



# SS. Peter and Paul Parish

## A Roman Catholic Faith Community

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*May 11, 2015*

*Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.*  
- Mark 16:16

### *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 18 through May 24**

Mon. 7am **Mother's Day Intention**  
 9:30am **Leona Manarski Funeral Mass**

Tues. 7am **Mary B. Boyle** by Godson

Wed. 7am **Communion Service**

Thurs. 7am **Ben Berrini (A)**  
 by Maryanne & Michael Quinn

Fri. 7am **Alexander Everett**  
 by Joe, Cathy, Katie, Joey Parsnik

Sat. 4pm **Geneive Palczewska (A)**  
 by Halina Palczewski  
 & Roscanna Katsock

Sun. 8am **Mary Mido**  
 by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Piontek  
 & Family

**Message of the Week** *John 17:11b-19*

In his prayer to God the Father in today's Gospel, Jesus gives an interesting perspective on what it means to follow him. He suggests that – like himself – his disciples have a mission in a world to which they do not belong. Clearly, their “not belonging” doesn't mean not participating. It doesn't mean being separated from the world or avoiding the world. On the contrary, it means a very real encounter with the world. Jesus came into the world and sincerely engaged people and institutions by teaching, serving, and praying. But all the while, as he told Pontius Pilate, he knew that his kingdom did “not belong to this world” (cf. Jn 18:36). Jesus' work on earth had the greater purpose of serving the kingdom of heaven.

As Christians, we should also have our eyes on this eternal kingdom. Through our baptism, we are members of the heavenly realm, and through this sacrament we are also equipped to bring a taste of heaven to earth. Our place in *this* world is to make connections to God's kingdom. We are not called to ignore the activity of the world and just wait until eternity comes around. Rather, we are called to share the love of God through our acts of service, our dedication to our vocations, and our commitment to making the world a better place for everyone.

*In Memory of*  
**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
*Special Intention*

**Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*“Birthday Blessings” Jean Kocher*

**May 3, 2015**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$8,330</b>
<b>Care and Education of Priest</b>	<b>\$149</b>
<b>Charity</b>	<b>\$21</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$185</b>
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$647</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>\$1,191</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$76</b>
<b>Catholic Home Mission</b>	<b>\$20</b>
<b>Cemetery</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Ascension</b>	<b>\$62</b>
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>\$1,172</b>
<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$5</b>
<b>Air Conditioning</b>	<b>\$48</b>

**Questions of the Week?**

**John 17:11b-19**

How would you summarize Jesus' prayer for the disciples?

**Act 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26:**

Why do you think replacing Judas was so important to the other apostles?

**1 John 4:11-16:**

How does “love” help make God visible in our lives?

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



## Justice Notes

Walter Burghardt, SJ, renowned preacher, theologian (editor in chief for 44 years of "Theological Studies") and founder and co-director of the Woodstock Theological Center's program "Preaching the Just Word," once listed the following "eight areas of serious injustice in our country. And a stirring call to action. God's word in Scripture---from Psalm 72, Micah 6:8, and Isaiah 58:6 7 to Jesus, "the Just One"-impelled me to lecture, preach and write in eight areas of serious injustice.

(1) In the richest country on earth, 12.6 million households, with approximately 13 million children, experience hunger with increasing incidence of malnutrition.

(2) In the United States the elderly face uncertainty that was unheard of half a century ago. Pension benefits, including health insurance, are being yanked away with no warning) even more shocking, these assaults are inflicted with the blessing of the government.

(3) Here, where the Statue of Liberty still proclaims a warm welcome to immigrants, far too many persons whose parents or grandparents came to this country as recently as the last century are eager to close the borders and take care only of "our own,"

(4) Our criminal justice system is not fair, impartial or balanced, in part because its focus • continues to be on punishment, rarely on rehabilitation.

(5) It is clear that innocent people in the United States have been executed; the only question is how many. By contrast, the European Union bans from its membership any country that still practices capital punishment.

(6) By not adequately responding to the ecological realities of the link between global warming and devastating hurricanes, as well as the alarming cause and effect of deforestation and mudslides, water pollution and poisoned fish, smog and life-threatening lung illnesses, we are not only killing our planet, we are also killing ourselves.

