



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF LENT

March 6, 2016

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things
have passed away; behold, new things have come.*

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

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 3/7 7AM Communion Service
Confession 5:30-7PM
T 3/8 7AM Daniel Pientka by Wife & Children
W 3/9 7AM Eva Letinski (A) by Daughters
Th 3/10 7AM Jim Beccaris by Maggie Baker
F 3/11 7AM Mr & Mrs Leopold Marino
by Mike & Catherine Kovach

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

S 3/5 4PM Frank Jagdinski
by Daughters, Barbara & Karen
S 3/6 8AM John Kobylski Sr.
by Susan, Rob & Nathan Smith
11AM Living and Deceased Parishioners

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the prodigal son is a favorite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends is turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honorable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father, however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday for rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. In this we rejoice.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God's people enter the promised land, observe the Passover, and eat of the produce of the land (Joshua 5:9a, 10-12) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — We are now ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17-21) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — We must rejoice when our brother who was dead in sin repents and comes back to life (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Daniel Pientka

February 28, 2016

Contribution	\$7,563
Dues	\$1,048
Ash Wednesday	\$25
Care of the Priest	\$65
St. Vincent de Paul	\$779
Initial Offering	\$60
Maintenance	\$84
Lenten	\$1,334
Easter	\$105
Easter Flowers	\$57
Holy Thursday	\$20
Good Friday	\$20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent;
Girl Scout Sunday
Monday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity
Tuesday: St. John of God
Wednesday: St. Frances of Rome
Friday: 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
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Organists Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Markowski	Youth Group MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

Holy Week Schedule



March 20th – 4pm Saturday, 8AM and 11AM
11AM Solemn Procession will begin from
Bernardine Hall



Holy Thursday – Mass of the Supper of the Lord
March 24th – 7PM

The Blessed Sacrament will be at the Repository
until 10PM

Knights of Columbus will provide an honor guard
Evening Prayer at 10PM



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

The Passion of Our Lord
Morning Prayers at 9AM
March 25th – 2PM

Saturday, March 26th Morning Prayers at 9AM



Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
Saturday, March 26th 11AM and 1PM in
Bernardine Hall



Easter Vigil Services March 26th – 8PM
Easter Sunday March 27th 8AM and 11AM

Parish Activities

March 6 through March 13

Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM
	Spring Lottery Available for Sale	
	Catholic Choral Club	3PM
Mon.	Quilting	5PM
	Prayer Shawl	5PM
	Rosary	6:30PM
	Confessions	5:30-7PM
Tues.	Quilting	9AM
Wed.	Choir	7PM
Thurs.	Quilting	9AM
	Parish Council	6:30PM
Fri.	Lenten Dinner	4PM
	Stations of the Cross	6:30PM
Sun.	Faith Formation	9:30AM

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

St. Joseph Table will be held on March 19th from 5-6:30PM (after the 4PM Mass) 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 Mary Jo Marek at 570-825-6969. A free will offering will be taken up for the SS Peter and Paul Food Pantry.

Our Lenten Buffet is scheduled for Fri, March 11th in Bernardine 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. Names of families will be at the door.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The traditional name for the Fourth Sunday of Lent is Lactare Sunday. This title comes from *Laetare Jerusalem*, "Rejoice, Jerusalem," the first words of today's entrance antiphon (brief scriptural text that is usually replaced with a gathering song).

As we have reached the midpoint of Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter with several options for softening our worship environment: rose-colored vestments, extra music, some floral enhancement. These are not requirements; however, and many parishes choose to stick with purple vesture and a spare atmosphere.

Thanks to all who came out to make pierogi. So many hands made the load light for all. 275 dozen were made and will used at the Lenten Dinner and sold after Masses. Cost is \$8 a doz.

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. 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.

Marriage Moments

"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind." (Jn 9:2) Figuring out blame is a trap that it is easy for even loving couples to fall into. One of the sweetest phrases I hear from my husband is, "Honey, you were right." Said honestly, it can be a healing balm. - Susan Vogt

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

Holy Family, 574 Bennett Street, Luzerne is having a Spaghetti Supper on Sunday, March 13th 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 20th. 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!

Holy Family Parish, 828 Main Street, Sugar Notch, will host the Annual Ham and Cabbage dinner on Sat., March 12th. 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 27th and 28th and March 2nd and 3rd by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983 or at the door.

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 6th in Plains and on March 13th in Scranton.

The first concert on Sunday, March 6th 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 13th 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' 67th 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.

St. Andrew Parish is having their annual Ham and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 13th 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. Take-outs will be available. A Bake Sale will also be featured.

A Ham and Kielbasi Bingo will be held on Sunday, March 13th at St. Leo the Great/Holy Rosary Church hall, 22 Manhattan St. Ashley, sponsored by the Holy Name Society. Doors open at noon, games start at 1pm. Admission is \$3 (includes 2 baby cards) Party features 10 games for hams and 10 games for Kielbasi. Specials, door prizes. Kitchen will be open!!!

Save the Date... Friday, April 1st 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 25th at jdmur@epix. Net or call 570-675-2121. Walk ins will also be welcome.

Parenting Pointers

Books are a wonderful tool of knowledge and inspiration, BUT, I bet you have some that you won't read again or you can get the information online. This week pass at least one book on to a friend, a school, Friends of the Library, a nursing home...

Susan Vogt

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge, which serves children in five counties throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania, is in great need of Big Brothers and Big Sister volunteers. Though the agency currently serves approximately 400 children

here in NEPA, there are also approximately 250 children in our waiting list. Those children are in great need of mentors. All it takes is an hour or two per week, and it can truly help change the life of a child. For information call 570-824-8756 ex 398 or visit www.bbbsnepa.org.

The Oblate of St. Joseph Fathers will hold their annual Novena in honor of St. Joseph beginning Thursday, March 10th and continuing until the Feast Day, March 19th. Masses will be celebrated everyday at 11AM and 7PM in the chapel, Route 315, Laflin. Following the Masses, novena prayers will be offered to St. Joseph with the blessing of the first class relic of St. Joseph Marelllo, Founder of the Oblates Congregation. Confessions and the Rosary will precede the Masses. On the Feast Day the Mass will be at 10:30AM. Come and present to St. Joseph your special needs.

The Ladies of Charity, as they serve those in need, invite the ladies of the parish to join them. Just one hour a month can make a big difference in the lives of so many and you will find great satisfaction in doing God's Will. Our Ladies serve in their Parishes and their communities and they choose their own works of charity. Please join with us and enjoy the fellowship and many spiritual blessings throughout the year. It would be our pleasure to welcome you. We are planning our Day of Enrollment on April 2, with the Liturgy and a Solemn Investiture for new members. For further information, please call Evelyn at 570-474-5192.

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