



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7, 2016*

*I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth.
- Psalm 138:1*

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

M 2/8 7AM **Communion Service**
T 2/9 7AM **Stella Cybulski** by Mr. & Mrs. Drew Kipinis
W 2/10 7AM **Thomas Stanski** by Bernadine Stanski
 12:15PM **Josephine Krakoski** by McKitish Family
 7PM **John Torony** by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lispi
Th 2/11 7AM **Zigmund Koshinski** by Fred Pissott
F 2/12 7AM **Emily Chrzanowski** by Children
S 2/13 4PM **Erald Biondi** Alfred Berrettini
S 2/14 8AM **Mr. & Mrs. John Kelly** by Family
 11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!

"Holy, holy, holy!" Ancient languages, like the Hebrew used in the scriptures, did not always have a way to express superlatives in one word. Isaiah could not say God was "holiest," so he used the threefold repetition of the same word. This bit of scriptural minutiae about these "three little words" that we sing at every Mass serves as a reminder that answering God's call has to be grounded in awareness of God's holiness. In Isaiah and in the Gospel passage today, we hear accounts of the revelation of God's power and might: the seraphim in the temple and the miraculous catch of fish. These are not wondrous revelations for their own sakes. They lead to a response in mission, Isaiah's "Here I am, send me!" and the disciples' leaving everything to follow Jesus. And so must our own "Holy, Holy, Holy!" lead us to Christ in the Eucharist every Sunday, and to a life following him day by day.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — In a vision Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the LORD of hosts. Isaiah responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalms — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel — Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. Simon and his partners leave all to follow Jesus (Luke 5:1-11).

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of ...*

*Celia Katsak
Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Celia Katsak
Flowers on the Altar
Celia Katsak*

January 31, 2016

Contribution	\$9,074
Dues	\$1,047
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$1,448
Care of the Priest	\$34
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,361
Christmas	\$50
Initial Offering	\$130
Maintenance	\$120
Lenten	\$9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scout Sunday

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani;
St. Josephine Bakhita;
Chinese New Year 4714

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
Almsgiving

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes;
World Day of the Sick;
National Shut-in Visitation Day

Friday: Lincoln's Birthday; Abstinence

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

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Masses will be at 7AM, 12:15PM and 7PM.
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Our Parish Pastoral Council is planning for our future and we want YOU to be part of it! WE are discerning ways to connect with you in this ever changing fast paced world. We would like SS Peter and Paul Parish to meet your needs and those of our community. We are trying something new: a Focus Group. This Focus Group is intended to be a conversation with you within a small group of individuals to hear your thoughts about the life and mission of SS Peter and Paul Parish. These Focus Groups will take place over the next couple of months so stay tuned. Our first Focus Group will be with our Seniors and also Parents of school age children. The Parish Council is looking forward to your thoughts and input!

Enhance You Lenten Journey to Easter!

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be celebrated on Sunday, February 21 at 4:30PM in our church. This form of prayer with music creates a calming atmosphere which becomes a doorway to reflection and meditation. This particular prayer will focus on the Passion of Christ, with time to venerate the cross. Rob Yenkowski, the music director at King's College and The Cantores Christi Regis Choir will be our ministers of music for this prayer. A freewill offering will be taken up at the end of the service to show our appreciation for tier time and ministry to our parish. This prayer will surely enhance your Lenten journey to Easter.

Children Envelopes are in the vestibule for pick up. Any adult wishing children envelopes for their child can call the Rectory during Office Hours.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10;
Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5,
10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Parish Activities

February 7 through February 14

Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM
Mon.	Quilting Grief Support Rosary	5PM 6PM 6:30PM
Tues.	Quilting	9AM
Wed.	Ash Wednesday	
Thurs.	Quilting Parish Council	9AM 6:30PM
Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM

Our Lenten Buffet is scheduled for Friday, March 11th in Bernardine Hall, (formerly 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 take outs will begin at 4PM and run until 6:30PM. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under, children under 3 are free. Planning to attend...please fill out the coupon below (this will help with planning) 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

Family Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know? Chalice

A chalice is the vessel used to hold wine for consecration during the celebration of a Eucharistic liturgy.

In the earliest church, ordinary domestic drinking vessels such as those made of glass or clay were used for this purpose.

By the third century, precious metals were becoming more common in the crafting of chalices that were quite large and sometimes even double-handled to facilitate the serving of many communicants from a single source.

During the Middle Ages, as great reverence for the sacramental elements came to overshadow their significance as a unifying meal, fear of spillage ended the practice of the entire community being offered the consecrated wine. At this time, chalices decreased in size and came under increasing rules about how they were to be made.

Chalices had to be lined in gold prior to the Second Vatican Council, but current rules indicate only that chalices be made of noble material and have bowls that are non-absorbent and rustproof.

The word chalice comes from the Latin word *calix* which means cup.

Good News!!! Burial Plots in our Parish Cemeteries; SS Peter and Paul, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph are available. For more information please contact the Rectory during Office Hours.

