



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2014

*You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.*

Acts 2:28

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

Mon. 7am *Pearl Woloski* by Woloski Family
 Tues. 7am *Ed Malinovitch*
 by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hughes & Family
 Wed. 7am *Communion Service*
 Thurs. 7am *Barbara Olsakowski*
 by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Magda
 Fri. 7am *Viola & Harry Donini* by Family
 Sat. 4pm *Mother's Day*
 Sun. 8am *Mother's Day*
 11am *Mother's Day*

Pastor's Message of the Week

Luke 24:13-35

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." Why didn't they recognize Jesus until "he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them"? During their encounter, Jesus had appeared to be just another man. But when he broke the bread—in fact, celebrating the Eucharist—they realized who he was. And then, he "vanished from their sight." Could it be that the risen Lord wanted to teach his followers about the new way in which he was present? He was there, as we Catholics profess, through his real presence in the Eucharist. We are not so different from the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may at times wish that Jesus was with us in a more obvious, traditional way. But the risen Lord comes to join us every time we go to Mass, remaining with us through his presence in the Eucharist

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

John Kozik

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sophia Kantor

April 27, 2014

Easter	\$1,147
Contributions	\$5,989
Dues	\$1,085
Insurance	\$1,856
Catholic Home Missions	\$432

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

Today's Reading

First Reading –God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm – Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

Second Reading –Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21)

Gospel – Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to tow disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Questions of the Week ?

LUKE 24: 13-35

What do you think ever happened to Cleopas and the other disciple?

Acts 2:14, 22-33:

What part of Peter's speech do you think the crowds found most convincing?

1 Peter 1:17-21:

What does the resurrection of Christ tell you about God?



JUSTICE NOTES

You were ransomed from your futile conduct

1 Peter 1:18

There is a lot of duality in all three readings today. The First Reading presents Peter as a changed man. The Second Reading addresses Christian communities with their dual challenge to be uprooted from what they were familiar with and face alienation in a society that misunderstood their newfound religious beliefs. Then, in the Gospel, we have two disciples meeting the Risen Christ. This enduring presence of the risen Christ among his disciples then and his disciples now, radically re-creates their lives and our lives. We have been ransomed from our futile conduct. Do you see the duality? We were once one kind of a person but now we are another. Not only do we have all these ancient witnesses but we also have the actions of God in our lives AND the promise that our souls will not be abandoned to the netherworld. Our life, like Peter, is a transformed one.

We have lots of ministries that are available to any willing person. I take this opportunity to invite you to join them in their passionate work of the risen Lord. I believe that, if today's readings are truly taken to heart, we will have an abundance of parishioners looking to engage in the work of our faith and in the community of faith.

I love this message from Pope Francis:

Dear brothers and sisters, being the Church, to be the People of God, in accordance with the Father's great design of love, means to be the leaven of God in this humanity of ours. It means to proclaim and to bring the God's salvation to this world of ours, so often led astray, in need of answers that give courage, hope and new vigor for the journey. May the Church be a place of God's mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel. (General Audience 6/12/13)

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/audiences/2013/documents/papa-francesco_20130612_udienza-generale_en.html

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will **strengthen the Church at home** and will help ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. To learn more about home missions funding and who the Appeal helps, please visit www.usccb.org and search "home missions."

Welcome to Our Christian Community the newly baptized *Achilles Jaden Powell, Jaxon Thomas Kepping, and Callie Rose Kaskiel*. We ask God to bless them and their families as they grow together in their faith the Lord has given to all of us.

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 the side entrance), place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during Office Hours.

Graduates Mass and Breakfast

Each year we recognize and honor graduates from High School and College in our Parish with a Mass and Breakfast. The date is set for Sunday, June 1st. It will be at the 8am Mass with breakfast for the graduates and their families following the Mass in the School Cafeteria. Please call Diana at the Parish Office to make reservations.

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 May 4, 2014

Sun	Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
Mon	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tues	Acts 7:51-8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wed	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thurs	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Fri	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Sat	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sun	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Parish Activities

May 5 – May 9

Mon Quilting 5pm – 9pm
Rosary 6:30pm
Adult Bible Study 7pm

Tues. Quilting 9am – Noon
Adult Bible Study Noon
Finance Meeting 7pm

Wed Youth Group Mtg. 7pm

Thur. Quilting 9am - Noon

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for their support and generous donations for our parish Easter Egg Hunt and Food Pantry donations the day of the event. We had over 85 children, great weather and a lot of fun!

