



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

The Most Holy Trinity
May 31, 2015

*Go...and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
- Matthew 28:19

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



June 1 through June 7

- Mon. 7am **Agnes Zuber** by Celia & John Wincek
- Tues. 7am **Michael Andrejko**
by Daughter, MaryAnn Wheeler
- Wed. 7am **Communion Service**
- Thurs. 7am **Mr. & Mrs. James Gavin & Family**
by Family
- Fri. 7am **Sarah Gartley** by Liz Segeda
- Sat. 4pm **Mark Yanaitis**
by Ben & Francine Berrini
- Sun. 8am **Theodore Wysocki**
by Barbara Swima
- 11am **Parishioners**

Message of the Week *Matthew 28:16-20*

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

It's easy to take this formula for granted. Every time we attend Mass, we make the sign of the cross and say, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Many of us also make the sign of the cross before meals or to begin our personal prayers. Because we are so used to hearing this Trinitarian reference to the one God in three persons, we might tend to gloss over its significance. But today, on the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we stop to remind ourselves what this really means. Perhaps the most beautiful part of this great mystery of God's nature is what it means for us. We believe in a God whose every essence is made up of loving relationships between three divine persons. It follows that, as people made in God's image (cf. Gn 1:27), we are to live in loving relationships. We are made to love: to love God, to love one another, and to love ourselves. Our God is not a force, a power, or an idea. Our God is personal God who loves each of us and calls us to do the same.

Cowardly

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice. - Confucius

*In Memory of
The Sanctuary Lamp
Joseph Oley*

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary
John Kunicki

May 24, 2015

Contribution	\$8,053
Care and Education of Priest	\$38
Charity	\$28
Lenten	\$12
Dues	\$1,083
Maintenance	\$33
Cemetery	\$10
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$77
Ascension	\$56
Father's Day	\$38
Utilities	\$10
Air Conditioning	\$1,576
Initial	\$10

Questions of the Week?

Matthew 28:16-20:

How well are you responding to the call to evangelize?

Deuteronomy 4:32-43, 39-40

What do you see as the key to prosperity for you and your family?

Romans 8:14-17:

How so you know when you are participating in the life of the Father, Son, and Spirit?

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	



Justice Notes

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with goodness. - Psalm 33:5

On this Sunday of The Most Holy Trinity, I came across a statement made by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 1998 titled, "The Summary Report of the Task Force on Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education." They write: "Catholic social teaching emerges from the truth of what God has revealed to us about himself. We believe in the triune God whose very nature is communal and social. God the Father sends his only Son Jesus Christ and shares the Holy Spirit as his gift of love. God reveals himself to us as one who is not alone, but rather as one who is relational, one who is Trinity. Therefore, we who are made in God's image share this communal, social nature. We are called to reach out and to build relationships of love and justice. . . Because this commitment to social justice is at the heart of who we are and what we believe, it must be shared more effectively. We offer these reflections to address the pressing need to educate all Catholics on the Church's social teaching and to share the social demands of the Gospel and Catholic tradition more clearly. If Catholic education and formation fail to communicate our social tradition, they are not fully Catholic. . . Central to our identity as Catholics is that we are called to be leaven for transforming the world, agents for bringing about a kingdom of love and justice. When we pray, "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we are praying for God's kingdom of justice and peace and committing ourselves to breaking down the barriers that obstruct God's kingdom of justice and peace and to working to bring about a world more respectful of human life and dignity."

We, who are made in the triune image of God, need to understand that the social teaching of the Church is an essential part of Catholic faith and, by participating in our social mission we become a Church that is true to the demands of the Gospel.

Parish Activities

May 31 through June 7

Sun.	Bernadine Appreciation Day	11am Mass
Mon.	Quilting	5pm
	Prayer Shawl	5pm
	Rosary	6:30p
Tues.	Quilting	9am
Wed.	New Members - Youth Group	7-8pm
Thurs.	Quilting	9am
Sun.	Confirmation 2016	Noon

REMEMBERING THE BERNARDINE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS:

This weekend we pause and express our thanks and appreciation to the Bernardine Sisters for all their time and effort spent in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Parish of SS. Peter & Paul. I have been pondering what we could do to preserve the memory of these women for the benefit of our parishioners and those who will follow us. I have decided that one small token of our appreciation and acknowledgement of the 104 years they spent in this parish is to designate something in their memory. Hence, the former cafeteria in the former school building and what has often been referred to as SS. Peter & Paul Parish Hall will henceforth be named:

*BERNARDINE HALL
OF*

SS. Peter & Paul Parish

A sign reflecting the new name will be forthcoming. I pray that each time we hold an event or meeting in Bernardine Hall that we will remember with gratitude the great impact these women have had on our parish.

Father's Day Card are available in the vestibule and side entrance of the church. If you wish to remember you father or relatives in the Father's Day Masses you can obtain the card for the living fathers and the envelope for the deceased fathers, place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Rectory during Office Hours.

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.

Bible School

Plans for this year’s Bible School are under way. This year’s theme is Baobab Blast: God’s Great Get-Together! Lots of fun activities are planned. Registration forms are in the back of the Church or can be obtained on the Parish Website. Bible School will take place the week of June 29 to July 3. Registrations are due back by June 8. All children from the ages of 4 to 10 are invited to attend. Anyone wishing to join the Vacation Bible School Staff should contact Sande at 570-822-8761.

The Youth Group will be holding an “Orientation Meeting” for interested new members and their parents. The meeting will be Wednesday, June 3rd in the Parish Center from 7 to 8pm. Students going into the 7th thru 12th grades next year are invited to come check it out. You are not committed to joining by attending the meeting. Refreshments will be served. Find out more about yourself and other while having fun. It is a good way to become actively involved in our parish. Any questions, please contact the directors, Maryann or Michael Quinn at 570-821-6121.