(7) The traditional Catholic conditions for declaring a war just-defensive necessity, the last resort, approval of a large number of nations, endorsement of the United Nations, high probability

## Parish Activities May 17 through May 24

<b>Sun.</b>	<b>2015 Confirmation</b>	Noon
<b>Mon.</b>	Quilting	5pm
	<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	<b>5pm</b>
	Rosary	6:30pm
	<b>Women's Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Tues.</b>	Quilting	9am
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>2016 Youth Group</b>	6:30
<b>Thurs.</b>	Quilting	9am
	<b>Men's Meeting</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Finance Peace Class</b>	11:30am

of success-were not met by the Bush administration in the 2003 pre-emptive attack on Iraq.

(8) A blot on our national conscience and international standing is the shocking number of homeless veterans (the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans estimates 500,000 veterans experience homelessness in a given year). Despite various pieces of legislation aimed at meeting special needs of homeless veterans, many will be ignored and left to fend for themselves on the very streets they fought to keep safe.

## Easter Duty

According to Canon Law, all Catholics are bound to receive Holy Communion, at the very least, once a year, during the Easter Season. The Easter Season ends on Trinity Sunday – this year – MAY 31. Of course, if you have committed any serious (mortal) sins during this past year, it is imperative that you receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving Holy Communion.

## A Memorial Day Mass at Sacred Heart

**Cemetery** will be held on Monday, Memorial Day at 10am. This Mass honors those who died serving in the Armed Forces, as well as recognize both active military and military veterans who have served our country. Along with remembering our war dead we also remember all our deceased family and friends who are buried in our cemeteries. All are invited to attend this special Mass. In case of rain the Mass will be held in our Church.

**Bernadine Sisters of St. Frances:** SS. Peter & Paul Parish has been graced for the past 104 years with the ministry of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters. It is with a great sense of loss and regret (on our part) that the last Bernardine Sister will return to the Generalate in Reading, in the near future. Sister Immacule' Zdanowicz, O.S.F., is refocusing her ministry to be of service to her Bernardine Sisters where she began her life as a young Postulant of the Bernardine Order. Sister's impending departure from our Parish will signal the end of an era of sacrifice, work, and example of Consecrated Life by the Sisters for the welfare of our Parish and its countless parishioners who have benefited from the ministry of these Sisters. As a token of our appreciation for the past century of Catholic Witness, we will celebrate the influence, piety, humility and poverty of all the Sisters who labored here at St. Pete's

Sunday, May 31, will be BERNARDINE APPRECIATION DAY at our Parish. The 11:00 A.M. Mass that day will be celebrated for the Living and Deceased Members of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters who ministered in our Parish. Following the Mass we will have a modest reception in our Parish Hall – the lower level of the school. Please plan to attend and thank the Sisters for their effort in working to bring the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Those who are willing to bake or help with the reception are asked to contact the Parish Office to offer your assistance.

**Trip To Hershey Park:** Once again this year, the Parish will host a day at Hershey Park for the Altar Servers, the young people involved in the Music Ministry, Bible School and the active Members of our Youth Group. *The day selected has been changed to Tuesday, June 23.* The bus will leave our lower parking lot at 7:45 and will return to Plains between 8 & 9 PM. In order for you to take part in this "Appreciation Day", please call the Parish Office to place your name on the list. Parents and siblings are invited to accompany us, the discounted rate is \$50 per adult and \$45 for children (3 to 8). This a "first come – first served" situation. When all the tickets that have been ordered are gone – a waiting list will be started.

## Bulletin Briefs

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." *1 John 15:13*

## Memorial Donations

The following donations and memorials have recently been given to our Parish:

### SS. Peter and Paul Parish

In Memory of Mary Orzechowski  
 \$25 Bonner Chevrolet Co. Inc.  
 \$50 MS. J.A. – Jawad

### SS. Peter and Paul Food Pantry

\$40 Anonymous  
 \$50 Joseph & Deborah Bronack  
 \$25 In Memory of Lena Jameson  
 by Elizabeth & Rosemary Parise  
 \$25 In Memory of Mary Cooper  
 by Barb and Joe Salus  
 \$50 In Memory of Stanley & Irene Magdon  
 by Joyce & Joseph Yamelski

We thank all who have made memorial and free-will donations. May God bless you for your generosity. We will keep your intentions and love ones in our prayers.

