



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 1, 2015

*Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.*

- Psalm 95:6

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



February 2 through February 8

Mon 7am **Mark Yanaitis** by Malinovitch Family
 Tues. 7am **Stella Cybulski** by Former St. Joseph Altar & Rosary Society
 Wed. 7am **Communion Service**
 Thurs. 7am **John Letinski (A)** by Daughters
 Fri. 7am **Florence Baczmarge** by Husband & Children
 Sat. 4pm **Patricia Bachman** by Helen & Stanley Stanski
 Sun. 8am **Parishioners**
 11am **Celia Katsak (A) Husband & Children**

In case of inclement weather conditions,
 If Wilkes-Barre Area is cancelled, there will no Mass;
 if there is a delay, Mass will be at 12:10pm

Pastor's Message *Mark 1:21-28*

"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."

Jesus was doing something different. His teaching was new, fresh, surprising. And just in case those who heard him doubted his legitimacy, Jesus proved his authority by more than words; he cast out evil spirits. When the people witnessed Jesus commanding "even the unclean spirits" and saw that these spirits obeyed him, they were "amazed" at this "new teaching with authority."

What our Jewish ancestors experienced is recorded for us to bolster our own faith. Although we were not there to see these events unfold, if we meditate on the reality of today's Gospel story we will also be astonished and amazed. Jesus is more than a teacher. He is more than a kind man with an attractive philosophy. Jesus has power over the spiritual world! His authority over us is real. And he exercises this authentic authority for our own good. He has the power to do away with evil and to set us free, both through his teachings—passed on to us in the Bible and in the Church—and through his action in our lives. We only need to follow

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp

John Letinski

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ted Toloczko

January 18, 2015

Contribution	\$6,075
Dues	\$1,482
Maintenance	\$75
Charity	\$1,080
Care and Education of Priest	\$68
Christmas	\$25
Lenten Offering	\$15
Initial Offering	\$110
Holy Day	\$33
Human Development	\$1,468

Questions of the Week

Mark 1:21-28:

Why do you think Mark records an exorcism as Jesus' first miracle?

Deuteronomy 18:15-20:

Why do you think Moses' prophecy ends with such a dire warning?

1 Corinthians 7:32-35:

How does your faith life assist you in being "free of anxieties"?

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

Justice Notes

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him

- Deuteronomy 18: 18

In Moses' time, the people were so terrified by the power of the Lord that God pledged to put power in one of their kin (man or woman) to deliver His words. So, it is understandable that the Hebrew word for prophet, nabi, means "a fruit produced from the inside of man, a knowledge of something that is not known by the five senses." The prophet or prophetess is one who brings forth this inner fruit, they intuit the correct action. This can be very unnerving for those who are relying only on sense perception to evaluate things. Fast forward to Jesus' time and you see people who know Jesus and are now wondering about his actions and how he teaches with authority. What does this all mean to us today? Perhaps, it means that we should be looking beyond the surface of things to get to the real truth. For that, we have to journey inward and examine our own assumptions, world view, and prejudices. What social injustice do you accept as the way things are? Why do you feel this way? Pope Francis keeps talking about social justice, like the ancient prophets, but are we receiving his teachings, examining them in our hearts, and acting upon them? He writes in Lumen Fidei (15, 17), that, "Christian faith is thus faith in a perfect love, in its decisive power, in its ability to transform the world and to unfold its history. . . . Our culture has lost its sense of God's tangible presence and activity in our world. We think that God is to be found in the beyond, on another level of reality, far removed from our everyday relationships. But if this were the case, if God could not act in the world, his love would not be truly powerful, truly real, and thus not even true, a love capable of delivering the bliss that it promises. God trusts us to put the love we have received into action to help transform the world. Edgar Guest, an English-born American poet, writes this simple poem:

The things that haven't been done before
Are the tasks worthwhile today;
Are you one of the flock that follows, or
Are you one that shall lead the way?

Parish Activities

February 1 through February 8

Sun. Class 9:30am – 10:30am

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

Tues. Quilting 9am

Thur. Quilting 9am

**Sun. Religious Education Classes
Donut pick up this weekend**

Are you one of the timid souls that quail
At the jeers of a doubting crew,
Or dare you, whether you win or fail,
Strike out for a goal that's new?

The Feast of St. Blaise takes place on Tuesday. The Blessing of Throats will take place during the 7am Mass, Tuesday.

Memorial Donations

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

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack
\$250 Barbara Ann Miller
\$20 Elaine M. Felli
\$25 In Memory of Betty Rubasky
by Rob & Gina Klepadlo
\$25 In Memory of Virginia Cimino
by Jane Biniek
\$25 In Memory of Julia Josephine Berretta
by Jane Biniek

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.

Lottery Winners

1-19 #595 SS Peter and Paul
1-20 #581 Stef Sepela
1-21 #291 Joseph Stec
1-22 #832 Patti Wiatrowski
1-23 #040 Rosalie Robinson
1-24 #611 Paulinette Tippins
1-25 #901 Marion Koneski

Congratulations to All!!!

