



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

April 3, 2016

Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.

— Revelation 1:18a

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 4/4 7AM **Communion Service**
T 4/5 7AM **Mary Dudeck** by Beth & David Dudeck
W 4/6 7AM **Pearle Kulmaczeski** by Charles Krulak
Th 4/7 7AM **Tony Sluhocki** by Wife & Sons
F 4/8 7AM **Sophie Kantor (A)**
by Daughter Joan & Grandsons
S 4/9 4PM **John Glazenski (A)**
by Janet Kresge, Nancy Evanish
& Joyce Wondoloski
S 4/10 8AM **Liz McGough** by Family
11AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**

JOINING THE COMPANY OF BELIEVERS

What will help you to believe? Today's scripture readings tell of faith and doubt. They offer stories "recorded to help you believe," as the passage from John's Gospel (20:31) remarks today. There is an urgency about this. On this Second Sunday of Easter we are challenged to join the company of believers—countless men and women who witnessed the power of the apostles' faith.

There is no doubt that this power comes from Jesus Christ. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, reports John's mystical vision of the Son of Man, who proclaims, "Once I was dead, but now I live" (Revelation 1:18). The Gospel gathers everyone but Thomas to see the Risen Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit from him. Like Thomas, we who have come along later must have faith so that we can have life.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts

(John 20:19-31).

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Tony Sluhocki

Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Candle

Joseph & Leona Wincek

March 27, 2016

Contribution	\$8,167
Dues	\$1,834
Easter	\$17,058
Easter Flowers	\$106
Maintenance	\$
Lenten	\$66
Utilities	\$134
Holy Thursday	\$1,954
Care of the Priest	\$50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,269
Good Friday	\$2,124

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or of Divine Mercy)

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Vincent Ferrer

Thursday: St. John Baptist de la Salle

Pastor

Rev. John C. Lambert

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz

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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

**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.

Happy Spring... With the start of spring we have begun to tidy up our cemeteries. Below are the Graveside Rules for our Cemeteries....

Flower planting is limited to 8" in front of the tombstone. No planting is allowed in the back or on the sides of the tombstone.

Low borders, no higher than one inch above ground level, are permitted in front of hillside graves in order to prevent erosion. Borders interfere with the maintenance of the property and can be hazardous.

No dumping on the cemetery grounds or beyond its perimeter.

All decorations, including unplanted and artificial flowers, must be removed at the end of a three week period or be subject to removal. Any holiday decorations once unsightly must be removed. Christmas decorations must be removed by January 31

No shrub, bush or tree planting is allowed. Existing plantings that become unsightly or uncontrollable will be removed by the cemetery without notice.

Loose stone and/or gravel are prohibited on any grave plot. Stone and/or gravel currently in place must be removed for safety purposes. During mowing they can become projectiles dangerous to people and damaging to surrounding monuments and machinery used for cemetery maintenance.

No trespassing on cemetery property after hours. Cemetery hours are 8 am to sundown.

Parish Activities

April 3 through April 10

Sun.	9:30AM	Faith Formation	School
		Confirmation 2016	
Mon.	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd FL
	5PM	Prayer Shawl	Parish Center LL
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Center 1 st FL
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 nd FL
Tues.	OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DIOCESAN DAY FOR STAFF		
	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd FL
	6:30PM	Women's Group- Focus	Parish Center LL
Thurs.	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 nd FL
Sat.	3:30PM	Woodloch Pines	Leaving from Yanaitis Funeral Home
Sun.	9:30AM	Faith Formation	School

Please return your Rice Bowls, they can be given to the ushers before Mass or placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

Marriage Moments

"Peace by with you." (John 20:21) married couples hurt one another at one time or another. Whether minor or large, it still can hurt. Offering forgiveness can bring peace to you both. Is there anything left unforgiven in your marriage? Make peace.

