



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2015

Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths..
Psalm 25:4

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 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 23 through March 1

Mon 7am **Joseph Balestrini** by Alexy Family
 Tues. 7am **Hugh Drew** by Wife & Children
 Wed. 7am Communion Service
 6pm **Erald Biondi** by Sean & Debbie Rauden
 Bush & Family
 Thurs. 7am **Ann Gavin** by family
 Fri. 7am **Ted Toloczko**
 by Susan & Ronald Osmanski
 6:30pm **Stations of the Cross**
 Sat. 4pm Parishioners
 Sun. 8am **Patricia Bachman**
 by Rita & Karen Humko
 11am **Joan Sailus**
 by Frank & Camille Glazenski

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

Message of the Week *Mark 1:12-15*

Lent is meant to be our journey into the desert. Just as Jesus spent these days fighting with temptation and ultimately building up his spiritual strength, we too are called to spend the next forty days doing battle with the things that tempt us. We are invited during this holy season to grow in self-discipline by giving something up for Lent. The long-standing Christian practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are also important elements of this spiritual battle. When we pray, we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, thereby squeezing out any spirit of selfishness or evil that threatens to control our hearts. When we fast, we exercise the virtue of temperance, or self-control. This virtue is of tremendous value when we are tempted to indulge our bodily senses in ways that are not healthy or holy. And almsgiving— when it is truly generous— also strengthens us spiritually by shifting our gaze to the needs of others, even to the point of making a personal sacrifice. During Lent, we acknowledge the battle between good and evil within our own souls and do what we can to stir up a victory for goodness. This season of purification can help each of us to become a better, holier, and therefore happier person. May we make good use of this, our journey into the desert.

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Daniel Jescavage

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ted Wysocki

February 8, 2015

Contribution	\$5,261
Dues	\$2,695
Maintenance	\$209
Charity	\$64
Care and Education of Priest	\$115
Utilities	\$10
Lenten	\$65
Ash Wednesday	\$22
Initial Offering	\$50

Questions of the Week

Mark 1:12-15:

Why is repentance necessary to believe in the Gospel message?

Genesis 9:8-15:

What does the story of Noah and the flood tell you about God?

1 Peter 3:18-22:

How do you think Christ's suffering leads believers to God?

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.



Message
from your Pastor

Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

Our Parish Goal is \$74,000. Amount pledged as of Feb.. 9, 2015 is \$62,697. We are under our goal by \$11,303. 421 Parishioner have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Anyone wishing to contribute Appeal can call the Diocesan

Rosary in need of Repair?

Call Len Kalinoski, (570-829-1864) member of the Holy Name Society for a free repair

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.

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.

Marriage Moments

“I establish my covenant with you.: (Genesis 9:11) Although this passage refers to God’s covenant with Noah to never again destroy all living creatures by a flood, your marriage covenant is likewise a life-giving promise. Choose a symbol (Like a rainbow) to be a reminder of your promise to each other.

- Susan Vogt

Every Monday evening during Lent, each parish throughout the Diocese of Scranton will have their “lights on” from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for confession so that Catholics can come to or return to this incredible source of God’s grace, mercy and healing.

Parish Activities

February 22 through March 1

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

Mon. Quilting 5pm
Confession 5:30pm – 7pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Lenten Spiritual Experience
7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am

Thur. Quilting 9am

Fri. *Stations of the Cross* 6:30pm

Sun. Religious Education Classes Financial Peace University at Parish Center at 9:30am.

Pierogies Are Available at the Parish Office during Office Hours until all are gone. Cost per dozen is \$7.

The Quality of Change

To change and to change for the better are two different things.
German Proverb

Increased Offertory Program

Commitment Sunday is this weekend at all Masses. We encourage all parishioners to complete and turn in your commitment cards to the church. The Commitment Card contains information on how to plan your increased offertory gift to the church, and asks for your commitment over the next year. If you have any questions regarding this program, or how to give electronically, please contact the parish office.

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!!!

Parenting Pointers

“I establish my covenant with you.”. (Genesis 9:11)
God’s covenant with Noah was a solemn promise. Talk with your child(ren) today about what it means to make a promise. Is it ever OL to break a promise?
- Susan Vogt

The Lenten Buffet is scheduled for Friday, March 6th in the School Hall. The buffet will include baked fish, pierogi, haluski, homemade pizza, choice of soup, French fries, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. Dinner and takeouts will begin at 4pm and run until 7pm. Cost is \$11 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under. Children under 3 are free. Planning to attend, please fill out the coupon below enclose payment and drop in Collection Basket or bring to the Rectory during Office Hours. Names of families will be at the door.

