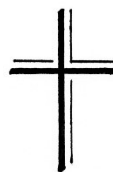




# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



THIRD  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT

*February 28, 2016*

*Merciful and gracious is the Lord,  
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.  
— Psalm 103:8*

## *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** 2/29 7AM **Communion Service**  
**Confession 5:30-7PM**  
**T** 3/1 7AM **Gerald Razrigini** by Diane & Gregory Kane  
**W** 3/2 7AM **Edward Malinovitch** by Irene Hanish  
**Th** 3/3 7AM **Anita Campanella** by Jane Biniek  
**F** 3/4 7AM **Margaret Tontini** by Norman & Pat Krulack  
**6:30PM Stations of the Cross**  
**S** 3/5 4PM **Lawrence Swetz (A)**  
 by Wife, Sons & Grandchildren  
**S** 3/6 8AM **Sophie Zdanowicz (A)**  
 by Daughters & Family  
 11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

### "I AM"

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law's sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses' awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God's name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract "I AM" distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who "are not." They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD God appears to Moses and directs him to go and deliver the Israelites from Egypt (Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — We are not to grumble like the people with Moses in the desert (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — If you do not repent, you will all perish (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

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**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Louis & Irene Bechetti

**February 21, 2016**

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| <b>Contribution</b>        | <b>\$8,695.31</b> |
| <b>Dues</b>                | <b>\$3,965</b>    |
| <b>Ash Wednesday</b>       | <b>\$115</b>      |
| <b>Care of the Priest</b>  | <b>\$30</b>       |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b> | <b>\$29</b>       |
| <b>Christmas</b>           | <b>\$50</b>       |
| <b>Initial Offering</b>    | <b>\$20</b>       |
| <b>Maintenance</b>         | <b>\$210</b>      |
| <b>Lenten</b>              | <b>\$1,321</b>    |
| <b>Easter</b>              | <b>\$35</b>       |
| <b>Easter Flowers</b>      | <b>\$45</b>       |
| <b>Holy Thursday</b>       | <b>\$16</b>       |
| <b>Good Friday</b>         | <b>\$16</b>       |

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent  
 Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel  
 Friday: St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer;  
 First Friday; Abstinence  
 Saturday: First Saturday

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| <b>Pastor</b><br>Rev. John C. Lambert                                 | <b>Pastor Emeritus</b><br>Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz |
| <b>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director</b><br>Joan Turel |   |
| <b>Faith Formation</b><br>Sande Holena                                | <b>Facilities Engineer</b><br>Michael Levandowski |
| <b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b><br>David Loiacono                 | <b>Ushers</b><br>Paul Muczynski                   |
| <b>Organists</b><br>Christine Katsock & Charles Unice                 | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Gloria Flynn              |
| <b>Food Pantry</b><br>Pauline Markowski                               | <b>Youth Group</b><br>MaryAnn and Michael Quinn   |

**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

### Breaking New

The Parish Council met with the Senior focus groups and listened to what matters to them. A few topics are: social activities, bereavement, funerals, freedom to do things, transportation, lighting of grounds. The new focus group meetings are with parents of school age children, Feb 28 at 9:30AM and March 1 at 7PM. Stay tuned good things are happening!

**Our Lenten Buffet** is scheduled for Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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. *A new item has been added for this year POTATO PANCAKES.* 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 \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish Activities

February 28 through March 6

|               |  |                 |
|---------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>Sun.</b>   | <b>Faith Formation</b>                   | <b>9:30AM</b>   |
|               | <b>Spring Lottery Available for Sale</b> |                 |
| <b>Mon.</b>   | Quilting                                 | 5PM             |
|               | Rosary                                   | 6:30PM          |
|               | <b>Confessions</b>                       | <b>5:30-7PM</b> |
| <b>Tues.</b>  | Quilting                                 | 9AM             |
| <b>Wed.</b>   | Choir                                    | 7PM             |
| <b>Thurs.</b> | Quilting                                 | 9AM             |
|               | <b>Youth Group</b>                       | <b>6:30PM</b>   |
| <b>Fri.</b>   | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>             | <b>6:30PM</b>   |
| <b>Sun.</b>   | Faith Formation                          | 9:30AM          |
|               | <b>Catholic Choral Club</b>              | <b>3PM</b>      |

**The Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul** is going to enjoy an evening of dining and music on April 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Pickup will be Yanaitis Funeral Home at 3:30PM. 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.

### Mark Your Calendar...Save the Date

#### 11-Day Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage Tour

**Oct. 12-21, 2016 Including the Papal Audience**

Visit Italy during the Holy Year of Mercy with Fr. Jack. Walk through the Holy Doors, Mass at the Vatican, Sistine Chapel, Masses at the 3 Major Basilica's. Visit Lago Maggiore, Padova, Venice, Tuscany, Florence, Siena & Rome. For reservations & information call TravelWorld at 570-342-5790.

## Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

### Third Sunday of Lent

On the third Sunday of Lent each year, the first reading comes from the book of Exodus.

In this C year, Moses discovers God in the burning bush and comes to know that he is standing on holy ground, the ordinary – but much transformed – place of his daily work.

This and other readings designated for today and for the next two Sundays may be set aside in favor of the A year readings which focus on the baptismal themes of water, light, and life.

Taking the A option is especially appropriate in assemblies celebrating rites called *scrutinies* with the elect who are preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil.

