



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*The Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016*

*Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory.
— Isaiah 62:2*

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 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



January 18 through January 24

- M 1/18 7AM *Communion Service*
- T 1/19 7AM *Julia Berretta* by Mary Drew
- W 1/20 7AM *Mary Mido* by Gregory Miskiewicz
- Th 1/21 7AM *Isabelle Neishell*
by Patricia Krubitzer
- F 1/22 7AM *Joseph Gill*
by Mr. & Mrs. Denny Whitcomb
- S 1/23 4PM *Dorothy Letinski Vearling*
by Husband, Tom
- S 1/24 8AM *Beth Bonn (A)* by family
11AM *Living and Deceased Parishioners*

SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

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The Office and Parish Center is Closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp
John Kozik

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
John J. Krulack

January 10, 2016

Contribution	\$7,222
Dues	\$985
Diocesan Charities	\$23
Care of the Priest	\$243
St. Vincent de Paul	\$33
Holy Day	\$92
Christmas Flowers	\$10
Christmas	\$135
Initial Offering	\$555

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
- Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Thursday: St. Agnes
- Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children
- Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Pastor Rev. John C. Lambert	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director Joan Turel	
Faith Formation Sande Holena	Facilities Engineer Michael Levandowski
Organist Christine Katsock	Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono
Ushers Paul Muczynski	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Youth Group Maryann/Michael Quinn

Children Envelopes

If your child used envelopes last year you will be receiving them in the near future.

Anyone wanting children envelopes for their child/children are asked to call the Rectory.

Financial Statements for 2015 are now available by calling the Rectory.

Memorial Donations

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

SS. Peter and Paul Parish

\$1000 Estate of Ursula Lynn

\$25 In Memory of Stanley (Chick) Seichoski
by Irene Keil & Family

SS Peter and Paul Organ Fund

\$250 In Memory of Joseph Miller
by Barbara Miller

SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$75 Anonymous

\$75 Joseph & Deborah Bronack

\$500 In Memory of Joseph Miller
by Barbara Miller

\$200 In Memory John & Anna Krokos;s Family
by Richard & Diane Krokos

\$50 In Memory of Anthony Wilk by Family

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.

In Celebration of Catholic School's Week, all children attending Catholic Schools are asked to wear their school uniform and attend the 11am Mass on Sunday January 31.

Holy Week Choir is begin formed to sing at the Holy Week Liturgies. All who participated in the Christmas and Confirmation choirs are invited to return and new members are welcome.

The first rehearsal will take place on Wednesday, January 20 at 7pm in the choirloft.

The Holy Week Liturgies are the high point of our liturgical celebration as a church. Giving the gift of your musical talent will richly enhance these liturgies.

Parish Activities

January 17 through January 24

Sun. Faith Formation 9:30AM
Youth Group Christmas Party

Mon. Office and Parish Center Closed
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tues. Quilting 9AM
Liturgy 6:30PM

Wed. Choir 7PM

Thurs Quilting 9AM
Parish Council 6:30PM

Fri. Appreciation Dinner 6:30PM

Sun. Faith Formation 9:30AM

Pierogi Sales for the Advent Season were \$1,444. Again, thanks to all who came out to make the pierogi for the enjoyment of all who purchased them.

Parishioners Who Have Rosaries in need of repair can call Len Kalinoski, Holy Name Society at 570-829-1864.

Food Pantry

We can use all types of

Can goods

Pasta

Peanut Butter

Tuna

Jelly

Fruit

Spaghetti Sauce

Vegetables

Coffee

Paper products

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know? Bread

For about eight hundred years, bread for the Eucharist was the regular type of bread that people ate every day.

During the Middle Ages, the practice of using unleavened bread developed, increased in popularity, and advanced to the force of law.

The sense of unworthiness that grew up in the laity at that time resulted in decreased reception of communion and less need for large loaves of bread.

Also, increasing reverence for the consecrated bread resulted in a desire for this bread to be different in appearance from that which was recognized as everyday food.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal in use today indicates that bread for the Eucharist should appear as "real food." This is difficult to achieve; however, since it is still mandatory that the only ingredients allowed are wheat flour and water.

Thanks To All Who Donated Items For The Blessing Bag (Luzerne Community College)

Approximately 160 bags were filled and distributed to Ruth's Place and Mother Theresa Haven.

Lottery Winners#

1-1 #685 Frank Dessoye
1-2 #218 Jonathan Eustice
1-3 #456 Jim Langorne
1-4 #824 Marion Koneski
1-5 #898 Ruth Stolinas
1-6 #117 Michaeline Woznaik
1-7 #657 Pat Stella
1-8 #277 Charlott Hendershot
1-9 #134 Mr. & Mrs. Joseh Shedlock
1-10 #645 Jordan Mangan

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal is \$70,000, 377 parishioners made a pledge contributing \$56,852. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already.

