



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015

Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18

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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; o
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 8am – 6pm
Tuesday and Thursday noon – 6pm
Wednesday 8am – noon
Friday and Saturday by appointment

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 7am
Wednesday – 6pm
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



Mass Intentions for the Week
May 4 through May 10

Mon 7am **Victor & Dorothy DeAnthony**
 by Daughter, Dorothy Jean Evans

Tues. 7am **John, Mary, John Tomshack Jr.**
 by Isabelle & Family

Wed. 7am **Communion Service**

Thurs. 7am **Angeline Parise** by Keith Russin

Fri. 7am **Joseph Rowker Jr.**
 by Mother & Aunt

Sat. 4pm **Mother's Day Intention**

Sun. 8am **Mother's Day Intention**
 11am **Mother's Day Intention**

Message of the Week *John 10:11-18*

Jesus himself gave us the image of himself as the Good Shepherd. In trying to teach us about who he was, his love for us, and his mission to save us, he chose to speak in these terms. The picture is a comforting one. The shepherd makes sure the sheep are fed, watered, rested, and, of course, safe. This last element is what separates a good shepherd from a bad one. When a threat approaches his flock, the good shepherd will do whatever is necessary to save them, even at risk of his own safety.

It's important, in understanding the analogy, for us to realize that we, the sheep of Christ's pasture, do face real threats, though they may be the kind that are hard to recognize. The wolves that prowl around our souls are the vices of anger, jealousy, lust greed, gluttony, vanity, and laziness. We traditionally call these the seven deadly sins, and they are truly deadly. When we give in to them, we cut off our souls from the source of real life: God. But Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for us, literally. Jesus suffered and died on the cross, taking away the deadly consequence of sin. This selfless act has saved us by offering the forgiveness and reconciliation that our souls, weak and weary from the attacks of evil, desperately need. What a gift to be in the care of such a Shepherd!

Please join in celebrating Fr. John Boyle's 39th Anniversary in the Priesthood which took place on Friday, May 2, 2015.

In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
John Kozik

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
Viola & Harry Donini

April 26, 2015

Contribution	\$6,822
Care and Education of Priest	\$52
Charity	\$18
Easter	\$128
Dues	\$1,097
Lenten	\$16
Maintenance/Air Condition	\$109
Insurance	\$1,425
Holy Thursday/Good Friday	\$25
Cemetery	\$5
Ascension	\$17
Mother's Day/Father's Day	\$100
Catholic Home Mission	\$99

Questions of the Week?

John 10:11-18

How should Catholic encourage Christian unity?

Act 4:8-12

What does the image of Jesus as "cornerstone" mean to you?

1 John 3:1-2:

How do you see the idea "the world does not know us [believes]" as still applicable today?

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
Religious Education Sande Holena	Music Christine Katsock
Eucharistic Minister/Lectors David Loiacono	Ushers Paul Muczynski
Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.
Buildings/Maintenance/Properties Michael Levandowski	



THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU! I want to express my thanks and appreciation to all who made last Sunday's Senior Dinner a great success. First and foremost, I want to thank the Confirmation Candidates for their time, effort and talent in providing a very joyful and wonderful experience for 172 of our Senior Citizens. From the planning to the serving to the entertainment ...the Confirmation Candidates excelled in every instance. The purpose of this was to allow the young people preparing for Confirmation to be of service to their parish. The countless parents who offered their time and expertise are to be commended. Their participation allowed the students to see that families can also contribute to the good of their parish. Mr. Charles Unice – our Director of the Young People's Music Ministry, gave his time and talent in helping the young people plan and execute an excellent entertainment program. The musicians, the singers, the Emcee could never be surpassed in their efforts to bring the guests an enjoyable afternoon. I would be remiss if I did not thank all those who contributed financially and provided Gift Cards to various local businesses. Sande Holena , our Coordinator of Religious Education, supported this new endeavor from its beginning – thanks Sande! Mrs. Susan Smith, the Confirmation Catechist, deserves everyone's appreciation for undertaking this activity and from coordinating all aspects of the Dinner -from its initial inception to the clean up. There were many times when doubt surfaced about making this Dinner successful – Susan was always there with a positive outlook and vision. Her time and effort went beyond anything anyone could have imagined. Thanks to Rob, her husband, and Nathan, her son, for making time in their schedules to allow Susan to spend countless hours making certain this Dinner successful. I also have to thank all of the Seniors from SS Peter & Paul Parish for supporting the young people in this project. Without your support this could not have happened. The result? A bridge was constructed between the young and the not-so-young parishioners. This hopefully will be the impetus we need to bring people of every age and background to work together to make

Parish Activities

May 3 through May 10

Sun.	First Communion	11am	Mass
	2015 Confirmation Class		Noon
Mon.	Quilting		5pm
	Rosary		6:30pm
	Prayer Shawl		5pm
Tues.	Quilting		9am
Wed.	2015 Confirmation		6pm
Thurs.	Quilting		9am
Sat.	Carnation Sale – Pro Life		
Sun.	Carnation Sale – Pro Life		
	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY		

SS Peter & Paul's Parish the presence of Christ in our Community, that we are called to be. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Quinn and the Youth Group for their assistance too! Again, THANK YOU to all who helped make this the spectacular experience it was. If I have neglected to thank anyone specifically or any group that offered their time and talent – I apologize. It is difficult to make sure no one was omitted from this acknowledgment. May the Lord bless all who took a step forward and let the Spirit work among us!