## Lottery Winners

5-4 #032 Denise Scalzo  
 5-5 #436 Justin Januszko  
 5-6 #468 Nancy Patsko  
 5-7 #971 Bernie Stella  
 5-8 #494 Sue McCarthy  
 5-9 #053 Diane Gregor  
 5-10 #971 Bernie Stella

*Congratulations to all!!!*

**The Women Society** will sponsor a trip to Sight and Sound on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 bus fare, 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.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be at the 8am Mass with breakfast for the graduates and their family following the Mass in the School Cafeteria. Please call Diana at the Parish Office (570-9825-6663 ext. 5) to make reservations.

**Thank You to All** who helped in any way to make the success of the Benefit for Bill Holena possible. The outpouring of help and support can only be summed up as amazing. We were truly blessed.

### **Marriage Moments**

Praying together as a couple can be a deep and perhaps awkward form of intimacy. It takes great trust to pour out your heart to God in the presence of your spouse. A first step may be praying for each other even if not in one another's presence. A second step may be silent meditation in each other's presence. Take a step this week.

- Susan Vogt

### **Parenting Pointers**

As we remember Jesus ascending into heaven, perhaps you and your child could "lift up" in prayer the memory of deceased relatives who have gone to be with God. Even though we don't know where "heaven" is, children can watch a balloon or kite ascend toward the heavens and pray.

- Susan Vogt

### **Fatima Grotto Plans May Crowning**

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, owners of the Our Lady of Fatima Blessed Grotto, are planning the annual May Crowning at the outdoor shrine located on North Street, Wilkes-Barre. The ceremony will begin at 6:30pm and will honor the Blessed Virgin with sung hymns and a wreath of flowers, concluding with the praying of the 15 decade rosary.

**St. Jude Parish, Mountaintop** is having its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual International Fest to be held on Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 11pm and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from noon to 9pm. In the Church grove. Ethnic food will be served from ten different countries in addition to international dessert/beverages including beer & wine. This year's Grand Prize Raffle has three prizes: Dream European Vacation or \$5,000, Custom Lasik Laser Vision Correction, & One Week Vacation in Emerald Isle, NC luxury beachfront home (sleeps 12).

*Hope to see you there!*

**The Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary**, Highway 215, Laflin will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building's dedication on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with a special Mass at 4pm celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., Bishop of Scranton. Homilist for the Mass will be Very Rev. Paul A. McDonnell, OSJ, provincial superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph USA Province. Oblate priests in the Pittston and Hazleton areas will serve as concelebrants. The Mass of Thanksgiving coincides exactly on the same day of the seminary's dedication in 1965 by the late Most Reverend Jerome D. Hannan, D.D., former Bishop of Scranton. The special day also marks the Feast of the Oblates of St. Joseph Founder, St. Joseph Marello (1844-1895).

In conjunction with the Mass of Thanksgiving, there will be a Triduum preparation for the Feast of St. Joseph Marello from May 27 – 29 at the seminary chapel with Masses daily at 7am, 11am & 7pm. Fr. Paul McDonnell, OSJ will serve as guest homilist at the evening Masses. Feast Day Masses on Saturday, May 30, will be at 8 & 11am with the Mass of Thanksgiving at 4pm. For more information on these events, kindly contact the seminary office at 570-654-7542.

**Wyoming Area Catholic School Inaugural Golf Tournament** will be held on Saturday, May 23, at Blue Ridge Golf Course in Mountaintop.

Registrations begins at 11m. Further information on sponsorship and participation is available at or by calling the school office at 570-654-7982.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France**

Only a few seats remain for a 9 day pilgrimage to the shrines of France. Join with Bishop Bambera for visits to the shrines of St. Theresa of Lisieux, "The Little Flower," and Saint Catherine Laboure and St. Vincent de Paul in Paris. Celebrate Mass at the American Cemetery in Normandy and spend two nights in Lourdes, visiting the shrine where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette. For more information or reservations, contact TravelWorld at (570)342-5790.

### **The Ship of the Church**

The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course.

- St. Boniface