



# Church of Saints Peter and Paul

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## *First Sunday in Lent* *March 3, 2017*

### *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 Saints Peter and Paul opens wide its doors  
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!*

### **Mission Statement**

As members of Saints 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.

#### **Office Hours**

Monday 10AM – 4pm  
Tuesday through Friday 8am – 4pm  
Office closed daily Noon – 12:30pm  
Saturday by appointment

#### **Mass Schedule**

Monday – Communion Service – 7am  
Tuesday through Friday – 7am  
Saturday 4pm  
Sunday 8am & 11am

#### **Confession**

Daily 6:30AM – 6:45am  
Saturday 3PM – 3:30pm  
By appointment anytime

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of every month – noon till 3pm

*Working Together to Build the Kingdom of God*

<b>M</b>	3-6	7am	<b>Communion Service</b>
		<b>5:30-7pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>T</b>	3-7	7am	<b>Emily DeAngelis</b> by Ben Berrini
<b>W</b>	3-8	7am	<b>Eva Letinski (A)</b> by Daughters
<b>Th</b>	3-9	7am	<b>Genevieve Lastovica</b> by Mr. Joseph Stec
<b>F</b>	3-10	7am	<b>Ernest Zalaffi Sr.</b> by Paul & Suzanne Shovlin
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>S</b>	3-11	4pm	<b>Larry Swetz</b> by Wife, Son & Grandchildren
<b>S</b>	3-12	8am	<b>Mary A. Kalinoski</b> by Son, Lenny
		11am	<b>Parishioners</b>

### STRENGTH AGAINST TEMPTATION

The first Sunday of the season of Lent always includes a Gospel account of the temptation of the Lord Jesus in the desert by the devil. This year, the story is set against the backdrop of the first reading from Genesis, which recounts the very first temptation by the devil. That story is set in a garden of delight. The Gospel story is set in the desert. As believers, we know that temptation comes our way in our own gardens of delight as well as the deserts of our lives. As Lent begins, our attention is drawn to that temptation within each of us to become like God—we want control, power, and answers to all of life's difficult questions. As communities of faith, we are given this season of repentance so that we can join our hearts with others on the difficult journey of conversion. We look to God and to one another for strength against temptation.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

**Psalm** — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

**Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

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***Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:30pm on Fridays during Lent.***

*In Memory of  
Sanctuary Candle  
Eva Letinski*

*Our Lady of Lourdes Votive Candle  
Ceil Toloczko*

**February 26, 2017**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,834</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$264</b>
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>\$127</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$47</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$1,293</b>
<b>Care of the Priest</b>	<b>\$55</b>
<b>Flowers</b>	<b>\$30</b>

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent  
 Tuesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity  
 Wednesday: St. John of God  
 Thursday: St. Frances of Rome  
 Friday: Abstinence  
 Saturday: Purim (Jewish festival of the story of Esther) begins at sunset

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. John C. Lambert	<b>Pastor Emeritus</b> Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
<b>Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director</b> Joan Turel	
<b>Faith Formation</b> Sande Holena	<b>Custodians</b> Michael Lambert Michael Levandowski
<b>Extraordinary Ministers/Readers</b> David Loiacono	<b>Ushers</b> Paul Muczynski
<b>Organists</b> Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	<b>Altar Servers</b> Gloria Flynn
<b>Food Pantry</b> Pauline Makowski	<b>Youth Group</b> MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

**Weekly Activities**  
March 5 – March 12

<i><b>Day</b></i>	<i><b>Time</b></i>	<i><b>Activity</b></i>	<i><b>Building</b></i>	<i><b>Location</b></i>
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classroom
Mon.	5pm	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30pm	Rosary	Parish Center	Prayer Room
	<b>5:30-7pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Church</b>	
	7pm	Faith Sharing	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Tues.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	6:30pm	Chess Club	Parish Center	Prayer Room
Wed.	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Choir</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Choir Loft</b>
Thurs.	9am	Quilting	Parish Center	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Food Prep – Lenten Dinner</b>		<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Conference Room</b>
	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>	<b>Dinning Room</b>
Fri	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Lenten Dinner</b>	<b>Faith Formation Center</b>	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Church</b>	
Sun.	9:30am	Faith Formation	Faith Formation Center	Classrooms

**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.

***Reminder: Fridays in Lent are Obligatory Days of Abstinence from meat***

**Our Lenten Dinner** is scheduled for Fri, March 10<sup>th</sup> in Bernardine Hall. The dinner will include baked fish, pierogi, haluski, potato pancakes, homemade pizza, french fries, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. Dinner and take outs will be served from 4pm until 6:30pm. Cost is \$12 per adult and \$6 for children 12 and under, children under 3 are free. Names of families will be at the door. ***This year’s dinner will be served so we are looking for a few hands to help. Anyone wishing to lend a hand is asked to call the Parish Office.***

### **Spring Lottery Tickets**

Awards will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> – a winner daily number. Prizes are \$25 Mon through Sat, \$100 on Sun and \$300 on April 16, Easter, June 23 the Feast of the Sacred Heart; and June 29<sup>th</sup> Saints Peter and Paul Feast Day. Cost of the ticket is \$10. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Reserve your numbers using the form below or calling the Rectory during Office Hours. Together we can make it another great fundraiser.

### **Marriage Moments**

Lent has just begun but too easily it can go the way of New Year’s resolutions – Good idea but soon forgotten. Help each other. If you choose the same practice you can reinforce each other. If you choose different ones support each other’s growth but don’t nag. It’s not a contest.

