



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
*March 1, 2015*

*If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*Romans 8:31b*

### *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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#### **Mass Schedule**

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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*



**March 2 through March 8**

Mon 7am **Julia Berretta** by Martha Yanaitis  
 Tues. 7am **Theresa Holub**  
           by Frank Perfenski & Bucci Family  
 Wed. 6pm **Mark Yanaitis** by Malinovitch Family  
 Thurs. 7am **Ronald Rygielski**  
           by Joe & Hermine DeAngel  
 Fri. 7am **Daniel Pientka**  
           by Wife & Children  
       6:30pm **Stations of the Cross**  
 Sat. 4pm **Mr & Mrs Stanley Rymar (A)**  
           by Jean Marie, Robert & Regina Rymar  
 Sun. 8am **Lawrence Swetz**  
           by Wife, Children & Grandchildren  
       11am **Parishioners**

*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 9:2-10*

Perhaps we can relate in some small way to this Transfiguration experience. Perhaps there has been a time or two in our lives when we have had a spiritual experience, when we experienced God’s healing, felt his mercy, or knew his presence was real. But then, maybe it went away. For most of us, we don’t spend the majority of our time “on the mountaintop” with these “dazzling” insights into who God is. Rather, we tend to walk a journey that is shrouded by mystery and dependent upon faith. At times, we may even second-guess the spiritual experiences of our past once they have “disappeared.” Possibly Peter, James, and John wondered if it had all been a crazy illusion. But when the Resurrection happened, they knew it was all for real. As we await the Resurrection this Lent, may we have the faith to believe that Jesus really has touched our lives and that he can lead us to eternal life.

**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

*In Memory of*  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Daniel Pientka*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*John Kozik*

**February 22, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,023</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$1009</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$47</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>\$753</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priest</b>	<b>\$26</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$3</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Novena</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Lenten</b>	<b>\$493</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$1,578</b>
<b>Initial Offering</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$3</b>

**Questions of the Week?**

**Mark 9:2-10:**

Why do you think Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus?

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18:**

How do you feel God has tested you over the years?

**Romans 8:31b-34:**

How do you balance your Christian faith with your political views?

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John Boyle	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Religious Education</b> Sande Holena	<b>Music</b> Christine Katsock
<b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</b> David Loiacono	<b>Ushers</b> Paul Muczynski
<b>Youth Group</b> Maryann and Michael Quinn	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	<b>Security</b> Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.
<b>Buildings/Maintenance/Properties</b> Michael Levandowski	

## JUSTICE NOTES:

*As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone* ---Mark 9: 9

Picture this: You have just experienced the most incredible transformation of your beloved leader on a high mountain and now you are being told to keep it to yourself. In this Second Sunday of Lent, we are reminded of our role and responsibilities as members of the Church---a role to remain faithful, a role to "listen up!" to the teachings of Jesus, and a responsibility to live our life in covenant with God. What are we called to do in "coming down from the mountain," in working in the nitty-gritty reality of daily life?

Saint Pope John Paul II states in *Redemptoris Missio*, "The entire people of God have a role to play as the Church fulfills her mission. In various ways and through every member according to the gifts and the manner of acting proper to each vocation, the people of God must respond to the duty to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel (cf. 1 Cor 9: 16), in the awareness that 'missionary activity is a matter for all Christians.'" (538). As lay people we are especially called to transform the world. If you have any doubt about this, read the Vatican II document, "Decree on the Apostolate of Lay People," where Christian social action is preeminent as the responsibility of the laity (7). Participating in missionary activity does not mean that you have to go to some far-off country (although it could mean that for some of you). It does mean that you have to be willing to go beyond the walls of the church to walk in the larger community of humankind.

As Pope Francis states, more recently, in his exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, "Today, missionary activity still represents the greatest challenge for the Church"[15] and "the missionary task must remain foremost".[16] What would happen if we were to take these words seriously? We would realize that missionary outreach is paradigmatic for all the Church's activity. Along these lines the Latin American bishops stated that we "cannot passively and calmly wait in our church buildings"; [17] we need to move "from a pastoral ministry of mere

## Parish Activities

March 1 through March 8

- Sun. Religious Education Classes**  
**Class 9:30am – 10:30am**  
**Financial Peace University (FPU)**  
**– Parish Center - 9:30am**
- Mon. Quilting** 5pm  
**Confession** 5:30pm – 7pm  
**Prayer Shawl** 6pm  
Rosary 6:30pm  
**Lenten Spiritual Experience** 7pm
- Tues. Quilting** 9am
- Thur. Quilting** 9am
- Fri. Stations of the Cross** 6:30pm
- Sun. Religious Education Classes**

conservation to a decidedly missionary pastoral ministry".

