



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

 FIFTH  
SUNDAY  
OF LENT

*March 13, 2016*

*I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

*— Philippians 3:8*

### *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** 3/14 7AM **Communion Service**  
**Confession 5:30-7PM**
- T** 3/15 7AM **Joseph Flynn** by Mr & Mrs Raymond Marek
- W** 3/16 7AM **Sophie Dreabit (A)** by Keith Russin
- Th** 3/17 7AM **Fred Spagnuolo** by Family
- F** 3/18 7AM **Catherine Darling**  
by Sister, Elizabeth Novakowski
- 6:30PM Stations of the Cross**
- S** 3/19 4PM **Robert Tomasetti**  
by Sister & Family
- S** 3/20 8AM **Andrew Giovannini (A)**  
by Lisa & Andrew
- 11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

**STRAIGHT LINES**

“God writes straight with crooked lines,” the saying goes. The power of Paul’s testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. “Can’t you see it?” we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can’t beat this kind of good news.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

First Reading — The LORD does something new for the chosen people (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or Psalm 130.*

Second Reading — The supreme good is knowing Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:8-14) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

Gospel — A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

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Lawrence Swetz

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**

John Kozik

March 6, 2016

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$9,057</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$725</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$165</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$1,923</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$112</b>
<b>Lenten</b>	<b>\$193</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$85</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>\$83</b>
<b>School</b>	<b>\$273</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$110</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>\$60</b>

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins
- Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
- Thursday: St. Patrick
- Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
- Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Spring begins

<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>Facilities Engineer</b> Michael Levandowski
<b>Eucharistic Minister/Lectors</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 Markowski	<b>Youth Group</b> MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

## Holy Week Schedule



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



### Holy Thursday – Mass of the Supper of the Lord

March 24<sup>th</sup> – 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 25<sup>th</sup> – 2PM

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayers at 9AM



### Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 11AM and 1PM in  
Bernardine Hall



**Easter Vigil Services** March 26<sup>th</sup> – 8PM  
**Easter Sunday** March 27<sup>th</sup> 8AM and 11AM

## Parish Activities

March 13 through March 20

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Faith Formation</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>5PM</b>	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl.
	<b>5:30-7PM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Church</b>
	<b>6PM</b>	<b>Grief Support</b>	<b>Parish Center LL</b>
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Center 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
<b>Tues.</b>	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
	6:30PM	<b>Liturgy</b>	<b>Rectory Meeting Rm</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>7PM</b>	Choir	Church – Choir Loft
	6:30PM	<b>Youth Group</b>	<b>Parish Center LL</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>5PM</b>	<b>St. Joseph Table</b>	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	Faith Formation	School
	11AM	<b>Solemn Procession starting in</b>	<b>Bernardine Hall</b>

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

## Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

Prior to the calendar reform brought about by the Second Vatican Council, the Fifth Sunday of Lent was called Passion Sunday and ushered in a season known as Passiontide wherein we focused on the Lord's suffering and death.

In those days, as worshipers entered churches on this particular Sunday, They encountered a striking environment where all crosses and statues were hidden under covers of purple cloth.

Although we no longer divide Lent in this way, but rather keep its penitential and pre-baptismal focus until we enter Holy Week, the latest edition of the Roman Missal gives dioceses in the United States the option of reviving the use of these covers.

If they are used, the crosses are uncovered after the Good Friday liturgy, but other images remain hidden until the beginning of the Easter Vigil celebration.

### Bereavement Ministry

Please plan on attending a Bereavement Ministry meeting on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center. We look forward to sharing ideas regarding the evangelization mission of this Ministry and how we can grow to meet the needs of our parish family. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Parish Council Update

The Parish Council has met with the Parent focus groups and listened to what matters to them. The feedback was enlightening. A report will be forthcoming. The next focus groups are the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade children, March 13 at 9:30Am in the School and the Food Pantry Volunteers to be scheduled soon.

### Memorial Donations

The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

#### SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

- \$110 Anonymous
- \$25 Deb & Joseph Bronack
- \$199 Maine Source
  
- \$20 In Memory of Cletus Demellier  
By Deb & Joseph Bronack
- \$20 In Memory of Mimi Collins  
by Elizabeth Segeda
- \$100 In Memory of Florence Dombroski  
by Joseph & Maryann Kropiewnicki
- \$50 In Memory of George & Helen Wojcik

#### In Memory of Tom Flynn

- \$20 Jane Biniek
- \$20 Martin Flynn

#### In Memory of Joseph Flynn

- \$10 Marlene & John Grassi
- \$20 Lillian McGrady
- \$20 Michael Maday
- \$20 Rosalie Cullagh
- \$20 Pat & Stanley Neishel
- \$20 Monica Ciolek
- \$20 Maria Mattei
- \$20 Constance Szustak
- \$25 Joe & Carolyn Meyers
- \$25 Joseph Kropiewnicki
- \$25 Joseph & Barbara Salus
- \$25 Antoinette & Joseph Stec
- \$25 Elizabeth Segeda
- \$25 John & Regina Hrichison
- \$50 Maryann Kropiewnicki
- \$100 George & Bonnie Long

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

### Marriage Moments

Adultery is a tragic offense against one's marriage vow. Yet, Jesus says, "Has no one condemned you?...Neither do I condemn you." (Jn.8:11) It doesn't make an awful act right, but Jesus' response is mercy. Is there anything big or small that needs mercy in your marriage? . - Susan Vogt

**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, 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 at 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. Deadline to make a Reservation is March 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ss. Peter and Paul Youth Group**

presents their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our Parish children ages 1 thru 10, on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> in Bernardine Hall (formerly the School Hall). Registration will take place from 2-2:45PM and the hunt will start at 3PM. Bring your cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. You must register to win!!! Prizes will be drawn immediately after the Egg Hunt

**Father Jack is Pleased to announce the Formation of A Faith Community Nurse** who will be based at Ss. Peter and Paul's Church in Plains. Faith Community Nursing is a specialty practice of a registered nurse and a professional model of health ministry. The FCN was known by Parish nursing in the past. FCN's promote holistic nursing to faith community members. Maggie Klem will be the FCN. Further information to follow in the bulletin. Father Jack is asking if any members of the parish wish to be visited in the hospital, nursing home, rehab or personal care contact the rectory during normal business hours so a visit may be arranged with the liturgical team.

**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.

**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.net](mailto:jdmur@epix.net). Net or call 570-675-2121. Walk ins will also be welcome.

### **Parenting Pointers**

Jesus fed the hungry and bids us to do the same. (Mt 25:35) But people need pots, pans, and other kitchen utensils to cook meals to feed themselves. Do you have any duplicate kitchen supplies that you can pass on to a needy family; perhaps a newly arrived immigrant?

*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](http://www.bbbsnepa.org).

**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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