*Susan Vogt*

**Liturgy Corner**  
**Did you know?.....**

**The Assembly**

In today's church, it is recognized that all of God's people, lay and ordained alike, are called to rights and responsibilities with regard to the celebration of liturgy.

All of us together – ordained ministers, lay ministers, and congregation – constitute the assembly, and it is the assembly as a whole that is the liturgical celebrant.

Our identity as this priestly people flows from our baptism and comes with the expectation that each of us will take very seriously our own role within the assembly and be willing to enter fully into active and conscious participation in prayer, song, and ritual.

**Taize Prayer** will again be held in our parish on Sunday, March 19 at 4pm. The students from King's College under the direction of Rob Yenkowski will offer the special Taize Prayer. Last year was extremely well attended and very much appreciated. The music, the solemnity, the silence all contributed to a very special prayer time for each person to present his/her needs to God. Once again you are invited to attend this service and encouraged to bring a friend or relative. There is no admission fee. If you so desire you may contribute a freewill offering before or after the service. ***Our traditional St. Joseph Table will follow at 5:30pm in Bernardine Hall.***

**St. Joseph Table** will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm (after Taize Prayer) in Bernardine 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 bread. 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 Ben Berrini at 570829-3822. A free will offering will be taken up for the Saints Peter and Paul Food Pantry

***Food Pantry Shopping List***

We are in need of ...

peanut butter,  
tuna, canned meats,  
pasta, Chef-boy-r-dee pasta  
coffee  
spaghetti sauce,  
cereal, potatoes.  
soup,  
carrots, bake beans, mixed veggies  
fruit, tomatoes, beets,

**Saints Peter and Paul Clothing Closet**

**"Treasures"** will be accepting gently used adult and children clothing. Clothes can be drop off during office hours at the Parish Center. Sign up to be a part of *Treasures* by contact a planning committee member. Members of the planning committee are Laura Rudloff 570-498-2656, Kathy Grinaway 570-498-2093, Margie Minnick, Michaela Mininck, Nina Cinti, JoAnn Chukinas, Melissa Piccola.

**The Women's Society** would like to offer sincere thanks to all who ordered Krispy Kreme donuts. Over one hundred dozen were sold, a profit of over \$500 was made. What to do next? Cupcakes? YES

**Parenting Pointers**

Lent has just begun. March 3 or 4 is also National Day of Unplugging. Can your family do a "tech fast" of a day without TV or the internet? IF not today, choose another day soon. What a kind of homemade fun can you substitute?

- Susan Vogt

**Winter Lottery Winners**

2-20	#119	William Katsak
2-21	#252	C. Hendershot
2-22	#444	Dan Pape
2-23	#484	Savitsky
2-24	#729	Fr. Jack
2-25	#012	Ben Kirwan
2-26	#282	Kevin O'Connor

***Congratulations to all!!!***

## **Easter Egg Hunt Right Around the Corner**

The Youth Group will be sponsoring our Parish Annual Easter Egg Hunt, to be held April 9<sup>th</sup>, Palm Sunday for our children, ages 1 thru 10 years of age. (Details will follow at a future date)

We are gratefully accepting any help that you can give us to defray the cost of putting our “Bunny Bags” together. We will be looking for small items that can fit in an average size gift bag, candy to put in the bags or monetary donations to purchase the items would be greatly appreciated. We DO NOT need baskets, straw or large plush. The Youth Group is providing all the plastic eggs, candy and some items for the Bunny Bags for the Egg Hunt. Last year we had about 70 children.

Anyone wishing to help us out can drop an envelope with a monetary donations in the collection basket at any of the Masses marked Easter Egg Hunt. If you wish to donate any candy or items for the “Bunny Bags” you can either drop it off at the Parish Office during Office Hours or contact Michael or Maryann Quinn of the Youth Group at 570-821-6121 and we can make arrangements to pick it up. Your help in making our Egg Hunt a success as always is most appreciated.

**Holy Family Parish**, 828 Main Street, Sugar Notch, will hold the annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be held in the Church Hall. Takeouts will be available from 3pm to 7pm and dinner will be served from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. They can be purchased at the door or by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983.

## **Catholic Men’s Conference – 2017**

We invite and encourage men to join us at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, Pa on Saturday, May 6. For more information or to register contact Mike Kilmer at 570-746-0100, or visit our web-sit [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com).

## **Registration Open for UNC’s Camp Kelly (Formerly Camp St. Andrew)**

Registration is now open for 2017 summer camp programs at United Neighborhood Center of NEPA’s Camp Kelly (formerly Camp St. Andrew). Week-long Girls Resident, Girls Basketball, Boys Resident, and Boys Basketball camps are all available, as well as a Father/Son Weekend and Women’s Weekend. For more information, or to

register online, visit [www.uncnepa.org/campkelly](http://www.uncnepa.org/campkelly) or call 570-346-0759.

## ***Inspirational Insights to Reflect on:***

*I will do more than belong*  
... *I will participate*  
*I will do more than care*  
... *I will help*  
*I will do more than believe*  
... *I will practice*  
*I will do more than be fair*  
... *I will be kind*  
*I will do more than forgive*  
... *I will love*  
*I will do more than earn*  
... *I will enrich*  
*I will do more than teach*  
... *I will serve*  
*I will do more than live*  
... *I will grow*  
*I will do more than be friendly*  
... *I will be a friend*

**Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor** It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at 570-207-2269