



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

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

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

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 13 through March 20

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

**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 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.

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 30th 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 7th and 8th 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 9th 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 19th.

Ss. Peter and Paul Youth Group

presents their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our Parish children ages 1 thru 10, on Sunday, March 20th 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 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

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.

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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