



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 2014

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God..*

- Philippians 4:6

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

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 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 **Joseph Gill** by Diane & Joe Polombo
 Tues. 7am **Frances Andrejko** by Rosalie Eckert
 Wed. 7am **Communion Service**
 Thurs. 7am **Angeline Parise**
 by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Salatini
 Fri. 7am **Dominick & Mary Caparoli**
 by Family
 Sat. 4pm **Ronald Milgate (A)**
 by Bob & Helen Narusewicz
 Sun. 8am **Living and Deceased Members of the Women's Society**
 11am **Parishioners**

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Matthew 22:1-14

What made the king's invitation so distasteful to these guests? According to the parable, either the guests were too busy with their business, or else they were downright hostile to the entire idea. What could possibly explain this resistance? Perhaps we have a clue in the puzzling conclusion of today's Gospel. One of the second-string guests pulled in from the streets came to the feast "not dressed in a wedding garment." This "wedding garment" calls to mind the preparation of our souls necessary to join in the great "wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rv 19:9), that is, heaven. This man was apparently just too lazy to get ready. He should have demonstrated his gratitude by dressing appropriately.

Now, where do we fit in? Are we more concerned with worldly work than with spiritual growth? Are we offended by the very suggestion that we might need to "dress up" our souls? Jesus gave his life to open the gates of heaven for us. Let's show our gratitude by preparing radiant, beautiful souls worthy of the heavenly wedding feast.

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Coordinator of Religious Education Sande Holena	
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
 Barbara Ann Franchella

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Mattis & Kalemba Families

October 5, 2014	
Contributions	\$7,719
Dues	\$758
Repairs	\$122
Charity	\$90
Education of Priest	\$747
School	\$1,000
<i>A good place for the "buck to stop" is in the collection basket!</i>	

Today's Reading

First Reading –On this mountain the Lord will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines (Isaiah 25:6-10a).

Psalm – I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life (Psalm 23).

Second Reading –God will supply whatever you need (Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20).

Gospel – I have prepared my banquet, and everything is ready. Come to the feast! (Matthew 22:1-14 [1-10]).

Questions of the Week

Matthew 22:1-14:

How do you react to Jesus' assertion: "Many are invited, but few are chosen"?

Isaiah 25:6-10a:

What do you envision the end-time to be like?

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20:

What sustains you through times of abundance and times of need?



Justice Notes:

To be invited to dinner is a form of hospitality as old as the human race. Sitting around a table, eating and drinking, is a way to share our lives with each other and show that we care. When we are shown hospitality, we always become more receptive to others because they have shared a part of themselves.

Hospitality is a component of stewardship that can never be trivialized. How we treat people is important not only when it comes to larger affairs, such as helping those in need, comforting the distraught, or doing a favor for someone, but also in our everyday interactions. If every breath we take belongs to God, then at every turn our interactions with people have the potential of bringing someone closer to the source of that breath.

This reality hit me the other day in the grocery store. I was in the checkout line with a cart full of items. While waiting, a woman came up behind me with two bags of chicken tenders and a baby in her arms. I offered to let her cut in front of me. She was so grateful but equally surprised someone would offer that to her. My simple action that day didn't lead to a full-blown evangelizing event. But it could have and sometimes it does.

Everyday stewardship means that when we see all aspects of our life as gifts from God, then in the ordinary we see opportunities for the extraordinary. In a grocery checkout line, on the bus, and walking across a college campus, we find chances to do something extraordinary. We have a chance to raise the mundane to a level where God can be noticed. In this reality, the heart of real hospitality is found.

Parish Activities

October 12 – October 19

**Sun. No Class this week
Weekend Bake Sale and
Quilt Bingo**

Mon. Quilting 5:00pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Faith Sharing 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am – Noon

Thur. Quilting 9am – Noon

Food Pantry Prep

Youth Group 6:30pm

Fri Food Pantry 9am

**Sun. Religious Education Classes
9:30am – 10:30am**

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Catholic Education: *“Educating the future generations of the faithful in our Schools and Parishes.”*

Shaping the next generation of the faithful through a Catholic education is an essential mission of the Diocese of Scranton. Last year, more than 6,000 elementary, middle and high school students benefitted from the academic programs and spiritual guidance offered by our Catholic Schools. Your generous gift to the 2014 Annual Appeal will help us to recruit and retain talented teachers, fund extracurricular programs, invest in advance classroom technology and serve the diverse needs of our students. As you reflect on the many gifts God has bestowed upon you, it is our deepest hope that you will support the Appeal and join the faithful through the Diocese in “Transforming Lives Together.”

Update of the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gifts support ministries made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal.

- Catholic Social Services and Parish Outreach
- Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes
- Clergy Formation, Education and Support
- Parish Life and Ministry Formation
- Catholic Media and Communication

Our Parish Goal is 74,000. Amount Pledged as of Oct. 8th is \$18,020.

Lottery Winners

Sept. 29 #540 Elsie Kosmach

Sept. 30 #547 Isabel Elick

Congratulations to all!!!

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the Church in Mongolia, the world's youngest Catholic Church, as well as local church throughout the Missions, in the most remote areas across our world. Through the work of these churches, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy. His hope and peace. Please keep the Missions in your daily prayers. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. For more information. Please visit www.IAmAMissionary.org.

PASTOR'S WISH LIST: Occasionally, there are items that are needed in the Parish and hopefully, there are parishioners or friends who would be interested in donating them – for the good of the parish. We are currently in need of at least 5 (five) AEDs. – to be used in emergency situations. We could use them in the following parish locations: Church (1); School (2) – One for classroom level and one for Cafeteria Level; Rectory (1) and Parish Center (1). Not only are the Defibrillators needed, but we need individuals to be trained in their use. While you may wonder why we need these – you may wonder if the life they could save could be yours!! If you are interested in donating one or more of these units, please contact Fr. B. at your earliest convenience. Anyone wishing to donate to this cause can place the donation in an envelope designate “Defibrillator” and place in collection basket.