These scrutiny rites, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, are meant to discover and heal anything sinful that may remain in the hearts of the elect and to uncover and strengthen that which is good.

### Marriage Moments

Feb. 29 is Leap Day. In matters of courtship, historically men took the lead and pursued women. Of course our society is now more egalitarian. Women are more assertive, ask men out for dates, and even propose. Is it a leap for you to accept this change or does it seem natural? *- Susan Vogt*

**Our Spring Lottery Tickets are now available after Masses and during Office Hours.** Tickets run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and the cost is \$10 with prizes daily.

**Holy Family**, 574 Bennett Street, Luzerne is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$4 for children under 10, and are available by calling the Office at 570-287-6660 or at the door. Take-outs will be available; containers provided. All are welcome!

### Easter Egg Hunt Right Around the Corner

The Youth Group will be sponsoring the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our parish children ages one thru 10, on the Sunday before Easter, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Details will follow at a future date.

With our Egg Hunt being so large each year, we are gratefully accepting any monetary donations that you can give us to defray the cost of the Easter Boxes we are putting together as this year's prizes. Any monetary donations will be greatly appreciated by both the Youth Group and the children who are participating in the Egg Hunt. The Youth Group will provide all the plastic eggs, candy and some prizes. We do not need any baskets, straw, plush or fillers this year. Last year 82 children participated in the Parish Egg Hunt.

Anyone wishing to help us out can drop an envelope with their monetary donation in the collection basket at any of the Masses, please mark the envelope Easter Egg Hunt or drop off at the Rectory during Office Hours. Your help in making our Egg Hunt a success is always appreciated!

### VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adult Program

will be held on Monday, March 14 at Misericordia University, Dallas, please take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gifts; our children. To register and/or to get directions, please contact Dr. Steve Broskoske at 570-674-6761 or [sbroskos@misericordia.edu](mailto:sbroskos@misericordia.edu).

On Sunday, February 28 at 2PM, Virtus will be held at St. Nicholas Parish, Wilkes-Barre. To register call Kathy at 570-207-1453 or on line at <http://virtusonline.org/virtus> click on "registration" in the left hand column.

### Gorzkie Zale, a traditional Polish Bitter

Lamentations, will be held Sunday, March 6 at 3PM at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood. Everyone is invited to this Lenten Service which will be conducted by Fr. Albosta, Fr. Cirba, Fr. McGahangan, Fr. Zavacki. A light reception will follow in the church hall. Anyone wishing to join the choir to sing at the service, a practice will be held Sat. March 5 at 1PM in the church. Questions concerning the practice, please call 570-706-6951. For further information or directions, please call 570-823-6242.

### The Catholic Choral Society Lenten Concerts

In a 67 year tradition of inspiring prayer and meditation through music, the Catholic Choral Society will present Lenten Concerts on March 6<sup>th</sup> in Plains and on March 13<sup>th</sup> in Scranton.

**The first concert on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> will be held here at SS Peter and Paul at 3PM.** The second will be presented at St. Paul's Church, 1510 Penn Ave, Scranton, PA on March 13<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. Dr. Thomas Rittenhouse and Brenda Grunza are co-presidents of the Catholic Choral Society. Ann Manganiello is music director of this group while Jean Shields is accompanist. The group, marking its' 67<sup>th</sup> season, is composed of 60 members from both Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition at the March concerts. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org).

**St. Andrew Parish** is having their annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> in the church hall (St. Patrick's) 318 Parrish Street, Wilkes-Barre. Serving is from 11:30AM until 4PM. Menu includes ham & cabbage, boiled potatoes, butter, beans, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Takeouts will be available. A Bake Sale will also be featured.

**Save the Date...** Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-9PM at Gate of Heaven, 40 Machell Ave, Dallas. Susan Brinkmann, Women of Grace will speak. Admission will be free will donation. Please register by March 25<sup>th</sup> at [jdmur@epix](mailto:jdmur@epix). Net or call 570-675-2121. Walk ins will also be welcome.

### Parenting Pointers

Week 3: Assuming that everyone in your family has enough clothes, have each person pick one piece of clothing that you wear indoors to give away.  
— Susan Vogt

**Wyoming Area Catholic School** invites all children PreK to 6<sup>th</sup> to "Come Celebrate Read Across America. There will be a variety of activities and fun on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-7:30PM at 1690 Wyoming Ave. Exeter. Please RSVP to the school office at 570-654-7982.

**Holy Family Parish**, 828 Main Street, Sugar Notch, will host the Annual Ham and Cabbage dinner on Sat., March 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the church hall. Takeouts will be available from 3pm and sit down dinner will be from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets can be purchased after weekend Masses on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983 or at the door.

**Relics of the True Cross and Christ's Passion** will be presented The Chapel of Christ the King on Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. This event allows participants of all ages in any level of spirituality to deepen and grow in their faith. A unique collection of relics has been brought together in a program of meditations, music and prayers commemorating the events of Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Rare collections such as the *Relics of the Passion* are generally seen only in Rome or the Holy Land. We encourage you to join us in this Year of Mercy for a special opportunity sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the St. Andre Council #5966 at King's College.

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**St Robert Bellarmine**, 143 W. Division St. W-B, will have a Church Breakfast on Sun. March 6<sup>th</sup> in the School Cafeteria from 8AM to 1PM. \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12(4 and under free) Breakfast includes: Pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, sausage gravy, home fries, toast, juice, coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Come join in fellowship while enjoying a delicious homemade breakfast.