



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2015

Let the children come to me; don not prevent them

For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Mark 10:14

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.

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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



October 5 through October 11
Communion Service
 Mon. 7am
 Tues. 7am *Edward Januskevitz* by Jean Curtis
 Wed. 7am *Michael McGrady* by Lillian Frantz
 Thurs. 7am *Sophie Dreabit*
 by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gosiewski
 Fri. 7am *Frances Wanek* by Fran Mattiucci
 Sat. 1pm *Lambert-Piazza Wedding*
 4pm *Jesse Jude Joyce (A)*
 by Mother, Brother & Sister
 Sun. 8am *Florence Sierko (A)* by Pauline Evans
 11am *Parishioners*

Message of the Week

Mark 10:2-16

In today's Gospel, Jesus sheds light on the nature of Christian marriage. The Pharisees were trying to trick him, but Jesus transformed their plot into a teachable moment. Speaking of the Mosaic law that allowed a man to divorce his wife, Jesus indicated that this man-made law was not the standard by which marriage should be understood. Instead, he referred back to the story of Adam and Eve, where we see the first human couple living in a state of perfect harmony and bliss with each other and with God. God's original plan for marriage was part of the joyful paradise in Eden. But sin entered the world, and with it came a rupture in the pristine unity of the man and the woman. Thus Jesus explains divorce as the result of sin (i.e., "the hardness of your hearts"). But as always, Jesus calls us to transcend the slavery of sin. And more than that, he promises us his own divine help, his grace, and his Spirit to enable us to accomplish what we could not do on our own power.

Encouragement

As vital as oxygen is to the body, so is encouragement to the soul.

- *Anonymous*

*In Memory of
 The Sanctuary Lamp
 Ted Wysocki*

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Marianne Lynch

Flowers on the Altar
Marianne Lynch

September 27, 2015

Contribution	\$7,373
Care for the Priest	\$72
Cemetery	\$5
Charity	\$1,055
Dues	\$808
Maintenance	\$124
Holy Day	\$7
Catholic Mission/Europe	\$10
Utilities	\$5

Questions of the Week?

Mark 10:2-16

How does the Gospel message today speak to the modern debate about marriage?

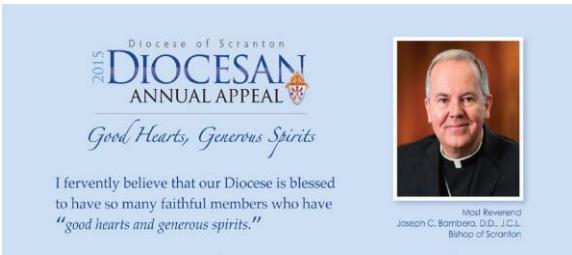
Genesis 2:18-24:

What does the image of man and woman as "suitable partner" say to you?

Hebrews 2:9-11:

According to Hebrews, Jesus and Christians have a common "origin" in "suffering." What's the message here?

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Faith Formation 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	



Our priests and deacons unconditionally answer the call to serve God’s people meeting increasing needs throughout our Diocese. Contributions to the Annual Appeal fund ongoing formation of our priest, permanent deacons, seminarians and deacon candidates. These funds also help us care for and support our 91 retired or ill priests, many of whom continue to generously assist with the celebration of Masses, the visitation of the sic and with encouraging growth, in guiding those who are considering priesthood through a comprehensive discernment process. We are grateful to currently have 10 seminarians pursuing the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton and 29 candidates to the permanent diaconate. Your gift to the Annual Appeal directly supports the celebration of the Eucharist, proclamation of the Gospel, administration of the Sacraments and devotions within our parish communities.

Memorial Donations

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

Organ Donation

\$100 Premos Bakery

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

- \$212 Maine Source
- \$50 Tony & Karen Albert
- \$20 Lena Spagnuolo
- \$10 Anonymous
- \$50 In Memory of Marie T. Kownacki
by Raymond & Kathy Kownacki
- In Memory of Victor Nardone
- \$25 Mary Trainor
- \$25 Priscilla Scovell
- \$20 Robert & Rose Corcoran
- \$100 Timothy & Amina Ryan
- \$100 Sherry & Keith Raymond

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.

Parish Activities
September 27 through October 4

Sun. Sacrament Prep	12:30pm
Mon. Quilting	5pm
Rosary	6:30pm
Tues. Quilting	9am
Wed. Confirmation Question	6pm
Choir	7pm
Thurs Quilting	9am
Sun Youth Group Anniversary	

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.

Lottery Winners

- 9-21 #080 Duane Louderback
- 9-22 #158 Stephanie Makowski
- 9-23 #972 Louise Tontini
- 9-24 #052 Janice Weaver
- 9-25 #694 Francis Gavin
- 9-26 #044 Charles Zajackowski
- 9-27 #301 Mike Bonita

Congratulations to all!!!!