Readings for the Week of October 12

Mon	Gal 4:22-21, 26-27, 31 – 5:1; Luke 11:29-32
Tue.	Gal 5:1-6; Lk 11:37-41
Wed.	Gal 5:18-25; Lk 11:42-46
Thur.	Eph 1:1-10; Lk 11:47-54
Fri.	Eph 1:11-14; Lk 12:1-7
Sat.	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 11:27-28
Sun.	Is 45:1, k 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

We are in need of Volunteers to act as hostesses for the upcoming photo sessions for the Parish Directory. Anyone wishing to help can call Diana at the Rectory during office hours.

Bulletin Ads Our Bulletin supplier has acquired several new ads for the back of our bulletin. Please patronize these businesses if you can, they make it possible for us to print the weekly bulletin – 800 copies – without cost to the Parish. Thank you for your ads and your support of our Parish.

The Sanctuary Safety Update

Below is a breakdown of contributions for the Sanctuary Safety Update: 2-\$1,000; 3-\$500; 1-\$400; 1-\$320; 2-\$300; 2-\$250; 9-\$200; 1-\$172; 1-\$150; 52-\$100; 2-\$75; 1-\$60; 275- \$50 or less. A total of \$20,402 has been raised for the Sanctuary Safety Update.

The Food Pantry Volunteers are getting ready for the busy Holiday Season. We are in need of items for Thanksgiving: Cans of yams, potatoes, boxes and canisters of stuffing, pie crust mix, evaporated milk, canned vegetables. ***Frozen turkeys can be accepted, but must be brought to the Rectory during Office Hours for proper storage.*** Thawed items must be discarded to avoid food spoilage. Please do not leave any items on the porches. Regular items are also needed: macaroni & cheese, soups, sides, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, stews, skillet dinners, baking supplies, crackers and cookies. Thank you for your generosity, providing monetary donations and food items to the pantry. It is so greatly appreciated by those in need of assistance.

The Women's Group will meet on Monday, Oct. 20th in the Parish Center, a Fall Theme will prevail. Final plans for the retreat on Nov. 1 will be discussed. The theme for the retreat will center around the mercifulness and forgiveness of Jesus. Cost is \$25, and final payment is due at the meeting. Fr. Thomas Looney, O.S.J. will be the moderator. For further information or to register contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3825.

On December 3rd the Group travel to the ***Sight and Sound Theatre*** in Lancaster to see “*Moses*”. Bus will leave from SS. Peter and Paul, a stop on the way for some shopping, the performance at 2pm and dinner following at Shady Maple. Cost is \$110 and payable to SS Peter and Paul Church. Deadline

for reservation is Nov. 9th contact Joan Pisack at 570-235-0777.

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for November are available. Awards will begin November 1 – November 30 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and **\$200 on All Saints Day, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving will be awarded this time.** 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.

Baby Bottles will be in the back of the church.

Please take one home, fill and bring back by October 26th. All proceeds will go to the Pro-Life Center, in Wilkes-Barre.

St. Andrew Parish is holding a “Designer Bingo” on Sunday, October 26 at 318 Parrish St. Wilkes-Barre. Bingo starts at 1pm. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$20 and include 20 games. Some prizes include: Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Michael Kors, Vera Bradley, Longaberger, Avon, Jewelry and more. There will be a Theme Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing. Food, refreshments and homemade baked goods will be available. For tickets or more information, please call St. Andrew Rectory at 570-823-1948 or 570-822-8330.

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penn. Blvd. Wilkes-Barre, 5670-829-2424, www.holyredeemerhs.org will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 26th from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Mark your calendars: Scholarship/Placement Test will be held on Saturday, December 13th at 8:30am.

VIRTUS: Protecting God’s Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year 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 warnings signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. Please consider joining your community on Monday, November 3, 2014 at Misericordia University, Dallas, beginning at 4pm, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts: our

children. The session details are listed below and also on our website. Thank you for your cooperation and your willingness to protect our children and to keep them safe.

Christ is Truly Risen and Alive! He knows you personally and is not indifferent to the situations of your life. He has fought and won victory over all the battle over death for you. He wants you to have this victory because he wants you to be happy. The adult (13 year and up) Catechesis begins Monday, October 13th, and continues each Monday and Friday at 7:30pm in St. Monica Church Hall ((570)693-1991), Come and listen to the Good News. (Neo-Catechumenal Way)

Holy Redeemer High School Musical “Damn Yankees” will be held on Friday, Nov. 14th and Saturday, Nov. 5th at 7pm. Reserved seating in advance. Call to pick up presale tickets at 570-829-2424. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$6 for Seniors and \$5 for Students. All are welcome.

Students of Luzerne County are once again invited to submit to the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians 2014-2015 Irish History Contest. The contest is open to any student of grades 6 through 12. This year’s topic is : *The Role of the Irish People in the American Civil War.* For complete contest rules and list of cash prizes, please visit www.ladiesaoh.com or call Mary Ellen Dooley at (570)735-1711. Deadline for entries is November 15, 2014. The J.AOH is a charitable organization of Catholic Irish-American women founded in 1894, and aims to promote Irish history and culture.

Catholic Cruise to Alaska

Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father Leo Prengaman on May 2nd to May 9th on Holland America Westerdam out of Seattle, Washington – Ports of Call: Juneau, Alaska; Glacier Bay; Sitka, Alaska; Ketchikan, Alaska; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle, Washington. Prices begin at \$2,004 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 information or to register, contact Dough or Eileen at 860-399-1785/ Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com