Pro-Life Carnation Sale will take place Mother's Day weekend at all Masses to support the fight for the sanctity of human life. The cost is \$1 per carnation. The Youth Group will distribute the carnations. Please support this worthy cause.

A Spring Tea, sponsored by the Women Society will be held on May 18th 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.

Healing Mass will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church on Tues. May 13th at 5:30pm for the Sacrament of Anointing and Eucharist. Rev. John Shearer will be the main celebrant as he is joined with clergy from the greater Pittston/Plains area. You are invited to bring a "Pot Luck" contribution of your choice which you can drop off before the service at the Parish Center where the congregation will retreat for a meal and fellowship following the service.

Scholarship Money is available for students of parishioners who will be attending Catholic Schools this coming fall. Contact Fr. Boyle for more information. A Catholic education offers religious educations, moral values and conduct in a faith environment.

Thank You for Participating in CRS Rice Bowl

Our parish helped make a difference in the lives of millions of people around the world suffering from poverty and hunger. To ensure that our donations will be put to use as soon as possible, please return your Rice Bowls to the Rectory by Friday, May 2. Again thanks to all who participated in the Rice Bowl.

Spring Is Here – Time to Tidy Up

Please remove all Holiday decorations from your family's gravesite in our Cemeteries. Please do not leave anything in the cemetery for someone else to remove.

Below are the Grave side Rules for our cemeteries. All decorations, including unplanted and artificial flowers, should be removed at the end of a three week period. Any holiday decorations once unsightly must be removed.

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.

All stone, metal and other borders around monuments or memorials are prohibited. Borders currently in place should be removed because they interfere with the maintenance of the property and can be hazardous. Only low borders, no higher than one inch above ground level, are permitted in front of hillside graves in order to prevent erosion.

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 dumping on the cemetery grounds or beyond its perimeter.

No walking pets through the cemetery.

No trespassing on cemetery property after hours.

Cemetery hours are 7am to sundown.

Clergy/Musician Dinner will be held on May 14th at St. Jude's Parish in Mountaintop. The focus will be on *The Liturgical Year* by Adrien Nocent: A Long Look at the Lectionary for Mass. The Lectionary for Mass has been one of the greatest contributions of the post-Vatican II Church. What can we still learn about its organization? How much does it influence the rest of the liturgy? Are we using it well enough – or too much? All parish clergy, musicians, liturgical ministers, catechists, RCIA team members and anyone else who may be interested are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$25 or \$20 for NPM Scranton Chapter Members. Presentation will be at 7pm and the evening will conclude with Night Prayers. Paid reservations should be sent to NPM Scranton Chapter, c/o Liz Powell, 1360 Mount Cobb Road, Jefferson Township, PA 18436. Deadline is May 9.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program. This training session is required for all adult volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours or more per year with children. Please consider joining your community on Tuesday, May 13 at 6pm at the Catholic Youth Center, Wilkes-Barre, to take part in this vital program to help safeguard our most vulnerable and precious gift: our children. Please call the CYC at 570/823-6121 or email msoprano@wyomingvalleycyc.org to register and for direction.

Scouting Religious Awards

Roman Catholic Boy Scouts enrolled in grade 7-9 (Fall 2014) are eligible for the Ad Altare Dei award. Byzantine Catholic Boy Scouts in grades 7-9 are eligible for the Light of Christ award and must contact their Pastor for more information. Roman Catholic or Byzantine Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts enrolled in GRADES 9-12 (Fall 2014) are eligible for the Pope Pius XII award. On Wed., June 18th, Ad Altare Dei will begin at 7pm and Pope Pius XII award will begin at 7:45pm. Class will be held at St. John Lutheran Church, 410 S. River St. Wilkes-Barre. For more information about these and other scouting awards please call Ky Lazzari (570-825-2648) or Mary Anne Malone, Office for Parish Life (570-207-2213).



First Holy Communion *SS. Peter and Paul Parish* *May 4, 2014*

David Nichelle Brannigan
Destina Michaelene Brannigan
Dustin Jeremy Burd
Shane Jerome Cegelka
Mackenzie Rose Hagenbaugh
Luke Hendrzak
Daniel Joseph Horgan III
Kaitlyn Marie Minet
Jack Anthony Scavo
Caelan Robert Spagnola
Harold Stella III
Madison Elizabeth Triola
Timothy John Westawski
Faith Ivy Wolfe
Jordan Jacob Wychock
Nicole Allyson Yencha



*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!*