

# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community



**April 20, 2014**

*When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.  
Colossians 3:4*

### 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

"The members of SS. Peter and Paul, as baptized Christians in concert with the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton and all Catholics, and in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, has as its' Mission to participate in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. We strive to set Christian examples by sharing our faith, our love of Christ and our talents. We proclaim the Word of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, prayer and worship, acts of charity and Evangelization, all of which become living proof of our communion with God and one another."

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#### Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
8am to 4pm  
All others by appointment only

#### Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am  
Wednesday Prayer Service - 7am  
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



*April 20 through April 26*

Mon. 7am **William Biniek** by Paul Muczynski  
 Tues. 7am **Joseph S. Wincek (A)**  
 by Children & Grandchildren  
 Wed. 7am **Communion Service**  
 Thurs. 7am **Mr. & Mrs. James Gavin** by Family  
 Fri. 7am **Leo & Betty Catani** by Children  
 Sat. 4pm **Geraldine Serafin, Leonard & Helen Brown**  
 by Mr. & Mrs. John Serafin  
 Sun. 8am **Jeskiewicz & Snarski Families** by Family  
 11am **Walter Burko Sr. (A)** by Wife & Family

### Pastor's Message of the Week

*John 20:1-9*

"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." Mary of Magdala, seeing the stone rolled away from Christ's burial place, runs to tell the disciples what she thinks is bad news. The grave is empty. We, of course, know that the empty tomb really means good news! We know that the cross was not the end of the story, that Jesus conquered death, walked again amongst his followers, and ascended into heaven where he reigns even now. Jesus has won! He is triumphant! This is the joy of Easter, based in fact and bolstered by faith. And we are the heirs of this great joy. As we sing in the Easter psalm, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad." Christ is risen! Truly he is risen! Alleluia!

**Pastor**  
Rev. John Boyle

**Pastor Emeritus**  
Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

**Coordinator of Religious Education**  
Sande Holena

**Eucharistic Minister/Lectors**  
David Loiacono

**Food Pantry**  
Pauline Makowski

**Altar Servers**  
Gloria Flynn

**Youth Group**  
Maryann and Michael Quinn

**Security**  
Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.

*In Memory*

**The Sanctuary Lamp**

*Ted Wysocki*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*John & Stella Stahurski*

**April 13, 2014**

Contributions	\$9,361
Easter Flowers	\$1,123
Dues	\$2,032

*A good place for the "buck to stop" is in the collection basket!*

### Today's Reading

**First Reading** – Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalms** – This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118)

**Second Reading (1)** – All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or*

**Second Reading** – Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

**Gospel** – Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Matthew 28:1-10 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).

### Questions of the Week ?

**John 20:1-9:**

What do you imagine Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the beloved disciple first spoke about when they returned from the empty tomb?

**Acts 10:34a, 37-43:**

How would you summarize the Gospel message today?

**Colossians 3:1-4:**

As a Christian today, where do you see the balance between focusing on heaven and on



earth?

## Bann of Marriage

Kelly Pisano (SS. Peter and Paul Parish)  
and Kevin Szychowski



## JUSTICE NOTES

I shall not die, but live

Psalm 118:17

When it comes to writing about Resurrection, the topic is more than my mind can grasp. Surely, this is one of God's greatest surprises; our God who saves the best for last. So, I am not going to even try. Instead, I am going to share with you a favorite poem of mine by Rumi, who was a 13th-century Persian poet, jurist, theologian, and Sufi mystic. His simple words capture what the earliest disciples of our Lord perceived—that their sharing in Jesus' new life had already begun.

Two Suns Rising

What a day today.

There are two Suns rising!

What a day,

Not like any other day.

Look!

The Light is shining in your heart,

The wheel of life has stopped.

Oh, you who can see into your own heart,

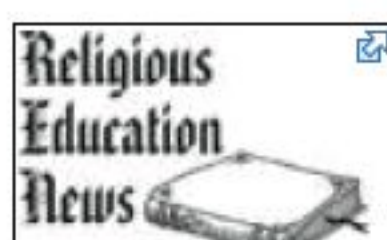
What a day,

This is your day.

As we begin the fifty days of this Easter season culminating in Pentecost, God has commissioned us to share the love we have been given, to take this love to those who live on society's edges.