A Trip to 911 Memorial in New York, sponsored by the Women's Group is planned for April 15th. The bus will leave the Bank Street Parking Lot at 8am. Following the Memorial the bus will take you to the Avenue of the Americas. You'll spend the remainder of the day as you wish. The cost is \$65. This includes the Memorial ticket and bus. (Dinner is not included). The bus will leave NYC at 6:30pm. Payment is due at the time of your reservation. Contact Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815 for more information and to reserve a seat. A trip to see The Miracle of Christmas in Lancaster is planned for November 18th. Details at a future date.

"The Prayer Shawl" Group will meet on Feb. 9th at 7pm in the Parish Center. The shawls wrap, comfort, cover, give solace, a hug, shelter and beautify those who receive them. The Prayer Shawls will be made by the parish, blessed by Father and given to those in need. Come join/learn/teach/get involved (people will be available to teach if you do not crochet or knit). Anyone wishing to donate cash and or yarn please bring to the rectory. For more information contact Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969 or Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815.

Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser sponsored by the 2015 Confirmation candidates will be held the weekend of February 7 & 8. Donuts/certificates (Certificates are used at the buyers convince and can be used at two stores that are located in Scranton and one in Clarks Summit) can be picked up after all Masses in the School Auditorium. Cost is \$7.50 per dozen/certificate, and payment is due at the time of ordering. Proceeds will be used for a upcoming Confirmation Project. Please fill out the form below and return to the rectory or place in the collection basket by Feb. 3rd.

Thanks for your support.

Contributions for 2014

Anyone wishing a financial statement for 2014 please call the Rectory at 570-825-6663.

Reminder

All Christmas decorations should be removed from our cemeteries. Help to keep our cemeteries a clean and respectful place by properly disposing of any decorations or waste.

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount pledged as of Dec. 22, 2014 is \$59,062. We are under our goal by \$14,938. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Diocesan Annual Appeal can call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 or on-line at www.DioceseofScranton.org. Each gift truly matters.

Lottery Tickets

Tickets for March are in the printing process and will soon be available. Awards will begin March 1 and end March 31 – a winner daily number (excludes the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on March 19th. 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 next weekend.**

Food Pantry

Thank you to all, who continue to support the Food Pantry. We are grateful for the food and monetary donations received in the past year. The holidays were an extremely busy time for the Pantry. The shelves are quite empty and need restocking. We are in need of:

*Canned fruits and vegetables,
Meats, Tuna,
Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soups,
Boxes: Pasta, Spaghetti,
Macaroni & Cheese
Hamburger Helper*

We cannot use outdated, opened or dented items. Again thank you for your continue support!!!

Marriage Moments

(Ground Hog Day) In the spirit of the groundhog, develop your shadow side today. If you're shy, make an overture to someone in need. If you're not very affectionate, give your spouse an unexpected kiss or hug. If you're a work-a-holic, take some time off to play together. You get the idea.

- Susan Vogt

Wedding Anniversary Mass

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2015 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 7. (This is a change from the original date of June 21). The event includes a 2:30pm Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through your pastor before March 16. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to participate.

Parenting Pointers

February is Black History Month. No matter what our skin color, religion, or economic status we need to learn to get along with people who are different from us. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

- Susan Vogt

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Hanover Township is having a Soup, Bake and Book Sale on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 8am to 6pm. Soup of the month is Piggie Soup. Cost is \$8 per quart. Take outs only. Your pre-order will be appreciated. To place an order, call Sylvia at 570-825-6370 or Barry at 570-831-5593.

St Andrew Parish is holding a Pre-Lenten "Piggie" Dinner on Sunday, February 15 from 11:30am to 3:30pm in the Church Hall, 318 Parrish Street, W-B. The dinner will consist of three "Piggies", mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, butter, desserts and coffee, tea or water. Tickets will be sold only at the door at \$10 each. Only 300 dinners will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis. Servings and take-outs will continue until we are sold out. A Bake Sale will also be held.

St Anthony & St. George Church will be holding their 2nd Annual Fat Sunday on Feb. 15th at 11am until they sell out. Located at St. Anthony Church on corner of Park Ave and Dana Street. We will be featuring a \$5 Ala Carte Menu with items such as Kibbeh (Raw and Baked), Tabouli, Grape Leaves, Hummus, Laban with Cucumber, Luby and Rice. There will also be a Bake Sale with Cakes, Goodies and Lebanese Pastries. Coffee, Soda and Water included. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend and enjoy yourself before Lent begins!


St. Andre Bessette, Wilkes-Barre will sponsor an Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner on Feb. 18 at Father Zolcinski Hall. Dinner will be served from 4pm – 6pm, including take outs. Cost is \$8.50. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 11. For tickets call Mary at 570-823-4988. Proceeds will benefit the Parish Social Justice Ministry.

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Gospel Today
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28
Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- Where can we hear the Good News?
- How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?