[18] (11/24/13, # 15)

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20131124\\_evangelii-gaudium.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html)

The challenge is before us. Every Sunday, we ascend to the mountain top and descend to our walk in the world. We do not need to keep the good news to ourselves anymore! Will you step out in faith and join in missionary outreach through acts of charity and advocacy for social justice?

## Increased Offertory Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your recurring offertory gifts electronically.

**A Trip to 911 Memorial in New York**, sponsored by the Women's Group is planned for April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**The Lenten Buffet** is scheduled for Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The St. Joseph's Table** will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Carmelite Kitchen Order Forms for Easter** are available in the Parish Office. Place an order for delicious goodies from the Carmelite Sisters (let them know Fr. Boyle will pick up). Mail payment to the sister and Father Boyle will pick up the orders and bring them to the parish office for your convenience. All orders need to be made by March 16. Pickup for goodies will be Thursday March 26 after 2pm. When placing an order please call the parish office to let Father know.

**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.

### **Pierogi Sales**

Thanks to all who came out to prepare pierogis for the Lenten Season. 207 dozen were made that day with all the help we received. All pierogi have been sold and we realize a \$726.79 profit from the sale.

If you missed getting yours, stop in at the Lenten Buffet. We will be serving our homemade pierogi along with various other homemade items.

See you there!!!!

### **Ways to Evangelize During Lent Abstinence: So why aren't you eating pepperoni pizza on Friday?**

You love pepperoni pizza. You eat it all the time. Suddenly, you can't have it on Friday?! What could possibly be going on? It must be that Catholic thing, again. Absolutely! On Fridays during Lent, we particularly remember the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. In memory of this great sacrifice, we continue the tradition of penance and sacrifice – abstaining from meat on Fridays in an outward manifestation of an interior reality: the conversion of our hearts. As Saint John Paul III has said, "In fact, the external aspects of fasting, though important, do not convey the full measure of the practice. Joined to the practice should be a sincere desire for inner purification, readiness to obey the divine will and thoughtful solidarity with our brothers and sisters, especially the very poor."

Christ himself fasted and prayed in the desert. Through fasting and praying, we unite ourselves with the sacrifice of Christ and offer him reparation for our sins and failings. It's a little thing to give him in the face of his ultimate sacrifice, but what a grace that our God accepts and loves little gifts!

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### You are Invited For Prayer and Sharing

A Women's Retreat: Rebuilding My Church : St. Francis and Pope Francis will be held on March 13-14 from women 17 years old or older. From 4:30pm Friday to 6pm Sunday in the Bernadine Franciscan Sisters Motherhouse, 460 St. Bernadine St., Reading, PA 19607. Freewill offering. Please respond by March 11<sup>th</sup> to Sister Madonna at 610-952-5030.



**Is Your Car Dirty?** Does it need to be washed? The 2015 Confirmation Class can help! They are selling fully automatic car wash certificates to McCarthy car wash on Kidder Street, Wilkes-Barre and Pierce Street, Kingston. The cost is \$6.00 per certificate (that's less than what they originally charge) and will help to fund the senior citizen dinner on April 26. Certificates can be used at any time and do not expire. Purchase several for the entire year or use for gifts (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthdays etc...) If interested please fill out the form below and return it to the rectory or place in the collection basket by March 15<sup>th</sup> (payment must accompany the order) Checks should be made out to SS Peter and Paul Church. Certificates will be available for pick up after Masses on March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. For your convenience the certificates will be available in the School Library, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

#### Car Wash Certificates

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Certificates @ \$6 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the Mass for pick up**

\_\_\_\_\_ 4pm

\_\_\_\_\_ 8am

\_\_\_\_\_ 11am

**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](mailto:madcroft526@msn.com).

### Protecting God's Children VIRTUS

Program will take place on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> in Wilkes-Barre and on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Forty Fort. The first concert on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Both concerts are open to the public free of charge. The group, marking its 66<sup>th</sup> 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

**Homemade Pasta and Sausage Dinner** held at St. Maria Goretti on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### A New Idea

*Everybody thinks of changing humanity;  
nobody thinks of changing themselves.*

- Leo Tolstoy