



SS. Peter and Paul Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community

Seventh Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2014

"They have kept your word."

John 17:66

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
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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	Rev. Victor Zawadzki by Irene Keil & Family
Tues.	7am	Lucy Mattiucci by Helen Castellani
Wed.	7am	Communion Service
Thurs.	7am	Robert Malenovitch & Barbara Vogel by Janet Phillips & Family
Fri.	7am	Mildred Greboniski by Dolores Barancho
Sat.	4pm	Parishioners
Sun.	8am	Paul & Gary Mattiucci by Fran Mattiucci & Family
	11am	Allan Makowski (A) by Wife & Family

In Memory of

The Sanctuary Lamp

Joseph Segeda

Votive by the Blessed Virgin Mary

Joseph M. Oley

May 25, 2014

Contributions	\$6,337
Dues	\$382
Air Conditioning	\$2,084
Charity	\$1,299

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

Pastor's Message of the Week

John 17:1-11a

"Everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine." Jesus spoke these words while praying to his Father in heaven. What a perfect image of unity! We can imagine this sort of divine harmony. And then, we can ask ourselves whether we help foster that kind of harmony with those around us. We are made in God's image, after all. We are meant to be like walking mirrors of the divine likeness. It's our job to keep the mirror clean, however. When we are selfish or possessive, we smudge the reflection of God. Are we willing to share like God the Father and God the Son do with one another?

Today's Reading

First Reading –The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm – I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

Second Reading – Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel – The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

Questions of the Week ?

John 17:1-11a:

Jesus says of his disciples, "I pray for them." What do you imagine Jesus prayed for regarding his disciples?

Acts 1:12-14:

In addition to praying together, how do you think Jesus' apostles and family members comforted each other after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension?

1 Peter 4:13-16:

What do you find appealing about Peter's theology of suffering?

Banns of Marriage

Cara Menzel (St. Paul's Pittsburg)
and Jay Hyerbin
Megan Dreabit (Here)
and James DeJohn

Pastor Rev. John Boyle	Pastor Emeritus Rev. Joseph Greskiewicz
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Coordinator of Religious Education
Sande Holena

Eucharistic Minister/Lectors
David Loiacono

Food Pantry Pauline Makowski	Altar Servers Gloria Flynn
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Youth Group Maryann and Michael Quinn	Security Shiloh & Kolbe Inc.
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JUSTICE NOTES:

Ephesians 1: 18

Ephesians is the great Pauline letter about the Church and specifically, not with the Church for its own sake but, rather as the means for mission in the world. Jesus "ascends" into fullness of life in God and promises to immerse his followers in that same higher mode of being through the Holy Spirit. We have to look with the eyes of our hearts to experience transformation. Transformation cannot occur with strictly head knowledge. Rather, it is in our heartfelt experiences that the gifts of the Spirit lead to growth and renewal.

Pope Paul VI asks three burning questions in **Evangelii Nuntiandi** (Evangelization in the Modern World, 1975).

"In our day, what has happened to that hidden energy of the Good News, which is able to have a powerful effect on man's conscience? To what extent and in what way is that evangelical force capable of really transforming the people of this century? What methods should be followed in order that the power of the Gospel may have its effect?"

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Think about those questions for a moment.

If we look back at the words of the First Reading in Acts 1:8, we see that those immersed in transformed life through the Holy Spirit are to serve as "witnesses. . .to the ends of the earth." Pope Paul VI affirms this: "Above all the Gospel must be proclaimed by witness. Take a Christian or a handful of Christians who, in the midst of their own community, show their capacity for understanding and acceptance, their sharing of life and destiny with other people, their solidarity with the efforts of all for whatever is noble and good. Let us suppose that, in addition, they radiate in an altogether simple and unaffected way their faith in values that go beyond current values, and their hope in something that is not seen and that one would not dare to imagine. Through this wordless witness these Christians stir up irresistible questions in the hearts of those who see how they live: Why are they like this? Why do they live in this way? What or who is it that inspires them? Why are they in our midst? Such a witness is already a silent proclamation of the Good News and a very powerful and effective one" (Evangelii Nuntiandi, 21).

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/paul_vi/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_p-vi_exh_19751208_evangelii-nuntiandi_en.html

Will you be that kind of Christian? One who sees with an enlightened heart? Our mission, should you choose to accept the assignment, is to transform the world by our witness.

Wear Red and Celebrate

One Sunday, June 8th we celebrate **Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church**. We encourage all who attend Mass on this special weekend to dress in the color of Pentecost – which is red!

Let the Church be filled with the Holy Spirit!!!

And the color red!!!

Our Parish will celebrate Pentecost with a social in the School Hall after the 11am Mass on Sunday, June 8th. All are invited to come and socialize. Please, do make your favorite finger foods, to share at the social. We need cheeses, dips, fruits, desserts. Please bring them ready to serve and drop off in the School Hall between 8am and 11am.

Your help is needed. For more information or to volunteer to help call Jean Curtis at 570-823-4607, Mary Ann Jasonis at 570-825-2047 or Joanne Nixon at 570-823-8968.

All are welcome come get involved.