- Susan Vogt

The Diocese of Scranton currently has an opening for a Full Time Administrative Assistant at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Carverton. This Position will staff the cemetery office interacting with Families, Funeral Directors, etc. in need of cemetery services. Applicant must possess good communication skills and prior computer software experience such as Microsoft Word and Excel. The position is 37.5 hours per week working one half day every other Saturday. The position also includes a comprehensive benefits package. Applications can be obtained at the Cemetery office located at 612 Mount Olivet Road, Carverton, by email, mtolivet@epix.net or by contacting the Diocesan Human Resources Office at 570-207-1453.

Registrations are taking place now at Holy Redeemer High School. Any student who is interested in shadowing or registering for high school may call Guidance for information at 570-829-2424.

Holy Redeemer High School announces its Spring Play, *You Can't Take It With You*, comedy by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The Spring Play will take place on Friday, April 8th and Saturday, April 9th at 7PM in McCarthy Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$5 Senior Citizens \$4 and Students \$3.

Holy Redeemer High School announces its Art Show, Spring Cocert and Senior Waltz on Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17 in McCarthy Auditorium. Art Show begins at 6PM and Concert/Waltz at 7PM.

Bulletin Briefs

“You may be thinking, ‘I don’t deserve to be forgiven. My sins are too great!’ Thankfully, God’s love is greater than all the sins of all time. Jesus offers his grace and forgiveness to every repentant heart.”

Homemade Pasta & Sausage Dinner will be held at St. Maria Goretti, Laflin Road on Sunday, April 10 from noon to 5PM. Dinner includes salad, rolls/butter, beverage and Dessert. Take outs begin at noon to 4PM. Tickets available at the door, adults \$11, children 5years old and under are free for “eat in only.” Facilities are Handicapped Accessible, ample and free parking available.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 420 Main Road, Hanover Township is sponsoring a Book and Bake Sale on Thursday, April 14th and Friday, April 15th from 10AM to 6PM and Saturday, April 16th from 10AM to 4PM. Gently used books at bargain pricing. For information please call Barry at 570-200-5634 or Sylvia at 570-825-6370

High School Juniors Are Invited to ‘Come and See’ if the Old College Undergraduate Seminary program is the right fit for you. Spend the weekend with the current Old Collegians, meet with a vocations director, and tour the Notre Dame and Holy Cross College campuses. Visit holycrossvocatons.org to learn more. April 14-16, 2016.

Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

Second Sunday at Easter Sunday of The Divine Mercy

Jesus Christ is risen. Alleluia!

What we celebrate on Easter Sunday we continue to celebrate with equal joy, not only on this Second Sunday of Easter, but for a full fifty days – seven times seven days, a week of weeks – until Pentecost.

The jubilant word, “Alleluia,” which comes to us from Hebrew and means “Praise God” is used not at all during Lent. We use it over and over again in this season; however, as St. Augustine said, “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our cry.”

Sunday of the Divine Mercy was instituted by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000 when he canonized the Polish mystic and visionary, Faustina Kawalska.

Her spiritual experiences led her to promote the three-fold practices of asking for God’s mercy, trusting in the mercy of Jesus Christ, and showing mercy to others.

Devotees may gain a plenary indulgence (a remission of all temporal punishment for sin) on this day by going to Mass and Communion, availing themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and saying prayers for the intention of the Pope.

St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, April 9th 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. Person must be 21 years of age or older to attend.

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Easter | John 20:19-31

Jesus tells His disciples He is sending them out to bring peace and forgiveness of sin to those who believe.

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And Jesus said to His disciples:

1) "_____ be with you."

2) "As the _____ has sent me, so I send you."

3) "Receive the _____."

4) "Whose sins you forgive are _____ them."

5) "And whose sins you _____ are retained."

6) "Put your finger here and see my hands... do not be unbelieving, but _____."

7) "Have you come to believe because you have _____ me?"

8) "_____ are those who have not seen and have believed."

WORD BANK

<i>believe</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>seen</i>
<i>Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Blessed</i>	<i>Peace</i>
<i>retain</i>		<i>forgiven</i>



Fill in the blanks with one of these words.

1) Peace 2) Father 3) Holy Spirit
4) forgiven 5) retain 6) believe
7) seen 8) Blessed

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What sacrament did Jesus give us in today's reading?

a) Confirmation b) Penance/Reconciliation c) Holy Orders