## Parish Web Page

If you have not visited our newly created Parish Website, please take time and get familiar with our newest endeavor – [www.sspeterandpaulplains.com](http://www.sspeterandpaulplains.com). A great deal of time and effort have been invested in trying to utilize the various contemporary media. Congratulations to Adam Holena, our Webmaster, for a job well done. We hope to continue developing and improving our webpage as time goes on.



**Religious Education CCD**  
**9:30am to 10:30am**

April 20 Easter

April 27 Last CCD Class-CCD Mass

## Thank You

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to the Leonard Stanski Family for organizing and making our Annual Lenten Buffet a successful endeavor. The food was delicious, plentiful, homemade and enjoyed by all who supported this Lenten Activity. May God bless you for your willingness to work for the benefit of SS Peter and Paul Parish. The Lenten realized a profit of \$961.

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

If a member of your family is ill, or in a health care facility, chronically ill, or terminally ill, please call the Rectory for Fr. Boyle to celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please do not wait until the person is on death's doorstep. The anointing is not given once the person has died. If the person is able, Viaticum will be given. Viaticum is the "Food" for our journey to the Lord. It is usually the last time the person will receive the Body & Blood of Christ. The Last Blessing will also be given. All of these are given while the person is still living and preferably conscious. The Sacrament of Penance will also be available if the person is able to confess and if he or she desires this Sacrament.

## We're Back!! After a year off "A Night At The Races is Back.

The races will take place on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the School Auditorium. Doors open at 6pm, and racing begins at 7pm. Horses will cost \$10 and races can be sponsored for \$25.

Admission is \$5. Admission fee provides free food and drink: Hot dogs, wimpies, pasta, cold salads, chips, pretzels, beer and soda. Forms are available in the vestibule of the Church.

## Sanctuary Safety Update

We have not yet reached our goal to fund the Sanctuary Safety Project. Many have already contributed; however, we are barely half way to our goal. Please take time to make a donation for this important project.

### *Readings for the Week of April 20, 2014*

Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 Or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14



for Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Sande Holena at 570-822-8761 to register for the class and/or schedule your child's Baptism.

### Donations

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

\$570 Anonymous  
\$25 Joseph & Deborah Bronack  
\$25 Elizabeth Hession  
\$20 Lena Spagnuolo  
\$10 Plains Senior Citizen  
\$50 Jane Biniek  
In Memory of Alma Mae Zajackowski  
\$200 by William and Diane Endler  
\$100 by Tara and Jacob Darby  
\$100 by James and Ann Marie Shabelski  
\$250 by Tina and Carl Lisman  
\$40 in Memory of Stanley Glazenski  
by Stan and Elizabeth Miskiewicz

Thanks to 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.

**A Spring Tea**, sponsored by the Women Society will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm in the School Auditorium. The Tea is a social event that helps bring families and friends in the community together for an afternoon of fun and relaxation. Tables are individually themed. Prizes will be awarded for hats and a raffle will be featured. Cost of admission is \$10 per person. If you wish to host a table, or need more information, contact Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968 or Connie Setkoski at 570-735-8825. Profit from the Tea will benefit the School Scholarship Fund.

**The Women Society** will meet on Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center. We will recite the rosary at 6:30pm. Tickets for the Spring Tea will be available. There are still opening for "Hostesses". New members are always welcome. Hostesses are Joanne Nixon and Kathy Savitsky.

### Infant Baptism

Expectant and new parents are required to participate in a Baptismal Preparation Class before scheduling their child's Baptism. These classes are held every three months; our next class is scheduled

### Parish Activities

April 21 – April 26

<b>Mon</b>	Quilting	5pm – 9pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	Adult Bible Study	7pm
<b>Tues.</b>	Quilting	9am – Noon
	Adult Bible Study	Noon
<b>Wed.</b>	Grief Support	7pm
<b>Thur.</b>	Quilting	9am – Noon

### Low Gluten Hosts

Officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church Low Gluten Hosts allow Gluten intolerant parishioners to fully experience the Eucharist without feeling unwell afterwards or being limited only to the Precious Blood. If you would like to make arrangements to receive low gluten hosts please contact Fr. Boyle.