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

The Women Society of SS Peter and Paul Parish

will hold their annual retreat on Saturday, November 14th 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 7th.

Quilt Bingo and Weekend Bake Sale will be held Columbus Day Weekend, October 10th and 11th.

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 11th. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1pm. Please send in your returns as soon as possible as finally plans are being made. *We are still in need of help to run the bingo please consider lending a hand.*

SS Peter and Paul's Food Pantry Shopping List

Cans: Carrots
Fruit
Mixed Veggies
Beets

Others -
Coffee Tea
Cereal Tuna
Jelly
Hamburger Helper

Brown Grocery Bags are also needed

Thanks for all your support!!!

Liturgy Corner: DID YOU KNOW?

Ambo

Ambo is the name we give to the special lectern in our churches where the Scriptures are proclaimed.

In the early church, this was a raised platform with a reading desk located somewhere in the midst of the assembly – an arrangement taken directly from what was customary in the synagogue. The ambo became obsolete in the Middle Ages as the different ministries were assumed by a single priest who performed his various functions from different areas of a very long altar. Restored to us by the reforms of Vatican II, ambos are now prominently located in all of our churches.

The ambo should be commanding in appearance and used only for the proclamation of the Scriptures, the singing of the Responsorial Psalm, the preaching of the homily, The offering of the Universal Prayer of the Faithful, and the singing of the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil.

Marriage Moments

“It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.” (Genesis 2:18) What does it mean to be a good life partner? Certainly it includes sharing life's tasks and supporting each other. Talk about what it would feel like to live alone. Name one thing you especially like about being married?
- Susan Vogt

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.

Sunday, October 11th at S. Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre at 2pm.

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for November are now 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 1st (All Saints Day) and November 26th (Thanksgiving). Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. . We honor on first come first serve basis, so get your request in soon. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

Parenting Pointers

“Let the children come to me... Then [Jesus] embraced them and blessed them.” (Mark 10:14, 16) Sometimes we just want our children to go to sleep; but in our better moments, take the time to hug them. Bless them daily. It can be part of the hug or a bed time prayer. - Susan Vogt

The Catholic Choral Society will open its 2015-2016 performance season on Oct. 11th with a memorial concert honoring the late Norbert Betti who had directed the group for 35 years, (died 2001). The memorial concert will be held at Queen of Angels Parish at St. Michael’s Church, 2322 First Ave, Jessup o Sunday, October 11th at 3pm. The Catholic Choral Society, marking its 67th season, is composed of singers from both Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Wyoming and Susquehanna countries who will present both sacred, operatic, classical and secular music at the concert. The concert is open to the public free of charge.

Bulletin Briefs

“Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love... God invites us to embrace the lives we have been given, for as long as they are given. Every life is worth living.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-OLife Activities
2016-16 Respect Life Program Reflection Flyer*

Holy Redeemer High School Night at the Races will be held on November 7. Make plans to enjoy the evening with family and friends. For more information call Holy Redeemer HS at 570-829-2424.

St. Andrew Parish, 318 Parrish St., Wilkes-Barre is holding a “Designer Bingo” on Sunday, October 25 in the church hall. Bingo starts at 1pm. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$20 and includes 20 games. Some prizes include purses by Coach, Dooney & Bourke and Vera Bradley. Also jewelry and gift cards. There will be a Theme Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawing. Food, refreshments and homemade baked goods will be available for sale. For tickets or more information, please call St. Andrew Parish Rectory at 570-823-1948 or 570-822-8330.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, will hold a Piggie Take Out Dinner on Wednesday, October 14th from 4pm to 7pm. Pick up in the Church Hall. Cost is \$8. Dinner includes 2 piggies, mashed potatoes, vegetable and dessert. For information please call the rectory at 5870-823-6242.

The Scranton Diocese canonically established Holy Annunciation Secular Order Discalced Carmelites invites you to an information session which will be held from 2 – 4pm on Sunday, October 18th. Men and women 18 – 65 are welcome, especially those who feel called to a deeper consecration in life and wish to experience Carmelite spirituality and community. The program will be held at the Holy Annunciation Monastery, 403 West County Road, Sugarloaf, Pa 18249. To register and for more information or directions call Ann Marie Fierro at 570-454-4493, Ida Gallagher at 570-454-6209 or Patricia Polesko at 570-788-6248 or Marie Schimmelbush at 570-822-6561.

The Confraternity of Christian Women’s Organization of Holy Family Church, Sugar Notch is sponsoring their Annual Fall Bingo on Sunday, October 18th. It will be held in the Church Hall at 828 Main Street. Doors open at 12 Noon and games start at 1pm. Refreshments will be available for sale. Admission is \$5. Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the bingo. Baskets, gift cards, crafts and small appliances are just a few of the prizes. Prize for the final special will be an Apple iPad Mini with case.