:**

What causes conflict within you?

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John C. Lambert	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Religious Education</b> Sande Holena	<b>Music</b> Christine Katsock
<b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b> David Loiacono	<b>Ushers</b> Paul Muczynski
<b>Youth Group</b> Maryann and Michael Quinn	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	
<b>Buildings/Maintenance/Properties</b> Michael Levandowski	



**You Are Welcome to make visits to the Church**  
from 6am to 3pm weekdays.



**Choir Practice** will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the church. New members welcome.

**The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul** will hold their annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Lottery Winners**

9-8 #359 Marie Kowalski  
 9-9 #999 Lorraine Baginski  
 9-10 #069 Carolyn Loiacono  
 9-11 #580 Patricia Koschak  
 9-12 #443 Joy White Stashis  
 9-13 #048 J. Perhauski

*Congratulations to all!!!!*

**Quilt Bingo and Weekend Bake Sale** will be held Columbus Day Weekend, October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Bake Sale will take place after all Masses. Anyone interested in baking or helping out are asked to call Mariann Jasonis at 570-285-2047 or Jean Curtis at 570-823-4607. The Bingo will be held on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Please send in your returns as soon as possible as finally plans are being made

## **Parish Activities**

September 20 through September 27

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Teacher Commissioning</b>	<b>11am</b>
	<b>Confirmation 2015</b>	<b>12:15pm</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	Quilting	5pm
	<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	<b>5pm</b>
	Rosary	6:30pm
	<b>Women's Meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	Quilting	9am
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Confirmation 2015</b>	<b>6pm</b>
	<b>Choir</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	Quilting	9am
	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Sacrament Prep</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>

**The Women Society of SS Peter and Paul Parish** will hold their annual retreat on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. New members and quest are always welcome. Father Thomas Looney, CSC, King's College will be the retreat master. The theme will be announced at a later date.

The day will begin at 9am with a continental breakfast, and continue with conference, prayers, a hot lunch, private prayer time and confession at 3:30pm. The retreat will conclude with attendance at the 4pm Mass.

For reservations, contact Marie Fender at 570-825-4356. Checks in the amount of \$25 should be made payable to Joanne Melman and sent to 22 Garden Drive, Plains, Pa 18705. Final date for reservation is November 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Annual Festival Assessment**

With summer coming to an end please consider making a contribution to the Festival Assessment. To date \$ 19,745.00 has been collected for the Annual Festival Assessment. Thus far 296 families has contributed. Thanks to all who have contributed generously to this assessment.

**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!!!*

**Liturgy Corner: DID YOU KNOW?**

***Altar***

In the early church, the altar was a simple and free-standing table or block of stone as it is today.

During the Middle Ages, as the various ministries such as deacon, cantor, and lector died out and the priest took on all ministerial responsibilities, the altar became a utilitarian shelf protruding from a huge piece of wall art called a *reredos* or *retable*.

Today, the various ministries have been restored, and each minister has his own place from which to function.

The altar has once again become a simple and free-standing structure with but one use. It is the table whereupon the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under signs of bread and wine, the central place of our thanksgiving, our Eucharist.

The proper gesture by which one reverences the altar is a bow.

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

**Lottery Tickets**

Tickets for November are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin November 1 and end November 30 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$250 on November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day) and November 26<sup>th</sup> (Thanksgiving). 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. Together we can make it another great fundraiser. Tickets will be available in the church Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>.

**Marriage Moments**

Baseball marriage tip #4 Healthy couples “have no-trade clauses (there’s no hot stove league in marriage) you can’t just trade up when things get tough or someone gets into a slump..

- Susan Vogt

**Bulletin Briefs**

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.

*Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage  
2014-15 Respect Life Program, USCCB*

**Lottery Tickets for November**

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

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

Special Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_

### **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](http://www.academyofchessllc.com) or call 570-829-0828.

### **Fall Festival Roasted Turkey Breast Dinner**

Is being held at St. Andrew on Sunday, September 20, in the church hall (St. Patrick's), 318 Parrish St. Wilkes-Barre. The dinner includes real roasted turkey breast, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy green beans, coffee/tea and dessert. 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 can be purchased at the door.

### **The Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women**

is conducting a Fall Fundraiser. If you are a gardener and plant fall flower/garlic bulbs please consider ordering online. Go to [www.flowerpowerfundraising.com](http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com) then to the top right corner to "Find a Group," Type in Scranton Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Then start shopping. All bulbs are 100% guaranteed and will be shipped directly to the customer. Top quality bulbs are guaranteed and you will not be billed until the bulb are shipped. You may order now or until October 5, 2015. Please consider supporting our organization as we will receive a percentage of the profits. If further information is required, please call Judy at 570-470-1536 or Nancy at 570-357-1790.

### **VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children For Adults**

A three-hour training, where a facilitator will teach you the tools and show you the resources to maintain a safe environment for all children, they 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.

Sessions will be held

Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Hanover at 6pm call 570-823-6242.

Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist, Larksvill, at 12:30pm call 570-558-4309.

Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Jude School, Mountaintop, at 6:30pm call 570-474-5803.

### **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. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, West Wyoming, Pa on Saturday, October 24, in the Church Hall. Registration before October 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Parenting Pointers**

5 steps to getting kids to obey:

**Step 1** Get the child's attention. (Get close, look them in the face and make sure they are looking at you.)

**Step 2** Give a short, clear direction.

**Step 3** Make sure they understand your direction by asking them to repeat it back to you. (More next week)

**Step 4** If the child does not obey the first time you give the direction, repeat it once and add what the consequence will be for non-compliance (for example, time-out, loss of a privilege, etc).

**Step 5** If the child does not obey, calmly and immediately enforce the consequence. No yelling, no negotiating. JUST DO IT.

### **An Adult Catechesis on the Christian Life**

The Pope highly encourages it! It is a way to re-discover your faith and to find happiness in your life. 13 & older, come & listen. Beginning Sept. 15 at 7:30pm at St. Monica's Church Hall (West Wyoming) & continuing each Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call 570-693-1991 or email [363monicast@comcast.net](mailto:363monicast@comcast.net).

### **Our Best**

*The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.*

- *Anonymous*