Catholic Communication Campaign

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch) diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

Readings for the Week of June 1, 2014

Sun	Acts 1:12-14/1Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a
Mon	Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tues	Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	Acts 20: 28-38/Jn 11b-19
Thurs	Acts 22:30, 23:6-11, Jn 17:20-26
Fri	Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Sat	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31, Jn 21:20-25
Sun	Acts 2:1-11, 1Cor 12:3b-7,12-13, Jn 20:19-23

Parish Activities

June 1 – June 6

Mon	Quilting	5pm-9pm
	Rosary	6:30pm
	Faith Sharing	7pm
Tues.	Quilting	9am – Noon
	Communion Mtg.	6:30pm
Wed.	Youth Group Orientation	7pm
Thur.	Quilting	9am – Noon

Thank You to all who participated, came or hosted a table at the Tea held recently. \$1,630 was raised. A good time was had by all who came.

Welcome To Our Christian Community the newly baptized, *Mia Ann Hillard*. We ask God to bless her and her family as they grow together in their faith the Lord has given to all of us.

Sacramental Preparation Meetings Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation

Our Sacrament Preparation Program provides the opportunity for church and families to work together as we share in this blessed time of Sacrament preparation. Preparations for next year's celebrations are underway.

Reconciliation and First Communion, for all students entering the 2nd grade next fall and their parents will meet in the Church on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30pm

If further information is needed call Sande Holena at 570-822-8761.

Bible School

Plans for this year's Bible School are under way. Discovery Canyon will be this year's theme with lots of fun activities 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 23rd to the 27th. Early registration is June 1st and all registrations close on June 8th. 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 4th in the school cafeteria from 7 to 8 pm. 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

May 19 th	#147	Regina Klepadlo
May 20 th	#168	Rita Wysocki
May 21 st	#428	Mike Bedrin
May 22 nd	#915	Sandra Lee Boyle
May 23 rd	#648	Charles Zajackowski
May 24 th	#958	Lisa Miller
May 25 th	#387	Bill Fender

Congratulation to all!!!

Marriage Moments

"Everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine." (Jn 17:10) Although Jesus was referring to his relationship with the Father, this also applies to sharing in marriage. What things are more difficult for you to share with your beloved?

Father's Day Cards are available in the vestibule and side entrance of the church. If you wish to remember your 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.

Parenting Pointers

The whole world spoke the same language, using the same words." (Gn 11:1) Does anyone in your family know a second language? How about one helpful word in a second language. As a family, learn a new word/phrase in a foreign language today.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera D.D., J.C.L. will be celebrating Mass with the Filipino Community on Saturday, June 7th at 6pm at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave. Scranton. Please come and join us for this very special opportunity.

A Flea Market will be held on Saturday, June 7th from 8am to 4pm at Wyoming Valley Presbyterian Church, Fowler Hall, 2 Lockart Street, Wilkes-Barre. There will be a hall full of clean household items of every kind. The Public is welcome. The fundraiser is sponsored by the Wilkes-Barre Pro-Life Center and all proceeds help young mothers and their newborn babies.

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 gr. 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 GR 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, W-B. For more information and other scouting awards please call Ky Lazzari (570-825-2648) or Mary Anne Malone, Office for Parish Life (570-207-2213).

Lottery Tickets for the Month of July will be available June 8th. Anyone requesting a special number please get them to the Rectory as soon as possible. Awards will begin July 1st and end July 31st – a winner daily. Follow the Evening Drawings (excluding the double draw). Prizes are \$50 Sunday to Friday, \$100 on Saturday and \$500 on the 4th of July. Anyone selling 25 or more will be entered into the \$50 Sellers drawing and 10 or more into the \$10 Sellers drawing. Together let's make it another great fundraiser.

Lottery Tickets
Name: _____
Phone: _____
Special Numbers _____

60th Anniversary

On Sunday, June 8th at 2pm, Monsignor Donald A. McAndrews will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving in honor of the 60th Anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood at St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney and Division Street in South Wilkes-Barre, Monsignor's last Parish before his retirement. Everyone is invited.

The Rotary Club of Plains will hold their annual "Pasta in the Park" on Wednesday, June 18th at the Plains Municipal Park from 4 to 7pm. Cost is \$7.00 per person. Take outs are available. For tickets, please see any Plains Rotarian or they will be available the day of the event at the Park. Proceeds help cover the cost of winter coats for children, Christmas Party and gifts for children with Special Needs, local Food Pantries, Scholarships and more.

Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse

Ten fun films for kids. \$5 for ten movies when purchased in advance at the box office or at Cinemark.com or \$1 per show when purchased at the box office. All films are rated G or PG.

St. Jude International Fest in the Grove will have something for everyone. It will be held Friday, May 31 from 4pm -11pm and Saturday, June 1 from noon – 9pm. Our featured countries will be Cuba, England, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Mexico, and Poland. Come enjoy food, wine, beer, and desserts from other countries. There will be plenty of games and educational material for children. Better With Beer will perform on Friday, May 31 from 6pm-10pm and The Golden Tones will perform on Saturday, June 1 from 4pm-8pm. Hope to see your there.

Bulletin Briefs

"I would like to say, humbly, to those who suffer and those who struggle and are tempted to turn their backs on life; turn towards Mary! Within the smile of the Virgin lies mysteriously hidden the strength to fight against sickness, in support of life. With her, equally, is found the grace to accept without fear or bitterness to leave this world at the hour chosen by God".

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily in front of the Basilica of Notre Dame du Rosaire, Lourdes, Monday, 15 September 2008