Marriage Moments

Spiritual Gifts Include: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, accomplishments, prophecy, good judgement, communication skills, understanding...(1Cor 12:4-011) Which of these gifts is your beloved especially good at?

- Susan Vogt

Israel: A Biblical Journey with Optional 4-Night Discover Jordan Post Tour Extension, April 11th – 19th, 2016. Highlights...Jaffa, Caesarea, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Golan Heights, Caesarea Philippi, Mount Tabor, Tel Megiddo, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, Ein Karem, Via Dolorosa, Western wall, and Garden Tomb. Price for double is \$3,859, Single is \$4,509 and Triple is \$3,829 per person. Please contact Karen at Sea the World Travel at 570-714-5566.

Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Monday, Jan. 25th at 12:10PM in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton." All are welcome to attend. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., will preside, and Bishop Jeremaih Park of the Susquehanna Conference, Methodist Church will deliver the homily.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass, for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary will be held on Sunday, June 5. The event includes a 2:30PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address should be made by calling our Parish Office before Marcy 7th.

Northeast Bearcats present a Night at the Races on Saturday, January 30th at SS Peter and Paul Bernadine Hall. Doors Open at 6PM and races begin at 7PM. Adults only – 21 and over. Free food and refreshments will be provided. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Holy Redeemer HS Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Results Night and registration night for incoming freshmen will be held on Jan. 27th at 7pm in the auditorium.

Parenting Pointers

“How, in this materialistic, competitive world, can I raise kind children?” ...Begin by being a kind adult. When your child sees you go the extra mile to help a friend, carry someone’s groceries, or invite people in to your life who aren’t exactly like you, your child will see loving kindness as the natural way to live. (Mimi Doe) - Susan Vogt

The Oblates of St. Joseph will host the Annual Feast of the Holy Spouses, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, on Sunday, January 24th with a special Holy Mass at 2pm at the Oblates Chapel, Route 315. Everyone is invited to attend especially all married couples and future married couples as a special blessing will be imparted upon them. A light reception will follow in the seminary community room for all to enjoy.

A triduum (3 Days of prayers) will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 21st – 23rd. with a Holy Mass at 7pm and Novena prayers. The Holy Rosary and Confessions will be before the Holy Mass. Come early.

You are invited to attend. Offer your personal petitions to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as we are celebrating the Year of Mercy.

Wyoming Area Catholic School Open House

You are invited to spread the good news about Wyoming Area Catholic School by joining us for an Open house at 1690 Wyoming Exeter on Sunday, January 31st from 12pm to 2pm. Come and see what we have to offer. Tours will be given by students, parents, teachers and administrators who will answer all your questions and concerns.

22nd Annual National Memorial for the Pre-Born and Their Mothers and Fathers will take place on January 22nd at DAR Constitution Hall, 1776 D. St. NW (18th & D St.), Washington DC from 8:30-10³⁰am. (A short walk to the March for Life rally starting point). This will be the premier prayer event marking the tragic commemoration of

Roe vx. Wade. For those who wish , there will be a Catholic Mass at 7:30am. Doors open at 7am. Admission is free, no tickets are required, and large groups are welcome. For more information go to www.NationalPrayerService.com.

St. Nicholas –St. Mary School PTG will hold its annual Winter Bazaar on Friday, January 22 from 8am to 9pm in the school gymnasium, 242 South Washington St. W-B.. The bazaar is open to the public from 3pm to 9pm. There will be traditional bazaar food for sale, including potato pancakes, pierogis, haluski, etc. In addition, there will be plenty of games for the children. Please join the school community in helping raise funds for various projects the school is interested in completing for the students.

KID'S KORNER

Gospel Today
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 2: 1-11

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THE WEDDING AT CANA

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.

Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." (And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.")

His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it.

And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now."

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

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- 2 ___ Christ
- 5 A preposition / location
- 6 Equals 4 quarts (plural)
- 8 Jesus' followers
- 9 Clean w/water (plural)
- 10 Waiter in charge
- 12 Alcohol from grapes
- 14 Man getting married
- 17 ___, better, best
- 19 Mary said, "do ___ he tells you."
- 21 "Fill the jars ___ water."
- 22 Jars made of rock or ___
- 24 Cana is in ___
- 25 To make full
- 26 Number after five
- 27 Without delay
- 28 Objective case of whom

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- 1 Not the end, but the ___
- 2 ___ ceremonial washings
- 3 Game, Simon ___
- 4 The wedding at ___
- 7 Cars stop at stop ___ (plural)
- 9 From a faucet
- 11 "I do" is said at a ___
- 13 Another name for waiter (plural)
- 15 Mary, Jesus' ___
- 16 Holds water or wine (plural)
- 18 Not in, but ___
- 20 Six jars were each ___
20 - 30 gallons
- 21 Not if, but ___
- 22 Verb (past tense) of say
- 23 Being one of two

Mary says to Jesus,

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