### Wedding Arrangements

1. To set a date for a wedding the couple is to meet with the pastor.
2. Six months previous to date of wedding fill out canonical forms with the priest.
3. Attend a Pre-Cana session with FOCCUS.
4. Two months before wedding discuss wedding ceremony.
5. If your wedding is cancelled please notify the parish office of cancellation to make the date available to others.

### Alleluia!

During the past six weeks, our parish community has prayed, fasted and given alms with a special focus on the poorest members of our global



community. Our lives were touched by stories from Kenya, Guatemala, the Philippines, Malawi, Haiti, and the United States. Through our Lenten prayers and donations, we have touched the lives of millions of people served by Catholic Relief Services, our representative to the poorest communities in the world. Please return your Rice Bowl to the Rectory Office as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Sponsor Card**

In order for you to be considered a "Practical Catholic", you must meet the following conditions:

- 1) Be a current registered member of SS Peter and Paul Parish. The fact that you received First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation here does not qualify you to be sponsor.
- 2) If married, you must be married according to the stipulations set down by Canon Law.
- 3) If not married, you must not be in a cohabitating relationship.
- 4) You must have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation prior to the time you are asked to be a sponsor.
- 5) You must be 16 years or older.

Please do not ask me to testify that you fulfill these stipulations, if you don't. It is presumed that you worship at Mass every weekend, support your Parish and lead a good moral life.

**Lottery Tickets for the Month of May** are available at the Rectory Office. Awards will begin May 1<sup>st</sup> and end May 31<sup>st</sup>. Follow the Evening Drawing (excludes the double draw) Prizes: \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on Mother's Day. There are still approximately 100 tickets still not sold.

### **Parking**

Please be mindful when parking on the side streets, do not block the vision of traffic from the other drivers or hinder the movement of emergency vehicle around corners, if needed. We have been notified that the police will ticket or tow those that are not parked properly. There is a large parking lot located off Bank Street, behind the School. Please utilize this space.

**Roast Beef Dinner**, sponsored by the St. Dymphna Knights of Columbus Sugar Notch will be held on Sat. April 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Family Church Hall, Sugar Notch. They will be serving from 4pm to 7pm. Take outs available. The dinner will include roast

beef, potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, roll and butter, cole slaw, dessert and beverage. There is limited number of tickets available at the door. Please purchase your tickets by April 20. Adults are \$9 and Children 12 years and younger are \$4. For more --information call Dave at 570-824-0994.

### **The Church Women United 65<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**Interfaith Tea** will be held Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. This event is designed to promote fellowship and understanding among all faiths. The theme this year is *"Through God Our Hands Can Serve"*. The worship service will begin at 1:30pm with guest speaker, Deacon Patrick Massino, and musical selections by Rev. James J. Paisley. Admission is free and reservations are not required. Light refreshments will be provided by Mary's Ministry following the service. Lap robes will also be accepted for distribution to the homebound and guest at local care facilities. Parking is available in the church parking lot on Pringle Street next to Good Shepherd Academy.

### **Pennsylvania Northeast Chapter of the**

**American Guild of Organists** on Saturday, May 3 at 7pm will present an evening of organ music on the newly refurbished pipe organ at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, 134 South Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre. A free will offering will be accepted.

### **Camp St. Andrew**

A Resident Camp for girls and boys

***July 6-11 and July 13-18***

Girls Basketball (entering grades 5-10)  
Girls Traditional Camp (entering gr. 3-10)

***July 20-24***

Boys Basketball (entering grades 4-9)

***July 11-12-13***

Women's Weekend (must be 21 or over)

***July 18, 19, 20***

Father/Son Weekend (sons ages 6-14)

Visit [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) click on Camp St. Andrew under Social Services or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/campstandrew](http://www.facebook.com/campstandrew). For more information and registration call (570)342-5556 ext. 4.

### **Catholic Cruise to the Caribbean**

Come and sail away on a 9-night Catholic Caribbean Cruise on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>, on the



Norwegian Gem out of New York City – Ports of Call: Philipsburg, St. Maarten, St. Thomas, Tortola and San Juan, Puerto Rico. Prices begin at \$1634 for two passengers this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$250 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited for this sailing. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785/Doug@CatholicCruiseandTours.com.