Lottery Winners

5-18 #567 Matthew Biniek
5-19 #180 Theresa Miller
5-20 #608 Bernadine Tarasek
5-21 #759 Ron Alesczyk
5-22 #752 Sheehan’s Pharmacy
5-23 #475 John Binker
5-24 #110 Rita Gayoski
5-25 #250 Maryann Kropiewnicki
Congratulations to all!!!

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 7th. It will be at the 8am Mass with breakfast for the graduates and their family following the Mass in Bernadine Hall (formerly the School Hall). Please call Diana at the Parish Office (570-9825-6663 ext. 5) to make reservations.

Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life, Pro- Life Center in Wilkes-Barre would like to thank everyone who supported their annual carnation sale held on Mother’s Day weekend. Our parish was able to present a check for \$1,218 to help the fight for the sanctity of human life from the carnations sold. Thank you again for your generosity!

Summer Chess Camps will be held during the weeks of July 13 through July 17 and August 3 through August 7 for students in grades 2 through 8. The camps will be held in the cafeteria of SS. Peter & Paul School. Students do not need to know how to play chess before signing up; chess instruction will be given. For registration, cost and additional information, go to or call 570-829-0828.

The Plains Senior Citizens Club Project Head of SS Peter and Paul Church would like invite all seniors 55 or older to join our Senior Group. Meetings are held every first and third Wednesdays of the month in the School Cafeteria starting at noon. Our next meeting will be held on June 3rd. Only requirement is to show up. Come join us we would like to see you. Plenty of parking in the rear of the School.

Parenting Pointers

June 1 is National Go Barefoot Day. Have fun together as a family being silly and carefree. But, why not make a difference to those who don’t have shoes to take off. Count your shoes and check out Soles4Souls.org.
- Susan Vogt

Grief Support Workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:30 – 8:30pm at St. Monica’s Parish, 363 W, Eighth Street, West Wyoming. Sister Jane Connelly, IHM will be conducting this workshop to teach us how to help those who are grieving and need our support. All are invited to attend.

The Catherine McAuley Center, an important ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, is sponsoring a special Trip Raffle to win a seven-day, six-night vacation at Beaver Creek West Condominiums in the beautiful Vail Valley of Colorado. The final drawing will take place on Monday, June 22 at the Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament at the Wyoming Valley Country Club. All proceeds from both the Swing for Mercy Golf Tournament and the Trip Raffle benefit the Catherine McAuley Center. Since 1984, the center has provided housing and supportive services to homeless women and children in our region. Golf tournament registration and trip raffle entry forms are available for anyone interested in participating. Your support will help to create homes that are warm, safe, and caring, where people can rebuild their lives and regain a sense of dignity. For more information, please contact Development Coordinator Jenny Blanchard at the Catherine McAuley Center at 570-342-1342.

A One Day Retreat with Matthew Arnold will be held on Saturday, June 6th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish at the St. Mary of the Assumption worship site, 245 State St. in Wyalusing. The retreat will be led by nationally known Catholic speaker, Matthew Arnold and will be open to all at no charge. A free will offering will be taken for Matthew's expenses. The proposed schedule is as follows: 9am Mass, 9:30am Registration and coffee, 10 – 11:30 first talk by Matthew, Break for lunch, 12:30pm Rosary, 1-2:30pm Second talk by Matthew. Advance registration is requested by calling the Parish Office at 570-0106 or email at olophpa@frontier.com. Matthew Arnold is a lay Roman Catholic speaker, author, and host of *Shield of Faith* on the Radio Maria Network. A husband and father of six homeschooled children, Matthew has appeared often as a host and guest on EWTN. His informative CDs, DVDs and brochures on the Catholic Faith are currently available through Lighthouse Catholic Media. Matthew holds a certificate in Christian Counseling and was a founding member of the Society for Christian Psychology. He and his family currently reside in Southern California.

Saint Andre Bessette Parish, Wilkes-Barre will sponsor a pilgrimage to Montreal Canada this Columbus Day Weekend, October 10 thru 12. Full payment is not due until the end of August, but a small down payment and a registration form is needed now. For further information call Sr. Madonna at 570-823-4988.

Catholic Cruise to Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Caribbean Cruise, September 13th – September 20th on Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas out of Galveston, Texas. Ports of Call: Cozumel, Belize City, Roatan and back to Galveston, Texas. Prices begin at \$999 for two passengers this includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$350 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at [860-399-1785](tel:860-399-1785)/Doug@CatholicCruiseandTours.com.

Cathedral Cemetery Adds New Mausoleum

The beautiful Cathedral Cemetery of the Diocese of Scranton will begin construction on a new Mausoleum this spring to offer additional space for those who wish to be entombed in an aboveground setting. The new building of granite, marble and brick construction will provide a final resting place in pleasant landscaped surroundings easily accessible to family and friends.

This latest Mausoleum is the fifth to be constructed at Cathedral Cemetery which also includes a nearby Chapel. Mausoleum crypt costs are comparable or less than traditional burials. Options may be available to exchange an existing plot for a crypt. Individuals of all faiths are welcome to be interred at Diocesan cemeteries. One of life's most difficult decisions should be made in advance – before the time of need – while the families are able to discuss options together. The Mausoleum at Cathedral Cemetery may provide an appropriate, attractive and affordable memorial for your family. Crypts, burial plots and cremation niches may also be available at Diocesan cemeteries and parish cemeteries throughout the Diocese. For more information on Diocesan and Parish cemeteries call the Diocesan Cemeteries Office at 570-347-9251, visit the website at www.DiocesefScranton.org.