



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

*April 17, 2016*

*"I have made you a light to the Gentiles,  
that you may be an instrument of salvation  
to the ends of the earth"*

*— Acts 13:4*

## *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**

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** 4/18 7AM **Communion Service**  
**T** 4/19 7AM **Sophie Konieczna**  
by Andy & Elsie Kasmach  
**W** 4/20 7AM **Mike McGrady** by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Finnan  
**Th** 4/21 7AM **William Biniek** by Anna Mattei  
**F** 4/22 7AM **Timothy Wheeler**  
by Parents, Bill & Mary Ann Wheeler  
**S** 4/23 4PM **Stella Cybulski**  
by William & Jamie Johns  
**S** 4/24 8AM **Living and Deceased Parishioners**  
11AM **Walter & Catherine Darling**  
by Elizabeth Novakowski

### THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today's readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his "flock."

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Jews angrily reject Paul and Barnabas' preaching. They then turn their energies to the Gentiles (Acts 13:14, 43-52).  
Psalm — We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading — John envisions a great white-robed multitude standing before the throne and before the Lamb. (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel — My sheep hear my voice; they follow me. I give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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Joseph Flynn

### Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Candle

Dominick & Josephine Baracci

April 10, 2016

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$7,392</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$415</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$46</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Utility</b>	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Care of the Priest</b>	<b>\$236</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$126</b>

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Thursday: St. Anselm  
Friday: Earth Day; Passover begins  
Saturday: St. George; St. Adalbert

<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

## Parish Activities

April 17 through April 23

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Faith Formation Confirmation 2016</b>	<b>School</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	5PM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL
	6:30PM	Rosary	Parish Center 1 <sup>st</sup> FL
	<b>5PM</b>	<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	<b>Parish Center LL</b>
	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Women's Group</b>	<b>Parish Center LL</b>
	7PM	Faith Sharing	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL
<b>Tues.</b>	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL
<b>Thurs.</b>	9AM	Quilting	Parish Center 2 <sup>nd</sup> FL
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Faith Formation Confirmation 2016</b>	<b>School</b>

### Spring Lottery Winners

4/4 #864 Frank Yakus  
 4/5 #721 Maureen Dominick  
 4/6 #108 Eileen Eustice  
 4/7 #352 Dolores Myers  
 4/8 #190 William Katsak  
 4/9 #041 CJ Byrne  
 4/10 #447 Ashlynn Dunleavy

Congratulations to all!!!!!!

**SS Peter and Paul Parish** is excited to announce that we are organizing a **Bereavement Ministry** and we are looking for committee members. The Bereavement Ministry will serve and comfort members of our parish family when a loved one passes away. The members of this ministry will be guided to successfully implement our mission to give comfort and support to grieving families. Depending on the need of a family we may, visit the funeral home, attend the funeral mass, host a luncheon in Bernardine Hall, offer grief support, provide grief literature, celebrate a Blue Mass, send cards, provide personal visits and contact during the holidays. This ministry will offer you the opportunity to grow spiritually by showing your love and compassion. Come be a part of this wonderful ministry of service. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

**We Welcome Father Robert Jalbert**, a missionary from the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, who will speak at all the Masses today. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded more than 100 years ago to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nation. They serve principally among the poor and marginalized around the world.

### 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.

### Marriage Moments

After the last child leaves home, Mom and Dad may wake up and wonder who they are looking at. Somewhere over the years, they've gotten so involved in their children's lives that they forgot about each other. Prepare for an empty nest by paying attention to your honey today. Plan a date for this week.

- 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](mailto:mtolivet@epix.net) or by contacting the Diocesan Human Resources Office at 570-207-1453.

## Liturgy Corner: Did You Know?

### Fourth Sunday at Easter

Chapter ten of the Gospel of John presents the image of Christ as Good Shepherd, the charismatic and powerful leader willing to lay down his life for the salvation of the flock.

Some part of this scripture is read every year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter.

This Sunday gives us an excellent context in which to offer special prayer for vocations to ministry, especially to ordained ministry. The flock is still, and will always be, in need of good shepherds.

**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.

**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.

**Plains Little League** will hold a Nite at the Races on Friday, April 22 at SS Peter and Paul Church, in Bernardine Hall.. Sponsors for the races are needed cost is \$75. Food & raffle prizes basket donations are also welcome. Donation/horse purchase flyers are available thru the Plains Baseball website. Any help or questions can contact Phil Latinski at 570-212-1105. Thanks for your support!

**Second Annual Catholic Men's Conference** will be held on Saturday, April 23 at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. This year Dr. Scott Hahn, Msgr. Charles Pope and Michael McGlynn will be our speakers. Bishop Joseph Bambera will celebrate the closing Mass for the day. For on-line information and to register go to [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com) or for other questions go to Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 or contact Mike Kilmer at 570-746-0100 or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

## Bulletin Briefs

"Assisted suicide may sound like it provides choices for individuals, but instead, it's taking choices away from people by radically weakening the promise of care and support at the end of life for terminally ill patients like me."

*Maggie's Story: Living like Dad*  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**Wyoming Area Catholic School 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** will be held on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Blue Ridge Golf Course in Mountaintop. Registration begins at 11:30AM – Shotgun Start at 1:30PM. Further information on sponsorship and participation is available at [www.wacsh.com](http://www.wacsh.com) or by calling the school office at 570-654-7982.