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND

SACRIFICIAL GIVING: Recently, I have been receiving the Offertory Collection together with the gifts of bread and wine to be used at the Preparation of the Gifts. The intent behind this practice allows us to realize that the gifts we present – the elements used at Mass as well as the financial gifts are indeed “our offering to the Lord”. For most Catholics, opportunities for giving begin in their parish and diocese. Diocesan and parish stewardship programs should help individuals, families and communities better understand why, a total commitment to stewardship is planned, proportionate, and sacrificial, it is important to set goals for giving. All Christian stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and they should make a decision (in

advance from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after obligations have been met) about what will be given. Our Parish will soon offer electronic funds transfer options for the weekly offertory in addition to the traditional envelope system to help families and individuals meet their stewardship commitments. The "collection" is not just to be seen as giving some money given to the parish. Rather, as a "sacrificial gift" we offer our time, treasure and talent to the Lord. The lifting up of the "sacrificial gifts" allows us to see that what we give is *our "sacrifice", our "offering"* for the good of the parish and the church.

As the proverb states: "God loves a cheerful giver"!

Memorial Donation

Thanks to Nutrition, Inc for their generous donations in the amount of \$7,000 offered in the memory of Thomas M. Roddy. It will be used to defray the cost of an upcoming project.

National Music Week is being celebrated this week May 3 to May 10. Join us in congratulating *Christine Katsock, Chuck Unice, the cantors and the youth choir*. The parish is grateful for all they do to enhance our Liturgies.

"Singing is praying twice."

Marriage Moments

If you're too busy to have a weekly date with your spouse, you may be too busy. Tonight choose several hours next weekend that you can devote just to each other. This week the wife plans what to do, next week's it's the husband's turn. - *Susan Vogt*

The Women Society will sponsor a trip to Sight and Sound on Nov. 18th to see the Miracle of Christmas. Following the performance there will be time for shopping at the Rockvale Mall. Dinner afterwards at Shady Maple. Reserve your seat now. The cost is \$110.00 Payment includes busfare, admission into the show and dinner. Reservation can be made by contacting Joan Pisack at 570-822-3815. Checks should be made payable to the Women's Society and mailed to Joann Melman, 22 Gardner Drive. Hudson, PA 18705. The women will next meet on May 18th after the reciting the Rosary and crowning Mary.

Parenting Pointers

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

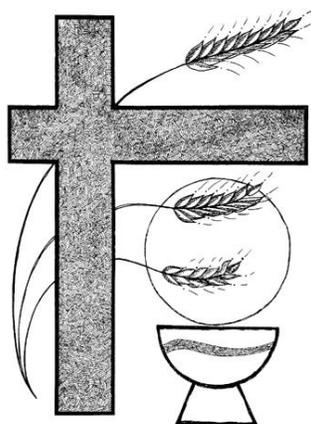
(John 14:15) Just as God gave us commandments, healthy families have rules that help keep order and keep the peace. What are some of your family rules? Do you need- *Susan Vogt*

Mother's Day Cards are available in the vestibule of the church. If you wish to remember your mother or relatives in the Mother's Day Masses you can obtain the card for living mothers and the envelope for deceased mothers (on the table in the back of the church and side entrance), place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during Office Hours.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join family and friends on Friday, May 8th in caring support of Bill Holena who is recovering from major health setbacks. The dinner will be held in the School Hall from 3pm to 8pm. The cost is \$10. Live entertainment from *Just Us* will be featured. A basket raffle and bake sale (sponsored by the Women's Society of SS Peter and Paul) will be held along with the dinner. Proceeds will go to the family to help defray medical costs. Monetary donations and bake goods are being. Set up for the dinner/meeting will take place on this Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30pm in the school hall. Bake goods can be dropped off at the school hall, anytime after 12 noon on Friday, May 8th.

The Annual Spring Concert of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Friday evening, May 15 at 7:30pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave. The guest performers for this concert will be the Forest City Regional High School Choir directed by Allison Yuravich. A second performance will be presented on Sun. evening, May 17 at St. Ignatius Church, 339 North Maple St. Kingston where they will host Wyoming Valley West Concert Choir directed by Bernie Gargalla as guest performers. Tickets are available from society members or by calling 570-587-2753; tickets are also available at the door: adults \$10, under 12 free, seniors and students \$8.



First Holy Communion

SS Peter and Paul Parish

May 3, 2015

*Norah Corchado
Lela Giardina
Jack Heisler
Timothy Janoski
Sara Katsock
Conner Losito
Mackenzie Mangan
Damian Mattos
Jada Powell*

*May the Body and Blood of Christ,
Always strengthen them throughout their lives.
Our prayers are for them and their families
That nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist regularly,
They continue to grow in faith and commitment to the New Life given
to them*

*Congratulations to all who received Jesus in Eucharist for the
first time!*