



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community



Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7a

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 3/21 7AM **Communion Service**
Confession 5:30-7PM

T 3/22 7AM **Angeline Parise** by Del Biondi
4:30PM at the Cathedral; Mass of Chrism

W 3/23 7AM **Joseph Segeda**
by Frank & Sandra Casarella

Th 3/24 7PM **Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper
10PM Evening Prayer

F 3/25 9AM **Morning Prayer**
2PM Celebration of Lord's Passion

S 3/26 9AM **Morning Prayer**
8PM Easter Vigil
Resurrection of the Lord

S 3/27 8AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**
11AM **Special Intentions**

PASSION

The word "passion" connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year's history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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Andrew Giovannini

Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Candle

Ann Giovannini

March 13, 2016

Contribution	\$7,688
Dues	\$650
Easter	\$145
Easter Flowers	\$468
Maintenance	\$481
Lenten	\$61
Utilities	\$1526
Holy Thursday	\$23
Care of the Priest	\$194
St. Vincent de Paul	\$46
Good Friday	\$23

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week;
Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord
(Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter

Pastor	Pastor Emeritus
Rev. John C. Lambert	Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

Liturgical/Musical Consultant and Choir Director
Joan Turel

Faith Formation	Facilities Engineer
Sande Holena	Michael Levandowski

Eucharistic Minister/Lectors	Ushers
David Loiacono	Paul Muczynski

Organists	Altar Servers
Christine Katsock & Charles Unice	Gloria Flynn

Food Pantry	Youth Group
Pauline Markowski	MaryAnn and Michael Quinn

Triduum Schedule



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

Night Prayer at 10PM



GOOD FRIDAY

March 25th

Morning Prayer 9AM

Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord

2PM

Holy Saturday

March 26th

Morning Prayer 9AM



Blessing of Easter Food Baskets

11AM and 1PM; Bernardine Hall



Easter Vigil 8PM

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

March 27th

8AM Living and Deceased Parishioners

11AM Special Intentions

Parish Activities

March 20 through March 27

Sun.	9:30AM	Faith Formation	School
		Confirmation 2016	
	2PM	Registration/Easter Egg	Bernardine Hall
	3PM	Egg Hunt sponsor by Youth Group	
Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2nd Fl.
	5:30-7PM	Confessions	Church
	5PM	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center LL
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Center 1st Fl
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2nd Fl
	7PM	Women's Meeting	Parish Center LI
Tues.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2nd Fl
Thurs.		Office and Parish Center Closed	
Fri.		Office and Parish Center Closed	
Sat.	11AM & 1PM	Blessing of Baskets	
Sun.		<i>Have a Blessed Easter</i>	

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

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.

Thank You to all who helped make the Lenten Dinner a *success*, all who worked, donated, supported the dinner by coming, the Women's Society for their delicious baked goods and a special thank you to the Golomb Family for donating the produce used to make the food. With so many volunteers it was a great success. We served over 250 dinners, the profit for the dinner was \$2,794. Hope to see you next year!!!

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C

The proclamation of the Passion is central to the liturgy on this final Sunday of Lent.

Since this is year C of the three-year cycle of Sunday readings, the Passion According to Luke is read.

Lent ends on the afternoon of Holy Thursday. The liturgical time known as *The Sacred Paschal Triduum* begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on that evening.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum is celebrated as a unit which is why the Mass of the Lord's Supper and the celebration of The Passion of the Lord on Good Friday have no concluding rites. The final blessing does not occur until The Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

Parish Council heard from the Parent focus groups and some highlights of our discussions were: a need for additional communication, children movie nights, quarterly meetings with Parish Council and improved location for pick-up drop off for Faith Formation. Stay tuned for our achievement reports and ways to be part of the action.

Father Jack is Pleased to announce the Formation of a Faith Community Nurse who will be based here at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. 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. FCNs 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.

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. They will be departing from the parking lot of Yanaitis Funeral Home, Stark Street at 3:30PM. Any question you can contact Joan Pisack at 570-235-0777.

The Pierogi for the Lenten Season are Gone!!!

Thank you again to all who came out to make pierogi. The sale for the pierogi brought in \$2,738.

Marriage Moments

Growing old together: "I wanna make you smile whenever you're sad; Carry you around when your arthritis is bad. All I wanna do is grow old with you. I'll get your medicine when your tummy aches; build you a fire if the furnace breaks. Oh it could be so nice growing old with you." From the Wedding Singer
- Susan Vogt

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.

Parenting Pointers

Everyone needs a little fun in their lives. Sports equipment and games can help us do this. Is there some amusement that your family no longer uses? Let your children help you pick out things to pass on to kids who don't have a basketball, skates, a puzzle, etc.
Susan Vogt

St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, April 9 at St. Mary's Byzantine Social Hall, 522 Madison St., W-B. Doors will open at 6PM. Post time will be 7PM. Admission is \$5. Food and beverage will be served. If you wish to purchase a horse, call 570-823-4988 for further details. Persons must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bridge, which serves children in five counties throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania, is in great need of Big Brother 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.

Taize Prayer Around the Cross will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 22 at 8:30PM in the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College. This form of prayer is a meditative style of communal prayer. Just like the prayer held here. This particular prayer will focus on the Passion of Christ, with time to venerate the cross. This is a great way to begin Holy Week. The Cantores Christi Regis choir will be our ministers of music for this prayer. For more information please contact Rob Yenkowski at 570-208-6044 or robertyendowski@kings.edu.

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.

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.

The Annual Summer Festival to benefit St. Joseph's Center will be held on the grounds of Marywood University on July 29, 30 and 31, 2016. The Auxiliary is asking for your help to stock our General Store, Holiday Hut and Bookworm Booth with items for sale. Bestsellers are new or "gently used" hardcover books, paperback books, dvd's, audiobooks, any holiday decorations, frames, candles, figurines, dishes, kitchen ware, serving items, toys, and home décor. No clothing please. Drop off days will start on Saturday, April 16 and continue thru May 21. Donations will be accepted

on Wednesday's 6-8PM and Saturday's 9-11AM at our warehouse located at 320 Blakely St. Dunmore, PA – please use the entrance on the W. Pine St side of the building. Call 570-963-1290 for more information.

The Office of Parish Life received a phone call about a man's gold wedding band, found about a month ago on the floor of Moe's Grille in W-B. The person who found it has tried several avenues to locate the owner, so they asked if we could publish this out to parishes to see if you know anyone who is searching for this wedding band. To claim the ring, call our office and we will put you in contact with the finder – you will be asked to identify the date inscribed in the band.

St. Maria Goretti, Laflin will host the tenth annual celebration of Divine Mercy on April 3rd. This year's theme is "Mercy" based on the

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, 2016, declared by Pope Francis. Fr. Pio Mandato, FMHJ will be principal celebrant. Itinerary is 1PM Sacrament of Reconciliation, 2PM Blessing of the Image of Divine Mercy, followed by Mass. 3PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, recitation of the Holy Rosary, benediction and individual blessing with first class relic of St. Faustina.

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