Pieorgi Making Time

Father Jack is asking all volunteers in joining him on Feb. 27th at 10AM in Bernardine Hall (snow date of March 5th) in learning to make pierogi. Our Parish has a strong tradition of making pierogi. And now it's time to invite everyone to join Father to be a part of our tradition. There are many jobs that need to be done besides pinching, from mixing the dough, rolling the dough, cutting the circles, scooping the fillings, boiling the pierogi, drying and packing the pierogi, carrying the trays over to the church, cleaning up, packing the pierogi the next day and selling them after Mass. As Father's Mother would say, many hands make light work. So please join us on Feb. 27th at 10AM.

Seats in the Alto Section of Easter Choir are still vacant. Anyone who sings alto and wishes to be part of the Easter Choir please join us for practice on Wednesday evening at 7PM.

Financial Statement for 2015 are now available, please call the Rectory for your individual statement.

The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul is going to enjoy an evening of dining and music on April 9th at Woodloch Pines. Diner will be served at 6PM in the Dining Room, meal includes a seafood appetizer, choice of one of four entrees, dessert and beverage. Woodloch Pines presents the Best of the Worlds TV Shows – Songs, Skits, Dancing from the 50's etc. Cost is \$70 which includes transportation, show and diner. Reservation confirmed as the time of full payment. Checks payable to Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul and mailed to Joan Pisack, 80 E. Carey St., Plains, PA 18705. For more information call Joan at 570-822-3815.

Potato/Cheese Pierogi will be available for sale after all Masses next week. The cost is \$8 per dozen. They can also be purchased at the Rectory during Office Hours.

Grief Support Group will meet on Monday, Feb. 8th in the Lower Level of the Parish Center beginning at 6PM. The purpose of this group is to help those grieving the death of a loved one. Methods of coping, dismiss false assumptions, giving support and sharing experience are all part of the process of recovery. Sessions are open to all who wish to attend.

Marriage Moments

Mardi Gras allows us a last fling before the Lenten penitential season. Do something frivolous together today. Eat something decadent, give each other a massage, wear wild make-up, enjoy being foolish. If you're the uptight type, let go. You'll have six weeks to exercise your over-responsible side.

Changes to Our Bi-Monthly Lottery

There are changes taking place all around us, including our Lottery. In the past we ran a bi-monthly lottery, cost being \$5. We are changing our Lottery to being a Seasonal Lottery (Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter) with prizes everyday. Prizes are as follows: Monday thru Saturday - \$25; Sunday - \$100, and three large prizes of \$300 throughout the Season. In the Spring Lottery the special prizes will be Pentecost, May 15th, The Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 3rd and The Feast of SS Peter and Paul, June 29th. It will begin on April 1st and run through June 30. Like in the past it will Match the Pa Lottery Pick 3 Evening Drawing. The cost of the new Lottery will be \$10. There will still be a Sellers Drawing, those selling 25 or more will have their name put in the drawing for \$50 and those selling 10 will be in the \$10 drawing. Reserve your numbers using the form below or by calling the Rectory during Office Hours. All who have reserved numbers in the past are asked to please contact Diana as to whether you will continue reserving your current numbers. Tickets are in the printing process and will be available after Masses on the weekend of Feb. 27 & 28, We appreciate all the support in the past and in this new endeavor.

**Spring Lottery
April, May and June
Cost \$10**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Numbers requested _____

Mark Your Calendar...Save the Date Pilgrimage to Rome on Oct. 11th.

In honor of the Jubilee Year come with Fr. Jack and pass through the Holy Year Door in St. Peter's Basilica. More information to follow.

Diocesan Annual Appeal goal is \$70,000, 398 parishioners have made pledges amounting to \$59, 037. Please consider making a pledge if you haven't already done so. God Bless.

St. Andre Bessette, Wilkes-Barre, will sponsor an Ash Wednesday Fish Dinner on Feb. 10 at Father Zolcinski Hall, 668 N. Main Street. Dinners will be served from 4PM to 6PM including take-outs. Cost is \$8.50. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 3 For tickets call Mary at 570-823-4988. Proceeds will benefit the parish Social Justice Ministry.

Your Flu-Fighting Checklist #5

Monitor the spread. Yes, there's an app for everything including the flu outbreaks. My favorite is FluView, created by the CDC. With the help of more than 3000 healthcare providers nationwide, the app tracks possible cases of flu throughout the country so you can be apprised of outbreaks where you live.

Parenting Pointers

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 10th. Prepare for Lent by talking with your family about how this can be a time of generosity and mercy (forgiveness). For the next 7 weeks, I'll give you ideas about how your family can live more simply. Use this week to think of your own.

The Parish of St. Barbara in Exeter will host an evening entitled "Planning Your Funeral" at St. Anthony of Padua Center on Thursday, Feb. 18th at 7PM. Don't leave this important matter to your spouse, children or relatives; plan now for the funeral you desire. So many today are being cremated with no Mass or proper burial. Don't let this happen to you! Come and join us so you can be properly informed about the options that are yours.