## Parenting Pointers

Child Abuse Prevention Month. Certainly you don't abuse your own child (unless insisting on homework is considered abuse). You may not know any children in danger either. But prevention counts. Be kind to a neighbor or lonely child this week.

- Susan Vogt

**10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** will be offered over 5 different departure dates. We will be departing JFK Airport on November 6, December 5, January 9, February 6 and March 6 at the all land and air inclusive costs of \$2,200 - \$2,249 in twin accommodations and depending on the date you choose. Air can be made available from your home city. We will be visiting Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Caesarea, Acre, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberius, Sea of Galilee, Tagba, Capernaum, Mt. Tabor, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and more. Brochures and reservations forms available at the Catholic Tour at 877-627-4268 toll free or simply email at [jimadair@thecatholicstour.com](mailto:jimadair@thecatholicstour.com)

**Holy Family Parish**, Sugar Notch will hold a Cash Bingo on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall. Doors open at 12 noon and games start at 1PM. Homemade food and refreshments will be sold. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased by calling the rectory at 570-822-8983 or at the door.

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## Gospel Today

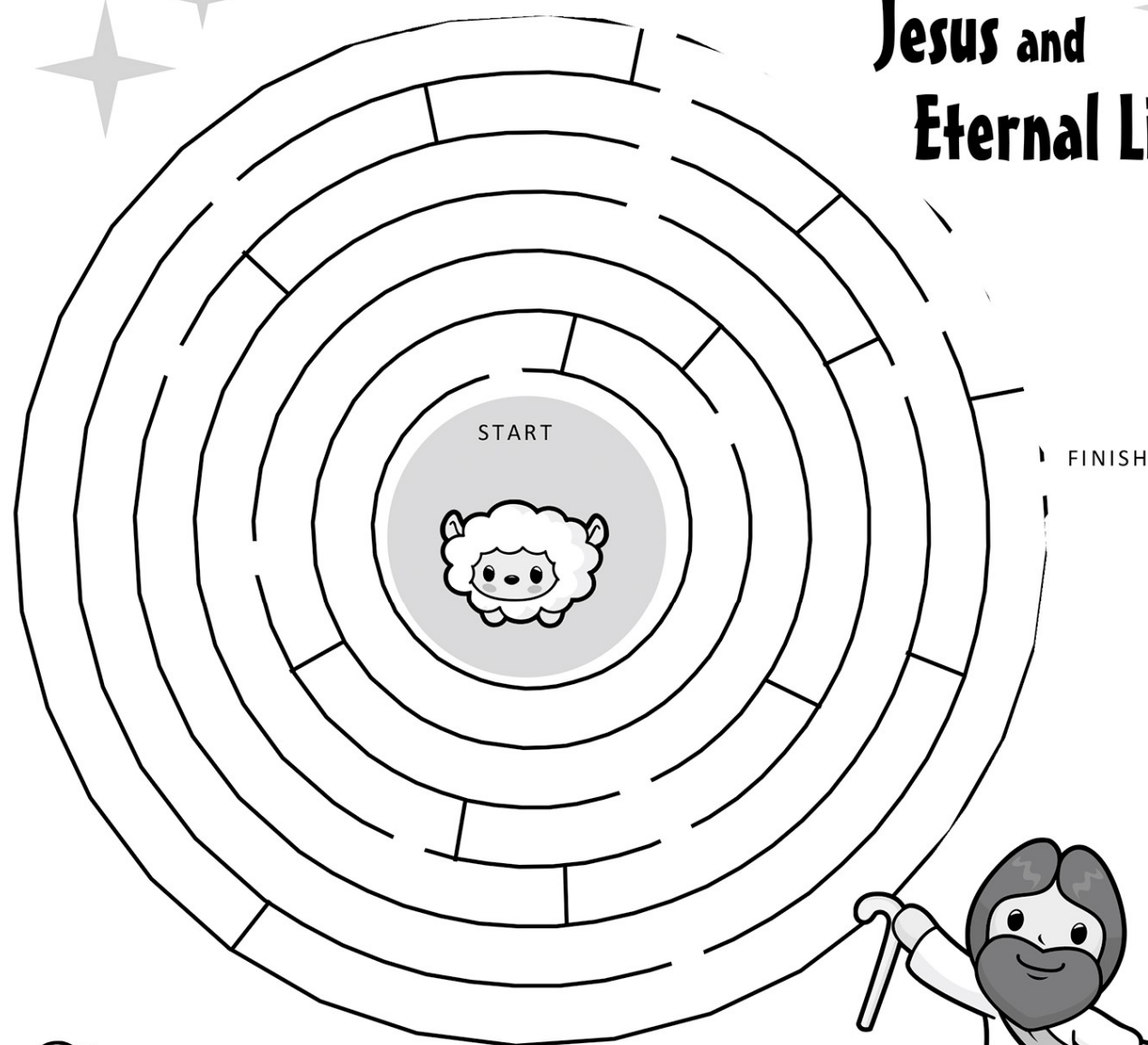
Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

Jesus and God are One. By following the Voice of Jesus we hear the Word of God.

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*My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them Eternal Life and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.* JOHN 10: 27-30

**Follow the path to  
Jesus and  
Eternal Life**



**VOICE OF TRUTH**