Lenten Buffet

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of Adults _____

#of children _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Memorial Donations

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

SS. Peter and Paul Parish

\$150 In Memory of Dorothy Vearling
by Glenn and Susan Heiser

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$25 by Elizabeth Hession

In Memory of Alvida Eustice

\$100 Tile Distributors of America

\$100 Carolyn and Ed Bonsavage

\$50 Ruth Polk and Peggy Smith

\$50 Phyllis Bogetti

\$50 Michaeline and Bob Wozniak

\$50 Norma and Victor Nardone

\$50 Dr. Gwen Galasso

\$40 Audrey Malinovitch

\$35 Barbara & Bob Shedlock

\$30 Josephine Gross

\$25 Cathy Hoinski

\$25 Mary Kropiewnicki

\$25 Lisa and Joe Harding

\$25 Dorothy & Keith Jones

\$25 Tina and Frank Sabatini

\$25 Monica Ciolek

\$25 Jean Curtis

\$25 Joan Pisack

\$25 Jean Curtis

\$20 Martha Yanaitis

\$20 John & Mary Ann Stopay

\$20 Marion Koneski

\$20 Deb & Joe Bronack

\$20 Jennie Lavix

\$20 Ann Marie and Thomas Merlie

\$20 Elaine Felli

\$10 Suzann Kelly

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.

Beauty in Forgiveness

Humanity is never so beautiful as when praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving another.

- Jean P. F. Richter

The St. Joseph's Table will be held on March 19th from 5pm to 6:30pm in the School Hall. The custom of the St. Joseph's Table is to bless bread and other simple foods and share them with the poor. Our St. Joseph's Table will consist of a variety of soups, salad and breads. All are invited to join us in this celebration. We will begin with the Blessing Prayers for St. Joseph Table. Anyone able and willing to donate soups should contact Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968. Monetary donations for this simple meal will be given to our Food Pantry.

We All Need a Plan for Our Money. *Financial Peace University (FPU)* is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities. FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! The class meets once a week for 9 weeks for about 90 minutes. Each week covers a financial topic such as saving, creating a budget, saving for college or retirement and much more! Please come and join us on Sunday, March 1st at 9:30am in the Parish Center for the course preview of what you might learn during the program. For more information you can contact the programs Lead Coordinator Jason Giomboni at jgiomboni@gmail.com or 570-793-9408.

The Diocese of Scranton Cursillo Movement will be hosting a "Grand Ultreya" on Sunday, March 8, at Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall, 742 Spring St., Avoca, Pa from 2pm – 6pm. All diocesan parish Cursillistas and friends are invited to join us for an afternoon of prayer, friendship, sharing and fun. A pot luck dinner and music are part of the day. Please join us! Any questions can be directed to madcroft526@msn.com.

Knights of Columbus in Luzerne is under new management and have a chef on board in our kitchen and are having a Lenten specials from fish to pizza in February and March with a St. Paddy's day Ham and Cabbage Dinner please call for reservations sit in and take out welcome limited to 100 meals please contact us at 570-287-2826 or email kofchall32987@gmail.com.

Protecting God's Children VIRTUS

Program will take place on Monday, March 16th, beginning at 4pm on the campus of Misericordia University, Dallas. A notice with complete details is attached and included on our diocesan website: www.dioceseofscranton.org. If you are an adult volunteer who works a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children, please take part in this important resource to secure the safety of our children.

Celebrate "Read Across America" with Dr. Seuss and the Wimpy Kid

Save the date! Come one, come all, come large, come small, to celebrate reading, we'll have a ball. We'll have games and refreshments – the fun never ends! Be sure to come and bring some friends! For all children in Grades Pre-K to Grade 5 – Sunday, March 1st, 12 noon to 1:30pm at Wyoming Area Catholic School. RSVP 570-654-7982.

Bring joy to a child living with a life-threatening medical condition

today by referring him/her to Make-A-Wish. Contact Christina at 570-341-9474 or via email, Clatham@wishworld.org. Making a referral takes only a few minutes, but the impact of a wish is long-lasting

Homemade Pasta and Sausage Dinner

held at St. Maria Goretti on Sunday, March 8th from noon to 5pm. Dinner includes salad, rolls/butter, beverage and dessert. Take out are from noon to 4pm. Tickets available at the door for \$11. Children 5 years and under are free for eat in only.

Choral Society Lenten Concerts

In a 66 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 8th in Wilkes-Barre and on March 15th in Forty Fort. The first concert on Sunday, March 8th will be held at St. Andrew Parish, 316 Parish St., W-B at 3pm. The second concert will be presented by Forty Fort United Methodist Church, 26 Yeager Ave. Forty Fort on Sunday, March 15th at 3pm. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. The group, marking its 66th season, is composed of members from both Luzerne and Lackawanna counties who will perform inspirational music in the Advent tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.org.